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Announcement Concerning the Payment of Dividends from Retained Earnings (Increase in interim dividend)

TOKYO, Japan, October 27, 2016 – Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation (TOKYO: 8036) has resolved at a Board of Directors held today to pay interim dividends to shareholders of record as of September 30, 2016, as detailed below.

1. Details of payment of interim dividends

| | Payment of dividends decided on October 27, 2016 | Most recent dividend forecast (Announced on July 27, 2016) | Interim dividend for FY2015 (Year ended March 31, 2016) |
|---------------------------|--|--|---|
| Record date | September 30, 2016 | September 30, 2016 | September 30, 2015 |
| Dividend per share (yen) | 35.00 | 30.00 | 25.00 |
| Total amount of dividends | 4,814 million yen | — | 3,438 million yen |
| Effective date | November 30, 2016 | — | November 30, 2015 |
| Source of dividend | Retained earnings | — | Retained earnings |

2. Reasons

The Company's basic policy for allocating profits is to generate appropriate returns for shareholders while enhancing its financial position and management foundations. Specifically, the Company endeavors to pay stable dividends targeting a dividend payout ratio of 30% in consideration of the balance with retained earnings.

Under this policy, taking into account circumstances including financial results for the second quarter, the Company decided to pay an interim dividend of 35.00 yen per share, an increase of 5.00 yen per share from its original forecast of 30.00 yen per share.

(Reference) The Company's dividend forecast is as follows.

| Record date | Dividend per share (yen) | | |
|---|--------------------------|----------|-------|
| | 2nd Quarter | Year-end | Total |
| Dividend forecast | | 35.00 | 70.00 |
| Dividend for FY2016 (Year ending March 31, 2017) | 35.00 | | |
| Dividend for FY2015 (Year ending March 31, 2016) | 25.00 | 40.00 | 65.00 |

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