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Hitachi Wins Contract To Develop "Sentosa Express" For Sentosa Development Corporation

Hitachi Asia Ltd. (Hitachi Asia), a wholly-owned subsidiary and regional Asian headquarters of Hitachi, Ltd. (NYSE:HIT / TSE:6501), today announced that it has secured a S\$78 million (J¥5.4 billion) contract from Sentosa Development Corporation (SDC) to build a new monorail system, "Sentosa Express", to Sentosa Island.

The Sentosa Express will be built using the Hitachi straddle-type small monorail system and will improve access to Sentosa Island from the southernmost tip of Singapore. The planned route for the air-conditioned small monorail system will include a 2.1 km long double track which will link the main island of Singapore and Sentosa, with gateway stations at World Trade Centre's HarbourFront MRT Station and Central Beach on Sentosa. The monorail route is expected to have four stations. These stations will be located strategically near popular tourist spots such as the Merlion tower, Museum, Amusement parks and Central Beach. Construction on the monorail is expected to begin in January 2003 and estimated project completion date is end of 2005.

The straddle-type small monorail system was originally developed by Hitachi in Japan as a small, standard and cost-effective solution to the transportation needs of small to medium-sized cities. Capable of negotiating small and sharp curves, this technology is based on existing larger monorail systems technology such as the Tokyo Monorail system which is currently operating from Haneda Airport to Hamamatsu-cho.

Some other features of the straddle-type small monorail include:

- Small and light vehicles with low noise levels
- Vehicles capable of greater passenger carrying capacity
- Slim guideway structure and design flexibility of the planned route
- Lower construction costs

For the Sentosa Express, Hitachi Asia Ltd., together with Hitachi, Ltd., will be the builder of core systems such as monorail vehicles (2 vehicles x 4 configuration); signaling and power supply; operation systems and track switches; systems design and systems integration.

In the near future, Hitachi Asia has plans to actively pursue its South East Asian market in this region with Hitachi, Ltd. such as provided for the Sentosa Express. The Hitachi group will also actively seek to provide value-added end-to-end services to its clients in the region through its leading-edge technology in the straddle-type small monorail systems from planning support, design, and manufacturing of projects to total systems operations and maintenance (O & M).

About Hitachi Asia Ltd.

Hitachi Asia Ltd. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hitachi, Ltd. Established in 1989 as the regional headquarters in Singapore, it has ten offices in seven countries in Asia, excluding East Asia. The company offers a wide range of systems, products and services in market sectors such as information systems, power and industrial systems, digital media systems and consumer products. For more information about Hitachi Asia, please visit <http://www.hitachi.com/asia>

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