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Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation Receives Intel's Prestigious Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement Award

Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation (TOKYO:8036, Hitachi High-Tech) has received Intel Corporation's prestigious Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement (SCQI) award recognizing extraordinary commitment to quality and exceptional performance to Intel's goals. This award, given to eight suppliers, is Intel's highest honor for its suppliers acknowledging world-class, outstanding performance. In 2010, Hitachi High-Tech providedetchingsystems, fieldemission andcriticaldimensionscanningelectronmicroscopes, anddefectinspectionssystemsdemed vitaltoIntel'ssuccess.

"Hitachi High-Tech is honored to accept our sixth consecutive annual SCQI award for the year 2010. Collaborating with Intel to create solutions for the company to keep alive the notion of Moore's Law requires unprecedented effort from our global team. To achieve this prestigious award once validates a supplier's commitment to providing world class products and responsiveness to customer needs. Winning the award multiple times is achieved by a company committed to continuous improvement in all areas from corporate social responsibility to product research and development. Hitachi High-Tech accepts the challenge to find solutions for each technology generation by working in partnership with the semiconductor industry's most advanced device manufacturer," said Shinichi Tachi, Vice President and Executive Officer, General Manager, Electronic Device Systems Business Group, Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation.

"Intel is proud to congratulate Hitachi High-Tech on winning the SCQI award," said Robert Bruck, vice president of Intel's Technology and Manufacturing Group and general manager of Technology Manufacturing Engineering. "Hitachi High-Tech's etching and metrology equipment have made significant contributions to enabling affordable solutions on Intel's advanced semiconductor manufacturing technology. This SCQI award recognizes superior technologies and quality received in 2010 from Hitachi High-Tech. We look forward to seeing Hitachi High-Tech continue to contribute their innovation and operational excellence to Intel technologies in the future."

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, technology and environmental, social and governance goals. Suppliers must also achieve 90 percent or greater on a challenging business systems. Additional information and improvement plan and demonstrate solid quality and business systems. Additional information about the SCQI program is available at <http://supplier.intel.com/quality>. A celebration to honor SCQI award winners will be held in conjunction with Intel's Supplier Day in Scottsdale, Arizona. In addition, there will be an announcement 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 Electronic Device Systems, Fine Technology Systems, Science & Medical Systems, Industrial & IT Systems, and Advanced Industrial Products. The company's consolidated sales for FY2009 were more than \$6.6 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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