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Notice of Treasury Stock Purchase

(Pursuant to Article 211-3, Section 1-2 of the Commercial Code of Japan)

Tokyo, Japan, July 26, 2005—Hitachi Metals, Ltd. announces its decision, made at the Board of Directors meeting held July 26, 2005, to purchase treasury stock based on Article 211-3, Section 1-2 of the Commercial Code of Japan.

1. Reason for the acquisition

To allow for flexible implementation of capital policy

2. Details

- (1) Type of shares to be acquired: Common stock
- (2) Number of shares: Up to 1,350,000 shares
- (3) Amount of acquisition: Up to 1,000,000,000 yen
- (4) Acquisition period: July 27, 2005 to September 16, 2005

Reference:

Treasury stock as of June 30, 2005

Total number of shares issued (excluding treasury stock): 347,691,086

Total number of shares of treasury stock: 9,477,601