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Fourth Update on the Effects of and Response to the Great East Japan Earthquake

Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation (TOKYO:8036, Hitachi High-Tech) expresses our deepest sympathies to those affected by the earthquake and tsunami that struck the Tohoku and Kanto regions on March 11th. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have lost loved ones in this disaster.

Following the update issued on March 25th, this report describes the status of Hitachi High-Tech and its group companies as of April 26th. Due to extensive damage to three buildings on two sites operated by Hitachi High-Tech's Naka Division and Hitachi High-Tech Manufacturing & Service Corporation (both located in Hitachinaka, Ibaraki Prefecture), the structures will be torn down and their production and logistics functions transferred off site or to other Group companies as listed below.

Naka site

- Transfer of some of the assembly area in the first building to the Saitama Division
- Transfer of the logistics area in the second building to an offsite warehouse

Minami site

- Transfer of the logistics area in the third building to an offsite warehouse
- Transfer of some of the production area in the third building to Hitachi High-Tech Control Systems Corporation (HCS) in Mito, Ibaraki Prefecture

In transferring these operations, the production of semiconductor metrology and inspection systems, as well as the production for some science and medical systems, resumed on March 30th. Production of clinical analyzers and other devices also resumed on April 4th. Operations are currently at 90% of normal levels compared to before the earthquake. Also, HCS has restored its production capabilities and resumed normal operations from March 22nd.

However, of the around 300 suppliers located in the disaster area that Hitachi High-Tech does business with, approximately 30 have been severely affected by the earthquake and tsunami, which has forced Hitachi High-Tech to try and source parts from other suppliers in Japan and overseas, and to try and provide alternatives. Hitachi High-Tech is currently considering switching suppliers or changing the design for some parts, but may encounter problems in procuring parts for some products due to limitations in the supply chain.

Regarding Hitachi High-Tech's service and logistics facilities, while power outages temporarily halted warehouse operations at Hitachi High-Tech Fielding Corporation's (HFD) Naka logistics center in Hitachinaka, Ibaraki Prefecture, limited operations (excluding auto-warehousing systems) resumed on March 17th. Power has since been restored and the auto-warehousing system has been operating normally from March 29th. HFD has also taken steps to establish an emergency parts delivery system out of HFD's Chubu Branch Office in Nagoya, and has been supply parts since April 7th.

With respect to our employees, Hitachi High-Tech has confirmed that all Group employees are safe, but it is with great sadness that we have confirmed three fatalities and one injury among the families of High-Tech Group employees. Hitachi High-Tech is continuing to confirm the safety of its employees' families.

Relief efforts

On March 12th, HFD obtained emergency response vehicle labels from the Japanese Red Cross Society and dispatched field engineers and supplies to the disaster area where their priority is to maintain and service clinical analyzers and so on in hospitals in the area. The Hitachi High-Tech Group and its employees have also made donations to help with reconstruction efforts. Hitachi High-Tech has donated 10 million yen (approximately \$120 thousand USD), with its group companies in Japan and overseas donating about 8 million yen (approximately \$95 thousand USD). Group employees in Japan also raised money, collecting nearly 1.8 million yen (approximately \$21 thousand USD). All donations were made to the Japanese Red Cross Society.

As a result of the earthquake and tsunami, Hitachi High-Tech has posted an extraordinary loss of 1,565 million yen (approximately \$19 million USD) for FY2010. Due to the scale of the devastation, the next earnings forecast has not been set since Hitachi High-Tech is not able to estimate the effects on its business. Hitachi High-Tech will promptly make an announcement once they are to provide a forecast.

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