

Hitachi Data Systems Promotes Key Executives

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SANTA CLARA, Calif. —March 4, 2009 — Hitachi Data Systems Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Hitachi, Ltd. (NYSE: HIT) and the only provider of Services Oriented Storage Solutions, announced today it has named Jack Domme to serve as the company's chief executive officer, and Minoru Kosuge has been promoted to chairman of Hitachi Data Systems. Domme, who was appointed chief operating officer in 2007, succeeds Kosuge who was appointed chief executive officer. The new executive appointments are effective April 1, 2009.

"I would like to congratulate Minoru Kosuge on his new role. It is a great honor to have the opportunity to build on the success and market position he helped the company achieve," said Jack Domme, chief executive officer, Hitachi Data Systems. "We believe our strategy is taking hold particularly in these economically challenging times because we enable customers to maximize the investment value and efficiencies of their storage environments. I look forward to leading the company as we continue our expansion in key growth areas where we can leverage our leadership in storage and data virtualization, such as file and content services and modular storage."

"Hitachi is one of the world's great companies, with a proud history of innovation, a deep focus on technology and product excellence, and a commitment to providing a best-in-class customer experience," said Minoru Kosuge, chairman, Hitachi Data Systems. "I look forward to continuing to work with Jack Domme and the entire HDS leadership team to further build upon the company's leading culture and legacy in these strategic focus areas."

Domme first joined Hitachi Data Systems in 2003 and has held a number of management positions at the company. Prior to his appointment as chief operating officer, Domme served as executive vice president of Global Solutions Strategy and Development responsible for product design, technical strategies and product management.

Prior to joining Hitachi Data Systems, Domme served as vice president of product and sales engineering at Storage Networks, Inc., and was responsible for the company's strategic software planning and development. Domme started his career in IT at Hewlett Packard in 1987 where he led the company's Information Solutions and Services Division, Information Access Solutions Group, and Client-Server Product Group.

A 29-year veteran of Hitachi, Ltd., Kosuge has held a number of positions in corporate and product strategy, IT management, logistics planning and operations. Prior to his position as chief executive officer, Kosuge was chief operating officer of Hitachi Data Systems. He also served as executive vice president and chief storage architect, collaborating with Hitachi Data Systems Global Sales and Hitachi, Ltd.'s Disk Array Systems Division (RSD). From 2003 to 2005, Kosuge was division president of RSD, where he led his team in developing the pioneering Hitachi Universal Storage Platform™.

About Hitachi Data Systems

Hitachi Data Systems Corporation provides Services Oriented Storage Solutions that enable heterogeneous storage to be dynamically provisioned according to business needs and centrally managed via industry-leading Hitachi storage virtualization software. With over 4,000 employees, and as an integral part of the Hitachi Storage Solutions Group, Hitachi Data Systems delivers storage infrastructure platforms, storage management software, and storage consulting services through direct and indirect channels in over 170 countries and regions. Its customers include nearly 60-percent of Fortune 100 companies. For

more information, visit the company's Web site at www.hds.com.

About Hitachi, Ltd.

Hitachi, Ltd., (NYSE: HIT/TSE: 6501), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is a leading global electronics company with approximately 390,000 employees worldwide. Fiscal 2007 (ended March 31, 2008) consolidated revenues totaled 11,226 billion yen (\$112.2 billion). The company offers a wide range of systems, products and services in market sectors including information systems, electronic devices, power and industrial systems, consumer products, materials, logistics and financial services. For more information on Hitachi, please visit the company's Web site at www.hitachi.com.

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