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Hitachi Announces Director Candidates

Tokyo, March 29, 2017 – Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE:6501) today announced director candidates to be proposed at its annual general meeting of shareholders in June 2017, in accordance with a resolution at a meeting of Nominating Committee convened today.

Director Candidates

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

<Outside Director>

Baba Kalyani, currently Outside Director of Hitachi, Ltd., Chairman & Managing Director of Bharat Forge Limited. (India)

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

Sadayuki Sakakibara, currently Outside Director of Hitachi, Ltd., Chief Senior Advisor and Chief Senior Counselor of Toray Industries, Inc.

George Buckley, currently Outside Director of Hitachi, Ltd., Chairman of Smiths Group plc. (U.K.)

Louise Pentland, currently Outside Director of Hitachi, Ltd., Executive Vice President and 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.

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

Philip Yeo, currently Outside Director of Hitachi, Ltd., Chairman of SPRING Singapore

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

<Director>

Kazuyuki Tanaka, currently Director of Hitachi, Ltd., Chairman of the Board of Hitachi Chemical Company, Ltd.

Hiroaki Nakanishi, currently Chairman of the Board, Representative Executive Officer of Hitachi, Ltd.

Toyoaki Nakamura, currently Director of Hitachi, Ltd.

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

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

Nominating Committee	<u>Harufumi Mochizuki</u> , Cynthia Carroll, Sadayuki Sakakibara, Hiroaki Nakanishi
Audit Committee	<u>Hiroaki Yoshihara</u> , Harufumi Mochizuki, Takatoshi Yamamoto, Kazuyuki Tanaka, Toyoaki Nakamura
Compensation Committee	<u>Harufumi Mochizuki</u> , Sadayuki Sakakibara, Takatoshi Yamamoto, Toshiaki Higashihara

About Hitachi, Ltd.

Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE: 6501), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, delivers innovations that answer society's challenges. The company's consolidated revenues for fiscal 2015 (ended March 31, 2016) totaled 10,034.3 billion yen (\$88.8 billion). The Hitachi Group is a global leader in the Social Innovation Business, and it has approximately 335,000 employees worldwide. Through collaborative creation, Hitachi is providing solutions to customers in a broad range of sectors, including Power / Energy, Industry / Distribution / Water, Urban Development, and Finance / Government & Public / Healthcare. For more information on Hitachi, please visit the company's website at <http://www.hitachi.com>.

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