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AMN1710 Transport System Implements MPLS-TP, a Next Generation Network Standard, and Successfully Demonstrates Multivendor Interoperability

TOKYO, Japan, February 8, 2011 – Hitachi, Ltd. (NYSE:HIT / TSE:6501) today announced continued enhancements to its supply network transport systems that will enable more efficient and reliable network operations and mark advancements in global standards. The company recently completed a successful AMN1710 transport system demonstration of multivendor interoperability. The demonstration was part of a multivendor interoperability event to test network equipment that uses the next generation network draft standard, Multi Protocol Label Switching – Transport Profile (MPLS-TP). The test event was held January 10 to January 21, 2011 in Berlin, Germany, and hosted by the European Advanced Networking Test Center (EANTC), an independent test lab promoting network equipment interoperability. Hitachi will present the results of its verification along with AMN1710 and related technologies at the MPLS & Ethernet World Congress which will be held in Paris, France from February 8 to February 11, 2011.

Telecommunication equipment vendors from Japan, US and Europe attended the test event, and verification tests were performed based on the current draft standard for MPLS-TP which is planned to complete standardization work by March 2011. During the event, interoperability of the Operation, Administration and Maintenance (OAM), a network maintenance, operation and management features, was verified in multivendor environments. For this verification, interoperability tests were performed to confirm various defect detection mechanisms.

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These new network standards are vital to support the recent advances and growth of optical access and mobile broadband, and the newly enabled services and new user devices such as tablets that have become popular. This rapid growth of global data traffic requires more efficient ways to construct and operate a network.

The AMN1710 packet transport system used in the interoperability event and the AMN1700 series of products will allow a highly reliable and high capacity network. By using this efficient packet transport method, the AMN1700 series can dramatically improve network maintenance, operation and management. The AMN1700 series has been deployed by a large Japanese carrier to provide commercial services such as reliable Ethernet service, leased line service and backbone networks.

About EANTC

The European Advanced Networking Test Center (EANTC) offers vendor-neutral consultancy and test facilities for network equipment manufacturers, service providers and enterprise customers. Primary business areas include interoperability, conformance, and performance testing for IP/MPLS, Carrier Ethernet and Triple Play technologies and applications. For more information, please visit the website http://www.eantc.com/

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