

OFFERING CIRCULAR

# Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC

*(incorporated with limited liability in England and Wales)*

and

# Hitachi Capital America Corp.

*(incorporated with limited liability in the State of Delaware)*

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**U.S.\$1,800,000,000**  
**Euro Note Programme**

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Guaranteed by

# Hitachi Capital Corporation

*(incorporated with limited liability in Japan)*

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*Arranger*

**Barclays Capital**

*Programme Dealers*

Barclays Capital

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J.P. Morgan

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*This Offering Circular replaces and supersedes the Offering Circular dated 29 August 2008 describing the Programme (as defined below). Any Notes (as defined below) issued under the Programme on or after the date of this Offering Circular are issued subject to the provisions contained herein. This does not affect any Notes already issued.*

*Under this U.S.\$1,800,000,000 Euro Note Programme (the **Programme**), Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC (**Hitachi**) and Hitachi Capital America Corp. (formerly known as Hitachi Credit America Corp.) (**Hitachi America**) (each an **Issuer** and together the **Issuers**) may from time to time issue notes (**Notes**) denominated in any currency agreed between the Issuer of such Notes (the **relevant Issuer**) and the relevant Dealer (as defined below).*

*Payments under the Notes will be unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by Hitachi Capital Corporation (the **Guarantor**).*

The Notes may be issued on a continuing basis to one or more of the Programme Dealers specified under "*Description of the Programme*" and any additional Dealer appointed under the Programme from time to time by the Issuer (each a **Dealer** and together the **Dealers**), which appointment may be for a specific issue or on an ongoing basis. References in this Offering Circular to the **relevant Dealer** shall, in the case of an issue of Notes being (or intended to be) subscribed by more than one Dealer, be to all Dealers agreeing to subscribe to such Notes.

**An investment in Notes issued under the Programme involves certain risks.** For a discussion of these risks see "*Risk Factors*".

Application has been made to the Financial Services Authority in its capacity as competent authority under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the **UK Listing Authority**) for Notes issued under the Programme during the period of 12 months from the date of this Offering Circular to be admitted to the official list of the UK Listing Authority (the **Official List**) and to the London Stock Exchange plc (the **London Stock Exchange**) for such Notes to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market.

References in this Offering Circular to Notes being **listed** (and all related references) shall mean that such Notes have been admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market and have been admitted to the Official List. The London Stock Exchange's regulated market is a regulated market for the purposes of Directive 2004/39/EC (the **Markets in Financial Instruments Directive**).

Notice of the aggregate nominal amount of Notes, interest (if any) payable in respect of Notes, the issue price of Notes and any other terms and conditions not contained herein which are applicable to each Tranche (as defined under "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*") of Notes will be set out in a final terms document (the **Final Terms**) which, with respect to Notes to be listed on the London Stock Exchange, will be delivered to the UK Listing Authority and the London Stock Exchange.

The Programme provides that Notes may be listed or admitted to trading, as the case may be, on such other or further stock exchanges or markets as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer. The relevant Issuer may also issue unlisted Notes and/or Notes not admitted to trading on any market.

The Notes of each Tranche will either initially be represented by a temporary global Note or, (in cases in which the Issuer is not Hitachi America) if agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer, be represented by a permanent global Note which, in either case, will be deposited on the issue date thereof with a common depositary on behalf of Clearstream Banking, société anonyme (**Clearstream, Luxembourg**) and/or Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (**Euroclear**) and/or any other agreed clearance system. A temporary global Note so issued will be exchangeable, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, for either a permanent global Note or definitive Notes, in each case upon certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership as required by U.S. Treasury Regulations and applicable U.S. securities laws. A permanent global Note will be exchangeable for definitive Notes, upon request, all as further described in "*Form of the Notes*".

This Offering Circular comprises a base prospectus for the purposes of Article 5.4 of Directive 2003/71/EC (the **Prospectus Directive**).

Each of the Issuers and the Guarantor accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Offering Circular. To the best of the knowledge of each Issuer and the Guarantor (each of which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Offering Circular is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

Copies of the Final Terms of a Note will be available from the registered office of the relevant Issuer and the specified office set out below of the Paying Agent (as defined below). In addition, copies of each Final Terms relating to Notes which are either admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market or offered in the United Kingdom in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under the Prospectus Directive will be available on the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange.

This Offering Circular is to be read in conjunction with all documents which are deemed to be incorporated herein by reference (see "*Documents Incorporated by Reference*"). This Offering Circular shall be read and construed on the basis that such documents are so incorporated and form part of this Offering Circular.

The relevant Issuer and the Guarantor may agree with any Dealer that Notes may be issued in a form not contemplated in "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*", in which event a supplemental Offering Circular, if appropriate, will be made available which will describe the effect of the agreement reached in relation to such Notes.

The Dealers have not independently verified the information contained herein. Accordingly, no representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made and no responsibility or liability is accepted by any Dealer as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Offering Circular or any other information provided by any Issuer or the Guarantor. The Dealers do not accept any liability in relation to the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Offering Circular or any other information provided by any Issuer or the Guarantor in connection with the Programme.

No person is or has been authorised by any Issuer or the Guarantor to give any information or to make any representation not contained in or inconsistent with this Offering Circular or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the Notes and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by any Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the Dealers.

Neither this Offering Circular nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme (i) is intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation or (ii) should be considered as a recommendation by any Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the Dealers that any recipient of this Offering Circular or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme should purchase any Notes. Each investor contemplating purchasing any Notes should make its own independent investigation of the financial condition and affairs, and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness, of the relevant Issuer and the Guarantor. Neither this Offering Circular nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme constitutes an offer or invitation by or on behalf of any Issuer, the Guarantor or any Dealer to any person to subscribe for or to purchase any Notes.

Neither the delivery of this Offering Circular nor the offering, sale or delivery of any Notes shall in any circumstances imply that the information contained herein concerning any Issuer or the Guarantor is correct at any time subsequent to the date hereof or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct as of any time subsequent to the date indicated in the document containing the same. The Programme Dealers expressly do not undertake to review the financial condition or affairs of any Issuer or the Guarantor during the life of the Programme or to advise any investor in the Notes of any information coming to their attention. Investors should review, *inter alia*, the most recent consolidated financial statements of Hitachi, the most recent non-consolidated financial statements of Hitachi America and the most recent consolidated financial statements of the Guarantor when deciding whether or not to purchase any Notes.

This Offering Circular does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any Notes in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make the offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The distribution of this Offering Circular and the offer or sale of Notes may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. The Issuers, the Guarantor and the Dealers do not represent that this Offering Circular may be lawfully distributed, or that the Notes may be lawfully offered, in compliance with any

applicable registration or other requirements in any such jurisdiction, or pursuant to an exemption available thereunder, or assume any responsibility for facilitating any such distribution or offering. In particular, no action has been taken by the Issuers, the Guarantor or the Dealers which is intended to permit a public offering of Notes or distribution of this document in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required.

Accordingly, the Notes may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and neither this Offering Circular nor any advertisement or other offering material relating to the Programme or Notes issued thereunder may be distributed or published in any jurisdiction except in circumstances that will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations. Each Dealer has represented or, as the case may be, will be required to represent that all offers and sales by it will be made on the same terms. Persons into whose possession this Offering Circular or any Notes come must inform themselves about, and observe, any such restriction. In particular, there are restrictions on the distribution of this Offering Circular and the offer or sale of Notes in the United States, the European Economic Area (including the United Kingdom) and Japan (see "*Subscription and Sale*").

The Notes and the Guarantees have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the **Securities Act**). The Notes are subject to U.S. tax law requirements. Subject to certain exceptions, Notes may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act and Section 7701(a)(30) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended) (see "*Subscription and Sale*").

Notwithstanding any limitation on disclosure provided for in this Offering Circular, its contents, or any associated Final Terms, and effective from the date of commencement of discussions concerning any of the transactions contemplated hereby (the **Transactions**), each recipient of this Offering Circular or any associated Final Terms (a **Recipient**) (and each employee, representative, or other agent of any such Recipient) may disclose to any and all persons, without limitation of any kind, the tax treatment and tax structure of the Transactions and all materials of any kind (including opinions or other tax analyses) that are provided to it relating to such tax treatment and tax structure (as such terms are defined in U.S. Treasury Regulation Section 1.6011-4) except to the extent that any such disclosure could reasonably be expected to cause this Programme, or any issue of Notes thereunder, not to be in compliance with securities laws.

This Offering Circular has been prepared on the basis that, except to the extent sub-paragraph (ii) below may apply, any offer of Notes in any Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a **Relevant Member State**) will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of Notes. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of Notes which are the subject of an offering contemplated in this Offering Circular as completed by final terms in relation to the offer of those Notes may only do so (i) in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer, or (ii) if a prospectus for such offer has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State and (in either case) published, all in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, provided that any such prospectus has subsequently been completed by final terms which specify that offers may be made other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State and such offer is made in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified for such purpose in such prospectus or final terms, as applicable. Except to the extent sub-paragraph (ii) above may apply, neither the Issuers nor any Dealer have authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Notes in circumstances in which an obligation arises for either Issuer or any Dealer to publish or supplement a prospectus for such offer.

All references in this document to (i) *U.S. dollars*, *U.S.\$*, and *U.S. cents* are to the currency of the United States of America, (ii) *euro* and *€* are to the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended, (iii) *Yen* and *¥* are to the currency of Japan and (iv) *Sterling* and *£* are to the currency of the United Kingdom.

In connection with the issue of any Tranche of Notes, the Dealer or Dealers (if any) named as the Stabilising Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) in the applicable Final Terms may over-allot Notes or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Notes at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, there is no assurance that the Stabilising Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of a Stabilising Manager) will undertake stabilisation action. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the relevant Tranche of Notes is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of Notes and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche of Notes. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment must be conducted by the relevant Stabilising Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME

The following overview does not purport to be complete and is taken from, and is qualified in its entirety by, the remainder of this Offering Circular and, in relation to the terms and conditions of any particular Tranche of Notes, the applicable Final Terms. The relevant Issuer and the Guarantor may agree with the relevant Dealer that Notes shall be issued in a form other than that contemplated in "Terms and Conditions of the Notes", in which event, in the case of listed Notes and if appropriate, a supplemental Offering Circular will be published. Words and expressions defined in "Form of the Notes", specified in capitalised terms in "Form of the Final Terms" and defined in "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" have the same meaning when used herein.

<b>Issuers:</b>	Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC Hitachi Capital America Corp.
<b>Guarantor:</b>	Hitachi Capital Corporation
<b>Description:</b>	Euro Note Programme
<b>Arranger:</b>	Barclays Bank PLC
<b>Programme Dealers:</b>	Barclays Bank PLC BNP Paribas Citigroup Global Markets Limited Daiwa Securities SMBC Europe Limited J.P. Morgan Securities Ltd. Merrill Lynch International Mitsubishi UFJ Securities International plc Mizuho International plc Nomura International plc UBS Limited
<b>Fiscal and Principal Paying Agent:</b>	HSBC Bank plc
<b>Paying Agent:</b>	HSBC Bank plc
<b>Programme Size:</b>	Up to U.S.\$1,800,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described in the Dealer Agreement) outstanding at any one time. The Issuers and the Guarantor may increase or decrease the amount of the Programme in accordance with the terms of the Dealer Agreement.
<b>Legal and regulatory requirements:</b>	<p>Each issue of Notes denominated in a currency in respect of which particular laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements apply will only be issued in circumstances which comply with such laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements from time to time (see "<i>Subscription and Sale</i>") including the following restrictions applicable at the date of this Offering Circular.</p> <p>Each issue of Notes denominated in Yen or in respect of which amounts are payable in Yen will be made only in compliance with applicable Japanese laws, regulations, guidelines and policies.</p>

### Notes having a maturity of less than one year

Notes having a maturity of less than one year will, if the proceeds of the issue are accepted in the United Kingdom, constitute deposits for the purposes of the prohibition on accepting deposits contained in section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 unless they are issued to a limited class of professional investors and have a denomination of at least £100,000 (or its

equivalent in other Specified Currencies), see "*Subscription and Sale*".

**Distribution:** Notes may be distributed by way of private or public placement and in each case on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis.

**Currencies:** Euro, Sterling, U.S. dollars, Yen and, subject to any applicable legal or regulatory restrictions, any other currency agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer.

**Maturities:** Such maturities as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer and as indicated in the applicable Final Terms, subject to such minimum or maximum maturities as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Issuer or the relevant Specified Currency. Notes issued by Hitachi America must have a minimum maturity of 184 days.

**Issue Price:** Notes may be issued on a fully-paid or a partly-paid basis and at an issue price which is at par or at a discount to, or premium over, par.

**Form of Notes:** The Notes will be in bearer form and will on issue be represented by either a Temporary Global Note or (if the Issuer is not Hitachi America) a Permanent Global Note as specified in the applicable Final Terms. Each Temporary Global Note will be exchangeable either for (i) interests in a Permanent Global Note or (ii) for definitive Notes as indicated in the applicable Final Terms, in each case upon certification of non-U.S. beneficial ownership as required by U.S. Treasury Regulations and applicable U.S. securities laws. Each Permanent Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge) for definitive Notes either (i) upon not less than 60 days' written notice from Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Global Note) to the Agent as described therein, or (ii) if the Issuer is not Hitachi America, only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event as described under "*Form of the Notes*".

**Fixed Rate Notes:** Fixed interest will be payable on such date or dates as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer and on redemption, and will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer.

**Floating Rate Notes:** Floating Rate Notes will bear interest at a rate determined:

- (i) on the same basis as the floating rate under a notional interest rate swap transaction in the relevant Specified Currency governed by an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series); or
- (ii) on the basis of a reference rate appearing on the agreed screen page of a commercial quotation service; or
- (iii) on such other basis as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer.

The margin (if any) relating to such floating rate will be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer for each Series of Floating Rate Notes.

<b>Other provisions in relation to Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes:</b>	<p>Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes may also have a maximum interest rate, a minimum interest rate or both.</p> <p>Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes in respect of each Interest Period, as agreed prior to issue by the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer, will be payable on such Interest Payment Dates, and will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction, as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer.</p>
<b>Changes of Interest Basis:</b>	Notes may be converted from one Interest Basis to another if so provided in the applicable Final Terms.
<b>Dual Currency Notes:</b>	Payments (whether in respect of principal or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Dual Currency Notes will be made in such currencies, and based on such rates of exchange, as the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer may agree (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms).
<b>Index Linked Notes:</b>	Payments in respect of interest on Index Linked Interest Notes or in respect of principal on Index Linked Redemption Amount Notes will be calculated by reference to such index and/or formula or to changes in the prices of securities or commodities or to such other factors as the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer may agree (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms).
<b>Zero Coupon Notes:</b>	Zero Coupon Notes will be offered and sold at a discount to their nominal amount and will not bear interest.
<b>Redemption:</b>	<p>The Final Terms relating to each Tranche of Notes will indicate either that the Notes cannot be redeemed prior to their stated maturity (other than in specified denominations, if applicable, or for taxation reasons or following an Event of Default) or that such Notes will be redeemable at the option of the relevant Issuer and/or the Noteholders upon giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' irrevocable notice (or such other notice period (if any) as is indicated in the applicable Final Terms) to the Noteholders or, as the case may be, the relevant Issuer on a date or dates specified prior to such stated maturity and at a price or prices and on such terms as are indicated in the applicable Final Terms.</p> <p>The applicable Final Terms may provide that Notes may be repayable in two or more instalments of such amounts and on such dates as indicated therein.</p> <p>Notes having a maturity of less than one year are subject to restrictions on their denomination and distribution, see "<i>Legal and regulatory requirements – Notes having a maturity of less than one year</i>" above.</p>
<b>Denomination of Notes:</b>	Notes will be issued in such denominations as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer and as indicated in the applicable Final Terms save that the minimum denomination of each Note will be such as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or other equivalent regulatory body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Specified Currency, see " <i>Legal and regulatory requirements – Notes having a maturity of less than one year</i> " above, and save that the minimum denomination of each Note admitted to trading on a regulated market within the European Economic Area or offered to the public in a Member State of the European Economic Area in circumstances which require the

publication of a prospectus under the Prospectus Directive will be €50,000 (or, if the Notes are denominated in a currency other than euro, the equivalent amount in such currency). Notes issued by Hitachi America must at all times have a minimum denomination of €50,000 (or its equivalent in other Specified Currencies) and be in multiples of €50,000 thereafter.

- Taxation:** All payments in respect of the Notes will be made without deduction for or on account of any withholding taxes imposed by any Tax Jurisdiction, subject as provided in Condition 7. In the event that any such deduction is made, the relevant Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor will, save in certain circumstances provided in Condition 7, be required to pay additional amounts to cover the amounts so deducted.
- Negative Pledge:** The Notes will contain a negative pledge provision given by the relevant Issuer and the Guarantor as described in Condition 3.
- Cross Default:** The Notes will contain a cross-default provision relating to indebtedness for money borrowed of the relevant Issuer or the Guarantor as defined and further described in Condition 9.
- Status of the Notes:** The Notes will constitute (subject to Condition 3(a)) direct, unconditional and unsecured obligations of the relevant Issuer and shall at all times rank *pari passu* and without preference among themselves and (with the exception of obligations in respect of applicable statutory exceptions and subject as aforesaid) equally with all its other unsecured obligations (other than subordinated obligations, if any) from time to time outstanding.
- Status of the Guarantees:** Payments in respect of the Notes will be unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the Guarantor under the Guarantees. The obligations of the Guarantor under the Guarantees will constitute (subject to Condition 3(b)) direct, unconditional and unsecured obligations of the Guarantor and shall at all times rank *pari passu* and without any preference among themselves and (with the exception of obligations in respect of national and local taxes and certain other statutory exceptions and subject as aforesaid) equally with all of its other unsecured obligations (other than subordinated obligations, if any) from time to time outstanding.
- Rating:** The rating of certain Series of Notes to be issued under the Programme may be specified in the applicable Final Terms.
- Listing and admission to trading:** Application has been made to the UK Listing Authority for Notes issued under the Programme to be admitted to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for such Notes to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market.
- Notes may be listed or admitted to trading, as the case may be, on other or further stock exchanges or markets agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer in relation to the Series. Notes which are neither listed nor admitted to trading on any market may also be issued.
- The applicable Final Terms will state whether or not the relevant Notes are to be listed and/or admitted to trading and, if so, on which stock exchanges and/or markets.

**Governing Law:**

The Notes and the Guarantees and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them will be governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, English law.

