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Notice of Revision of Operating Results Forecasts

Tokyo, Japan, December 16, 2008 — Hitachi Metals, Ltd. today announced that it had revised its consolidated operating results forecasts and non-consolidated operating results forecasts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, previously disclosed on April 30, 2008, based on recent trends in the Company's performance. Brief details are as follows.

1. Revisions of Consolidated Operating Results Forecasts for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2009 (April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009)

	Millions of Yen			
	<u>Net sales</u>	<u>Operating income</u>	<u>Income before income taxes and minority interests</u>	<u>Net Income</u>
Previous Forecast (A)	<u>710,000</u>	<u>61,000</u>	<u>56,600</u>	<u>29,700</u>
Revised Forecast (B)	<u>619,000</u>	<u>29,700</u>	<u>17,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Difference (B – A)	<u>(91,000)</u>	<u>(31,300)</u>	<u>(39,600)</u>	<u>(24,700)</u>
Change ((B-A)/A) (Reference)	<u>(12.8%)</u>	<u>(51.3%)</u>	<u>(70.0%)</u>	<u>(83.2%)</u>
Fiscal 2007 (Actual Results)	<u>701,075</u>	<u>59,698</u>	<u>51,427</u>	<u>27,034</u>

2. Revisions of Non-Consolidated Operating Results Forecasts for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2009 (April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009)

	Millions of Yen			
	<u>Net Sales</u>	<u>Operating Income</u>	<u>Income before income taxes and minority interests</u>	<u>Net Income</u>
Previous Forecast (A)	<u>420,000</u>	<u>22,500</u>	<u>27,300</u>	<u>16,500</u>
Revised Forecast (B)	<u>367,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>(4,000)</u>
Difference (B – A)	<u>(53,000)</u>	<u>(22,500)</u>	<u>(30,300)</u>	<u>(20,500)</u>
Change ((B-A)/A) (Reference)	<u>(12.6%)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Fiscal 2007 (Actual Results)	<u>407,856</u>	<u>21,696</u>	<u>22,533</u>	<u>13,590</u>

3. Reason for the Revision

While operating results for the first half of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009 were steady, signs began to emerge of a decline in overall demand for the Group's products. This was attributable to a variety of factors including an abrupt slowdown across automobile markets, a slump in electronics-related industries and cutbacks in capital investment on the back of deterioration in the global economy. Buffeted by the substantial impact of a greater than expected drop in orders and sales, consolidated and non-consolidated operating results for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009 are expected to fall below initial estimates.

Cautionary Statement

Statements in this press release contain forward-looking statements which reflect management's current views with respect to certain events and financial performance. Actual results may differ materially from those projected or implied in the forward-looking statements and from historical trends. Further, certain forward-looking statements are based on assumptions of future events which may not prove to be accurate.