

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Hitachi Announces New Directors**

Tokyo, April 28, 2004 --- Hitachi, Ltd. (NYSE:HIT / TSE:6501) today announced new directors in accordance with a decision taken at a meeting of Nominating Committee convened today, and is subject to approval at Hitachi's Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders on June 24, 2004.

**1. Director Candidates <Proposed at Hitachi's Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders on June 24, 2004> [\* New]**

**<Chairman of the Board>**

**Tsutomu Kanai**, currently Chairman of the Board

**<Director>**

**Etsuhiko Shoyama**, currently Director; President and Chief Executive Officer

**Yoshiki Yagi**, currently Director

**Kotaro Muneoka**, currently Director

**\*Takashi Miyoshi**, currently Senior Vice President and Executive Officer; General Manager of Finance

**<Outside Director>**

**Ginko Sato**, currently Outside Director; President, Japan Association for the Advancement of Working Women

**Hikomichi Seya**, currently Outside Director; Senior Corporate Advisor, Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.

**Akira Chihaya**, currently Outside Director; Representative Director and Chairman of the Board, Nippon Steel Corporation

**Toshiro Nishimura**, currently Outside Director; Founder • Senior Council of Nishimura & Partners

<Director>

\***Isao Uchigasaki**, currently Hitachi Group Executive Officer; General Manager of Hitachi Group Headquarters; Chairman of the Board, Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd.

**Takashi Kawamura**, currently Director; Chairman of the Board and Representative Executive Officer, Hitachi Software Engineering Co., Ltd.

**Yoshiro Kuwata**, currently Director; Chairman of the Board and Representative Executive Officer, Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation

**Hiroshi Kuwahara**, currently Director; Chairman of the Board and Representative Executive Officer, Hitachi Maxell, Ltd.

**Masayoshi Hanabusa**, currently Director; Chairman of the Board, Hitachi Capital Corporation

## 2. Resigning Directors

**Shigemichi Matsuka**, currently Director

- Scheduled to be appointed Senior Advisor to Hitachi, Ltd., after the company's Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in June 2004.

### About Hitachi, Ltd.

Hitachi, Ltd., (NYSE:HIT/TSE:6501) headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is a leading global electronics company, with approximately 326,000 employees worldwide. Fiscal 2003 (ended March 31, 2004) consolidated sales totaled 8,632.4 billion yen (\$81.4 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 and financial services. For more information on Hitachi, please visit the company's Web site at <http://www.hitachi.com>.

## Biography of New Directors

### Takashi Miyoshi

- 1. Date of Birth : September 25, 1947
- 2. Education
  - March, 1970 : Graduated from the Faculty of Economics, Kyoto University
- 3. Business Experience
  - April, 2004 : Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, General Manager of Finance
  - June, 2003 : Executive Officer, General Manager of Finance
  - June, 2002 : General Manager of Finance Department I
  - June, 2001 : General Manager of Finance, Semiconductor & Integrated Circuits
  - January, 2000 : Deputy General Manger and Department Manager of Finance, Finance & Distribution Systems
  - December, 1995 : Department Manager of Accounting Control Department, Office System Division
  - June, 1989 : Deputy Department Manager of Accounting Control Department, Kanagawa Works
  - April, 1970 : Joined Hitachi, Ltd.

### Isao Uchigasaki

- 1. Date of Birth : January 2, 1939
- 2. Education
  - March, 1962 : Graduated from the Department of Science, Ibaraki University
- 3. Business Experience
  - April, 2004 : Concurrently holds the post of Hitachi Group Executive Officer; General Manager of Hitachi Group Headquarters, Hitachi, Ltd.
  - June, 2003 : Chairman of the Board, Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd.
  - April, 2003 : Representative Director and Chairman of the Board, Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd.
  - June, 1997 : Representative Director and President, Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd.
  - December, 1996 : General Manager of Industrial Materials Group, Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd.
  - January, 1994 : General Manger of Marketing & Sales Operations, Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd.
  - June, 1993 : Executive Managing Director, Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd.
  - April, 1993 : General Manager of Semiconductor & LCD Materials Division, Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd.

June, 1992 : General Manager of Chemical Products Division,  
Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd.  
June, 1991 : Board of Director, Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd.  
January, 1989 : General Manager of Yamazaki Works, Hitachi  
Chemical Co., Ltd.  
June, 1986 : General Manager of Goi Works, Hitachi Chemical  
Co., Ltd.  
April, 1963 : Transferred to Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd.  
April, 1962 : Joined Hitachi, Ltd.

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