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Hitachi Announces Director Candidates

Tokyo, May 10, 2019 – Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE:6501) today announced director candidates to be proposed at its annual general meeting of shareholders in June 2019, in accordance with a resolution at a meeting of Nominating Committee convened today.

Hitachi is a corporation with committees and has made outside directors the majority on the Board of Directors with the aim of making management highly transparent by thoroughly separating supervision and execution. After considerable discussions on the Nominating Committee, Hitachi elected director candidates in order to reflect various global viewpoints in management as well as to secure management oversight.

Director Candidates

Note: Director Candidates are listed in Japanese alphabetical order of surname within each grouping.

<Outside Director>

Katsumi Ihara, currently Outside Director of Hitachi, Ltd., former Chairman, Director of Sony Financial Holdings Inc.

Cynthia Carroll, currently Outside Director of Hitachi, Ltd., former Non-Executive Director of BP plc. (U.K.)

Joe Harlan, currently Outside Director of Hitachi, Ltd., Director of Flowserve Corporation (U.S.A.)

George Buckley, currently Outside Director of Hitachi, Ltd., Chairman of Smiths Group plc (U.K.), Chairman of the Board of Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. (U.S.A.)

Louise Pentland, currently Outside Director of Hitachi, Ltd., Executive Vice President, Chief Business Affairs & Legal Officer of PayPal Holdings, Inc. (U.S.A.)

Harufumi Mochizuki, currently Outside Director of Hitachi, Ltd., President and Representative Director of Tokyo Small and Medium Business Investment & Consultation Co., Ltd., Outside Director of ITOCHU Corporation

Takatoshi Yamamoto, currently Outside Director of Hitachi, Ltd., Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Tokyo Electron Limited

Hiroaki Yoshihara, currently Outside Director of Hitachi, Ltd., Outside Director of Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Outside Director of HOYA CORPORATION

<Director>

Hiroaki Nakanishi, currently Executive Chairman, Executive Officer of Hitachi, Ltd., Chairman of Japan Business Federation

Toyoaki Nakamura, currently Director of Hitachi, Ltd., Director of Hitachi Metals, Ltd.

Toshiaki Higashihara, currently Director, Representative Executive Officer, President & CEO of Hitachi, Ltd.

Each Committee will be composed of the following members (Chair Underlined)

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| Nominating Committee | <u>Harufumi Mochizuki</u> , Cynthia Carroll, Hiroaki Yoshihara, Hiroaki Nakanishi |
| Audit Committee | <u>Hiroaki Yoshihara</u> , Katsumi Ihara, Harufumi Mochizuki, Takatoshi Yamamoto, Toyoaki Nakamura |
| Compensation Committee | <u>Harufumi Mochizuki</u> , Katsumi Ihara, Takatoshi Yamamoto, Toshiaki Higashihara |

About Hitachi, Ltd.

Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE: 6501), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is focusing on Social Innovation Business combining its operational technology, information technology and products. The company's consolidated revenues for fiscal 2018 (ended March 31, 2019) totaled 9,480.6 billion yen (\$85.4 billion), and the company has approximately 296,000 employees worldwide. Hitachi delivers digital solutions utilizing Lumada in five sectors including Mobility, Smart Life, Industry, Energy and IT, to increase our customer's social, environmental and economic value. For more information on Hitachi, please visit the company's website at <http://www.hitachi.com>.

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