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

TOKYO, Japan, March 4, 2010 – Hitachi Kokusai Electric Inc. 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 Kokusai provided diffusion furnaces deemed vital to Intel's success.

“Winning the Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement award from Intel for the fifth time in six years is a great honor for Hitachi Kokusai,” said Nobuo Owada, general manager, Semiconductor Equipment Division. “The increasing demands by Intel each year make it even more challenging for us to continue to win this award. It also challenges us to improve in new areas, such as environmental conformity, besides just having the best in class technology portfolio. Hitachi Kokusai will continue to be engaged in this tough but honorable challenge in the upcoming years and we hope to do well again in 2010.”

“Hitachi Kokusai delivered exceptional performance in affordability and technology development in support of Intel,” said Sandra Viarengo, Fab Capital Equipment Development director, Intel. “Year after year, Kokusai works closely with Intel delivering quality products and displaying their strong commitment to our Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement process. Together we will continue to improve in order to meet 2010's challenges.”

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

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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 Kokusai

Hitachi Kokusai Electric Inc. is a multi-national corporation with close to \$122 billion yen in revenue, holding solid market positions in semiconductor equipment, wireless communications and broadcasting and video. The Semiconductor Equipment Division (SED) 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 with Batch Core Technology & Single Wafer Tool portfolio to world markets.

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