**Selling Restrictions:**

There are specific selling restrictions in relation to the United States, the European Economic Area (including the United Kingdom) and Japan. In connection with the offering and sale of a particular Tranche of Notes, additional or alternative restrictions may be imposed which will be set out in the applicable Final Terms. See "*Subscription and Sale*".

## RISK FACTORS

*Each of the Issuers and the Guarantor believes that the following factors may affect its ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme. All of these factors are contingencies which may or may not occur and neither the Issuers nor the Guarantor is in a position to express a view on the likelihood of any such contingency occurring.*

*In addition, factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme are also described below.*

*Each of the Issuers and the Guarantor believes that the factors described below represent the principal risks inherent in investing in Notes issued under the Programme, but the inability of the Issuers or the Guarantor to pay interest, principal or other amounts on or in connection with any Notes may occur for other reasons which may not be considered significant risks by the Issuers or the Guarantor based on information currently available to them or which they may not currently be able to anticipate. Prospective investors should also read the detailed information set out elsewhere in this Offering Circular and reach their own views prior to making any investment decision.*

Words and expressions defined in "Description of Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC", "Description of Hitachi Capital America Corp." and "Description of Hitachi Capital Corporation" have the same meanings when used herein.

### **Factors that may affect Hitachi's ability to fulfill its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme**

The key business risks facing Hitachi and its subsidiaries (the Hitachi Group) are:

#### ***Credit Risk from Trading Operations***

This is the risk that arises if the Hitachi Group customers do not meet their payment obligations resulting in the loss of the amounts due and any unrealised gains. This risk is managed by following an extensive set of credit policies devised by Hitachi to minimise losses, maximise recoveries and prevent fraud. The policies require that consideration be given to the financial and credit status of the customer, dealer, supplier and/or vendor (including retailers and brokers), the quality of the assets being financed and the terms and conditions which are to be applied.

The Hitachi Group has procedures to ensure adherence to maximum funding periods, amount advanced, maximum deferral periods, the requirement for deposits and adherence to individual authorisation limits. Credit files are kept for each business transaction and scorecards are an integral part of the approval process for both business and consumer customers. Any material changes to the scorecard and / or significant advances requiring director and/or board approval. If the exposure to any one party exceeds certain limits, annual reviews are performed to ensure that overall credit quality has not deteriorated over the course of time.

The Hitachi Group has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a number of different customers.

#### ***Financial Derivative Counterparty Credit Risk***

This is the risk that a counterparty to a financial derivative transaction may default in payment obligations to the Hitachi Group. To limit this risk the Hitachi Group only deals with Board approved counterparties that have had a high credit-rating assigned to them by an international credit-rating agency. The size of the Hitachi Group's exposure to each counterparty, the credit rating of each counterparty and its credit default swap spread are all continuously monitored to ensure that the aggregate value of transactions is well spread throughout the group of approved counterparties and concentration with any one single counterparty is limited. Credit quality is monitored quarterly or more frequently and limits both by counterparty and overall are reviewed and approved by the Board annually.

### ***Residual Value Risk***

This is the risk that the value of a physical asset at the end of a lease or at the end of its economically useful life, is worth less than the value assumed in the finance agreement. Residual value risk occurs primarily within Vehicle Solutions and Business Finance.

### ***Operational Risk***

This is the risk of loss resulting from a breakdown in internal control systems which are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error. Operational risk occurs throughout the Hitachi Group.

### ***Liquidity Risk***

Hitachi borrows from both the wholesale capital markets and directly from banks. The Hitachi Group's objective is to maintain a balance between continuity of funding and cost and flexibility through the use of borrowings with a range of maturities. Currently the Hitachi Group's main source of funding is from the issuance of medium term notes and a small amount of commercial paper. The availability of these and other types of funding depends on the willingness of investors to purchase Hitachi debt. Any adverse change to the credit rating of the Guarantor or market instability may impact upon Hitachi's ability to issue certain types of debt and lead to either increased credit spreads or use of sub-optimal funding sources for new borrowings and the refinancing of existing borrowing sources. This would negatively impact the cost of borrowing and potentially reduce the profitability of the Hitachi Group.

Severe global financial market disruption may prevent the roll-over of maturing funding and compromise the ability of banks to provide short term financing. This could force Hitachi to temporarily cease writing new business in order to conserve cash to meet liabilities as they become due, and as a result reducing the profitability of the Hitachi Group.

### ***Interest Rate Risk***

Most of the Hitachi Group's assets are written at a fixed rate of interest and consequently there is a risk of financial loss if Hitachi's interest costs in relation to the funding of these assets were to rise to above that which has been assumed in writing the assets. This risk is managed by the use of interest rate derivatives to match the interest rate duration of the fixed rates built into the operating and finance lease portfolio to the debt used to fund the portfolio. This matching is maintained within a percentage range approved by the Board.

### ***Currency Risk***

The Hitachi Group's currency risk arises from foreign currency borrowings used to fund the Hitachi Group's GBP denominated assets. The Hitachi Group's policy is to eliminate all foreign exchange risk by entering into cross currency swaps which convert non-Sterling borrowings into Sterling. All currency debt raised under the medium term note and commercial paper programmes are swapped into Sterling at the time of drawdown, except in circumstances where currency funding is required to fund currency assets. Currency risk will therefore only arise if a cross currency swap counterparty defaults. A system of credit exposure monitoring based on counterparty credit ratings is in place to manage the exposure to swap counterparties as described in an earlier paragraph.

### ***Market Risk***

This is the risk that the Hitachi Group is unable to compete effectively due to aggressive external competition or the failure to innovate.

### ***Risk of Significant and Rapid Change in the UK Economy***

A significant increase in unemployment could give rise to increased bad debt write-off in Hitachi's Consumer Finance business. Additionally higher unemployment would lead to increased payouts on payment protection plans sold by Hitachi's Insurance Services division. Alternatively a significant rise in interest rates could also result in lower demand for finance due to many capital projects becoming economically unviable.

### ***Business continuity risk***

This is the risk that a major disaster or pandemic or other unexpected event occurs, resulting in Hitachi being unable to conduct business under the terms agreed with customers or suppliers. Such an event could have a negative impact on the quantity of new business written and damage business relationships, leading to financial loss.

### ***Key Dependencies***

There is a risk of losing a key customer, supplier or employees.

### ***Compliance and Regulatory Risk***

There is a risk that changes in the regulatory framework within which the Hitachi Group operate could reduce the Hitachi Group's ability to conduct business profitably in the future. There is also the risk that the Hitachi Group fails to comply with registration or regulations leading to the penalties imposed by the regulator.

The board is responsible for ensuring that appropriate mechanisms are in place to identify, evaluate and manage the risks which could prevent Hitachi from achieving its objectives.

Each of the business unit heads and head office managers is responsible for risk management in their respective businesses or functional areas. A risk management committee, chaired by the Finance Director, is responsible for co-ordinating this process and reporting its findings to the board. The risk management committee meets and reports to the board on a quarterly basis.

### ***Internal Control***

The board is responsible for the Hitachi Group's system of internal control and for reviewing its effectiveness. The system of internal control is designed to safeguard assets against unauthorised use, maintain proper accounting records and ensure the reliability of financial information. The system of internal control is designed to manage, but not eliminate, the risk of failure to achieve business objectives and provides reasonable rather than absolute assurances against material misstatement, loss or fraud.

There is an ongoing process of identifying, evaluating and managing significant risks faced by the Hitachi Group. This process accords with Internal Control: Guidance for Directors on the Combined Code (the Turnbull Guidance) issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, and is subject to regular review by the board.

The board, through the audit committee, has reviewed the effectiveness of the system of internal control, including financial, operational and compliance controls and risk management through reports it receives from the risk management committee, representations from management and the independent monitoring undertaken by the internal audit function. In addition, the Hitachi Group's external auditors present to the audit committee, reports that include details of any significant internal control matters which they have identified. Weaknesses identified during the course of these reviews have been incorporated into action plans. None of the weaknesses have given rise to material loss, contingency or uncertainty requiring disclosure in the annual accounts.

### ***Financial Reporting Risk***

This is the risk that due to a breakdown in internal control or fraud the Hitachi Group's financial statements are materially misstated leading to a breakdown in stakeholder confidence. Due to this risk and as a consequence of the on going listing requirements on the New York Stock Exchange of its ultimate parent company (Hitachi Limited) the Hitachi Group has implemented U.S. Sarbanes-Oxley legislation. This enhances the internal control environment across the Hitachi Group with regard to financial reporting.

## **Factors that may affect Hitachi America's ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme**

### ***Credit Risk***

Hitachi America provides financing to large and small companies on a secured basis. It mitigates credit risk by limiting the size of customer exposure based on the type of equipment being financed, structure of the transaction and credit strength of the customer. Should there be an increase in the percentage of customers who cannot repay their outstanding obligations however, Hitachi America may need to recognise an increase in its provision for doubtful accounts which may have a negative impact on its financial results.

Hitachi America also provides limited recourse to several financial institutions that purchased primarily Small Company Financing receivables. Hitachi America has reserved for expected losses from these sold portfolios. Should there be an increase in the percentage of obligors who cannot repay their outstanding obligations, Hitachi America may need to recognise an increase in its provision for doubtful accounts under these recourse arrangements, which may have a negative impact on its financial results.

Hitachi America enters into fixed interest rate and currency swap derivative contracts. The counterparties to Hitachi America's swaps are large international banks with investment grade ratings. The use by Hitachi America of derivatives such as currency and interest rate swaps is based on the expectation of performance by the counterparty to the derivative. In the event of non-performance by the counterparties, Hitachi America's financial results may be negatively affected.

### ***Interest Rate Risk***

Hitachi America provides financing to its customers primarily on a fixed rate basis. A portion of Hitachi America's liabilities are floating rate which gives rise to interest rate risk. When interest rates rise, the result may be a higher cost of borrowing and a reduction in profitability. Hitachi America monitors this risk on a continual basis and evaluates the use of additional fixed rate debt including debt through the Programme as well as derivatives such as interest rate swaps as necessary. While Hitachi America has made efforts to mitigate this risk, Hitachi America offers no assurance that the risk has been eliminated.

The counterparties to Hitachi America's interest rate and currency swaps are large international banks with investment grade ratings. The use by Hitachi America of derivatives such as currency and interest rate swaps is based on the expectation of performance by the counterparty to the derivative. In the event of non-performance by the counterparties, Hitachi America's financial results may be negatively affected.

### ***Liquidity Risk***

Hitachi America currently raises capital through its U.S. commercial paper program, the Programme and by borrowing under various loan facilities. Hitachi America may face a potential liquidity shortfall if it is unable to repay debt as it matures either by using available cash or raising new debt.

Hitachi America's U.S. commercial paper program and the Programme are guaranteed by Hitachi Capital Corporation, which may be subject to credit rating downgrades by the credit rating agencies. Such downgrades may limit Hitachi America's ability to borrow in the capital markets and thus make it more difficult to refinance its obligations and increase its cost of funding. This may adversely affect Hitachi America's financial results.

Hitachi America has committed and uncommitted back up lines with various financial institutions to provide liquidity to mitigate such events. In addition, Hitachi America has a syndications function and has been successful in selling annually a portion of both its Large Company Financing and Small Company Financing portfolio. While Hitachi America actively makes efforts to mitigate liquidity risk, Hitachi America offers no assurance that the risk has been eliminated.

### ***Currency Risk***

Hitachi America issues foreign currency based debt through the Programme. The majority of the Notes issued under the Programme are in a currency other than U.S. dollars. Since Hitachi America's operations are in the U.S., issuance of Notes in a currency other than U.S. dollars gives rise to currency risk.

Hitachi America eliminates the currency risk (subject to performance by the counterparties) through the use of derivatives (currency swaps), which effectively convert the foreign currency to U.S. dollars.

The counterparties to Hitachi America's interest rate and currency swaps are large international banks with investment grade ratings. The use by Hitachi America of derivatives such as currency and interest rate swaps is based on the expectation of performance by the counterparty to the derivative. In the event of non-performance by the counterparties, Hitachi America's financial results may be negatively affected.

### ***Administrative and System Risks***

Hitachi America carries out its business activities using various information systems. Any error, including administrative or accidental human errors as well as fraud by employees, unauthorised access to the systems or a computer virus from outside Hitachi America, or a stoppage or breakdown of internal operating systems, could have an adverse impact on Hitachi America's business results.

Hitachi America has in place a back up generator at its main facility as well as access to a third party disaster recovery site. Hitachi America utilises a firewall managed by a major service provider to protect its internal systems from unauthorised external access. Access to major internal computer systems is limited to only authorised staff. While Hitachi America has made efforts to mitigate these risks, Hitachi America offers no assurance that the risks have been eliminated.

### ***Market Risk***

There is a risk that Hitachi America will not be able to compete effectively due to aggressive external competition which may result in Hitachi America experiencing difficulty in retaining and attracting customers. This may result in a reduction of financing volume and may negatively affect Hitachi America's profitability.

### ***Risk of Economic Downturn***

A significant contraction in economic growth could give rise to credit risk in both Large Company Financing and Small Company Financing and a decrease in customer demand for secured lending and leasing. This may result in a reduction in new business volume and may negatively affect Hitachi America's profitability.

### ***Residual Value Risk***

There is a risk that the value of a physical asset at the end of an operating or finance lease contract or at the end of its useful life is worth less than its book value. Certain manufacturers guarantee the majority of Hitachi America's residual values. Hitachi America is required to fulfil certain provisions required by the manufacturers in order for the guarantees to be in effect. Non-performance by Hitachi America of these provisions may result in the release of the manufacturers from their guarantee obligations. Without the guarantee payment from the manufacturer, Hitachi America may not fully recover the value of the residuals and this may negatively affect Hitachi America's profitability. Hitachi America believes that it has adequate internal controls in place to mitigate this risk. In addition, there is also a risk that the manufacturer will not be able to fulfil its guarantee of the residual due to financial or other difficulties and such event may also adversely affect Hitachi America's profitability.

### ***Key Dependencies***

Hitachi America has relationships with certain manufacturers to promote its financing programmes with the manufacturer's customers. Should these relationships be withdrawn by the manufacturers, it may make it more difficult for Hitachi America to extend credit to the manufacturer's customers. This may result in a reduction of new business volume and may negatively affect Hitachi America's profitability.

### ***Compliance and Regulatory Risk***

There is a risk that changes in the regulatory framework within which Hitachi America operates could reduce our ability to conduct business profitably in the future. There is also the risk that Hitachi America

may fail to comply with registration or regulations resulting in penalties imposed by the regulators which will negatively impact Hitachi America's profitability.

### ***Internal Control***

The system of internal controls, currently implemented by Hitachi America, is designed to safeguard assets against unauthorized use, maintain proper accounting records and ensure the reliability of financial information. This system of internal controls is designed to manage, but not eliminate, the risk of failure to achieve business objectives and provides reasonable rather than absolute assurances against material misstatement, loss or fraud.

The Internal Controls Committee of Hitachi America is responsible for implementing, monitoring, reviewing and improving Hitachi America's system of internal controls. Such Committee which is chaired by the Chief Financial Officer includes the President and Chief Risk Officer as well as other senior executives in finance, legal, risk management and information technology. Hitachi America's senior management is responsible for assessing the design and effectiveness of its internal controls.

### **Business Continuity Risk**

A disaster or other unexpected event may lead to the inability of Hitachi America to conduct business under the terms agreed to with customers or suppliers. Such an event may negatively impact Hitachi America's profitability.

### **Financial Reporting Risk**

A failure of internal control or fraud may lead to the misstatement of Hitachi America's financial statements. This may result in a loss of confidence in the company by stakeholders and may negatively impact Hitachi America's profitability.

### **Factors that may affect the Guarantor's ability to fulfil its obligations under the Guarantees**

#### ***Internal Control Related Risk***

The Hitachi Capital Group has established and maintains an internal control system based on internal control resolutions, and evaluates and works to ensure the appropriateness of its internal controls through the Internal Control Committee. Nevertheless, if internal controls do not function effectively or unexpected problems arise, there could be an adverse impact on the Group's business results.

#### ***Interest Rate Risk***

Since the Group provides financial services, including leasing and installment sales, it must procure large amounts of funds and carry out thorough ALM\* through liquidation. A sharp rise in market interest rates, however, could cause a rise in fundraising costs and have an adverse impact on the Group's business results.

\*Asset Liability Management: Companies firmly ascertain the characteristics of maturities and interest from their assets and liabilities, and monitor cash flows, liquidity, currency risk and interest risk.

#### ***Liquidity Risk***

Although the Group works to appropriately manage its cash position, there are times when it may be difficult to secure the funds required, including if the creditworthiness of the Group has declined, or due to turmoil in financial markets or changes in the market environment. Additionally, the Guarantor may be forced to procure funds when interest rates are significantly higher than normal. Factors such as these could have an adverse impact on the Group's business results.

#### ***Credit Risk***

The Group is engaged in various kinds of business associated with providing credit, including leasing, credit guarantees and installment sales. During such business execution, the Group appropriately controls

credit risk by conducting screening at the time of a contract and ascertaining such factors as the state of credit while a credit receivable is being collected. Nevertheless, an increase in corporate and personal bankruptcies due to a changing economic environment could result in an increased burden with respect to losses on receivables and bad debt expenses in terms of lease transactions.

### ***Laws and Regulations Changes Risk***

Changes in laws and regulations related to Group business could also impact results. With total enforcement of the revised Money-Lending Business Control and Regulation Law and full-scale enforcement of the revised Installment Sales Law, there could be additional costs associated with the changes, and customer demand may change. The Group has always complied with the Interest Limitation Law, so there is no direct risk of returning excess payments.

### ***Business Structure Reform Risk***

The Group is reforming its business structure in order to achieve sustainable growth. However, a delay or failure to achieve these reforms, for any reason, could have an adverse impact on the Group's business results.

### ***Leased Assets Residual Value Risk***

One of the Group's business strategies is to "provide financial services that focus on 'products'." To achieve this, we concentrate on operating leases in order to respond to changes in market demand accompanied by changes in accounting standards for financial leases. We will continue to improve our abilities and expertise in evaluating "products" and the resale of leased assets as the Group's core skills. However, there is a possibility of a decline in actual disposal value from the initial estimated value of leased property due to such factors as unexpected changes in the market environment and technological innovations.

### ***Administrative and System Risk***

The Group carries out its business activities using various information systems. Any error, including administrative or accidental human errors as well as fraudulence by employees, unauthorized access to systems or a computer virus from outside the Group, or a stoppage or breakdown of internal operating systems, could have an adverse impact on the Group's business results.

In addition, external leaks or illicit use of information concerning customers or affiliates due to similar causes may result in damage to said customers or affiliates and lead to loss of trust from society, and this could have an adverse impact on the Group's business results.

