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**Hitachi Announces Changes to Top Managements**

Tokyo, March 16, 2009 --- Hitachi, Ltd. (NYSE:HIT/TSE:6501) today announced the change of Chairman and President in accordance with a resolution passed by a meeting of the Board of Directors held today.

Effective April 1, 2009

< Representative Executive Officer, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer >  
Takashi Kawamura : currently Chairman of the Board, Hitachi Plant Technologies, Ltd.  
and Chairman of the Board, Hitachi Maxell, Ltd.

Takashi Kawamura will be proposed as a Director candidate. After approval at Hitachi's Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in late June, Mr. Kawamura will be appointed as a Chairman of the Board.

< Director, Representative Executive Officer, Vice Chairman and Executive Officer >  
Kazuo Furukawa : currently Director, Representative Executive Officer, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

< Board Director (Chair) >  
Etsuhiko Shoyama : currently Chairman of the Board

**Takashi Kawamura**

- 1. Date of Birth : December 19, 1939
- 2. Education :
  - March, 1962 : Graduated from Electrical Engineering Department, Faculty of Engineering, Tokyo University
- 3. Business Experience :
  - June, 2007 : Chairman of the Board, Hitachi Maxell, Ltd.  
Chairman Emeritus, Hitachi Software Engineering Co., Ltd.
  - June, 2006 : Resigned Director of Hitachi Ltd.  
Chairman of the Board, Hitachi Software Engineering Co., Ltd.
  - June, 2005 : Chairman of the Board, Hitachi Plant Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd. (currently Hitachi Plant Technologies, Ltd.)
  - June, 2003 : Chairman of the Board and Representative Executive Officer, Hitachi Software Engineering Co., Ltd.
  - April, 2003 : Director
  - April, 1999 : Executive Vice President and Representative Director
  - June, 1997 : Executive Managing Director and Group Executive of Power Group
  - June, 1995 : Director and Group Executive of Electric Utility Sales Operations Group
  - June, 1992 : General Manager of Hitachi Works
  - November, 1987 : Division Manager of Thermal Power Engineering Division, Power Group
  - April, 1962 : Joined Hitachi Ltd.

**About Hitachi, Ltd.**

Hitachi, Ltd., (NYSE: HIT / TSE: 6501), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is a leading global electronics company with approximately 390,000 employees worldwide. Fiscal 2007 (ended March 31, 2008) consolidated revenues totaled 11,226 billion yen (\$112.3 billion). The company offers a wide range of systems, products and services in market sectors including information systems, electronic devices, power and industrial systems, consumer products, materials, logistics and financial services. For more information on Hitachi, please visit the company's website at <http://www.hitachi.com>.