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## Announcement of Business and Dividend Forecast Disclosure

Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation has determined the following business and dividend forecasts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012 (from April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012). The Company was unable to determine these forecasts in the “Report of Consolidated Financial Results for the Year Ended March 31, 2011” issued on April 26, 2011.

Consolidated financial forecast for the first six months of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012  
(April 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011)

	Sales	Operating Income	Ordinary Income	Net Income	Net Income per Share
	100 million yen	100 million yen	100 million yen	100 million yen	yen
Previous Forecast (A)	—	—	—	—	—
Current Forecast (B)	306,000	6,000	6,000	3,600	26.17
Changes (B)—(A)	—	—	—	—	
Change ratio (%)	—	—	—	—	
Reference: Results for the six months ended September 30, 2010	335,257	13,763	14,332	9,780	71.11

Consolidated financial forecast for the year ending March 31, 2012 (April 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012)

	Sales	Operating Income	Ordinary Income	Net Income	Net Income per Share
	100 million yen	100 million yen	100 million yen	100 million yen	yen
Previous Forecast (A)	—	—	—	—	—
Current Forecast (B)	680,000	28,000	28,000	18,000	130.87
Changes (B)—(A)	—	—	—	—	
Change ratio (%)	—	—	—	—	
Reference: Results for the year ended March 31, 2011	653,431	27,893	29,475	17,752	129.07

### Summary of Business Forecast

The Great East Japan Earthquake which struck on March 11, 2011 impacted certain production facilities, logistics functions and supply chains of the Company. As a result of recovery efforts since the disaster, operations have been restored to mostly the same level as before the disaster. Furthermore, the Company has implemented power conservation measures in anticipation of restrictions on the use of electricity in the summer. Measures include holiday shift rotations, production-area consolidation and accelerated production schedules.

In the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012, the global economy is projected to continue staging a gradual recovery, despite concerns in developed countries over delayed improvement in U.S. employment conditions and fiscal unease in Europe. Another such concern is the impact of the Great East Japan Earthquake on the

Japanese economy going forward. Emerging countries are expected to show a generally strong recovery primarily led by China and other Asian countries.

Turning to the business environment surrounding the Company, the semiconductor manufacturing equipment market is expected to see continuing strong growth in the fiscal year ending March 2012. Growth should be driven by expansion in the mobile device-related market, including smartphones and tablets, despite a slowdown in demand for PCs. In the FPD manufacturing equipment market, the outlook for the size and timing of investment remains unclear because the execution of investment plans for LCD panel production in mainland China is falling behind schedule. Growth in the HD manufacturing equipment market is projected to temporarily slow down due to industry restructuring and other factors. In the Science & Medical systems market, firm demand is projected for Europe and Asian countries, primarily China, but there are concerns over intensifying price competition and the impact of the strong yen. In Industrial & IT Systems and Advanced Industrial Products, strong export demand is anticipated for mobile phones for the U.S. market and solar cell-related components, but concerns remain over the lingering impact of the Great East Japan Earthquake on the domestic market, particularly on automotive HDDs, and electronic devices and materials. Based on the foregoing, the Company has established the above consolidated business forecasts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012.

As it consistently aims to be Global Top in high-tech solution businesses, the Company will work to achieve its business forecasts by rapidly responding to market trends and customer needs as a cutting-edge, frontline business creation company.

Note: The above forecasts are prepared based on information available as of the date of this announcement. Actual results may vary depending on various factors.

### Dividend

Dividend forecast is 10.00 yen in 2Q-end and 10.00 yen in Year-end (total 20.00 yen per share).

	Dividends per share				
	1Q-end	2Q-end	3Q-end	Year-end	Total
Previous Forecast	— yen	— yen	— yen	— yen	— yen
Current Forecast	—	10.00	—	10.00	20.00
Results for the year ended March 31, 2011	—	10.00	—	10.00	20.00

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