### ***Compliance Risk***

Given that the Group offers a variety of financial services, it must comply with a number of laws and regulations, such as the Installment Sales Law, the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law and the Money-Lending Business Control and Regulation Law, as well as various consumer protection and waste disposal regulations. The Guarantor must also comply with a wide range of social rules from internal regulations and voluntary industry rules to social ethics and norms. The Guarantor established the Compliance Group within the Legal Department and is working to develop its compliance structure. However, failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations and social norms could have an adverse impact on the Group's business results due to criminal prosecution and loss of trust from society.

### ***Human Resources Risk***

The Group considers employees' abilities as important assets of a company and is implementing intensified recruitment, well-planned educational programs and improved training programs. However, there is a risk that the Group will not be able to secure the human resources required for business operations following reforms in cases where employees of existing businesses cannot adapt to business structural reforms, where appropriate employee placement is not conducted or where new personnel cannot be hired. Moreover, difficulties in ensuring that the Group's screening and collection management know-how and experience are effectively passed on to new employees could have an adverse impact on the Group's business results.

### ***Business Partners-Related Risk***

The Group conducts business in cooperation with numerous business partners due to the characteristics of the business. Despite thorough screening of the companies before committing to collaboration, the Group may have to shoulder responsibility in case of bankruptcy or illegal activity by the affiliate, which could have an adverse impact on the Group's business results.

### ***Non-life Insurance Risk***

The Group is engaged in non-life insurance business and works to reduce risks related to underwriting insurance. However, a major disaster could have an adverse impact on the Group's business due to payment of insurance claims that exceed expectations.

### **Factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme**

#### ***The Notes may not be a suitable investment for all investors***

Each potential investor in the Notes must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor should:

- (i) have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Notes, the merits and risks of investing in the Notes and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Offering Circular or any applicable supplement;
- (ii) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the Notes and the impact the Notes will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (iii) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Notes, including Notes with principal or interest payable in one or more currencies, or where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the potential investor's currency;
- (iv) understand thoroughly the terms of the Notes and be familiar with the behaviour of any relevant indices and financial markets; and
- (v) be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

Some Notes are complex financial instruments. Sophisticated institutional investors generally do not purchase complex financial instruments as stand-alone investments. They purchase complex financial instruments as a way to reduce risk or enhance yield with an understood, measured, appropriate addition of risk to their overall portfolios. A potential investor should not invest in Notes which are complex financial instruments unless it has the expertise (either alone or with a financial adviser) to evaluate how the Notes will perform under changing conditions, the resulting effects on the value of the Notes and the impact this investment will have on the potential investor's overall investment portfolio.

### ***Risks related to the structure of a particular issue of Notes***

A wide range of Notes may be issued under the Programme. A number of these Notes may have features which contain particular risks for potential investors. Set out below is a description of the most common such features:

#### ***Notes subject to optional redemption by the relevant Issuer***

An optional redemption feature of Notes is likely to limit their market value. During any period when the Issuer may elect to redeem Notes, the market value of those Notes generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. This also may be true prior to any redemption period.

The relevant Issuer may be expected to redeem Notes when its cost of borrowing is lower than the interest rate on the Notes. At those times, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Notes being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in light of other investments available at that time.

#### *Index Linked Notes and Dual Currency Notes*

The relevant Issuer may issue Notes with principal or interest determined by reference to an index or formula, to changes in the prices of securities or commodities, to movements in currency exchange rates or other factors (each, a **Relevant Factor**). In addition, the relevant Issuer may issue Notes with principal or interest payable in one or more currencies which may be different from the currency in which the Notes are denominated. Potential investors should be aware that:

- (i) the market price of such Notes may be volatile;
- (ii) they may receive no interest;
- (iii) payment of principal or interest may occur at a different time or in a different currency than expected;
- (iv) they may lose all or a substantial portion of their principal;
- (v) a Relevant Factor may be subject to significant fluctuations that may not correlate with changes in interest rates, currencies or other indices;
- (vi) if a Relevant Factor is applied to Notes in conjunction with a multiplier greater than one or contains some other leverage factor, the effect of changes in the Relevant Factor on principal or interest payable likely will be magnified; and
- (vii) the timing of changes in a Relevant Factor may affect the actual yield to investors, even if the average level is consistent with their expectations. In general, the earlier the change in the Relevant Factor, the greater the effect on yield.

The historical experience of an index should not be viewed as an indication of the future performance of such index during the term of any Index Linked Notes. Accordingly, potential investors should consult their own financial and legal advisers about the risk entailed by an investment in any Index Linked Notes and the suitability of such Notes in light of their particular circumstances.

#### *Partly-paid Notes*

The Issuer may issue Notes where the issue price is payable in more than one instalment. Failure to pay any subsequent instalment could result in an investor losing all of his investment.

#### *Variable rate Notes with a multiplier or other leverage factor*

Notes with variable interest rates can be volatile investments. If they are structured to include multipliers or other leverage factors, or caps or floors, or any combination of those features or other similar related features, their market values may be even more volatile than those for securities that do not include those features.

#### *Inverse Floating Rate Notes*

Inverse Floating Rate Notes have an interest rate equal to a fixed rate minus a rate based upon a reference rate such as LIBOR. The market values of those Notes typically are more volatile than market values of other conventional floating rate debt securities based on the same reference rate (and with otherwise comparable terms). Inverse Floating Rate Notes are more volatile because an increase in the reference rate not only decreases the interest rate of the Notes, but may also reflect an increase in prevailing interest rates, which further adversely affects the market value of these Notes.

### *Fixed/Floating Rate Notes*

Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may bear interest at a rate that converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or from a floating rate to a fixed rate. Where the relevant Issuer has the right to effect such a conversion, this will affect the secondary market and the market value of the Notes since the Issuer may be expected to convert the rate when it is likely to produce a lower overall cost of borrowing. If the relevant Issuer converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate in such circumstances, the spread on the Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may be less favourable than then prevailing spreads on comparable Floating Rate Notes tied to the same reference rate. In addition, the new floating rate at any time may be lower than the rates on other Notes. If the relevant Issuer converts from a floating rate to a fixed rate in such circumstances, the fixed rate may be lower than then prevailing rates on its Notes.

### *Notes issued at a substantial discount or premium*

The market values of securities issued at a substantial discount or premium from their principal amount tend to fluctuate more in relation to general changes in interest rates than do prices for conventional interest-bearing securities. Generally, the longer the remaining term of the securities, the greater the price volatility as compared to conventional interest-bearing securities with comparable maturities.

### *Risks related to Notes generally*

Set out below is a brief description of certain risks relating to the Notes generally:

#### *Modification, waivers and meetings of Noteholders*

The conditions of the Notes contain provisions for calling meetings of Noteholders to consider matters affecting their interests generally. These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all Noteholders including Noteholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and Noteholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority.

#### *EU Savings Directive*

Under EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC (the **Directive**) on the taxation of saving income, each Member State of the European Union is required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest (or similar income) made by a person within its jurisdiction to an individual resident in that other Member State. However, for a transitional period, Belgium, Luxembourg and Austria are instead required (unless during that period they elect otherwise) to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments (the ending of such transitional period being dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries). A number of non-European Union countries and territories, including Switzerland, have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland).

On 15 September 2008 the European Commission issued a report to the Council of the European Union on the operation of the Directive, which included the Commission's advice on the need for changes to the Directive. On 13 November 2008 the European Commission published a more detailed proposal for amendments to the Directive, which included a number of suggested changes. The European Parliament approved an amended version of this proposal on 24 April 2009. If any of those proposed changes are made in relation to the Directive, they may amend or broaden the scope of the requirements described above.

If a payment were to be made or collected through a Member State which has opted for a withholding system and an amount of, or in respect of, tax were to be withheld from that payment, neither the relevant Issuer nor the Guarantor nor any Paying Agent nor any other person would be obliged to pay additional amounts with respect to any Note as a result of the imposition of such withholding tax. The relevant Issuer will be required to maintain a Paying Agent in a Member State that is not obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to the Directive.

### *Change of law*

The terms and conditions of the Notes are based on English law in effect as at the date of this Offering Circular. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change to English law or administrative practice at any time after the date of this Offering Circular.

### *Delisting*

Where a particular issue of Notes is listed, the relevant Issuer will use all reasonable endeavours to maintain such listing unless the maintenance of such listing would be unduly burdensome. However, if after exercise of all reasonable endeavours it is unable to comply with the requirements for maintaining such listing or such maintenance is unduly burdensome, the relevant Issuer may delist such Notes from the stock exchange on which they are listed and use its reasonable endeavours to obtain and maintain a listing of such Notes on another major stock exchange or exchanges, such exchange(s) to be notified to the relevant Dealer.

### *Notes where denominations involve integral multiples: definitive Notes*

In relation to any issue of Notes which have denominations consisting of a minimum Specified Denomination plus one or more higher integral multiples of another smaller amount, it is possible that such Notes may be traded in amounts that are not integral multiples of such minimum Specified Denomination. In such a case a holder who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds an amount which is less than the minimum Specified Denomination in his account with the relevant clearing system at the relevant time may not receive a definitive Note in respect of such holding (should definitive Notes be printed) and would need to purchase a principal amount of Notes such that its holding amounts to a Specified Denomination.

If definitive Notes are issued, holders should be aware that definitive Notes which have a denomination that is not an integral multiple of the minimum Specified Denomination may be illiquid and difficult to trade.

### *Risks related to the market generally*

Set out below is a brief description of the principal market risks, including liquidity risk, exchange rate risk, interest rate risk and credit risk:

#### *The secondary market generally*

Notes may have no established trading market when issued, and one may never develop. If a market does develop, it may not be very liquid. Therefore, investors may not be able to sell their Notes easily or at prices that will provide them with a yield comparable to similar investments that have a developed secondary market. This is particularly the case for Notes that are especially sensitive to interest rate, currency or market risks, are designed for specific investment objectives or strategies or have been structured to meet the investment requirements of limited categories of investors. These types of Notes generally would have a more limited secondary market and more price volatility than conventional debt securities. Illiquidity may have a severely adverse effect on the market value of Notes.

In addition, Noteholders should be aware of the prevailing and widely reported global credit market conditions (which continue at the date of this Offering Circular), whereby there is a general lack of liquidity in the secondary market for instruments similar to the Notes. Such lack of liquidity may result in investors suffering losses on the Notes in secondary resales even if there is no decline in the performance of the assets of the Issuer. The Issuer cannot predict which of these circumstances will change and whether, if and when they do change, there will be a more liquid market for the Notes and instruments similar to the Notes at that time.

#### *Exchange rate risks and exchange controls*

The relevant Issuer will pay principal and interest on the Notes and the Guarantor will make any payments under the relevant Guarantee in the Specified Currency. This presents certain risks relating to currency conversions if an investor's financial activities are denominated principally in a currency or currency unit (the **Investor's Currency**) other than the Specified Currency. These include the risk that exchange rates may significantly change (including changes due to devaluation of the Specified Currency or revaluation of

the Investor's Currency) and the risk that authorities with jurisdiction over the Investor's Currency may impose or modify exchange controls. An appreciation in the value of the Investor's Currency relative to the Specified Currency would decrease (1) the Investor's Currency-equivalent yield on the Notes, (2) the Investor's Currency-equivalent value of the principal payable on the Notes and (3) the Investor's Currency-equivalent market value of the Notes.

Government and monetary authorities may impose (as some have done in the past) exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable exchange rate. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected, or no interest or principal.

#### *Interest rate risks*

Investment in Fixed Rate Notes involves the risk that subsequent changes in market interest rates may adversely affect the value of the Fixed Rate Notes.

#### *Credit ratings may not reflect all risks*

One or more independent credit rating agencies may assign credit ratings to the Notes. The ratings may not reflect the potential impact of all risks related to structure, market, additional factors discussed above, and other factors that may affect the value of the Notes. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be revised or withdrawn by the rating agency at any time.

#### *Legal investment considerations may restrict certain investments*

The investment activities of certain investors are subject to legal investment laws and regulations, or review or regulation by certain authorities. Each potential investor should consult its legal advisers to determine whether and to what extent (1) Notes are legal investments for it, (2) Notes can be used as collateral for various types of borrowing and (3) other restrictions apply to its purchase or pledge of any Notes. Financial institutions should consult their legal advisors or the appropriate regulators to determine the appropriate treatment of Notes under any applicable risk-based capital or similar rules.

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following documents which have previously been published and have been filed with the Financial Services Authority shall be incorporated in, and form part of, this Offering Circular:

- (a) the auditors report and audited consolidated annual financial statements prepared under International Financial Reporting Standards for the years ended 31 March 2009 and 31 March 2008 of Hitachi (appearing at pages 7-51 and pages 22-66 of Hitachi's 2009 and 2008 Annual Reports, respectively);
- (b) the auditors report and audited non-consolidated annual financial statements prepared under generally accepted accounting principles in the United States for the years ended 31 March 2009 and 31 March 2008 of Hitachi America;
- (c) the auditors report and audited consolidated annual financial statements prepared under generally accepted accounting principles in Japan for the years ended 31 March 2009 and 31 March 2008 of the Guarantor (appearing at pages 12-39 and pages 16-43 of the Guarantor's 2009 and 2008 Annual Reports, respectively);
- (d) the terms and conditions contained in pages 38 to 59 of the offering circular dated 29 August 2008;
- (e) the terms and conditions contained in pages 33 to 53 of the offering circular dated 29 August 2007;
- (f) the terms and conditions contained in pages 20 to 29 of the offering circular dated 15 December 2005;
- (g) the terms and conditions contained in pages 21 to 38 of the offering circular dated 15 November 2004;and
- (h) the terms and conditions contained in pages 21 to 38 of the offering circular dated 29 October 2003.

Following the publication of this Offering Circular a supplement may be prepared by the Issuers and approved by the UK Listing Authority in accordance with Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive. Statements contained in any such supplement (or contained in any document incorporated by reference therein) shall, to the extent applicable (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise), be deemed to modify or supersede statements contained in this Offering Circular or in a document which is incorporated by reference in this Offering Circular. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Offering Circular.

Copies of documents incorporated by reference in this Offering Circular can be obtained from the registered office of each Issuer and from the specified office of the Paying Agent for the time being in London. In addition, copies of the documents will be available on the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange.

Any documents themselves incorporated by reference in the documents incorporated by reference in this Offering Circular shall not form part of this Offering Circular.

The Issuers will, in the event of any significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in this Offering Circular which is capable of affecting the assessment of any Notes, prepare a supplement to this Offering Circular or publish a new Offering Circular for use in connection with any subsequent issue of Notes.

## FORM OF THE NOTES

Each Tranche of Notes will either be initially represented by a temporary global Note in bearer form (without receipts, interest coupons or talons) (a **Temporary Global Note**) or, (in cases in which the Issuer is not Hitachi America) if agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer, be represented by a permanent global Note in bearer form which, in either case, unless otherwise agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer, will be delivered to a common depositary for Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear. Any reference to Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or Euroclear in this section "*Form of the Notes*" shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearance system approved by the relevant Issuer, the relevant Dealer and the Agent. Whilst any Note is represented by a Temporary Global Note, payments of principal and interest (if any) due prior to the Exchange Date (as defined below) will be made outside the United States and its possessions against presentation of the Temporary Global Note only to the extent that certification (in a form to be provided) to the effect that the beneficial owner of such Note is not a U.S. person or a person who has purchased for resale, directly or indirectly, to any U.S. person, as required by U.S. Treasury Regulations and applicable U.S. securities laws, has been received by Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or Euroclear, and Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or Euroclear, as applicable, has given a like certification (based on the certifications it/they has/have received) to the Agent.

On and after the date (the **Exchange Date**) which is the later of (i) 40 days after the date on which any Temporary Global Note is issued and (ii) 40 days after the completion of the distribution of the relevant Tranche, as certified by the relevant Dealer (in the case of a non-syndicated issue) or the relevant lead manager (in the case of a syndicated issue), interests in such Temporary Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge) upon a request as described therein either for (i) interests in a permanent global Note (a **Permanent Global Note**) of the same Series or (ii) for definitive Notes of the same Series with, where applicable, receipts, interest coupons and talons attached (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms), in each case against certification of beneficial ownership as described above unless such certification has already been given. The holder of a Temporary Global Note will not be entitled to collect any payment of interest, principal or other amount due on or after the Exchange Date unless, upon due certification, exchange of the Temporary Global Note for an interest in a Permanent Global Note or definitive Notes is improperly withheld or refused. Pursuant to the Agency Agreement, the Agent shall arrange that whenever a further Tranche of Notes is issued which is intended to form a single series with an existing Tranche of Notes, the Notes of such Tranche shall be assigned a common code and ISIN by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg which are different from the common code and ISIN assigned to Notes of any other Tranche of the same Series until at least the expiry of the distribution compliance period (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act) applicable to the Notes of such Tranche.

Payments of principal, interest (if any) or any other amounts on a Permanent Global Note will be made through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg against presentation or surrender (as the case may be) outside the United States and its possessions of the Permanent Global Note without any requirement for certification.

The applicable Final Terms will specify that a Permanent Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for definitive Notes with, where applicable, receipts, interest coupons and talons attached upon either (i) not less than 60 days' written notice from Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Global Note) to the Agent as described therein or (in cases in which the Issuer is not Hitachi America) (ii) only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event. For these purposes, **Exchange Event** means that (i) an Event of Default (as defined in Condition 9) has occurred and is continuing, (ii) the relevant Issuer has been notified that both Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or have announced an intention permanently to cease business or have in fact done so and no successor clearing system is available or (iii) the relevant Issuer has or will become subject to adverse tax consequences which would not be suffered were the Notes represented by the Permanent Global Note in definitive form. The relevant Issuer will promptly give notice to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13 if an Exchange Event occurs. In the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Global Note) may give notice to the Agent requesting exchange and, in the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event as described in (iii) above, the relevant Issuer may also give notice to the Agent requesting exchange. Any such exchange shall occur not later than 45 days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Agent.

Global Notes and definitive Notes will be issued pursuant to the Agency Agreement.

No definitive Note delivered in exchange for a Temporary Global Note or a Permanent Global Note will be mailed or otherwise delivered to any location in the United States or its possessions in connection with any such exchange.

The following legend will appear on all global Notes, definitive Notes, receipts, interest coupons and talons with an initial maturity of more than 183 days if issued by Hitachi America and with an initial maturity of more than 1 year if issued by Hitachi:

“Any United States person who holds this obligation will be subject to limitations under the United States income tax laws, including the limitations provided in sections 165(j) and 1287(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.”

