

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hitachi Announces Director Candidates

Tokyo, March 28, 2018 – Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE:6501) today announced director candidates to be proposed at its annual general meeting of shareholders in June 2018, in accordance with a resolution at a meeting of Nominating Committee convened today.

Hitachi has worked actively over the years to strengthen its corporate governance. For instance, Hitachi adopted the Committees System under Japanese law in 2003 and had made outside directors the majority on the Board of Directors since 2012 with the aim of creating a framework for quick business operation and making management highly transparent. Hitachi elects director candidates in order to better reflect various global viewpoints in management to drive further growth on a global basis as well as to further strengthen management oversight.

1. Director Candidates [* New]

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

<Outside Director>

***Katsumi Ihara**, 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.)

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

***Joe Harlan**, currently Director of Flowserve Corporation (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.

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.

<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, Hiroaki Yoshihara, Hiroaki Nakanishi
Audit Committee	<u>Hiroaki Yoshihara</u> , Katsumi Ihara, Harufumi Mochizuki, Takatoshi Yamamoto, Kazuyuki Tanaka, Toyoaki Nakamura
Compensation Committee	<u>Harufumi Mochizuki</u> , Katsumi Ihara, Takatoshi Yamamoto, Toshiaki Higashihara

2. Retiring Directors

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

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

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

3. Biography of New Director Candidates

Katsumi Ihara

1. Date of Birth September 24, 1950
2. Education
 - March, 1973 Graduated from Bachelor of Engineering, Tokyo Institute of Technology
 - May, 1989 Master of Business, Stanford University, U.S.A.
3. Professional Experience
 - June, 2016 Chairman, Director, Sony Financial Holdings Inc. (Retired in June, 2017)
 - April, 2015 Chairman, Director, Sony Life Insurance Co., Ltd. (Retired in June, 2017)
 - June, 2011 President ,Representative Director, Sony Life Insurance Co., Ltd.
 - June, 2010 President, Representative Director, Sony Financial Holdings Inc.
 - June, 2009 Executive Vice President, Representative Director, Sony Financial Holdings Inc.
 - June, 2005 Executive Deputy President, Representative Corporate Executive Officer, Member of the Board, Sony Corporation
 - May, 1981 Joined Sony Corporation
 - April, 1973 Joined Mitsui Knowledge Industry Co., Ltd.

Joe Harlan

1. Date of Birth May 5, 1959
2. Education
 May, 1981 Graduated from Bachelor of Science, Indiana University
3. Professional Experience
 October, 2015 Vice Chairman, Chief Commercial Officer, The Dow Chemical Company (U.S.A.) (Retired in August, 2017)
 October, 2014 Chief Commercial Officer and Vice Chairman, Market Business, The Dow Chemical Company (U.S.A.)
 September, 2012 Executive Vice President, Chemicals, Energy and Performance Materials, The Dow Chemical Company (U.S.A.)
 September, 2011 Executive Vice President, Performance Materials, The Dow Chemical Company (U.S.A.)
 October, 2009 Executive Vice President, Consumer and Office Business, 3M Company (U.S.A.)
 August, 2007 Director, Flowserve Corporation (U.S.A.) (currently in office)
 October, 2004 Executive Vice President, Electro and Communications Business, 3M Company (U.S.A.)
 September, 2002 President and Chief Executive Officer, Sumitomo 3M Ltd.
 September, 2001 Vice President, Corporate Financial Planning and Analysis, 3M Company (U.S.A.)
 September, 1999 Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Lighting Business, General Electric Company (U.S.A.)
 June, 1981 Joined General Electric Company (U.S.A.)

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 2016 (ended March 31, 2017) totaled 9,162.2 billion yen (\$81.8 billion). The Hitachi Group is a global leader in the Social Innovation Business, and it has approximately 304,000 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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