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## **Hitachi America, Ltd. Relocates to Larger Facility in Charlotte, NC**

*--Larger Facility Needed to Support Forecasted Growth--*

**TARRYTOWN, NY**, May 24, 2012 -- Hitachi America, Ltd., Industrial Components and Equipment Division, today announced that it is relocating its Charlotte, NC facility to a larger facility. While remaining in Charlotte, the new facility is 38,400 sq. ft., increasing the company's working space by 42%. The larger facility is needed to accommodate projected growth in sales. The company anticipates that the relocation will be completed by the end of June 2012.

'Our customer base in the Americas is spread out, spanning from Canada down to Argentina,' said Charlie Takeuchi, Senior Director, Industrial Components and Equipment Division, Hitachi America, Ltd. "Over the past 10 years, our division's business has experienced double digit growth on a year over year basis, and we are anticipating further growth in the US manufacturing industry as well as in Latin America. We had a demonstrated need to increase our capability to support and satisfy the needs of our customers. In addition to moving into a larger facility and increasing the size of our staff, we are also installing product assembly and modification capabilities, which will enable us to quickly and efficiently respond to the needs of our customers in the Americas. In today's industrial business environment, customers are looking for partners who can deliver products and services at faster speeds than ever before. Being able to meet this need is of primary importance to Hitachi."

Hitachi America, Ltd. opened its first facility in Charlotte in 2007. The facility served as a Distribution Center for Hitachi's line of Frequency Drives (inverters), Industrial Air Compressors and industrial ink jet printers as well as facility for conducting hands-on training for its sales force and customers. With larger space, Hitachi will now have larger, better equipped classrooms in which to conduct product training as well as additional storage and office space to accommodate growth anticipated over the next 10 years.

**About Hitachi**

Hitachi America, Ltd., headquartered in Tarrytown, New York, a subsidiary of Hitachi, Ltd., and its subsidiary companies offer a broad range of electronics, power and industrial equipment and services, automotive products and consumer electronics with operations throughout the Americas. For more information, visit [www.hitachi-america.us](http://www.hitachi-america.us). For information on other Hitachi Group companies in the United States, please visit [www.hitachi.us](http://www.hitachi.us)

Hitachi America, Ltd., Industrial Components and Equipment Division supplies a broad range of sophisticated electrical and electronic components for application in pharmaceutical plants, food and beverage processing plants, chemical plants and other manufacturing facilities.

**About Hitachi, Ltd.**

Hitachi, Ltd., (TSE: 6501), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is a leading global electronics company with approximately 320,000 employees worldwide. Fiscal 2011 (ended March 31, 2012) consolidated revenues totaled 9,665 billion yen (\$117.8 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>.

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