The sections referred to provide that United States persons, with certain exceptions, will not be entitled to deduct any loss on Notes, receipts or interest coupons and will not be entitled to capital gains treatment of any gain on any sale, disposition, redemption or payment of principal in respect of Notes, receipts or interest coupons.

A Note may be accelerated by the holder thereof in certain circumstances described in Condition 9 of the Notes. In such circumstances, where any Note is still represented by a global Note and a holder of such Note so represented and credited to his securities account with Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear gives notice that he wishes to accelerate such Note, unless within a period of 15 days from the giving of such notice payment has been made in full of the amount due in accordance with the terms of such global Note, such global Note will become void. At the same time, holders of interests in such global Note credited to their account with Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear will become entitled to proceed directly against the relevant Issuer on the basis of statements of account provided by Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear, on and subject to the terms of a deed of covenant (the **Deed of Covenant**) dated 29 August, 2008, executed by the relevant Issuer.

## FORM OF THE FINAL TERMS

*Set out below is the form of Final Terms which will be completed for each Tranche of Notes issued under the Programme with a denomination of at least €50,000 (or its equivalent in another Specified Currency). N.B. Notes issued by Hitachi America must at all times have a minimum denomination of €50,000 (or its equivalent in other Specified Currencies) and be in multiples of €50,000 thereafter.*

*Final Terms dated [Date]*

### HITACHI CAPITAL (UK) PLC HITACHI CAPITAL AMERICA CORP.

Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes]  
Guaranteed by Hitachi Capital Corporation under the

U.S.\$1,800,000,000  
EURO NOTE PROGRAMME

### PART A — CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Terms and Conditions (the **Conditions**) set forth in the Offering Circular dated 12 August 2009 which constitutes a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (the **Prospectus Directive**). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Offering Circular. Full information on the Issuer, the Guarantor and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Offering Circular. Copies of the Offering Circular may be obtained during normal business hours from the registered office of the Issuer and from the specified office of the Paying Agent in London. In addition, copies of the Offering Circular will be available on the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange.

*[The following alternative language applies if the first tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under an Offering Circular with an earlier date.]*

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Terms and Conditions (the **Conditions**) set forth in the Offering Circular dated [original date]. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (the **Prospectus Directive**) and must be read in conjunction with the Offering Circular dated 12 August 2009 which constitutes a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive, save in respect of the Conditions which are extracted from the Offering Circular dated [original date] and are attached hereto. Full information on the Issuer, the Guarantor and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Offering Circular dated 12 August 2009 and [original date]. Copies of such Offering Circulars may be obtained during normal business hours from the registered office of the Issuer and from the specified office of the Paying Agent in London. In addition, copies of the Offering Circulars will be available on the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange.]

*[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as "Not Applicable" (N/A). Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if "Not Applicable" is indicated for individual paragraphs or sub-paragraphs. Italics denote directions for completing the Final Terms.]*

*[When completing final terms or adding any other final terms or information consideration should be given as to whether such terms or information constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Offering Circular under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.]*

*[Notes having a maturity of less than one year may need to have a minimum denomination of £100,000 or its equivalent in any other Specified Currency.]*

*[Notes issued by Hitachi America must at all times have a minimum denomination of €50,000 (or its equivalent in any other Specified Currencies) and be in multiples of €50,000 thereafter.]*

1. (i) Issuer: [Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC/  
Hitachi Capital America Corp.]
- (ii) Guarantor: Hitachi Capital Corporation
2. (i) Series Number: [ ]
- (ii) Tranche Number: [ ]
- (If fungible with an existing Series, details of that Series, including the date on which the Notes become fungible).*
3. Specified Currency or Currencies: [ ]
4. Aggregate Nominal Amount:
- (i) Series: [ ]
- (ii) Tranche: [ ]
5. Issue Price: [ ] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [insert date] (if applicable)]
6. (i) Specified Denominations: [ ]
- (Note — where multiple denominations above [€50,000] or equivalent are being used the following sample wording should be followed:*
- “[€50,000] and integral multiples of [€1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [€99,000]. No Notes in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above [€99,000].”*)
- (Hitachi America will not issue Notes which have denominations consisting of a minimum denomination and integral multiples of another amount)*
- (N.B. If an issue of Notes by Hitachi is (i) NOT admitted to trading on an European Economic Area exchange; and (ii) only offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is not required to be published under the Prospectus Directive the €50,000 minimum denomination is not required. However, Notes issued by Hitachi America must at all times have a minimum denomination of €50,000 (or its equivalent in any other Specified Currencies) and be in multiples of €50,000 thereafter.)*
- (ii) Calculation Amount: [ ]
- [If there is only one Specified Denomination, insert that Specified Denomination. If there is more than one Specified Denomination, insert the highest common factor][N.B. there must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations]*
7. (i) Issue Date: [ ]
- (ii) Interest Commencement Date: [Specify/Issue Date/Not Applicable]
- (N.B. An Interest Commencement Date will not be relevant for certain Notes, for example Zero Coupon Notes.)*

8. Maturity Date: *[Fixed rate — specify date/  
Floating rate — Interest Payment Date falling in or  
nearest to [specify month and year]]  
(Notes issued by Hitachi America must have a  
minimum maturity of 184 days)*
9. Interest Basis: *[[ ] per cent. Fixed Rate]  
[[LIBOR/EURIBOR] +/- [ ] per cent. Floating Rate]  
[Zero Coupon]  
[Index Linked Interest]  
[Dual Currency Interest]  
[Other (specify)]  
(further particulars specified below)*
10. Redemption/Payment Basis: *[Redemption at par]  
[Index Linked Redemption]  
[Dual Currency Redemption]  
[Partly Paid]  
[Instalment]  
[Other (specify)]  
  
(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100  
per cent. of the nominal value, the Notes will be  
derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus  
Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the  
Prospectus Directive Regulation will apply.)*
11. Change of Interest Basis or  
Redemption/ Payment Basis: *[Specify details of any provision for change of Notes  
into another Interest Basis or Redemption/Payment  
Basis]*
12. Put/Call Options: *[Investor Put]  
[Issuer Call]  
[(further particulars specified below)]*
13. Date of Board Resolutions *[ ] [and [ ] respectively]  
  
(N.B. Only relevant where Board (or similar)  
authorisation is required for the particular tranche of  
Notes (or related Guarantee))*
14. Method of distribution: *[Syndicated/Non-syndicated]*

#### PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

15. Fixed Rate Note Provisions *[Applicable/Not Applicable]  
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-  
paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Rate(s) of Interest: *[ ] per cent. per annum  
[payable [annually/semi-annually/quarterly/ monthly/  
other (specify)] in arrear]  
(If payable other than annually, consider amending  
Condition 4)*
- (ii) Interest Payment Date(s): *[[ ] in each year up to and including the Maturity  
Date]/[specify other]  
(NB: This will need to be amended in the case of long  
or short coupons)*

- (iii) Fixed Coupon Amount(s): [ ] per Calculation Amount  
*(Applicable to Notes in definitive form)*
- (iv) Broken Amount(s): [ ] per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] [ ]  
*(Applicable to Notes in definitive form)*
- (v) Day Count Fraction: [30/360 or Actual/Actual (ICMA) or *[specify other]*]
- (vi) [Determination Date(s): [ ] in each year  
  
*Insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon*  
*(NB: This will need to be amended in the case of regular interest payment dates which are not of equal duration)*  
*(NB: Only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA))*
- (vii) Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest for Fixed Rate Notes: [Not Applicable/*give details*]
16. **Floating Rate Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph.)*
- (i) Specified Period(s)/ Specified Interest Payment Dates: [ ]
- (ii) First Interest Payment Date: [ ]
- (iii) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/ other *(give details)*]
- (iv) Additional Business Centre(s): [ ]
- (v) Manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest and Interest Amount(s) is/are to be determined: [Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination/ other *(give details)*]
- (vi) Party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and Interest Amount(s) (if not the Agent): [ ]
- (vii) Screen Rate Determination:
- Reference Rate: [ ]  
*(Either LIBOR, EURIBOR or other, although additional information is required if other – including fallback provisions in the Agency Agreement)*
  - Interest Determination Date(s): [ ]  
*(Second London business day prior to the start of each Interest Period if LIBOR (other than Sterling or euro LIBOR), first day of each Interest Period if Sterling LIBOR and the second day on which the TARGET2*

*System is open prior to the start of each Interest Period if EURIBOR or euro LIBOR)*

- Relevant Screen Page: [ ]  
*(In the case of EURIBOR, if not Reuters EURIBOR01 ensure it is a page which shows a composite rate or amend the fallback provisions appropriately)*
  
  - (viii) ISDA Determination:
    - Floating Rate Option: [ ]
    - Designated Maturity: [ ]
    - Reset Date: [ ]
  
  - (ix) Margin(s): [+/-] [ ] per cent. per annum
  
  - (x) Minimum Rate of Interest: [ ] per cent. per annum
  
  - (xi) Maximum Rate of Interest: [ ] per cent. per annum
  
  - (xii) Day Count Fraction: [Actual/Actual (ISDA)  
Actual/365 (Fixed)  
Actual/365 (Sterling)  
Actual/360  
30/360  
30E/360  
30E/360 (ISDA)  
Other]  
*(See Condition 4 for alternatives)*
  
  - (xiii) Fall back provisions, rounding provisions, denominator and any other terms relating to the method of calculating interest on Floating Rate Notes, if different from those set out in the Conditions: [ ]
17. **Zero Coupon Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Accrual Yield: [ ] per cent. per annum
  - (ii) Reference Price: [ ]
  - (iii) Any other formula/basis of determining amount payable: [ ]
  - (iv) Day Count Fraction in relation to Early Redemption Amounts and late payment: [Conditions 6(e)(iii) and 6(j) apply/specify other]  
*(Consider applicable day count fraction if not U.S. dollar denominated)*
18. **Index Linked Interest Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- (N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value, the Notes will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus)*

*Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation will apply.)*

- (i) Index/Formula: [give or annex details]
  - (ii) Calculation Agent: [give name (and, if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies, address)]
  - (iii) Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest (if not the Calculation Agent) and/or Interest Amount (if not the Agent): [ ]
  - (iv) Provisions for determining Coupon where calculation by reference to Index and/or Formula is impossible or impracticable: [need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions]
  - (v) Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates: [ ]
  - (vi) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/other (give details)]
  - (vii) Additional Business Centre(s): [ ]
  - (viii) Minimum Rate of Interest: [ ] per cent. per annum
  - (ix) Maximum Rate of Interest: [ ] per cent. per annum
  - (x) Day Count Fraction: [ ]
19. **Dual Currency Interest Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value, the Notes will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation will apply.)*
- (i) Rate of Exchange/method of calculating Rate of Exchange: [give or annex details]
  - (ii) Party, if any, responsible for calculating the principal and/or interest due (if not the Agent): [ ]
  - (iii) Provisions applicable where calculation by reference to Rate of Exchange impossible or impracticable: [need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions]
  - (iv) Person at whose option Specified Currency(ies) is/are payable: [ ]

## PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

20. **Issuer Call:** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [ ]
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [ ] per Calculation Amount/specify other/see Appendix
- (iii) If redeemable in part:
- (a) Minimum Redemption Amount: [ ] per Calculation Amount
- (b) Maximum Redemption Amount: [ ] per Calculation Amount
- (iv) Notice period (if other than as set out in the Conditions): [ ]  
*(N.B. If setting notice periods which are different to those provided in the Conditions, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and the Agent)*
21. **Investor Put:** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [ ]
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [[ ] per Calculation Amount/specify others/see Appendix]
- (iii) Notice period (if other than as set out in the Conditions): [ ]  
*(N.B. If setting notice periods which are different to those provided in the Conditions, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and the Agent)*
22. **Final Redemption Amount:** [ ] per Calculation Amount/specify other/see Appendix]  
*(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value, the Notes will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation will apply.)*
23. **Early Redemption Amount:** Early Redemption Amount payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on event of default and/or the method of calculating the same (if required or if different from that set out in Condition 6(e)):  
[[ ] per Calculation Amount/specify other/see Appendix]

## GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

24. Form of Notes: [Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes [on 60 days' notice given at any time/only upon an Exchange Event.]] (N.B. The option for the Permanent Global Note to be exchangeable for Definitive Notes only upon an Exchange Event is not applicable if the Issuer is Hitachi America)
- [Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes on and after the Exchange Date.]
- [Permanent Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes [on 60 days' notice given at any time/only upon an Exchange Event.]] (N.B. This is not applicable if the Issuer is Hitachi America)
- (Ensure that this is consistent with the wording in the "Form of the Notes" section in the Offering Circular and the Notes themselves. N.B. The exchange upon notice/at any time options should not be expressed to be applicable if the Specified Denomination of the Notes in paragraph 6 includes language substantially to the following effect: "[€50,000] and integral multiples of [€1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [€99,000]." Furthermore, such Specified Denomination construction is not permitted in relation to any issue of Notes which is to be represented on issue by a Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes.)
25. Additional Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to payment dates: [Not Applicable/give details.]  
(Note that this paragraph relates to the place of payment, and not interest period end dates, to which sub-paragraphs 16(iv) and 18(vii) relate)
26. Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be attached to Definitive Notes (and dates on which such Talons mature): [Yes/No. If yes, give details]
27. Details relating to Partly Paid Notes: amount of each payment comprising the Issue Price and date on which each payment is to be made and consequences (if any) of failure to pay, including any right of the Issuer to forfeit the Notes and interest due on late payment: [Not Applicable/give details (N.B. a new form of Temporary Global Note and/or Permanent Global Note may be required for Partly Paid issues)]
28. Details relating to Instalment Notes:
- (i) Instalment Amount(s): [Not Applicable/give details]
- (ii) Instalment Date(s): [Not Applicable/give details]
29. Redenomination, renominatisation and reconventioning provisions: [Not Applicable/The provisions annexed to these Final Terms apply]
30. Consolidation provisions: [Not Applicable/The provisions annexed to these Final Terms apply]]

31. Additional US federal income tax considerations: [Not Applicable/give details]
32. Other final terms: [Not Applicable/give details]
- [(When adding any other final terms, consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Offering Circular under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)]*
- (Consider including a term providing for tax certification if required to enable interest to be paid gross by issuers.)*

## DISTRIBUTION

33. (i) If syndicated, names of Managers: [Not Applicable/give names]  
*(If the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies, include names of entities agreeing to underwrite the issue on a firm commitment basis and names of the entities agreeing to place the issue without a firm commitment or on a "best efforts" basis if such entities are not the same as the Managers.)*
- (ii) Date of [Subscription] Agreement: [ ]  
*(The above is only relevant if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies).*
- (iii) Stabilising Manager(s) (if any): [Not Applicable/give name(s)]
34. If non-syndicated, name of relevant Dealer: [Not Applicable/give name]
35. U.S. Selling Restrictions: [Reg. S Compliance Category; TEFRA D/ TEFRA C  
*(Note that only TEFRA D can apply to issues by Hitachi America)*]
36. Additional selling restrictions: [Not Applicable/give details]

## PURPOSE OF FINAL TERMS

These Final Terms comprise the final terms required for issue [and] [admission to trading on *[specify relevant regulated market (for example the Bourse de Luxembourg, the London Stock Exchange's regulated market or the regulated market of the Irish Stock Exchange) and, if relevant, admission to an official list (for example, the Official List of the UK Listing Authority)]* of the Notes described herein pursuant to the U.S.\$1,800,000,000 Euro Note Programme of Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC/Hitachi Capital America Corp.

## RESPONSIBILITY

The Issuer and the Guarantor accept responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms. *[[Relevant third party information, for example in compliance with Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation in relation to an index or its components] has been extracted from [specify source].* The Issuer and the Guarantor confirm that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as each of them is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by *[specify source]*, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.]

Signed on behalf of [name of the Issuer]:

Signed on behalf of Hitachi Capital Corporation:

By: .....  
*Duly authorised*

By: .....  
*Duly authorised*

## PART B — OTHER INFORMATION

### 1. LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING

- (i) Listing and Admission to trading: [Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on [specify relevant regulated market (for example the Bourse de Luxembourg, the London Stock Exchange's regulated market or the Regulated Market of the Irish Stock Exchange) and, if relevant, admission to an official list (for example, the Official List of the UK Listing Authority)] with effect from [ ].] [Application is expected to be made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on [specify relevant regulated market (for example the Bourse de Luxembourg, the London Stock Exchange's regulated market or the Regulated Market of the Irish Stock Exchange) and, if relevant, admission to an official list (for example, the Official List of the UK Listing Authority)] with effect from [ ].] [Not Applicable.]
- (ii) Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading: [ ]

### 2. RATINGS

- Ratings: The Notes to be issued have been rated:
- [S & P: [ ]]  
[Moody's: [ ]]  
[Fitch: [ ]]  
[[Other]: [ ]]
- (The above disclosure should reflect the rating allocated to Notes of the type being issued under the Programme generally or, where the issue has been specifically rated, that rating.)*

### 3. INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE

[Save for any fees payable to the [Managers/Dealers], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue of the Notes has an interest material to the offer. — Amend as appropriate if there are other interests]

*[(When adding any other description, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Offering Circular under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)]*

### 4. REASONS FOR THE OFFER, ESTIMATED NET PROCEEDS AND TOTAL EXPENSES

- [(i) Reasons for the offer: [ ]]  
[(ii) Estimated net proceeds: [ ]]  
[(iii) Estimated total expenses: [ ]]

*(N.B.: If the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies (i) above is required where the reasons for the offer are different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks and where such reasons are inserted in (i) disclosure of net proceeds and total expenses at (ii) and (iii) above are also required.)*

### 5. YIELD (Fixed Rate Notes only)

- Indication of yield: [ ]

The yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price. It is not an indication of future yield.

6. **PERFORMANCE OF INDEX/FORMULA, EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF INVESTMENT AND ASSOCIATED RISKS AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNDERLYING** (*Index-Linked Notes only*)

*[Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the index/formula can be obtained.]*

*[Where the underlying is an index need to include the name of the index and a description if composed by the Issuer and if the index is not composed by the Issuer need to include details of where the information about the index can be obtained. Where the underlying is not an Index need to include equivalent information.]*

*[(When completing this paragraph, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Offering Circular under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)]*

The Issuer [intends to provide post-issuance information [specify what information will be reported and where it can be obtained]][does not intend to provide post-issuance information].

