

Waters Corporation and Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation to Collaborate on the Development of Chromatography Interface Software for Empower 2 in North America

Companies will seek to provide integrated solution for expanded system support of Chromatography CDS applications.

CHICAGO - February 26, 2007 – Waters Corporation (NYSE:WAT) and Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation, (HHT) Tokyo, Japan, today announced their intent to develop a software interface for Hitachi's Liquid Chromatograph Instruments 'LaChrom Elite' Control for Waters® Chromatographic Data Station Software Empower 2.

It is anticipated that HHT will develop and sell an interface for the Waters Empower® 2 chromatography data software (CDS) in combination with its own line of liquid chromatography (LC) systems in the North America market.

The collaboration will enable scientists to take advantage of the powerful features of both Empower CDS software along with the Hitachi LC systems and purchase them from the respective companies.

About Waters Corporation (www.waters.com)

Waters Corporation (NYSE:WAT) creates business advantage for laboratory-dependent organizations by delivering practical and sustainable innovation to enable significant advancements in such areas as healthcare delivery, environmental management, food safety, and water quality worldwide.

Pioneering a connected portfolio of separations science, laboratory information management, mass spectrometry and thermal analysis, Waters technology breakthroughs and laboratory solutions provide an enduring platform for customer success.

With revenue of \$1.28 billion in 2006 and 4,500 employees, Waters is driving scientific discovery and operational excellence for customers worldwide.

About Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation

Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation is a global company that has specialized in development and marketing in the cutting-edge technologies in a broad range of fields from leading-edge materials, a core emphasis on biotechnology products, semiconductor production systems, IT solutions and products. Hitachi High-Technologies is a subsidiary of Hitachi Ltd. Founded in 1947, the Headquarter is located in Tokyo and there are 24 offices in Japan and 58 offices outside of Japan in twenty-five countries. The company has earned a reputation as a "high-tech" integrator. Consolidated Net Sales is 8B (US\$) in FY2005.

Visit the company's Web site at: <http://www.hitachi-hitec.com/oversea/>

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