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To whom it may concern

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### Decision Issued by the European Commission Regarding High-Voltage Power Cables Cartel

On April 2, 2014, Hitachi Metals, Ltd. (“Hitachi Metals”) received a decision from the European Commission that a fine is to be imposed against Hitachi Metals concerning its infringement of the EU competition law regarding the sales of high-voltage power cables in the past. The amount of the fine to be imposed against Hitachi Metals is 2,346,000 euros (approximately 332,000,000 yen), and the period subject to the fine is from February 18, 1999, through September 30, 2001, which is the date when the subject business was transferred to J-Power Systems Corporation.<sup>1</sup>

Concerning the present case, J-Power Systems Corporation applied for leniency to the European Commission in January 2009, upon an internal investigation that found facts revealing the infringement of the EU competition law. The said internal investigation was initiated by a dawn raid conducted on J-Power Systems Corporation by the Japan Fair Trade Commission concerning the infringement of the Japanese anti-monopoly act.

Hitachi Metals has, with J-Power Systems Cooperation, fully cooperated with the European Commission’s investigation, and the European Commission has imposed an administrative sanction.

Hitachi Metals expresses its deep regret to all relevant parties for causing significant concerns and inconvenience due to our infringement of the Japanese anti-monopoly act and the EU competition law. We will continue to rigorously implement measures to prevent the recurrence of such infringements, and will strive to restore public trust.

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<sup>1</sup> J-Power Systems Corporation was established as a joint venture (50-50 holding ratio) through an integration between the electric power business sections of both Hitachi Cable, Ltd. (currently Hitachi Metals) and Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd. on October 1, 2001, however, Hitachi Metals has transferred all of its stocks of J-Power Systems Corporation to Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd. on April 1, 2014.