*(N.B. The above applies if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies.)*

7. **PERFORMANCE OF RATE[S] OF EXCHANGE** (*Dual Currency Notes only*)

*[Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the relevant rates can be obtained.]*

*[(When completing this paragraph, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Offering Circular under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)]*

*(N.B. The above applies if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies.)*

8. **OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

- (i) ISIN Code: [ ]
- (ii) Common Code: [ ]
- (iii) Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme and the relevant identification number(s): [Not Applicable/give name(s) and number(s)]
- (iv) Delivery: Delivery [against/free of] payment
- (v) Names and addresses of initial Paying Agent(s): [ ]
- (vi) Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any): [ ]

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

*The following are the Terms and Conditions of the Notes which will be incorporated by reference into each global Note and which will be endorsed on or attached to (or, if permitted by the relevant stock exchange or other relevant authority (if any) and agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer, incorporated by reference into) each definitive Note. The applicable Final Terms in relation to any Tranche of Notes may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent inconsistent with the following Terms and Conditions, replace or modify the following Terms and Conditions for the purpose of such Notes. The relevant sections of the applicable Final Terms will be incorporated into, or attached to, each global Note and definitive Note. Reference should be made to "Form of the Final Terms" above for the form of the Final Terms which will include the definitions of certain terms used in the following Terms and Conditions or specify which of such terms are to apply in relation to the relevant Notes.*

This Note is one of a series of Notes issued by the Issuer named in the applicable Final Terms (the **Issuer**) pursuant to the Agency Agreement (as defined below). References herein to the **Notes** shall be references to the Notes of this Series (as defined below) and shall mean (i) in relation to any Notes represented by a global Note, units of the lowest Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency, (ii) definitive Notes issued in exchange (or part exchange) for a global Note and (iii) any global Note. The Notes, the Receipts (as defined below) and the Coupons (as defined below) have the benefit of an amended and restated Agency Agreement dated 29 August 2008, (such Agency Agreement as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the **Agency Agreement**) and made among Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC (**Hitachi**), Hitachi Capital America Corp. (**Hitachi America**), Hitachi Capital Corporation (the **Guarantor**), HSBC Bank plc as fiscal and principal paying agent and agent bank (the **Agent**, which expression shall include any other successor agent) and the paying agent named therein (together with the Agent, the **Paying Agents**, which expression shall include any additional or successor paying agents).

Interest bearing definitive Notes (unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Final Terms) have interest coupons (**Coupons**) and, if indicated in the applicable Final Terms, talons for further Coupons (**Talons**) attached on issue. Any reference herein to Coupons shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include a reference to Talons. Definitive Notes repayable in instalments have receipts (**Receipts**) for the payment of the instalments of principal (other than the final instalment) attached on issue. Any reference to **Noteholders** or **holders** in relation to any Notes shall mean the holders of the Notes and shall, in relation to any Notes represented by a global Note, be construed as provided below. Any reference herein to **Receiptholders** shall mean the holders of the Receipts and any reference herein to **Couponholders** shall mean the holders of the Coupons and shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include the holders of the Talons.

The final terms applicable to this Note (or the relevant provisions thereof) are set out in Part A of the Final Terms endorsed on, attached to or, as the case may be, incorporated in this Note which supplement these Terms and Conditions and may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with these Terms and Conditions, replace or modify these Terms and Conditions for the purposes of this Note.

References herein to the **applicable Final Terms** are to the Final Terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) attached hereto or incorporated herein.

As used herein, **Tranche** means Notes which are identical in all respects (including as to listing and admission to trading) and **Series** means a Tranche of Notes together with any further Tranche or Tranches of Notes which are (i) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series and (ii) identical in all respects (including as to listing) except for their respective Issue Dates, Interest Commencement Dates and/or Issue Prices.

The Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders are entitled to the benefit of the Deed of Covenant (the **Deed of Covenant**) dated 29 August 2008 and executed by the Issuer and the deed of guarantee (the **Guarantee**) dated 29 August 2008 and executed by the Guarantor. The original of the Deed of Covenant is held by a common depositary on behalf of Clearstream, Luxembourg (as defined below) and Euroclear (as defined below) and the original of the Guarantee is held by the Agent at its specified office for the time being.

Copies of the Agency Agreement, the Deed of Covenant and the Guarantee are available at the specified office of the Paying Agent. Copies of the applicable Final Terms are available for viewing and

copies may be obtained from the registered office of the Issuer and the specified office of the Paying Agent save that, if this Note is neither admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area nor offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under the Prospectus Directive, the applicable Final Terms will only be available to a Noteholder holding one or more such Notes upon such Noteholder producing evidence as to identity satisfactory to the relevant Paying Agent. The Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders are deemed to have notice of, and are entitled to the benefit of all the provisions of the Deed of Covenant, the Agency Agreement, the Guarantee and the applicable Final Terms which are binding on them. In addition, copies of each Final Terms relating to Notes which are either admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market or offered in the United Kingdom in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under the Prospectus Directive will be available on the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange.

Words and expressions defined in the Agency Agreement or used in the applicable Final Terms shall have the same meanings where used in these Terms and Conditions unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise stated and provided that, in the event of any inconsistency between the Agency Agreement and the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms will prevail.

## 1. Form, Denomination and Title

The Notes are in bearer form and, in the case of definitive Notes, serially numbered, in the Specified Currency and the Specified Denomination(s). Notes of one Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Notes of another Specified Denomination.

This Note may be a Fixed Rate Note, a Floating Rate Note, a Zero Coupon Note, an Index Linked Interest Note, a Dual Currency Interest Note or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending upon the Interest Basis shown in the applicable Final Terms.

This Note may be an Index Linked Redemption Note, an Instalment Note, a Dual Currency Redemption Note, a Partly Paid Note or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending on the Redemption/Payment Basis shown in the applicable Final Terms.

Notes in definitive form are issued with Coupons attached, unless they are Zero Coupon Notes in which case references to Coupons and Couponholders in these Terms and Conditions are not applicable.

Subject as set out below, title to the Notes, Receipts and Coupons will pass by delivery. The Issuer, the Guarantor, the Agent and any Paying Agent will (except as otherwise required by law) deem and treat the bearer of any Note, Receipt or Coupon as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership for writing thereon or notice of any previous loss or theft thereof) for all purposes but, in the case of any global Note, without prejudice to the provisions set out in the next succeeding paragraph.

For so long as any of the Notes is represented by a global Note held on behalf of Clearstream Banking, société anonyme (**Clearstream, Luxembourg**) and/or Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (**Euroclear**) each person who is for the time being shown in the records of Clearstream, Luxembourg or of Euroclear as the holder of a particular nominal amount of such Notes (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear as to the nominal amount of Notes standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer, the Guarantor and any Paying Agent as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest on such Notes, for which purpose the bearer of the relevant global Note shall be treated by the Issuer, the Guarantor and any Paying Agent as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant global Note (and the expressions **Noteholder** and **holder of Notes** and related expressions shall be construed accordingly). Notes which are represented by a global Note will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Clearstream, Luxembourg or of Euroclear, as the case may be. References to Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or Euroclear shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system approved by the Issuer and the Agent and specified in the applicable Final Terms.

## 2. Status of the Notes and Guarantee

### (a) Status of the Notes

The Notes and the relative Coupons and Receipts constitute (subject to Condition 3(a)) direct, unconditional and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and shall at all times rank *pari passu* and without preference among themselves and (with the exception of obligations in respect of applicable statutory exceptions and subject as aforesaid) equally with all its other unsecured obligations (other than subordinated obligations, if any) from time to time outstanding.

### (b) Status of the Guarantee

The obligations of the Guarantor under the Guarantee constitute (subject to Condition 3(b)) direct, unconditional and unsecured obligations of the Guarantor and shall at all times rank *pari passu* and without any preference among themselves and (with the exception of obligations in respect of national and local taxes and certain other statutory exceptions and subject as aforesaid) equally with all its other unsecured obligations (other than subordinated obligations, if any) from time to time outstanding.

## 3. Negative Pledge

### (a) Issuer

Where the Issuer is Hitachi, so long as any of the Notes remain outstanding (as defined in the Agency Agreement), the Issuer will not create or permit to be outstanding any pledge, lien, mortgage or other charge upon the whole or any part of the property or assets, present or future, of the Issuer to secure for the benefit of the holders of any Securities (i) payment of any sum due in respect of Securities or (ii) any payment under any guarantee of Securities or (iii) any payment under any indemnity or other like obligation relating to Securities, in any such case in which either such Securities are by their terms payable, or confer a right to receive payment, in any currency other than Sterling, or such Securities are denominated in Sterling and more than 50 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount thereof is initially distributed outside the United Kingdom by or with the authorisation of the issuer thereof, without in any such case at the same time according to the Notes the same security as is granted to or is existing in respect of such Securities or such other security or guarantee as shall be approved by an Extraordinary Resolution of the holders of the Notes (as defined in the Agency Agreement).

Where the Issuer is Hitachi America, so long as any of the Notes remain outstanding (as defined in the Agency Agreement), the Issuer will not create or permit to be outstanding any pledge, lien, mortgage or other charge upon the whole or any part of the property or assets, present or future, of the Issuer to secure for the benefit of the holders of any Securities (i) payment of any sum due in respect of Securities or (ii) any payment under any guarantee of Securities or (iii) any payment under any indemnity or other like obligation relating to Securities, without in any such case at the same time according to the Notes the same security as is granted to or is existing in respect of such Securities or such other security or guarantee as shall be approved by an Extraordinary Resolution of the holders of the Notes (as defined in the Agency Agreement).

**Securities** means bonds, debentures, notes or other similar investment securities of the Issuer or any other person which are capable of being listed on any stock exchange.

### (b) Guarantor

The Guarantor will not, so long as any of the Notes remain outstanding (as defined in the Agency Agreement), create or permit to subsist any mortgage, charge, pledge or other security interest for the benefit of the holders of any External Indebtedness upon the whole or any part of its undertaking, assets or revenues, present or future, to secure any External Indebtedness issued by it without at the same time according to the Notes either the same security as is granted to or is outstanding in respect of such External Indebtedness or such other security or guarantee as shall be approved by an Extraordinary Resolution (as defined in the Agency Agreement) of the Noteholders.

For the purposes of this Condition 3(b), **External Indebtedness** means any indebtedness in the form of or represented by bonds, notes, debentures or other securities which:

- (i) either:

- (a) are denominated or payable in, or by reference to, or may at the option of the person entitled thereto be or become payable in, or by reference to, a currency or currencies other than Yen; or
- (b) are denominated or payable in Yen and more than 50 per cent. of the aggregate principal or face amount of which is initially distributed by or with the authorisation of the Guarantor outside Japan; and
- (ii) are not repayable (otherwise than at the option, or due to the default, of the Guarantor) within three years from the date of their issue; and
- (iii) are, or are capable of being, quoted, listed or ordinarily traded on any stock exchange or on any over-the-counter securities market outside Japan.

#### 4. Interest

##### (a) Interest on Fixed Rate Notes

Each Fixed Rate Note bears interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the rate(s) per annum equal to the Rate(s) of Interest. Interest will be payable in arrear on the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year up to (and including) the Maturity Date.

If the Notes are in definitive form, except as provided in the applicable Final Terms, the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date in respect of the Fixed Interest Period ending on (but excluding) such date will amount to the Fixed Coupon Amount. Payments of interest on any Interest Payment Date will, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, amount to the Broken Amount so specified.

As used in these Terms and Conditions, **Fixed Interest Period** means the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date.

Except in the case of Notes in definitive form where an applicable Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount, is specified in the applicable Final Terms, interest shall be calculated in respect of any period by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (A) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes which are represented by a global Note held on behalf of Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or Euroclear, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Fixed Rate Notes represented by such global Note (or, if they are Partly Paid Notes, the aggregate amount paid up); or
- (B) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount;

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Fixed Rate Note in definitive form comprises more than one Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Fixed Rate Note shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denomination without any further rounding.

**Day Count Fraction** means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest in accordance with this Condition 4:

- (i) if "Actual/Actual (ICMA)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (a) in the case of Notes where the number of days in the relevant period from and including the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (the **Accrual Period**) is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the number of days in such Accrual Period divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination

Dates (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) that would occur in one calendar year; or

- (b) in the case of Notes where the Accrual Period is longer than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the sum of:
  - (1) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the Determination Period in which the Accrual Period begins divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) that would occur in one calendar year; and
  - (2) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year; and
- (ii) if "30/360" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (such number of days being calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months) divided by 360.

In these Terms and Conditions:

**Determination Period** means each period from (and including) a Determination Date to (but excluding) the next Determination Date (including, where either the Interest Commencement Date or the final Interest Payment Date is not a Determination Date, the period commencing on the first Determination Date prior to, and ending on the first Determination Date falling after, such date); and

**sub-unit** means, with respect to any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, with respect to euro, means one cent.

## (b) Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes

### (i) Interest Payment Dates

Each Floating Rate Note and Index Linked Interest Note bears interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and such interest will be payable in arrear on either:

- (A) the Specified Interest Payment Date(s) in each year specified in the applicable Final Terms; or
- (B) if no Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each date (each such date, together with each Specified Interest Payment Date, an **Interest Payment Date**) which falls the number of months or other period specified as the Specified Period in the applicable Final Terms after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.

Such interest will be payable in respect of each Interest Period (which expression shall, in these Terms and Conditions, mean the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date).

If a Business Day Convention is specified in the applicable Final Terms and (x) if there is no numerically corresponding day on the calendar month in which an Interest Payment Date should occur or (y) if any Interest Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention is specified is:

- (1) in any case where Specified Periods are specified in accordance with Condition 4(b)(i)(B) above, the Floating Rate Convention, such Interest Payment Date (i) in the case of (x) above, shall be the last day that is a Business Day in the relevant month and the provisions of (B) below shall apply *mutatis mutandis* or (ii) in the case of (y) above, shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (A) such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (B) each subsequent Interest Payment Date shall be the last

- Business Day in the month which falls the Specified Period after the preceding applicable Interest Payment Date occurred; or
- (2) the Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day; or
  - (3) the Modified Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day; or
  - (4) the Preceding Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

In these Terms and Conditions, **Business Day** means a day which is both:

- (A) a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London and each Additional Business Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
  - (B) either (1) in relation to interest payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (if other than London) and which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro a day on which Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) system (the **TARGET2 system**) is open.
- (ii) Rate of Interest

The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of the Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes will be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms.

(A) ISDA Determination for Floating Rate Notes

Where ISDA Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be the relevant ISDA Rate plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any). For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (iii), **ISDA Rate** for an Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Agent or other party specified in the applicable Final Terms under an interest rate swap transaction if the Agent or that other party were acting as Calculation Agent for that swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of Notes (the **ISDA Definitions**), and under which:

- (1) the Floating Rate Option is as specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- (2) the Designated Maturity is a period specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (3) the relevant Reset Date is either (i) if the applicable Floating Rate Option is based on the London inter-bank offered rate (**LIBOR**) or on the Euro-zone inter-bank offered rate (**EURIBOR**) for a currency, the first day of that Interest Period or (ii) in any other case, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), **Floating Rate**, **Calculation Agent**, **Floating Rate Option**, **Designated Maturity** and **Reset Date** have the meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions.

Unless otherwise stated in the applicable Final Terms the Minimum Rate of Interest shall be deemed to be zero.

(B) Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be either:

- (A) the offered quotation (if there is only one quotation on the Relevant Screen Page); or
- (B) the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations,

(expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the Relevant Screen Page as at 11.00 a.m. (London time, in the case of LIBOR, or Brussels time, in the case of EURIBOR) on the Interest Determination Date in question plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Agent or other party as specified in the applicable Final Terms. If five or more such offered quotations are available on the Relevant Screen Page, the highest (or, if there is more than one such highest quotation, one only of such quotations) and the lowest (or, if there is more than one such lowest quotation, one only of such quotations) shall be disregarded by the Agent or that other party for the purpose of determining the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of such offered quotations.

The Agency Agreement contains provisions for determining the Rate of Interest in the event that the Relevant Screen Page is not available or if, in the case of (A) above, no such quotation appears or, in the case of (B) above, fewer than three such offered quotations appear, in each case as at the time specified in the preceding paragraph.

If the Reference Rate from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being other than LIBOR or EURIBOR, the Rate of Interest in respect of such Notes will be determined as provided in the applicable Final Terms.

(iii) Minimum Rate of Interest and/or Maximum Rate of Interest

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Minimum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the above provisions is less than such Minimum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Minimum Rate of Interest. If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Maximum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the above provisions is greater than such Maximum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Maximum Rate of Interest.

(iv) Determination of Rate of Interest and Calculation of Interest Amounts

The Agent or such other party specified in the applicable Final Terms (the **Calculation Agent**) will at or as soon as practicable after each time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, determine the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period. The Calculation Agent, if applicable, will notify the Agent of the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period as soon as practicable after calculating the same.

The Agent or Calculation Agent will calculate the amount of interest (the **Interest Amount**) payable on the Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes for the relevant Interest Period by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (A) in the case of Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes which are represented by a global Note held on behalf of Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or Euroclear, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Notes represented by such global Note (or, if they are Partly Paid Notes, the aggregate amount paid up); or
- (B) in the case of Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount;

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-

unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Floating Rate Note or an Index Linked Interest Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the Interest Amount payable in respect of such Note shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denomination without any further rounding.

**Day Count Fraction** means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest for any Interest Period:

- (A) If "Actual/Actual (ISDA)" or "Actual/Actual" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Interest Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (B) If "Actual/365 (Fixed)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365;
- (C) if "Actual/365 (Sterling)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 or, in the case of an Interest Payment Date falling in a leap year, 366;
- (D) if "Actual/360" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360;
- (E) if "30/360", "360/360" or "Bond Basis" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

"Y<sub>1</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"Y<sub>2</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>1</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"D<sub>1</sub>" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and

"D<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31 and D<sub>1</sub> is greater than 29, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30;

- (F) if "30E/360" or "Eurobond Basis" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

"Y<sub>1</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"Y<sub>2</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>1</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"D<sub>1</sub>" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and

"D<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30; and

- (G) if "30E/360 (ISDA)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

"Y<sub>1</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"Y<sub>2</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>1</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"D<sub>1</sub>" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and

"D<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Maturity Date or (ii) such number would be 31 in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30.

- (v) Notification of Rate of Interest and Interest Amount

The Agent will cause the Rate of Interest and each Interest Amount for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date to be notified to the Issuer and any stock exchange on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes are for the time being listed and notice thereof to be published in accordance with Condition 13 as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than the fourth London Business Day thereafter. Each Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date so notified may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. Any such amendment will be promptly notified to each stock exchange on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes are for the time being listed and to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13. For the purposes of this paragraph, the expression **London Business Day** means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for general business in London.

