



HITACHI KOKUSAI ELECTRIC INC. RECEIVES INTEL'S PRESTIGIOUS SUPPLIER CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AWARD

TOKYO, Japan, March 17, 2008 – Hitachi Kokusai Electric Inc. was named a recipient of Intel Corporation's prestigious 2007 Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement (SCQI) award. The award is Intel's highest honor for its suppliers, recognizing them for outstanding commitment to quality and performance for providing products and services deemed essential to Intel's success. The company is recognized for its efforts supplying Intel with capital manufacturing equipment, spares and service. Hitachi Kokusai Electric Inc. and 12 other SCQI award winners will be honored at a celebration in Burlingame, California on March 18.

"Hitachi Kokusai is very proud to once again receive the Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement Award from Intel," said Kiichiro Mukai, general manager, Semiconductor Equipment Division. "Every year the challenges become greater to receive this award and winning it again shows that Kokusai employees remain dedicated to continuous improvement and customer satisfaction. I believe that Kokusai employees will continue to provide the product quality and technology that Intel needs so that we can win this award again in 2008."

"This accomplishment rewards Hitachi Kokusai for results which exceeded Intel's goals," said Sandra Viarengo, director of Intel's Fab Capital Equipment Development. "Kokusai continuously demonstrates outstanding support for Intel and a strong commitment to our Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement process as evidenced by their fourth SCQI award. We expect that Kokusai will continue their customer orientation and supply chain excellence."

The SCQI awards are part of Intel's Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement process, 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 responsiveness goals. Additional information about the SCQI program is available at <http://supplier.intel.com/quality>.

Intel will also recognize SCQI award winners with an advertisement in the U.S., Europe and Asia editions of The Wall Street Journal on March 18, 2008.

About Hitachi Kokusai Electric Inc.

Hitachi Kokusai Electric Inc. is a multi-national corporation with close to \$2 billion in revenue, holding solid market positions in semiconductor equipment, wireless communications and broadcasting and video. The Semiconductor Equipment Group is focused on the movement to larger wafer sizes and shrinking geometries, achieving success by increasing market share and customer base expansion while providing advanced solutions to world markets.

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