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Hitachi GST certificate assumed and recertified to the ISO 9001:2008 Standard.

Chalfont, PA – July 20, 2009 –Hitachi GST successfully demonstrated continual improvement initiatives for three of their manufacturing facilities in China, Singapore and Thailand; therefore KEMA issued a Renewal Certificate in accordance to the ISO 9001:2008 requirements. KEMA has assumed Hitachi GST’s ANAB accredited certificate in stride during the recent renewal audit. KEMA looks forward to maintaining our new client’s certificates with scheduled surveillance audits of the three facilities. KEMA’s partnership approach to certification enables us to uphold the utmost integrity of the certification processes by being an unbiased third-party witness to our clients documented quality management systems. The objective of the audit was “to determine the extent of conformity of the organization’s quality management system, or parts of it, with the audit criteria of the ISO 9001:2008 Standard, to evaluate the capability of the management system to ensure compliance with statutory, regulatory and contractual requirements; evaluate the effectiveness of the management system in meeting its specified objectives; and identify areas for potential improvement of the quality management system.” stated Ms. Phoebe Wong of KEMA. Hitachi demonstrated significant strengths within their documented quality management system, and an ability to continually improve their operations in accordance to ISO 9001 standard.

About KEMA-Registered Quality, Inc.

Headquartered in Chalfont, PA with third-party auditing resources across the globe KEMA-Registered Quality, Inc. www.krqusa.com is an ANAB accredited certification body specializing ISO 9001, ISO 14001, AS9100, ISO 13485, Medical Device CE Marking, , TS 16949, TL9000, and supplier audit processes / 2nd Party audits, and other Management system Certification. As a subsidiary of KEMA BV www.kema.com based in the Netherlands our heritage and integrity goes back 80 years. KEMA operates in over 20 countries around the world with 1,800 employees and growing.

About Hitachi Global Storage Systems

Hitachi Global Storage Technologies, based in Santa Clara, CA, was founded in 2003 and was formed as a result of the strategic combination of IBM and Hitachi's storage technology businesses. Storage is one of Hitachi's five core businesses; substantial technology and financial resources have been committed to ensure a successful and profitable business. The company's vision is to enable users to fully engage in the digital lifestyle by providing access to large amounts of storage capacity in formats suitable for the office, on the road and in the home. Hitachi Global Storage Technologies is positioned to immediately advance the role of hard disk drives beyond traditional computing environments to consumer electronics and other emerging applications.

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