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**Hitachi and Sumitomo Corp. Win Joint Order for Two Steam Turbine Generators for Egypt's First Super-Critical Thermal Power Plant**

Tokyo, September 15, 2009 --- Hitachi, Ltd. (NYSE:HIT / TSE:6501) and Sumitomo Corporation today announced that both companies have been awarded an approximate 30 billion yen contract for 2 steam turbine generators for Egypt's first super-critical thermal power plant. This plant will be constructed on the Gulf of Suez by Egyptian power company East Delta Electricity Production Company.

The order is a full turn-key contract involving the manufacture, installation and trial operation of equipment, including two 650 MW steam turbine generators. Plans call for the construction work and handover to be completed in the summer of 2013. Tenders had been filed on March 19, 2009 and following subsequent business and technological scrutiny by the customer, the contract was awarded to Hitachi and Sumitomo Corp. based on the overall superiority of their tender. The project will be financed by the African Development Bank.

The generators will be installed at the new power station to be built in the Ain Sokhna region, which is located about 120 kilometers to the east-southeast of Cairo, and will meet growing demand for electricity within Egypt which is being spurred by the country's steady economic growth. The generators will be the first in Egypt to employ super-critical thermal power generation technology, which controls CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through highly efficient generation by increasing the operating pressure and temperature of steam. The generators will be fueled mainly by natural gas and the power station will boast an output of 1,300 MW of electricity.

Hitachi and Sumitomo Corp. won orders in Egypt for steam turbine generators for combined-cycle thermal power generation facilities in May 2002 and September 2005, as well as an order for thermal power plant boilers in September 2007. With electricity demand forecast to grow by 6% to 7% per annum through 2012 in Egypt, more power plants are expected to be built in the country. Hitachi and Sumitomo Corp. will continue actively seeking to win orders in Egypt and surrounding regions.

**About Hitachi, Ltd.**

Hitachi, Ltd., (NYSE: HIT / TSE: 6501), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is a leading global electronics company with approximately 400,000 employees worldwide. Fiscal 2008 (ended March 31, 2009) consolidated revenues totaled 10,000 billion yen (\$102.0 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>.

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