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## **Notice Regarding the Scheduled Transfer of Shares of SII NanoTechnology Inc.**

Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation (TOKYO: 8036, Hitachi High-Tech), as reported in an earlier release titled, “Hitachi High-Tech Signs Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Acquisition and Subsequent Consolidation of SII NanoTechnology Inc.,” entered a basic agreement on May 24, 2012 with Seiko Instruments Inc. (SII) to acquire all shares of SII wholly owned subsidiary SII NanoTechnology Inc. (SII NanoTech). This share transfer will subsequently make SII NanoTech a wholly owned subsidiary of Hitachi High-Tech.

Due to pending regulatory approval regarding the share transfer agreement, including an ongoing inspection of the implications of the agreement under Japan’s Act Concerning Prohibition of Private Monopolization and Maintenance of Fair Trade, this share transfer will now take place later than the originally scheduled date of July 25, 2012.

Further information on the scheduled date for the share transfer will be immediately released once details become clear.

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