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Notice of Dissolution of Subsidiaries

Tokyo, Japan, December 11, 2008 — Hitachi Metals, Ltd. has announced its decision to dissolve the below-named subsidiary companies. Brief details are as follows.

1. NEOMAX (Thailand) Co.,Ltd.

(1) Background

In an effort to promote business efficiency, the decision has been made to dissolve NEOMAX (Thailand) Co.,Ltd., a company engaged in the manufacture and sale of ferrite magnets and voice coil motors, and to consolidate its operations into Hitachi Metals (Thailand) Ltd.

(2) Company Profile

Name: NEOMAX (Thailand) Co.,Ltd.
Location: 1/78 Moo 5, Rojana industrial Park, Tambol Khanharm, Amphur Uthai Ayutthaya Province 13210, Thailand
Representative: Shizuka Yamawaki
Business: Manufacture and sale of ferrite magnets and voice coil motors
Date Established: July 23,1998
Total Assets: ¥3,957 million (As of December 31, 2007)
Fiscal Year-End: December
Paid-in Capital and Shareholding: ¥1,088 million (Hitachi Metals, Ltd. 100% as of December 31, 2007)
Past Three Years' Results:

	Fiscal 2005	Fiscal 2006	Fiscal 2007
Net Sales	¥ 2,257 million	¥ 3,137 million	¥ 5,151 million
Ordinary Income	¥ 215 million	¥ 446 million	¥ 609 million
Net Income	¥ 206 million	¥ 435 million	¥ 601 million

(3) Plans Pending

Plans are in place to dissolve the subsidiary on Jun 31 , 2008.

(4) Impact on Hitachi Metals' Performance

No loss will be incurred as a result of the company's dissolution. Accordingly, existing forecasts of business results remain unchanged.

2. NEOMAXVARIO Co., Ltd.

(1) Background

In order to unify management resources in connection with such business services as facility security and management across the Hitachi Metals Group's network in the Yamazaki district (Shimamoto-cho, Mishima-gun, Osaka), the decision has been made to dissolve NEOMAXVARIO Co., Ltd.

(2) Company Profile

Name: NEOMAXVARIO Co., Ltd.
Location: 2-15-17 Egawa, Shimamoto-cho, Mishima-gun, Osaka-fu
Representative: Toyohide Hiyoshi
Business: Business services, including facility security and management across the Hitachi Metals Group, temporary staffing and sale of magnetic application products
Date Established: April 1, 1993
Total Assets: ¥1,117 million (As of March 31, 2008)
Fiscal Year-End: March
Paid-in Capital and Shareholding: ¥20 million (Hitachi Metals, Ltd. 100% as of March 31, 2008)

Past Three Years' Results:

	Fiscal 2005	Fiscal 2006	Fiscal 2007
Net Sales	¥ 1,463 million	¥ 1,305 million	¥ 988 million
Ordinary Income	¥ 84 million	¥ 111 million	¥ 97 million
Net Income	¥ 48 million	¥ 28 million	¥ 58 million

(3) Plans Pending

Plans are in place to dissolve the subsidiary on March 31, 2009.

(4) Impact on Hitachi Metals' Performance

The Company estimates it will incur a loss of ¥115 million in connection with the dissolution of the aforementioned subsidiary. Accordingly, existing forecasts of business results remain unchanged.