- (vi) Certificates to be Final

All certificates, communications, opinions, determinations, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of the provisions of this Condition 4(b), by the Agent or such other agent as is specified in the applicable Final Terms, shall (in the absence of wilful default, bad faith or manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Agent, the other Paying Agents and all Noteholders, Receiptholders and Couponholders and (in the absence as aforesaid) no liability to the Issuer, the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders shall attach to the Agent or that other agent in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

**(c) Interest on Dual Currency Interest Notes**

The rate or amount of interest payable in respect of Dual Currency Interest Notes shall be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**(d) Interest on Partly Paid Notes**

In the case of Partly Paid Notes (other than Partly Paid Notes which are Zero Coupon Notes), interest will accrue as aforesaid on the paid-up nominal amount of such Notes and otherwise as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**(e) Accrual of Interest**

Each Note (or, in the case of the redemption of part only of a Note, that part only of such Note) will cease to bear interest (if any) from the due date for its redemption unless, upon due presentation thereof, payment of principal is improperly withheld or refused. In such event, interest will continue to accrue until whichever is the earlier of:

- (1) the date on which all amounts due in respect of such Note have been paid; and
- (2) five days after the date on which the full amount of the monies payable has been received by the Agent and notice to that effect has been given in accordance with Condition 13 or individually.

**5. Payments**

**(a) Method of Payment**

Subject as provided below:

- (i) payments in a Specified Currency other than euro will be made at the option of the bearer either by credit or transfer to an account in the relevant Specified Currency maintained by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Specified Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney or Auckland, respectively), provided, however, that no payment will be made by transfer to an account in, or by cheque mailed to an address in, the United States; and
- (ii) payments in euro will be made by credit or transfer to a euro account (or any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque, provided, however, that no payment will be made by transfer to an account in, or by cheque mailed to an address in, the United States.

Payments will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 7.

**(b) Presentation of Notes, Receipts and Coupons**

Payments of principal in respect of definitive Notes (if issued) will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of definitive Notes, and payments of interest in respect of definitive Notes will (subject as provided below) be made as aforesaid only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of Coupons, in each case at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States (which expression, as used herein, means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia, its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction)).

Payments of instalments of principal (if any) in respect of definitive Notes (if issued), other than the final instalment, will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the relevant Receipt in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Payment of the final instalment will be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part

payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the relevant definitive Note in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Each Receipt must be presented for payment of the relevant instalment together with the definitive Note to which it appertains. Unmatured Receipts and Receipts presented without the definitive Note to which they appertain do not constitute valid obligations of the Issuer. Upon the date on which any definitive Note becomes due and repayable, unmatured Receipts (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect thereof.

Fixed Rate Notes in definitive form (other than Dual Currency Notes, Index Linked Notes or Long Maturity Notes (as defined below)) should be presented for payment together with all unmaturing Coupons appertaining thereto (which expression shall for this purpose include Coupons falling to be issued on exchange of matured Talons), failing which the amount of any missing unmaturing Coupon (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, the same proportion of the amount of such missing unmaturing Coupon as the sum so paid bears to the sum due) will be deducted from the sum due for payment. Each amount of principal so deducted will be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of the relative missing Coupon at any time before the expiry of ten years after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 7) in respect of such principal (whether or not such Coupon would otherwise have become void under Condition 8) or, if later, five years from the date on which such Coupon would otherwise have become due but in no event thereafter. Upon any Fixed Rate Note in definitive form becoming due and repayable prior to its Maturity Date, all unmaturing Talons (if any) appertaining thereto will become void and no further Coupons will be issued in respect thereof.

Upon the date on which any Floating Rate Note, Dual Currency Note, Index Linked Note or Long Maturity Note in definitive form becomes due and repayable, unmaturing Coupons and Talons (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment or, as the case may be, exchange for further Coupons shall be made in respect thereof. A **Long Maturity Note** is a Fixed Rate Note (other than a Fixed Rate Note which on issue had a Talon attached) whose nominal amount on issue is less than the aggregate interest payable thereon provided that such Note shall cease to be a Long Maturity Note on the Interest Payment Date on which the aggregate amount of interest remaining to be paid after that date is less than the nominal amount of such Note.

If the due date for redemption of any definitive Note is not an Interest Payment Date, interest (if any) accrued in respect of such Note from (and including) the preceding Interest Payment Date or, as the case may be, the Interest Commencement Date shall be payable only against surrender of the relevant definitive Note.

Payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of Notes represented by any global Note will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner specified above in relation to definitive Notes and otherwise in the manner specified in the relevant global Note against presentation or surrender, as the case may be, of such global Note at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States, subject as provided below. A record of each payment made against presentation or surrender of such global Note, distinguishing between any payment of principal and any payment of interest, will be made on such global Note by such Paying Agent and such record shall be *prima facie* evidence that the payment in question has been made.

The holder of a global Note shall be the only person entitled to receive payments in respect of Notes represented by such global Note and the Issuer or the Guarantor will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the holder of such global Note in respect of each amount so paid. Each of the persons shown in the records of Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear as the beneficial holder of a particular nominal amount of Notes represented by such global Note must look solely to Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear, as the case may be, for his share of each payment so made by the Issuer or the Guarantor to, or to the order of, the holder of such global Note. No person other than the holder of such global Note shall have any claim against the Issuer or the Guarantor in respect of any payments due on that global Note.

Payments will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 7.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, U.S. dollar payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes will be made at the specified office of a Paying Agent in the United States (which expression, as used herein, means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia, its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction)) if:

- (i) the Issuer and the Guarantor have appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment in U.S. dollars at such specified offices outside the United States of the full amount of principal and interest on the Notes in the manner provided above when due;
- (ii) payment in U.S. dollars of the full amount of such principal and interest at all such specified offices outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions on the full payment or receipt of principal and interest in U.S. dollars; and
- (iii) such payment is then permitted under United States law without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer and the Guarantor, adverse tax consequences to the Issuer or the Guarantor.

**(c) Payment Day**

If the date for payment of any amount in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon is not a Payment Day the holder thereof shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day in the relevant place and shall not be entitled to any further interest or other payment in respect of such delay. For these purposes, **Payment Day** means any day which (subject to Condition 8) is:

- (i) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in:
  - (A) the relevant place of presentation;
  - (B) London; and
  - (C) each Additional Financial Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms
- (ii) either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (if other than the place of presentation, London and any Additional Financial Centre and which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars shall be Sydney or Auckland, respectively) or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the TARGET2 System is open.

**(d) Interpretation of Principal and Interest**

Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to principal in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable:

- (i) any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to principal under Condition 7;
- (ii) the Final Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (iii) the Early Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (iv) the Optional Redemption Amount(s) (if any) of the Notes;
- (v) in relation to Instalment Notes, the Instalment Amounts;
- (vi) in relation to Zero Coupon Notes, the Amortised Face Amount (as designed in Condition 6(e)); and
- (vii) any premium and any other amounts (other than interest) which may be payable by the Issuer under or in respect of the Notes.

Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to interest in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable, any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to interest under Condition 7.

## 6. Redemption and Purchase

### (a) At Maturity

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as specified below, each Note (including each Index Linked Redemption Note and Dual Currency Redemption Note) will be redeemed by the Issuer at its Final Redemption Amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms in the relevant Specified Currency on the Maturity Date.

### (b) Redemption for Tax Reasons

The Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, at any time (in the case of Notes other than Floating Rate Notes, Index Linked Interest Notes or Dual Currency Interest Notes) or on any Interest Payment Date (in the case of Floating Rate Notes, Index Linked Interest Notes or Dual Currency Interest Notes), on giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13 and to the Agent (which notices shall be irrevocable), if:

- (i) on the occasion of the next payment due under the Notes, the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 7 or the Guarantor would be unable for reasons outside its control to procure payment by the Issuer and in making payment itself would be required to pay such additional amounts, in each case as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of a Tax Jurisdiction (as defined in Condition 7) or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment becomes effective on or after the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes; and
- (ii) such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer (or the Guarantor, as the case may be) taking reasonable measures available to it,

provided that no such notice of redemption shall be given earlier than 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer (or the Guarantor, as the case may be) would be obliged to pay such additional amounts were a payment in respect of the Notes (or the Guarantee, as the case may be) then due. Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this paragraph, the Issuer shall deliver to the Agent a certificate signed by two Directors of the Issuer (or a Representative Director of the Guarantor, as the case may be) stating that the Issuer is entitled to effect such redemption and setting forth a statement of facts showing that the conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer so to redeem have occurred, and an opinion of independent legal advisers of recognised standing to the effect that the Issuer (or the Guarantor, as the case may be) has or will become obliged to pay such additional amounts as a result of such change or amendment.

Notes redeemed pursuant to this Condition 6(b) will be redeemed at their Early Redemption Amount referred to in paragraph (e) below together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

### (c) Redemption at the Option of the Issuer (Issuer Call)

If Issuer Call is specified in the applicable Final Terms the relevant Issuer may, having given:

- (i) not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13; and
- (ii) not less than 15 days before the giving of the notice referred to in (i), notice to the Agent,

(which notices shall be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption), redeem all or some only of the Notes then outstanding on the Optional Redemption Date(s) and at the Optional Redemption Amount(s) specified in, or determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the Optional Redemption Date(s). Any such redemption must be of a nominal amount not less than the Minimum Redemption Amount or not more than a Maximum Redemption Amount, in each case as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms. In the case of a partial redemption of Notes, the Notes to be redeemed (the **Redeemed Notes**) will be selected, in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, individually by lot, and, in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by a global Note, in accordance with the rules of Clearstream, Luxembourg

and/or Euroclear, in each case not more than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption (such date of selection being hereinafter called the **Selection Date**). In the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, a list of the certificate numbers of such Redeemed Notes will be published in accordance with Condition 13 not less than 15 days prior to the date fixed for redemption. The aggregate nominal amount of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes shall bear the same proportion to the aggregate nominal amount of all Redeemed Notes as the aggregate nominal amount of definitive Notes outstanding bears to the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes outstanding, in each case on the Selection Date, provided that such first mentioned nominal amount shall, if necessary, be rounded downwards to the nearest integral multiple of the Specified Denomination, and the aggregate nominal amount of Redeemed Notes represented by a global Note shall be equal to the balance of the Redeemed Notes. No exchange of the relevant global Note will be permitted during the period from and including the Selection Date to and including the date fixed for redemption pursuant to this paragraph (c) and notice to that effect shall be given by the Issuer to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13 at least five days prior to the Selection Date.

**(d) Redemption at the Option of the Noteholders (Investor Put)**

If Investor Put is specified in the applicable Final Terms, upon the holder of any Note giving to the Issuer in accordance with Condition 13 not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice or such other period of notice as is specified in the applicable Final Terms (which notice shall be irrevocable), the Issuer will, upon the expiry of such notice, redeem (subject to, and in accordance with, the terms specified in the applicable Final Terms) such Note on the Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the Optional Redemption Date. It may be that before an Investor Put can be exercised, certain conditions and/or circumstances will need to be satisfied. Where relevant, the provisions will be set out in the applicable Final Terms.

To exercise the right to require redemption of this Note the holder of this Note must, if this Note is in definitive form and held outside Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, deliver, at the specified office of any Paying Agent at any time during normal business hours of such Paying Agent falling within the notice period, a duly signed and completed notice of exercise in the form (for the time being current) obtainable from any specified office of any Paying Agent (a **Put Notice**) and in which the holder must specify a bank account (or, if payment is required to be made by cheque, an address) to which payment is to be made under this Condition accompanied by this Note or evidence satisfactory to the Paying Agent concerned that this Note will, following delivery of the Put Notice, be held to its order or under its control. If this Note is represented by a Global Note or is in definitive form and held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, to exercise the right to require redemption of this Note the holder of this Note must, within the notice period, give notice to the Agent of such exercise in accordance with the standard procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (which may include notice being given on his instruction by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any common depository for them to the Agent by electronic means) in a form acceptable to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg from time to time and, if this Note is represented by a Global Note, at the same time present or procure the presentation of the relevant Global Note to the Agent for notation accordingly.

Any Put Notice or other notice given by a holder of any Note pursuant to this paragraph (d) shall be irrevocable except where prior to the due date of redemption an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing in which event such holder, at its option, may elect by notice to the Issuer to withdraw the notice given pursuant to this paragraph and instead to declare such Note forthwith due and payable pursuant to Condition 9.

**(e) Early Redemption Amounts**

For the purpose of paragraph (b) above and Condition 9, the Notes will be redeemed at the Early Redemption Amount calculated as follows:

- (i) in the case of Notes with a Final Redemption Amount equal to the Issue Price, at the Final Redemption Amount thereof; or
- (ii) in the case of Notes (other than Zero Coupon Notes but including Instalment Notes and Partly Paid Notes) with a Final Redemption Amount which is or may be less or greater than the Issue Price or which is payable in a Specified Currency other than that in which the Notes are

denominated, at the amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms or, if no such amount or manner is so specified in the Final Terms, at their nominal amount; or

- (iii) in the case of Zero Coupon Notes, at an amount (the **Amortised Face Amount**) calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Early Redemption Amount} = \text{RP} \cdot 6 (1 + \text{AY})^y$$

where:

**RP** means the Reference Price;

**AY** means the Accrual Yield expressed as a decimal; and

*y* is a fraction the numerator of which is equal to the number of days (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each) from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable and the denominator of which is 360,

or on such other calculation basis as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**(f) Instalments**

If the Notes are repayable in instalments, they will be redeemed in the Instalment Amounts and on the Instalment Dates. In the case of early redemption, the Early Redemption Amount will be determined pursuant to paragraph (e) above.

**(g) Partly Paid Notes**

If the Notes are Partly Paid Notes, they will be redeemed, whether at maturity, early redemption or otherwise, in accordance with the provisions of this Condition and the applicable Final Terms.

**(h) Purchases**

The Issuer, the Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries may at any time purchase Notes (provided that, in the case of definitive Notes, all unmatured Receipts, Coupons and Talons appertaining thereto are purchased therewith) at any price in the open market or otherwise. Such Notes may be held, reissued, resold or, at the option of the Issuer or the Guarantor, surrendered to any Paying Agent for cancellation.

**(i) Cancellation**

All Notes which are redeemed will (subject to paragraph (h) above) forthwith be cancelled (together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons attached thereto or surrendered therewith at the time of redemption). All Notes so cancelled and Notes purchased and cancelled pursuant to paragraph (h) above (together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons cancelled therewith) shall be forwarded to the Agent and cannot be reissued or resold.

**(j) Late Payment on Zero Coupon Notes**

If the amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note upon redemption of such Zero Coupon Note pursuant to paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d) above or upon its becoming due and repayable as provided in Condition 9 is improperly withheld or refused, the amount due and repayable in respect of such Zero Coupon Note shall be the amount calculated as provided in paragraph (e)(iii) above as though the references therein to the date fixed for the redemption or the date upon which such Zero Coupon Note becomes due and payable were replaced by references to the date which is the earlier of:

- (i) the date on which all amounts due in respect of such Zero Coupon Note have been paid; and

- (ii) five days after the date on which the full amount of the moneys payable has been received by the Agent and notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders either in accordance with Condition 13 or individually.

## 7. Taxation

All payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes, Receipts and Coupons by the Issuer or under the Guarantee by the Guarantor shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for or on account of, any present or future taxes or duties of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of any Tax Jurisdiction (as defined below), unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In such event, the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor will pay such additional amounts as shall be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the holders of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts of principal and interest which would otherwise have been receivable in respect of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons, as the case may be, in the absence of such withholding or deduction; except that no such additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any Note, Receipt or Coupon presented for payment:

- (a) in cases in which the Issuer is Hitachi:
  - (i) by or on behalf of a Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder who is liable for such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges, in respect of such Note, Receipt or Coupon by reason of his having some connection with the United Kingdom or, in the case of payments made by the Guarantor, (i) who is for Japanese tax purposes treated as a resident of Japan or as a Japanese corporation or (ii) who is otherwise subject to such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges by reason of being connected with Japan; in all cases other than a connection by the mere holding of such Note, Receipt or Coupon or by the receipt of principal or interest in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon;
  - (ii) more than 30 days after the Relevant Date (as defined below) except to the extent that the holder thereof would have been entitled to an additional amount on presenting the same for payment on such thirtieth day;
  - (iii) in the case of payments made by Hitachi, in the United Kingdom;
  - (iv) where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual and is required to be made pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive; or
  - (v) by or on behalf of a holder who would have been able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note, Receipt or Coupon to another Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union; and
- (b) in cases in which the Issuer is Hitachi America:
  - (i) where the tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge which is imposed would not have been so imposed but for (A) the existence of any present or former connection between such holder (or between a fiduciary, settlor, or beneficiary of, or a person holding a power over, such holder, if such holder is an estate or a trust, or a member or shareholder of such holder, if such holder is a partnership or a corporation) and the United States, including, without limitation, such holder (or such fiduciary, settlor, beneficiary, person holding a power, member or shareholder) being or having been a citizen or resident or treated as a resident thereof or being or having been engaged in a trade or business therein or having had a permanent establishment therein, or (B) such holder's present or former status as a passive foreign investment company with respect to the United States or a controlled foreign corporation or a foreign tax exempt organisation for United States tax purposes or as a corporation which accumulates earnings to avoid United States federal income tax;

- (ii) more than 30 days after the Relevant Date (as defined below) except to the extent that the holder thereof would have been entitled to an additional amount on presenting the same for payment on such thirtieth day;
- (iii) on account of any estate, inheritance, gift, sales, transfer or personal property tax or any similar tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge;
- (iv) where the tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge which is imposed would not have been so imposed but for the failure to comply with certification, identification or other information reporting requirements concerning the nationality, residence, identity or connection with the United States of the holder or beneficial owner of such Note, Receipt or Coupon, if such compliance is required by statute or by regulation of the United States as a precondition of relief or exemption from such tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge;
- (v) where the tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge is payable otherwise than by withholding from a payment on a Note, Receipt or Coupon;
- (vi) where the tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge is imposed on a Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder that actually or constructively owns 10 per cent. or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of Hitachi America entitled to vote within the meaning of section 871(h)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any regulations thereunder;
- (vii) where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual and is required to be made pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive; or
- (viii) by or on behalf of a holder who would have been able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note, Receipt or Coupon to another Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union.
- (ix) any combination of items (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii) or (viii);

nor shall additional amounts be paid to any holder of a Note, Receipt or Coupon who is a fiduciary or partnership or other than the sole beneficial owner of the Note, Receipt or Coupon, if any, to the extent a beneficiary or settlor with respect to such fiduciary or a member of such partnership or a beneficial owner of the Note, Receipt or Coupon, if any, would not have been entitled to payment of the additional amounts had such beneficiary, settlor, member or beneficial owner, if any, been the holder of the relevant Note, Receipt or Coupon, if any.

