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

TOKYO Japan, March 5, 2015 – Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation (Hitachi High-Tech, TSE:8036) has been recognized as one of 11 companies receiving Intel Corporation's prestigious Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement (SCQI) award for their performance in 2014. This supplier has demonstrated outstanding performance to goals and extraordinary, industry-leading commitment across all critical focus areas on which they are measured: quality, cost, availability, technology, customer service, labor and ethics systems and environmental sustainability. This award is Intel's highest honor for its suppliers, acknowledging truly exceptional and world-class execution. Hitachi High-Tech provided dry etching, ashing, metrology and advanced packaging systems, deemed essential to Intel's success.

“Hitachi High -Tech is extremely appreciative to be awarded Intel's SCQI award for 2014 and is proud to celebrate our 9th SCQI achievement and 16 continuous years of PQS**/SCQI recognition. Our joint relationship represents more than a quarter-century of successful cooperation and teamwork. In 2014, we had many projects with Intel in both Etch and Metrology areas and we are deeply moved that these activities were recognized and resulted in receiving this prestigious award. We would like to thank Intel for their significant support and strong leadership to make this happen. In 2015, the semiconductor market and industry continues to see dramatic changes and challenges as new visions such as “Internet of Things” become an enabled reality. 2015 will be another challenge for Hitachi High-Tech as well, but as part of Intel's value chain, we will continuously focus on developing and delivering solutions in multiple areas through continuous projects with Intel, to overcome these challenges and to contribute to Intel's transition to a 'total solution provider',” said Katsutaka Kimura, Vice President and Executive Officer, General Manager, Electronic Device Systems Business Group, Hitachi High-Tech.

** Preferred Quality Supplier award

“Intel is pleased to present Hitachi High-Tech with the Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement Award for 2014,” said David Bloss, Director of Intel's Global Supply Management - Fab Equipment group. “This is Hitachi High-Tech's 9th SCQI Award and 16th consecutive year of PQS/SCQI recognition; a clear demonstration of Hitachi High-Tech's commitment to Quality. Hitachi High-Tech continues to provide quality products and invest in outstanding process technology in support of the Intel roadmap. We look forward to continued success in 2015 and beyond.”

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, suppliers must score at least 95 percent on a report card that assesses performance and ability to meet cost, quality, availability, technology, environmental, social and governance goals. Suppliers must also achieve 90 percent or greater on a challenging

improvement plan and demonstrate solid quality and business systems. Additional information about the SCQI program is available at <http://intel.com/go/quality>.

A celebration to honor SCQI award winners was held in Santa Clara, California themed “Innovating to Deliver Smart and Connected Devices”, which illustrates the outstanding contributions this supplier has made in 2014. In addition, there was 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 FY2013 were more than \$6.2 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, strip, defect review, inspection and failure analysis. The company is comprised of nine business units: Electron Microscopes, Semiconductor Equipment, Life Sciences, Information Systems, Electronics Applied Systems, Electronic Components, Electronic Products, Hard Drive Manufacturing Systems and Advanced Materials.

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