

News Release

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Announcement Concerning Partial Amendment to Trade Name and Articles of Incorporation

Tokyo, Japan, April 25, 2019 – Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation (TSE: 8036, Hitachi High-Tech) has decided at the Board of Directors meeting held today to propose a partial amendment of its Articles of Incorporation for approval at the 100th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled for June 2019. Details of the proposal are as follows.

1. Reasons for the Amendment

Hitachi High-Tech has adopted “Simplify our customers’ high-tech processes” as its new corporate vision and “Our mission is to help our customers be fast-moving, successful, cutting-edge businesses” as its new mission*1. Guided by these principles, Hitachi High-Tech has formulated Mid-Term Management Strategy 2021 running from FY2019 to FY2021 (“Strategy 2021”), with the aim of improving profitability and solving social issues through its businesses.

Hitachi High-Tech is strongly determined to bring together the collective capabilities of the Hitachi High-Tech Group and execute Strategy 2021, with a view to driving further business growth. Based on this determination, “Hitachi High-Tech,” a name that is already widely recognized by stakeholders, will be adopted as the Company’s trade name. This will mark the beginning of a new Hitachi High-Tech.

2. New Trade Name

Hitachi High-Tech Corporation

3. Description of the Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation

(Amended parts are underlined.)

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendment
(Trade Name) Article 1 The name of the Company shall be “ <u>Kabushiki Kaisha Hitachi High-Technologies</u> ” in Japanese and “ <u>Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation</u> ” in English.	(Trade Name) Article 1 The name of the Company shall be “ <u>Kabushiki Kaisha Hitachi High-Tech</u> ” in Japanese and “ <u>Hitachi High-Tech Corporation</u> ” in English.
(New)	<u>Supplementary Provision</u> <u>The amendment to Article 1 shall take effect on the date that is decided at a Board of Directors meeting to be held before the 101st Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled for June 2020. This supplementary provision shall be deleted after the date when the amendment to Article 1 takes effect.</u>

4. Date of Amendment

In 2020, Hitachi High-Tech plans to relocate its headquarters to Toranomon Hills Business Tower (Location: Minato-ku, Tokyo), which is currently under construction. The Company plans to set the headquarters relocation date on the same day as the effective date of the amendment to the trade name and the Articles of Incorporation. Hitachi High-Tech will decide on the specific headquarters relocation date and the effective date of the amendment at a Board of Directors meeting to be held before the 101st Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders (scheduled for June 2020).

*1 Explanatory Phrase

Our observation, measurement and analysis systems maximize yields while minimizing waste and safeguarding profit. Our processes, production systems, components and materials help our customers stay ahead of the curve.

*2 For an outline of the 2021 Strategy, please refer to the new release titled "Hitachi High-Technologies announces the Formulation of Mid-Term Management Strategy 2021" issued today.