As used herein:

- (i) **Tax Jurisdiction** means the United Kingdom or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax (in the case of payments by Hitachi), the United States or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax (in the case of payments by Hitachi America) or the United States or Japan or any political subdivision or any authority of either jurisdiction thereof or therein having power to tax (in the case of payments by the Guarantor); and
- (ii) the **Relevant Date** means the date on which such payment first becomes due, except that, if the full amount of the moneys payable has not been duly received by the Agent on or prior to such due date, it means the date on which, the full amount of such moneys having been so received, notice to that effect is duly given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13.

## 8. Prescription

The Notes, Receipts and Coupons will become void unless presented for payment within a period of ten years (in the case of principal) and five years (in the case of interest) after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 7) therefor.

There shall be no prescription period for Talons but there shall not be included in any Coupon sheet issued on exchange of a Talon any Coupon the claim for payment in respect of which would be void pursuant to this Condition or Condition 5(b) or any Talon which would be void pursuant to Condition 5(b).

## 9. Events of Default and Enforcement relating to Notes

If any one or more of the following events (each an **Event of Default**) shall have occurred, namely:

- (a) a default is made for a period of more than 14 days in the payment of any principal (whether becoming due upon redemption or otherwise) or payment of interest when due in respect of the Notes; or
- (b) a default is made by the Issuer or the Guarantor in the performance or observance of any covenant, condition or provision contained in the Notes or the Guarantee and on its part to be performed or observed (other than the covenant to pay the principal and interest in respect of any of the Notes) and such default continues for the period of 30 days next following the service by any Noteholder on the Agent of notice requiring such default to be remedied; or
- (c) any other bonds, debentures, notes or other indebtedness for money borrowed of the Issuer or the Guarantor having an aggregate outstanding principal amount of at least U.S.\$20,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency or currencies) (hereinafter called **Indebtedness**) become or becomes prematurely repayable following a default which shall not have been remedied, or steps are taken to enforce any security therefor, or the Issuer or the Guarantor defaults in the repayment of any such Indebtedness at the maturity thereof or at the expiration of any applicable grace period therefor or any guarantee of or indemnity in respect of any bonds, debentures, notes or other indebtedness for money borrowed of others given by the Issuer or the Guarantor and having an aggregate outstanding principal amount of at least U.S.\$20,000,000 (or its equivalent as aforesaid) shall not be honoured when due and called upon; or
- (d) a resolution is passed or an order of a court of competent jurisdiction is made for the winding-up or dissolution or administration of the Issuer otherwise than for the purposes of or pursuant to and followed by a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or reconstruction the terms of which have previously been approved by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders; or
- (e) an encumbrancer takes possession or a trustee or a receiver or an administrative receiver is appointed of the whole or a material part of the assets or undertaking of the Issuer; or
- (f) a distress, execution or seizure before judgment is levied or enforced upon and sued out against a part of the property of the Issuer which is material in its effect upon the operations of the Issuer and is not discharged within 30 days thereof; or
- (g) the Issuer (i) stops payment within the meaning of bankruptcy law of the jurisdiction of its incorporation, or (ii) (otherwise than for the purposes of such a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or reconstruction as is referred to in paragraph (d)) ceases or through an official action of the Board of Directors of the Issuer threatens to cease to carry on business or (iii) is unable to pay its debts as and when they fall due; or
- (h) a decree or order by any court having jurisdiction shall have been issued adjudging the Issuer bankrupt or insolvent, or approving a petition seeking with respect to the Issuer reorganisation, under bankruptcy, composition, reorganisation or insolvency law of the jurisdiction of its incorporation and such decree or order shall have continued undischarged and unstayed for a period of 60 days; or
- (i) the Issuer shall initiate or consent to proceedings relating to itself under bankruptcy, composition, reorganisation or insolvency law of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or shall make a conveyance or assignment for the benefit of, or shall enter into any composition with, its creditors generally; or
- (j) a resolution is passed or an order of a court of competent jurisdiction is made that the Guarantor be wound up or dissolved otherwise than for the purposes of or pursuant to

and followed by a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or reconstruction the terms of which have previously been approved by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders; or

- (k) an encumbrancer takes possession or a receiver is appointed of the whole or a material part of the assets or undertaking of the Guarantor; or
- (l) a distress, execution or seizure before judgment is levied or enforced upon or sued out against a part of the property of the Guarantor which is material in its effect upon the operations of the Guarantor and is not discharged within 30 days thereof; or
- (m) the Guarantor (i) stops payment (within the meaning of Japanese or any other applicable bankruptcy law) or (ii) (otherwise than for the purposes of such a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or reconstruction as is referred to in paragraph (j)) ceases or through an official action of the Board of Directors of the Guarantor threatens to cease to carry on business or (iii) is unable to pay its debts as and when they fall due; or
- (n) proceedings shall have been initiated against the Guarantor under any applicable bankruptcy, reorganisation or insolvency law and such proceedings have not been discharged or stayed within a period of 60 days; or
- (o) the Guarantor shall initiate or consent to proceedings relating to itself under any applicable bankruptcy, reorganisation or insolvency law or make an assignment for the benefit of, or enter into any composition with, its creditors; or
- (p) for any reason whatsoever the Guarantee is not (or is claimed by the Guarantor not to be) in full force and effect,

then any Noteholder may, by written notice to the Issuer and the Guarantor (with a copy to the Agent for information purposes only), declare such Note held by the holder to be forthwith due and payable, whereupon the same shall become immediately due and payable at the Early Redemption Amount (as described in Condition 6(e)), together with accrued interest (if any) to the date of repayment, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, unless such Event of Default shall be cured within five business days of receipt of such written notice by the Issuer and the Guarantor.

For the purpose of paragraph (c) above, any indebtedness for borrowed money which is in a currency other than U.S. dollars shall be translated at the "spot" rate for the sale of the relevant currency against the purchase of U.S. dollars in London as quoted by a leading bank selected by the Agent for this purpose on the day in London on which such premature repayment becomes due or, as the case may be, such default occurs (or, if for any reason such a rate is not available on that day, on the earliest possible date thereafter).

## **10. Replacement of Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons**

Should any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon be lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced at the specified office of the Agent, upon payment by the claimant of such costs and expenses as may be incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the Issuer and the Agent may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

## **11. Agent and Paying Agent**

The names of the initial Agent and the other initial Paying Agent and their initial specified offices are set out below.

The Issuer and the Guarantor are entitled to vary or terminate the appointment of any Paying Agent and/or appoint additional or other Paying Agents and/or approve any change in the specified office through which any Paying Agent acts, provided that:

- (i) so long as the Notes are listed on any stock exchange or admitted to trading by any other relevant authority, there will at all times be a Paying Agent with a specified office in such place

as may be required by the rules and regulations of the relevant stock exchange (or any other relevant authority);

- (ii) there will at all times be an Agent and there will at all times be a Paying Agent (which may be the Agent) with a specified office in a principal financial centre in Europe; and
- (iii) there will at all times be a Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive.

In addition, the Issuer and the Guarantor shall forthwith appoint a Paying Agent having a specified office in New York City in the circumstances described in the final paragraph of Condition 5(b). Any variation, termination, appointment or change shall only take effect (other than in the case of insolvency, when it shall be of immediate effect) after not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice thereof shall have been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13.

In acting under the Agency Agreement, the Agent and the other Paying Agents will act solely as agents of the Issuer and the Guarantor and will not assume any obligations or relationships of agency or trust to or with the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders, except that (without affecting the obligations of the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor to the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders to repay the Notes and to pay interest thereon) funds received by the Agent and the other Paying Agents for the payment of any sums due in respect of the Notes shall be held by them on behalf of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders until the expiry of the relevant period of prescription under Condition 8. The Agency Agreement contains provisions for the indemnification of the Paying Agents and for their relief from responsibility in certain circumstances, and entitles any of them to enter into business transactions with the Issuer and the Guarantor without being liable to account to the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders for any resulting profit.

## 12. Exchange of Talons

On and after the Interest Payment Date, as appropriate, on which the final Coupon comprised in any Coupon sheet matures, the Talon (if any) forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Agent or any other Paying Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet including (if such further Coupon sheet does not include Coupons to (and including) the final date for the payment of interest due in respect of the Note to which it appertains) a further Talon, subject to the provisions of Condition 8. Each Talon shall, for the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, be deemed to mature on the Interest Payment Date on which the final Coupon comprised in the relative Coupon sheet matures.

## 13. Notices

All notices regarding the Notes shall be valid if published in a leading English language daily newspaper of general circulation in London. It is expected that any such publication in a newspaper will be made in the *Financial Times* in London. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published in a manner which complies with the rules and regulations of any other stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the Notes are for the time being listed or by which they have been admitted to trading. Any such notice will be deemed to have been given on the date of publication or, if published more than once or if required to be published in more than one newspaper, on the date of the first publication in all the required newspapers.

Until such time as any definitive Notes are issued, there may, so long as the global Note(s) is or are held in its or their entirety on behalf of Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear, be substituted for such publication in London in such newspaper the delivery of the relevant notice to Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear for communication by them to the holders of the Notes and, in addition, for so long as the Notes are listed on a stock exchange or are admitted to trading by another relevant authority and the rules of that stock exchange (or any other relevant authority) so require, such notice will be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the place or places required by that stock exchange or other relevant authority. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given to the holders of the Notes on the seventh day after the day on which the said notice was given to Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear.

Notices to be given by any holder of the Notes shall be in writing and (other than a notice under Condition 9) given by lodging the same, together with the relative Note or Notes, with the Agent. Whilst any of the Notes are represented by a global Note, such notice may be given by any holder of a Note to the Agent via Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or Euroclear, as the case may be, in such manner as the Agent and Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or Euroclear, as the case may be, may approve for this purpose.

#### **14. Meetings of Noteholders, Modification and Waiver**

The Agency Agreement contains provisions for convening meetings of the Noteholders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the sanctioning by Extraordinary Resolution of a modification of the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons or certain provisions of the Agency Agreement. Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer, the Guarantor or by Noteholders holding not less than 10 per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes of any Series for the time being remaining outstanding. The quorum at any such meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution is one or more persons holding or representing a clear majority in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned meeting one or more persons being or representing Noteholders whatever the nominal amount of the Notes so held or represented, except that at any meeting the business of which includes the modification of certain provisions of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons (including modifying the date of maturity of the Notes or any date for payment of interest thereon, reducing or cancelling the amount of principal or the rate of interest payable in respect of the Notes or altering the currency of payment of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons) or certain of the provisions of the Agency Agreement, the necessary quorum for passing an Extraordinary Resolution will be one or more persons holding or representing not less than two-thirds, or at any adjourned such meeting not less than one-third, in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding. An Extraordinary Resolution passed at any meeting of the Noteholders shall be binding on all the Noteholders, whether or not they are present at the meeting, and on all Receiptholders and Couponholders.

The Agent, the Issuer and the Guarantor may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, to:

- (i) any modification (except as mentioned above) of the Agency Agreement which is not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders; or
- (ii) any modification of the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons or the Agency Agreement which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to correct a manifest error.

Any such modification shall be binding on the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders and any such modification shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13 as soon as is practicable thereafter.

#### **15. Further Issues**

The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders to create and issue further notes having terms and conditions the same as the Notes or the same in all respects save for the amount and date of the first payment of interest thereon and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single series with the outstanding Notes.

#### **16. Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999**

No rights are conferred on any person under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this Note, but this does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available apart from that Act.

#### **17. Governing Law and Submission to Jurisdiction**

##### *(a) Governing Law*

The Agency Agreement, the Deed of Covenant, the Guarantee, the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, English law.

*(b) Submission to jurisdiction*

Hitachi America irrevocably agrees, for the benefit of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders, that the courts of England are to have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with the Notes, the Receipts and/or the Coupons (including a dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Notes, the Receipts and/or the Coupons) and accordingly submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

Hitachi America waives any objection to the courts of England on the grounds that they are an inconvenient or inappropriate forum. The Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders, may take any suit, action or proceedings (together referred to as **Proceedings**) arising out of or in connection with the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons (including any Proceedings relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons), against Hitachi America in any other court of competent jurisdiction and concurrent Proceedings in any number of jurisdictions.

*(c) Appointment of Process Agent*

Hitachi America appoints Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC at its registered office at Wallbrook Business Centre, Green Lane, Hounslow, Middlesex TW4 6NW (attention: Legal Department) as its agent for service of process, and undertakes that, in the event of Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC ceasing so to act or ceasing to be registered in England, it will appoint another person as its agent for service of process in England in respect of any Proceedings. Nothing herein shall affect the right to serve proceedings in any other manner permitted by law.

*(d) Other documents and the Guarantor*

Hitachi America and, where applicable, the Guarantor, has in the Agency Agreement, the Guarantee and the Deed of Covenant, and with regard to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them, submitted to the jurisdiction of the English courts and appointed an agent for service of process in terms substantially similar to those set out above.

## USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds from each issue of Notes will be applied by each Issuer for the general corporate purposes of the Issuer which include making a profit. If, in respect of any particular issue of Notes which are derivative securities for the purposes of Article 15 of the Commission Regulation No. 809/2004 implementing the Prospectus Directive, there is a particular identified use of proceeds, this will be stated in the applicable Final Terms.

## GUARANTEES

The following is the Guarantee given by the Guarantor in respect of Notes issued by Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC under the Programme:

THIS DEED OF GUARANTEE is made on 29 August 2008 by Hitachi Capital Corporation (the **Guarantor**) in favour of the Relevant Account Holders (as defined in the Deed of Covenant referred to below) and the holders for the time being of the Notes (as defined below) and the interest coupons (if any) appertaining to the Notes (**Coupons**), the Coupons being attached on issue to Definitive Notes (as defined below). Each Relevant Account Holder, each holder of a Note and each holder of a Coupon is a **Holder**.

### WHEREAS:

- (A) Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC (the **Issuer**) and, *inter alia*, the Guarantor have entered into an Amended and Restated Dealer Agreement (the **Dealer Agreement**, which expression includes the same as it may be amended, restated or supplemented from time to time) dated 29 August 2008 with the Dealers named therein under which the Issuer proposes from time to time to issue Euro Notes (the **Notes**, such expression to include each Definitive Note issued by the Issuer and each Global Note issued by the Issuer (where **Definitive Note** and **Global Note** have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Dealer Agreement) and to include any receipts issued in respect of Notes repayable in instalments);
- (B) the Issuer has executed a Deed of Covenant dated 29 August 2008 (the **Deed of Covenant**) relating to Global Notes issued by the Issuer pursuant to the Dealer Agreement; and
- (C) the Issuer and, *inter alia*, the Guarantor have entered into an Agency Agreement (the **Agency Agreement**, which expression includes the same as it may be amended, restated or supplemented from time to time) dated 29 August 2008 with the agents named therein.

### NOW THIS DEED WITNESSES as follows:

1. **Guarantee:** The Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees by way of deed poll to each Holder that if for any reason the Issuer does not pay any sum payable by it to such Holder in respect of any Note or Coupon or under the Deed of Covenant (including any premium or any other amounts of whatever nature or additional amounts which may become payable under any of the foregoing) as and when the same shall become due under any of the foregoing, the Guarantor will pay to such Holder on demand the amount (as to which the certificate of such Holder shall in the absence of manifest error be conclusive) payable by the Issuer to such Holder.
2. **Guarantor as Principal Debtor:** Without affecting the Issuer's obligations, the Guarantor will be liable under this Guarantee as if it were the sole principal debtor and not merely a surety. Accordingly, it will not be discharged, nor will its liability be affected, by anything which but for this provision might operate to affect its liability (including (a) any time, indulgence, waiver or consent at any time given to the Issuer or any other person, (b) any amendment to any Note, any Coupon or the Deed of Covenant or to any security or other guarantee or indemnity, (c) the making or absence of any demand on the Issuer or any other person for payment, (d) the enforcement or absence of enforcement of any Note, any Coupon, the Deed of Covenant or of any security or other guarantee or indemnity, (e) the release of any such security, guarantee or indemnity, (f) the dissolution, amalgamation, reconstruction or reorganisation of the Issuer or any other person or (g) the illegality, invalidity or unenforceability of or any defect in any provision of any Note, any Coupon or the Deed of Covenant or any of the Issuer's obligations under any of them).
3. **Guarantor's Obligations Continuing:** The Guarantor's obligations under this Guarantee are and will remain in full force and effect by way of continuing security until no sum remains, or is capable of remaining, payable under any Note, any Coupon or the Deed of Covenant. Furthermore, these obligations of the Guarantor are additional to, and not instead of, any security or other guarantee or indemnity at any time existing in favour of a Holder, whether from the Guarantor or otherwise. The Guarantor irrevocably waives all notices and demands whatsoever.

4. **Repayment to the Issuer:** If any payment received by a Holder is, on the subsequent liquidation or insolvency of the Issuer, avoided under any laws relating to liquidation or insolvency, such payment will not be considered as having discharged or diminished the liability of the Guarantor and this Guarantee will continue to apply as if such payment had at all times remained owing by the Issuer.
5. **Indemnity:** As a separate and alternative stipulation, the Guarantor unconditionally and irrevocably agrees that any sum expressed to be payable by the Issuer under any Note, any Coupon or the Deed of Covenant but which is for any reason (whether or not known or becoming known to the Issuer, the Guarantor or any Holder) not recoverable from the Guarantor on the basis of a guarantee will nevertheless be recoverable from it as if it were the sole principal debtor and will be paid by it to the Holder on demand. This indemnity constitutes a separate and independent cause of action and will apply irrespective of any indulgence granted by any Holder.
6. **Status of Guarantee:** The obligations of the Guarantor under this Guarantee constitute (subject to clause 7 below) direct, unconditional and unsecured obligations of the Guarantor and shall at all times rank *pari passu* and without any preference among themselves and (with the exception of obligations in respect of national and local taxes and certain other statutory exceptions and subject as aforesaid) equally with all its other unsecured obligations (other than subordinated obligations, if any) from time to time outstanding.
7. **Negative Pledge:** So long as any of the Notes remains outstanding (as defined in the Agency Agreement) or any sum remains payable under the Deed of Covenant the Guarantor will not create or permit to subsist any mortgage, charge, pledge or other security interest for the benefit of the holders of any External Indebtedness upon the whole or any part of its undertaking, assets or revenues, present or future, to secure any External Indebtedness issued by it, without at the same time according to the Notes either the same security as is granted to or is outstanding in respect of such External Indebtedness or such other security or guarantee as shall be approved by an Extraordinary Resolution (as defined in the Agency Agreement) of the Noteholders.

