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G-TECHNOLOGY BY HITACHI STRENGTHENS ITS BRAND PRESENCE IN CANADA

Hitachi GST Extends Distribution Agreement with D&H to Market and Sell G-Technology's Full Line of Premium External Storage Solutions in Canada for the Apple® Mac® and Creative Professional Market

SAN JOSE, CA – December 5, 2011—Trusted by creative professionals around the world, [G-Technology by Hitachi](#) today announced that [D&H Canada](#), one of North America's leading technology distributors, is authorized to distribute Hitachi GST's full line of premium G-Technology external storage solutions. D&H Canada will offer and promote the award-winning G-Technology brand, including the [G-SPEED](#), [G-RAID](#) and [G-DRIVE](#) product families, to its strong channel customer network of leading retailers, resellers and solution providers throughout the region.

G-Technology drives are engineered specifically to meet the needs of the content creation and Apple Mac communities, including heavy users of multimedia content, Final Cut Pro® digital audio/video specialists and other pre/post production professionals. From rugged portable drives to ultra-fast, multi-drive RAID storage, G-Technology's USB, FireWire, eSATA, and SAS storage solutions support virtually all levels of A/V production and can be found in post-production facilities worldwide.

"The Mac and content creation market is growing fast in Canada, driven by the rising popularity of Apple products as well as the increased storage demands driven by digital photography, HD video, online music and the Internet," said Ian Andes, vice president of G-Technology sales, Hitachi GST Branded Business. "Our partnership with D&H Canada is designed to extend the value of the brand, increase consumer awareness in the region and to better meet the demand for top-quality external storage solutions that feature superior performance, functionality, usability, reliability and industrial design. We look forward to a long relationship with D&H."

"G-Technology has a strong brand and leading reputation in the Mac and creative community, and there's growing demand for their products in Canada. We are thrilled to have them as part of our product lineup. D&H is actively offering G-Technology's storage solutions to our national partners right in time for the holiday shopping season," said Greg Tobin, general manager, D&H Canada. "We look forward to working together with G-Technology by Hitachi and growing our businesses within the Mac community."

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About Hitachi Global Storage Technologies

Hitachi Global Storage Technologies (Hitachi GST) develops advanced hard disk drives, enterprise-class solid state drives, and innovative external storage solutions and services used to store, preserve and manage the world's most valued data. Founded by the pioneers of hard drives, Hitachi GST provides high-value storage for a broad range of market segments, including Enterprise, Desktop, Mobile Computing, Consumer Electronics and Personal Storage. Hitachi GST was established in 2003 and maintains its U.S. headquarters in San Jose, California. For more information, please visit the company's website at <http://www.hitachigst.com>.

About Hitachi, Ltd.

Hitachi, Ltd., (NYSE: HIT / TSE: 6501), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is a leading global electronics company with approximately 360,000 employees worldwide. Fiscal 2009 (ended March 31, 2010) consolidated revenues totaled 8,968 billion yen (\$96.4 billion). Hitachi will focus more than ever on the Social Innovation Business, which includes information and telecommunication systems, power systems, environmental, industrial and transportation systems, and social and urban systems, as well as the sophisticated materials and key devices that support them. For more information on Hitachi, please visit the company's website at <http://www.hitachi.com>.

About D&H Distributing

As one of North America's leading technology distributors, D&H Canada provides a wealth of resources to empower solution providers and consultants, delivering a broad selection of SMB categories, products and applications. The company's offerings span server and infrastructure, SOHO and mobile applications, consumer electronics and gaming. D&H's multi-market expertise, account-dedicated sales teams, sterling service and flexible financing options are unmatched in the industry. With an impressive 93-year history serving as a trusted advisor to the reseller channel, D&H Distributing has been able to consistently reinvent itself based upon changing market conditions. The company prides itself on creating business partnerships with an astute focus on ease-of-doing-business, relationships, value, performance and service. D&H was recently named Cisco Worldwide Small Business Distributor of the Year for 2010. The company ships out of five separate locations in North America, including its US headquarters in Harrisburg, PA, and its Canadian headquarters in Mississauga, Ontario. Additional US warehouses are located in Atlanta, GA; Chicago, IL; and Fresno, CA. Call D&H toll-free at 1-800-340-1008 or visit www.dandh.ca.

Hitachi GST remains an independent company until the acquisition by Western Digital closes, anticipated to take place in Q4 2011. Our product portfolio has been a driver of our success. Until the close, we continue to execute plans for our communicated product roadmap and both companies intend to ship all product lines in parallel until their logical end of life. Customers can rest assured that when the acquisition is complete all Hitachi GST terms and conditions of the product warranty in effect at the time of purchase will be honored.

One GB is equal to one billion bytes and one TB equals 1,000 GB (one trillion bytes). Actual capacity will vary depending on operating environment and formatting.

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