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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, October 26, 2004—Hitachi Metals, Ltd. announces its decision, made at the Board of Directors meeting held October 26, 2004, 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 2,700,000 shares
- (3) Amount of acquisition: Up to 1,400,000,000 yen
- (4) Acquisition period: October 27,2004 to December 30,2004

Reference:

Treasury stock as of September 30, 2004

Total number of shares issued (excluding treasury stock): 352,174,029

Total number of shares of treasury stock: 4,994,658