

# News Release

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## **Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation Receives Intel's Preferred Quality Supplier Award**

TOKYO Japan, March 10, 2016 – Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation (TSE: 8036, Hitachi High-Tech) has been recognized as one of 26 companies receiving Intel Corporation's Preferred Quality Supplier (PQS) award for their performance in 2015. Hitachi High-Tech has demonstrated industry-leading commitment across all critical focus areas on which they are measured: quality, cost, availability, technology, customer service, labor and ethics systems and environmental sustainability. Hitachi High-Tech is recognized for their significant contributions providing Intel with Dry Etching, Ashing, Metrology and Advanced Packaging Systems, deemed essential to Intel's success.

"Hitachi High-Tech is appreciative to be awarded Intel's PQS award for 2015 and is proud to celebrate our 17 continuous years of PQS/SCQI\*\* recognition. Our joint relationship represents more than a quarter-century of successful cooperation and teamwork. In 2015, we made strides in Etch and Metrology areas and we are deeply moved that these activities are being recognized with this award. We would like to thank Intel for their significant support and strong leadership. We believe 2016 will be exciting for Intel and Hitachi High-Tech, as we continuously pursue Moore's Law and support Intel's expanding product portfolio together." said Katsutaka Kimura, Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, General Manager, Electronic Device Systems Business Group, Hitachi High-Tech.

\*\* Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement award

"Intel is pleased to present Hitachi High-Tech with the Preferred Quality Supplier award for 2015," said Shaheen Dayal, director of Global Supply Management, Business Development and Fab Strategic Sourcing at Intel. "This is Hitachi High-Tech's 17th consecutive year of PQS/SCQI recognition; a clear demonstration of Hitachi High-Tech's commitment to quality products and outstanding support to our factories in support of Intel's commitments to its customers. We look forward to continued success in 2016 and beyond."

The PQS award is part of Intel's Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement (SCQI) program that encourages suppliers to strive for excellence and continuous improvement. To qualify for PQS status, suppliers must score 80 percent on a report card that assesses performance and ability to meet cost, quality, availability, technology, environmental, social and governance goals. Suppliers must also achieve 80 percent or greater on a challenging improvement plan and demonstrate solid quality and business systems. Additional information about the SCQI program is available at <http://intel.com/go/quality>.

A celebration to honor PQS award winners was held in Santa Clara, California themed "Delivering the Future Together", which illustrates the contributions this supplier has made in 2015. In addition, there was an announcement on Intel's website at <https://newsroom.intel.com/>.

## **About Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation**

Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation, headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is engaged in activities in a broad range of fields, including Electronic Device Systems, Fine Technology Systems, Science & Medical Systems, Industrial & IT Systems, and Advanced Industrial Products. The company's consolidated revenues for FY2014 were ¥620 billion [approx. USD5.4 billion]. For further information, visit <http://www.hitachi-hightech.com/global/>.

Hitachi High Technologies America, Inc., headquartered in Schaumburg, IL, sells and services a full range of products for metrology, etch, strip, defect review, inspection and failure analysis. The company is comprised of nine business units: Electron Microscopes, Semiconductor Equipment, Life Sciences, Information Systems, Electronics Applied Systems, Electronic Components, Electronic Products, Hard Drive Manufacturing Systems and Advanced Materials.

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