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## **HITACHI HIGH-TECHNOLOGIES RECEIVES INTEL'S PRESTIGIOUS SUPPLIER CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AWARD**

Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation (President: Masaaki Hayashi) , was named a recipient of Intel Corporation's prestigious 2005 Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement (SCQI) award, Intel's highest honor for its suppliers, for outstanding commitment to quality and performance by suppliers that provide products and services deemed essential to Intel's success. The company was given the award for its efforts in supplying Intel with advanced etch systems, defect inspection technologies, and SEMs. Hitachi High-Technologies and 11 additional SCQI award winners will be honored at a celebration in Burlingame, California on March 21.

"We at Hitachi High-Technologies are very happy to accept the prestigious SCQI award. This award was obtained through hard work and signals Intel's acknowledgement of our industry leadership in all phases of manufacturing and product support. On behalf of the Hitachi High-Technologies employees in our processing equipment, metrology and defect inspection divisions, who have worked diligently to bring excellence to our partnership with Intel, I wish to thank Intel for this public acknowledgement of our efforts. In the future, we remain committed in seeking opportunities that improve our business practices and also contributing to Intel's success with world class technology and execution that address future technology challenges," Said Mr. Wasuke Nakano, Vice President, Executive Officer, and General Manager of Hitachi High-Technologies.

"Congratulations to Hitachi High-Technologies for their first Intel SCQI award. Hitachi High-Technologies was a key contributor to the Intel ramp in 2005, delivering key cost savings, and displaying near flawless execution throughout the year," said Bob Bruck, Director of Intel's Fab Capital Equipment Development.

The SCQI awards are part of Intel's Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement process, which encourages Intel's key suppliers to strive for excellence and continuous improvement. To qualify for SCQI status, suppliers must score at least 95 percent on a report card that assesses performance and ability to meet cost, quality, availability, delivery, technology and responsiveness goals. Additional information about the SCQI program is available at <http://supplier.intel.com/quality>.

Intel also will recognize SCQI award winners on March 21, 2006, with an advertisement in the U.S., Europe and Asian editions of the Wall Street Journal.



2005 SCQI award on March 21, 2006

**About Hitachi High-Technologies**

Hitachi High-Technologies offers a wide breadth of product and service offerings, including: semiconductor manufacturing equipment, analytical instrumentation, scientific instruments, bio-related products, industrial equipment, information equipment, electronic devices, and electronic and industrial materials.

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