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HITACHI HIGH-TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION RECEIVES INTEL'S PRESTIGIOUS SUPPLIER CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AWARD

TOKYO, Japan, March 5, 2010 – Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation has been recognized as one of 10 suppliers to receive Intel Corporation's prestigious Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement (SCQI) award. The award recognizes extraordinary commitment to quality and exceptional performance to Intel's goals and is the company's highest honor for its suppliers. In 2009 Hitachi High-Technologies provided etching systems, field emission and critical dimension scanning electron microscopes, and defect inspection systems deemed vital to Intel's success.

"We at Hitachi High-Technologies are very pleased to once again accept the Intel SCQI Award for 2009. Receiving this prestigious award for the fifth consecutive year is an unprecedented achievement for the Hitachi High-Technologies Team. Intel's continued recognition of the strengths our global team brings to all phases of design, manufacturing and product support is very much appreciated. Achieving this level of performance across a wide range of economic and technical challenges demonstrates Hitachi High-Technologies' commitment to responsiveness and our ability to creatively solve new challenges faced each year working together with the semiconductor industry's most advanced device manufacturer," said Osamu Nakamura, Vice President and Executive Officer, General Manager, Semiconductor Equipment Business Group, Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation.

"Hitachi High-Technologies demonstrated their best-in-class engineering expertise and solid execution by winning the Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement award for 2009," said Sandra Viarengo, Fab Capital Equipment Development director, Intel. "Hitachi High-Technologies' support is critical for Intel to enable the next generation of technology we deliver for our customers."

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 status, suppliers must score at least 95 percent on a report card that assesses performance and ability to meet cost, quality, availability, delivery, technology and customer satisfaction goals. Suppliers must also achieve 90 percent or greater on a challenging improvement plan and demonstrate solid quality and business systems. Furthermore, this year's awardees demonstrated compliance to the Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition Code of Conduct and Intel's Environmental Social Governance Program. Additional information about the SCQI program is available at <http://supplier.intel.com/quality>.

Celebrations to honor the SCQI award winners will be held in conjunction with Intel's Supplier Day events in Tokyo, Japan and Anaheim, California during the month of March 2010. In addition, an announcement will run in the March 31 U.S. edition and April 1 Europe and Asia editions of The Wall Street Journal with acknowledgement on Intel's corporate Web site, www.intel.com.

About Hitachi High-Technologies

Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation, headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is engaged in activities in a broad range of fields, including device manufacturing equipment, life sciences, information technology, electronic components, and advanced industrial materials. The company's consolidated sales for 2008 were more than \$8.6 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, defect review, inspection and failure analysis. The company is comprised of nine business units: Electron Microscope, Semiconductor Equipment, Life Sciences, Information Systems, Electronics Applied Systems, Electronic Components, Electronic Products, Hard Drive Manufacturing Systems and Advanced Materials.

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