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**HITACHI WINS SIX FUEL GAS DESULPHURISATION (FGD) ORDERS
WORTH TOTAL OF €90 MILLION FROM SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE
ELECTRICITY COMPANIES**

TOKYO, Japan, April 1, 2005--- Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE: 6501 / NYSE: HIT) today announced that it has received six orders for the installation of Flue Gas Desulphurisation Plants ("FGD") in Spain and Portugal. Hitachi's contract is worth approximately 90 Million Euros. This is the first full turnkey FGD order for Hitachi in Western Europe.

The contract follows an EU directive which has set emission value limits for sulphur oxide (SOx), nitrogen oxide (NOx) and dust, and will be applied from 1 January 2008. Utilities are required to take appropriate measures to reduce emissions from new and existing power stations. One such measure is to install an SOx removal system (FGD) and Hitachi's FGD system will remove more than 90% of SOx from emissions.

The six FGDs are for Abono II (Spain/556MW), Soto III (Spain/350MW), and Sines I-IV (Portugal/314MW, 4 Units). Following installation, commercial operations at the power stations will start to be rolled out from August 2007.

The orders are from Spanish electricity company, Hidroelectrica del Cantabrico, S.A. and from Portuguese electricity company, Companhia Portuguesa de Produção de Electricidade, S.A. of the Energias de Portugal (EdP) Group with a consortium partner, Cobra Instalaciones y Servicios, S.A.

These new orders follow a deal with Poland's Kozenice Power Plant FGD (200MW 4 Sets) awarded in June 2004. The FGD will be designed and supplied by Hitachi's subsidiaries, Babcock-Hitachi Europe GmbH and Babcock-Hitachi K.K. (Japan).

Mr. Shigeharu Mano, President & Chief Executive Officer of Power Systems Group, Hitachi, Ltd., said: "Our success in winning these mandates is based on a combination of our state-of-the-art technology which delivers high efficiency, reliability and availability, and experienced professionals working within a flexible organisational structure, utilising our group company, Babcock-Hitachi Europe GmbH. We are committed to expanding our presence in this market by providing high quality and relevant environmental products.

Our proven track record and worldwide experience of building turnkey power generation facilities makes Hitachi a leading total solution provider to meet the industry's growing need to address power generation and environmental protection."

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Notes to editors:

Cobra is mainly responsible for construction, the installation and maintenance. Hitachi is responsible for the design, engineering and supply of main facilities, and the main control unit. Anticipated delivery dates are as follows: Abono II, Soto III– August 2007. Sines I-II – October 2007. Sines III-IV – October 2008.

About Hitachi, Ltd.

Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE: 6501 / NYSE:HIT), 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>.

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