Company: Hitachi, Ltd. President: Etsuhiko Shoyama Head Office: 4-6, Kanda-Surugadai, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo TSE: 6501

Company: Nissei Sangyo Co., Ltd. President: Noriaki Higuchi Head Office: 1-24-14, Nishi-Shimbashi, Minato-ku, Tokyo TSE: 8036

Notice of Conclusion of Corporate Split Agreement

Tokyo, Japan, May 24, 2001—Hitachi, Ltd., and Nissei Sangyo Co., Ltd., have concluded a corporate split agreement today in connection with the restructuring plan—announced on February 22, 2001—for the Hitachi Group's instruments and semiconductor manufacturing equipment operations. At the same time, the successor company's corporate name and directors newly elected have decided. Nissei Sangyo expects to obtain shareholder acknowledgement of the agreement at its ordinary general meeting of shareholders to be held on June 26, 2001. New corporate name and directors are as follows.

1. Corporate Name

Nissei Sangyo will change its name to Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation (the "New Company") on October 1, 2001, the date of the corporate split.

2. Election of directors and auditors

As a result of the corporate split, Tadataka Okitsu, Hidehito Obayashi, and Hiroshi Kanauchi will become directors of the New Company on the date of the split. The resulting Board of Directors and Auditors for the New Company are as per the appended list. Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation Board of Directors and Auditors (as of October 1, 2001)

1. Directors

Title	Name	Present Office
Chairman of the Board	Yoshiro Kuwata	Board Director of Nissei Sangyo
(not standing)		Co., Ltd. (not standing),
		Executive Vice President and
		Representative Director of
		Hitachi, Ltd.
President and	Noriaki Higuchi	President and Representative
Representative Director	C	Director of Nissei Sangyo
-		Co., Ltd.
Senior Executive	Toshihiro Sanematsu	President & CEO of
Managing and		Semiconductor Manufacturing
Representative Director		Equipment Group, Hitachi, Ltd.
-		(Scheduled to assume office of
		Board Director of Nissei Sangyo
		Co., Ltd. on June 26, 2001)
Senior Executive	Ikuo Kinokuni	Senior Executive Managing and
Managing and		Representative Director of Nissei
Representative Director		Sangyo Co., Ltd.
Executive Managing	Yuichi Tsunoda	Executive Managing Director of
Director		Nissei Sangyo Co., Ltd.
Executive Managing	Katsuji Yamashita	President & CEO of Instruments
Director		Group, Hitachi, Ltd. (Scheduled
		to assume office of Board
		Director of Nissei Sangyo Co.,
		Ltd. on June 26, 2001)
Executive Managing	Wasuke Nakano	Executive Managing Director of
Director		Nissei Sangyo Co., Ltd.
Executive Managing	Kazuhiko Wakino	Executive Managing Director of
Director		Nissei Sangyo Co., Ltd.
Executive Managing	Seiji Okubo	Board Director of Nissei Sangyo
Director		Co., Ltd. (Scheduled to assume
		office of Executive Managing
		Director of Nissei Sangyo Co.,
		Ltd. on June 26, 2001)
Executive Managing	Noriyuki Ichikawa	Board Director of Nissei Sangyo
Director		Co., Ltd. (Scheduled to assume
		office of Executive Managing
		Director of Nissei Sangyo Co.,
		Ltd. on June 26, 2001)

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Board Director	Tadataka Okitsu	Vice President of Semiconductor
		Manufacturing Equipment Group,
		Hitachi, Ltd.
Board Director	Iwao Ito	Board Director of Nissei Sangyo
		Co., Ltd.
Board Director	Hidehito Obayashi	General Manager of Naka
		Manufacturing Operations,
		Instruments Group, Hitachi, Ltd.
Board Director	Masumi Miyauchi	Board Director of Nissei Sangyo
		Co., Ltd.
Board Director	Hiroshi Kanauchi	Attached to Vice President
		Kawamura of Hitachi, Ltd.
Board Director	Yasuhiko Nishimura	General Manager of Nissei
		Sangyo Co., Ltd.'s Scientific
		Instruments Division
		(Scheduled to assume office of
		Board Director of Nissei Sangyo
		Co., Ltd. on June 26, 2001)
Board Director	Akihisa Inagaki	General Manager of Nissei
		Sangyo Co., Ltd.'s Electronic
		Device Manufacturing Systems
		Division (Scheduled to assume
		office of Board Director of Nissei
		Sangyo Co., Ltd. on June 26,
		2001)

2. Auditors

2. Auditors		
Title	Name	Office
Corporate Auditor	Yasuhiko Kobata	Executive Managing Director of
		Nissei Sangyo Co., Ltd.
		(Scheduled to assume office of
		Corporate Auditor of Nissei
		Sangyo Co., Ltd. on June 26,
		2001)
Corporate Auditor	Toru Kawachi	Board Director of Nissei Sangyo
		Co., Ltd. (Scheduled to assume
		office of Corporate Auditor of
		Nissei Sangyo Co., Ltd. on June
		26, 2001)
Corporate Auditor	Shigemichi Matsuka	Director of Hitachi, Ltd.
(not standing)		(Scheduled to assume office of
		Corporate Auditor of Nissei
		Sangyo Co., Ltd. on June 26,
		2001)

Corporate Auditor	Kazuo Miura	General Manager of Finance
(not standing)		Dept. of Hitachi, Ltd.
		(Scheduled to assume office of
		Corporate Auditor of Nissei
		Sangyo Co., Ltd. on June 26,
		2001)

Profile of new Representative Director

Name: Toshihiro Sanematsu

New office: Senior Executive Managing and Representative Director

Education: Graduate of School of Engineering, The University of Tokyo on March 1963

Date of Birth: October 3, 1939

Career: April 1963 – Joins Hitachi, Ltd.

August 1987 – Department Manager, Electrical System Engineering Dept., Hitachi Works

August 1990 – Deputy General Manager, Hitachi Works

- June 1995 General Manager, Kokubu Works
- April 1999 Corporate Officer and Vice President, Power & Industrial Systems Group
- October 2000 President & CEO of the Semiconductor Manufacturing Equipment Group

June 2001 – Scheduled to assume office of Board Director (not standing) of Nissei Sangyo Co., Ltd.

Effective date of office : October 1, 2001