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

TOKYO, Japan, March 4, 2009 – Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation has received Intel Corporation's prestigious Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement (SCQI) award recognizing world-class, outstanding performance in 2008. This award is Intel's highest honor for its suppliers, acknowledging extraordinary commitment to quality and exceptional performance for providing etchers, CD-SEM and defect inspection tools deemed essential to Intel's success. Hitachi High-Technologies is among an elite group of 14 suppliers to receive the SCQI award for 2008.

“ We at Hitachi High-Technologies are very pleased to once again accept the Intel SCQI award for 2008. Receiving this prestigious award for the fourth consecutive year is an unprecedented achievement for the Hitachi High-Technologies Team. Intel's continued recognition with its highest quality award, of the strengths our global team brings to all phases of design, manufacturing and product support is very much appreciated. The fourth consecutive year of achieving this level of performance across a wide range of economic and technical challenges demonstrates Hitachi High-Technologies' commitment to responsiveness and our ability to creatively solve the new challenges faced each year, by working together with the semiconductor industry's most advanced device manufacturer,” said Osamu Nakamura, vice president and executive officer, general manager, Semiconductor Equipment Business Group, Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation.

“ This award recognizes Hitachi High-Technologies ability to deliver world class results and customer support to Intel for etch and metrology technologies. Intel congratulates Hitachi High-Technology on winning the SCQI award. Together we will continue to push the boundaries of innovation in semiconductor manufacturing,” Sandra Viarengo, Fab Capital Equipment Development director, Intel Corporation.

The SCQI award is part of Intel's Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement program, 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. Suppliers must also manage and deliver on a challenging improvement plan and a quality/business systems assessment. Furthermore, this year's awardees had to demonstrate basic compliance to the Electronic Industry Code of Conduct and Intel's Green Sustainability Program. Additional information about the SCQI program is available at <http://supplier.intel.com/quality>. Celebrations will be held in Tokyo, Japan and Santa Clara, California during the month of March 2009 to honor the SCQI award winners. In addition, there will be an online advertisement launch and acknowledgement on Intel's website at <http://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 device manufacturing equipment, life sciences, information technology, electronic components, and advanced industrial materials. The company's consolidated sales for 2007 were more than \$9.4 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 Sciences, Information Systems, Electronics Applied Systems, Electronic Components, Electronic Products, Hard Drive Manufacturing Systems and Advanced Materials.

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