

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

DALLAS, Texas, March 27, 2007 — Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation was named a recipient of Intel Corporation's prestigious 2006 Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement (SCQI) award. The award is Intel's highest honor for its suppliers, recognizing them for outstanding commitment to quality and performance for providing products and services deemed essential to Intel's success. The company was recognized for its efforts supplying Intel with etch, metrology, nanotech and defect inspection tools. Hitachi High-Technologies and nine other SCQI award winners will be honored at a celebration in Burlingame, California on March 27.

"We at Hitachi High-Technologies are very pleased to accept the Intel SCQI award for 2006. Receiving this prestigious award for the second year in a row reflects Intel's recognition of our strengths in all phases of design, manufacturing and product support. The award demonstrates Hitachi High-Technologies' unwavering responsiveness to the ever changing challenges faced together with the semiconductor industry's most advanced device manufacturer," said Wasuke Nakano, vice president, executive officer, and GM of Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation.

"Congratulations to Hitachi High-Technologies for winning the Intel SCQI award for the second consecutive year," said Shaheen Dayal, area manager of Intel's Fab Capital Equipment Development. "This significant accomplishment demonstrates Hitachi High-Technologies' commitment to cost reduction, technological leadership, and operational excellence.

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 will also recognize SCQI award winners on March 27, 2007 with an advertisement in the U.S., Europe, and Asian editions of The Wall Street Journal.

## About Hitachi High-Technologies

Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation, headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is engaged in activities in a broad range of fields, including device manufacturing equipment, life science, information technology, electronic components, and advanced industrial materials. The company's consolidated sales for 2005 were more than \$8 billion. For further information, visit <http://www.hitachi-hitec.com/global/>.

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

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