For the purposes of this clause 7, **External Indebtedness** means any indebtedness in the form of or represented by bonds, notes, debentures or other securities which:

- (i) either:
    - (a) are denominated or payable in, or by reference to, or may at the option of the person entitled thereto be or become payable in, or by reference to, a currency or currencies other than Yen; or
    - (b) are denominated or payable in Yen and more than 50 per cent. of the aggregate principal or face amount of which is initially distributed by or with the authorisation of the Guarantor outside Japan; and
  - (ii) are not repayable (otherwise than at the option, or due to default, of the Guarantor) within three years from the date of their issue; and
  - (iii) are, or are capable of being, quoted, listed or ordinarily traded on any stock exchange or on any over-the-counter securities market outside Japan.
8. **Withholding or deduction:** All payments under this Guarantee by the Guarantor shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for, or an account of any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by the United Kingdom, Japan or any political subdivision or any authority of either jurisdiction thereof or therein having power to tax, unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In such event, the Guarantor will pay such additional amounts as shall be necessary in order that the net amounts received by a Holder after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts of principal and interest which would otherwise have been receivable in respect of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons, as the case may be, in the absence of such withholding or deduction, except that no such additional amounts shall be payable:

- (i) to a Holder who is for Japanese tax purposes treated as a resident of Japan or as a Japanese corporation or who is otherwise subject to such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges by reason of being connected with Japan, other than a connection by the mere holding of a Note, Receipt or Coupon or the mere crediting of Underlying Notes (as defined in the Deed of Covenant) to the Holder's securities account with the Relevant Clearing System (as so defined);
  - (ii) more than 30 days after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 7 of the Conditions of the Notes) except to the extent that the holder thereof would have been entitled to an additional amount on presenting the same for payment on such thirtieth day;
  - (iii) where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual and is required to be made pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive; or
  - (iv) presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who would have been able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note, Receipt or Coupon to another Paying Agent in a Member State of the EU.
9. **Power to execute:** The Guarantor hereby warrants, represents and covenants with each Holder that it has all corporate power, and has taken all necessary corporate or other steps, to enable it to execute, deliver and perform this Guarantee, and that this Guarantee constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Guarantor in accordance with its terms.
10. **Deposit of Guarantee:** This Guarantee shall take effect as a Deed Poll for the benefit of the Holders from time to time and for the time being. This Guarantee shall be deposited with and held by HSBC Bank plc as Agent until all the obligations of the Guarantor have been discharged in full.
11. **Production of Guarantee:** The Guarantor hereby acknowledges the right of every Holder to the production of, and the right of every Holder to obtain a copy of, this Guarantee, and further acknowledges and covenants that the obligations binding upon it contained herein are owed to, and shall be for the account of, each and every Holder, and that each Holder shall be entitled severally to enforce the said obligations against the Guarantor.
12. **Subrogation:** Until all amounts which may be payable under the Notes, the Coupons and/or the Deed of Covenant have been irrevocably paid in full, the Guarantor shall not by virtue of this Guarantee be subrogated to any rights of any Holder or claim in competition with the Holders against the Issuer.
13. **Governing Law and Jurisdiction:** This Guarantee and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with this Guarantee shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law. The Guarantor irrevocably agrees for the benefit of each Holder that the courts of England are to have jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with this Guarantee (including a dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with this Guarantee) and that accordingly any suit, action or proceedings (together referred to as **Proceedings**) arising out of or in connection with this Guarantee (including any Proceedings relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with this Agreement) may be brought in the courts of England.

The Guarantor irrevocably waives any objection which it may have now or hereafter to the laying of the venue of any Proceedings in the courts of England, irrevocably agrees that a final judgment in any Proceedings brought in the courts of England shall be conclusive and binding upon the Guarantor and irrevocably waives any objection to the enforcement of that judgment in the courts of any other jurisdiction. Nothing contained in this Clause shall limit any right to take Proceedings against the Guarantor in any other court of competent jurisdiction, nor shall the taking of Proceedings in one or more jurisdictions preclude the taking of Proceedings in any other jurisdiction, whether concurrently or not.

The Guarantor has appointed the Issuer at its registered office for the time being in England (being at the date of execution hereof Wallbrook Business Centre, Green Lane, Hounslow, Middlesex TW4 6NW (attention: Legal Department)) as its agent for service of process in England in respect of any Proceedings

and undertakes that in the event of it ceasing so to act it will appoint another person as its agent for that purpose.

IN WITNESS whereof this Guarantee has been manually executed as a deed poll on behalf of the Guarantor.

Signed as a deed by Hitachi Capital Corporation acting by its attorney, Chihiro Shirai, Co-Chief Executive of Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC, in the presence of:

Witness's Signature: .....

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Dated 29 August 2008

*The following is the form of Guarantee given by the Guarantor in respect of Notes issued by Hitachi Capital America Corp. under the Programme:*

THIS DEED OF GUARANTEE is made on 29 August 2008 by Hitachi Capital Corporation (the **Guarantor**) in favour of the Relevant Account Holders (as defined in the Deed of Covenant referred to below) and the holders for the time being of the Notes (as defined below) and the interest coupons (if any) appertaining to the Notes (**Coupons**), the Coupons being attached on issue to Definitive Notes (as defined below). Each Relevant Account Holder, each holder of a Note and each holder of a Coupon is a **Holder**.

WHEREAS:

- (A) Hitachi Capital America Corp. (the **Issuer**) and, *inter alia*, the Guarantor have entered into an Amended and Restated Dealer Agreement (the **Dealer Agreement**, which expression includes the same as it may be amended, restated or supplemented from time to time) dated 29 August 2008 with the Dealers named therein under which the Issuer proposes from time to time to issue Euro Notes (the **Notes**, such expression to include each Definitive Note issued by the Issuer and each Global Note issued by the Issuer (where **Definitive Note** and **Global Note** have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Dealer Agreement) and to include any receipts issued in respect of Notes repayable in instalments);
- (B) the Issuer has executed a Deed of Covenant dated 29 August 2008 (the **Deed of Covenant**) relating to Global Notes issued by the Issuer pursuant to the Dealer Agreement; and
- (C) the Issuer and, *inter alia*, the Guarantor have entered into an Amended and Restated Agency Agreement (the **Agency Agreement**, which expression includes the same as it may be amended, restated or supplemented from time to time) dated 29 August 2008 with the agents named therein.

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSES as follows:

- 1. **Guarantee:** The Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees by way of deed poll to each Holder that if for any reason the Issuer does not pay any sum payable by it to such Holder in respect of any Note or Coupon or under the Deed of Covenant (including any premium or any other amounts of whatever nature or additional amounts which may become payable under any of the foregoing) as and when the same shall become due under any of the foregoing, the Guarantor will pay to such Holder on demand the amount (as to which the certificate of such Holder shall in the absence of manifest error be conclusive) payable by the Issuer to such Holder.
- 2. **Guarantor as Principal Debtor:** Without affecting the Issuer's obligations, the Guarantor will be liable under this Guarantee as if it were the sole principal debtor and not merely a surety. Accordingly, it will not be discharged, nor will its liability be affected, by anything which but for this provision might operate to affect its liability (including (a) any time, indulgence, waiver or consent at any time given to the Issuer or any other person, (b) any amendment to any Note, any Coupon or the Deed of Covenant or to any security or other guarantee or indemnity, (c) the making or absence of any demand on the Issuer or any other person for payment, (d) the enforcement or absence of enforcement of any Note, any Coupon, the Deed of Covenant or of any security or other guarantee or indemnity, (e) the release of any such security, guarantee or indemnity, (f) the dissolution, amalgamation, reconstruction or reorganisation of the Issuer or any other person or (g) the illegality, invalidity or unenforceability of or any defect in any provision of any Note, any Coupon or the Deed of Covenant or any of the Issuer's obligations under any of them).
- 3. **Guarantor's Obligations Continuing:** The Guarantor's obligations under this Guarantee are and will remain in full force and effect by way of continuing security until no sum remains, or is capable of remaining, payable under any Note, any Coupon or the Deed of Covenant. Furthermore, these obligations of the Guarantor are additional to, and not instead of, any security or other guarantee or indemnity at any time existing in favour of a Holder, whether from the Guarantor or otherwise. The Guarantor irrevocably waives all notices and demands whatsoever.

4. **Repayment to the Issuer:** If any payment received by a Holder is, on the subsequent liquidation or insolvency of the Issuer, avoided under any laws relating to liquidation or insolvency, such payment will not be considered as having discharged or diminished the liability of the Guarantor and this Guarantee will continue to apply as if such payment had at all times remained owing by the Issuer.
5. **Indemnity:** As a separate and alternative stipulation, the Guarantor unconditionally and irrevocably agrees that any sum expressed to be payable by the Issuer under any Note, any Coupon or the Deed of Covenant but which is for any reason (whether or not known or becoming known to the Issuer, the Guarantor or any Holder) not recoverable from the Guarantor on the basis of a guarantee will nevertheless be recoverable from it as if it were the sole principal debtor and will be paid by it to the Holder on demand. This indemnity constitutes a separate and independent cause of action and will apply irrespective of any indulgence granted by any Holder.
6. **Status of Guarantee:** The obligations of the Guarantor under this Guarantee constitute (subject to clause 7 below) direct, unconditional and unsecured obligations of the Guarantor and shall at all times rank *pari passu* and without any preference among themselves and (with the exception of obligations in respect of national and local taxes and certain other statutory exceptions and subject as aforesaid) equally with all its other unsecured obligations (other than subordinated obligations, if any) from time to time outstanding.
7. **Negative Pledge:** So long as any of the Notes remains outstanding (as defined in the Agency Agreement) or any sum remains payable under the Deed of Covenant the Guarantor will not create or permit to subsist any mortgage, charge, pledge or other security interest for the benefit of the holders of any External Indebtedness upon the whole or any part of its undertaking, assets or revenues, present or future, to secure any External Indebtedness issued by it, without at the same time according to the Notes either the same security as is granted to or is outstanding in respect of such External Indebtedness or such other security or guarantee as shall be approved by an Extraordinary Resolution (as defined in the Agency Agreement) of the Noteholders.

For the purposes of this clause 7, **External Indebtedness** means any indebtedness in the form of or represented by bonds, notes, debentures or other securities which:

- (i) either:
    - (a) are denominated or payable in, or by reference to, or may at the option of the person entitled thereto be or become payable in, or by reference to, a currency or currencies other than Yen; or
    - (b) are denominated or payable in Yen and more than 50 per cent. of the aggregate principal or face amount of which is initially distributed by or with the authorisation of the Guarantor outside Japan; and
  - (ii) are not repayable (otherwise than at the option, or due to default, of the Guarantor) within three years from the date of their issue; and
  - (iii) are, or are capable of being, quoted, listed or ordinarily traded on any stock exchange or on any over-the-counter securities market outside Japan.
8. **Withholding or deduction:** All payments under this Guarantee by the Guarantor shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for, or on account of any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by the United States, Japan or any political subdivision or any authority of either jurisdiction thereof or therein having power to tax, unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In such event, the Guarantor will pay such additional amounts as shall be necessary in order that the net amounts received by a Holder after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts of principal and interest which would otherwise have been receivable in respect of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons, as the case may be, in the absence of such withholding or deduction, except that no such additional amounts shall be payable:

- (i) where the tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge which is imposed would not have been so imposed but for (A) the existence of any present or former connection between such Holder (or between a fiduciary, settlor, or beneficiary of, or a person holding a power over, such Holder, if such Holder is an estate or a trust, or a member or shareholder of such Holder, if such Holder is a partnership or a corporation) and the United States, including, without limitation, such Holder (or such fiduciary, settlor, beneficiary, person holding a power, member or shareholder) being or having been a citizen or resident or treated as a resident thereof or being or having been engaged in a trade or business therein or having had a permanent establishment therein, or (B) such Holder's present or former status as a passive foreign investment company with respect to the United States or a controlled foreign corporation or a foreign tax exempt organisation for United States tax purposes or as a corporation which accumulates earnings to avoid United States, federal income tax;
- (ii) more than 30 days after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 7 of the Notes) except to the extent that the Holder thereof would have been entitled to an additional amount on presenting the same for payment on such thirtieth day;
- (iii) on account of any estate, inheritance, gift, sales, transfer or personal property tax or any similar tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge;
- (iv) where the tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge which is imposed would not have been so imposed but for the failure to comply with certification, identification or other information reporting requirements concerning the nationality, residence, identity or connection with the United States of the Holder or beneficial owner of such Note, Receipt or Coupon, if such compliance is required by statute or by regulation of the United States as a precondition of relief or exemption from such tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge;
- (v) where the tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge is payable otherwise than by withholding from a payment on a Note, Receipt or Coupon;
- (vi) where the tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge imposed on a Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder that actually or constructively owns 10 per cent. or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of Hitachi Capital America Corp. entitled to vote within the meaning of section 871(h)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any regulations thereunder (the **Code**);
- (vii) where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual and is required to be made pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive;
- (viii) by or on behalf of a Holder who would have been able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note, Receipt or Coupon to another Paying Agent in a Member State of the EU; or
- (ix) any combination of items (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii) or (viii);

nor shall additional amounts be paid to any Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder who is a fiduciary or partnership or other than the sole beneficial owner of the Note, Receipt or Coupon, if any, to the extent a beneficiary or settlor with respect to such fiduciary or a member of such partnership or a beneficial owner of the Note, Receipt or Coupon, if any, would not have been entitled to payment of the additional amounts had such beneficiary, settlor, member or beneficial owner been the Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder, if any.

9. **Power to execute:** The Guarantor hereby warrants, represents and covenants with each Holder that it has all corporate power, and has taken all necessary corporate or other steps, to enable it to execute, deliver and perform this Guarantee, and that this Guarantee constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Guarantor in accordance with its terms.

10. **Deposit of Guarantee:** This Guarantee shall take effect as a Deed Poll for the benefit of the Holders from time to time and for the time being. This Guarantee shall be deposited with and held by HSBC Bank plc as Agent until all the obligations of the Guarantor have been discharged in full.
11. **Production of Guarantee:** The Guarantor hereby acknowledges the right of every Holder to the production of, and the right of every Holder to obtain a copy of, this Guarantee, and further acknowledges and covenants that the obligations binding upon it contained herein are owed to, and shall be for the account of, each and every Holder, and that each Holder shall be entitled severally to enforce the said obligations against the Guarantor.
12. **Subrogation:** Until all amounts which may be payable under the Notes, the Coupons and/or the Deed of Covenant have been irrevocably paid in full, the Guarantor shall not by virtue of this Guarantee be subrogated to any rights of any Holder or claim in competition with the Holders against the Issuer.
13. **Governing Law and Jurisdiction:** This Guarantee and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with this Guarantee shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law. The Guarantor irrevocably agrees for the benefit of each Holder that the courts of England are to have jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with this Guarantee (including a dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with this Guarantee) and that accordingly any suit, action or proceedings (together referred to as **Proceedings**) arising out of or in connection with this Guarantee (including any Proceedings relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with this Guarantee) may be brought in the courts of England.

The Guarantor irrevocably waives any objection which it may have now or hereafter to the laying of the venue of any Proceedings in the courts of England, irrevocably agrees that a final judgment in any Proceedings brought in the courts of England shall be conclusive and binding upon the Guarantor and irrevocably waives any objection to the enforcement of that judgment in the courts of any other jurisdiction. Nothing contained in this Clause shall limit any right to take Proceedings against the Guarantor in any other court of competent jurisdiction, nor shall the taking of Proceedings in one or more jurisdictions preclude the taking of Proceedings in any other jurisdiction, whether concurrently or not.

The Guarantor has appointed Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC at its registered office for the time being in England (being at the date of execution hereof Wallbrook Business Centre, Green Lane, Hounslow, Middlesex TW4 6NW (attention: Legal Department)) as its agent for service of process in England in respect of any Proceedings and undertakes that in the event of it ceasing so to act it will appoint another person as its agent for that purpose.

IN WITNESS whereof this Guarantee has been manually executed as a deed poll on behalf of the Guarantor.

Signed as a deed by Hitachi Capital Corporation acting by its attorney, Chihiro Shirai, Co-Chief Executive of Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC, in the presence of:

Witness's Signature: .....

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Dated 29 August 2008

## DESCRIPTION OF HITACHI CAPITAL (UK) PLC

(Hitachi)

### General

Hitachi was incorporated on 21 April 1982 with an indefinite length of life, under the laws of England and Wales with registered number 1630491. The registered office of Hitachi is Wallbrook Business Centre, Green Lane, Hounslow, Middlesex TW4 6NW, telephone number (+44) 20 8572 7554. One hundred percent of the Hitachi's share capital is owned by the Guarantor (Hitachi Capital Corporation).

Hitachi and its four wholly owned trading subsidiaries provide a variety of financial and insurance products to corporate, public sector and individual customers predominantly in the UK. Hitachi's trading subsidiaries are as follows;

Hitachi Capital Vehicle Solutions Ltd.  
Hitachi Capital Insurance Europe Ltd.  
Hitachi Capital Invoice Finance Ltd, and  
Robinsons Garage (Aylestone) Limited (trading as Hitachi Capital Driving Instructor Corporation),

which together with the remainder of Hitachi's subsidiaries are referred to as the Hitachi Group.

### Operational organisation

The Group's operations are organised into five business units, (supported by Group shared service functions), which service five separate markets: vehicle finance, business finance, consumer point of sale finance, invoice finance and insurance services.

### Business units

#### (a) Vehicle Solutions

Hitachi Capital Vehicle Solutions ("HCVS") provides vehicle management solutions for businesses which require flexible funding arrangements for cars and commercial vehicles. HCVS offers a variety of financing options including contract hire, contract purchase, finance and operating leasing, as well as a wide range of complementary services including fleet management, full outsourcing, daily rental, insurance and employee car schemes. It also provides advice on fleet management, health and safety issues and environmental impact.

#### (b) Business Finance

Hitachi Capital Business Finance ("HCBF") specialise in providing medium term asset finance to commercial customers through three main channels; direct, broker and vendor relationships. Selected markets include aviation, farm and country, construction, and lending to the professions and financial services. HCBF's products include hire purchase, finance and operating leasing and block discounting. In addition to these core financing products, it also provides asset management services and undertakes syndication of some of its agreements to manage reduce credit risk within limits.

#### (c) Consumer Finance

Hitachi Capital Consumer Finance ("HCCF") is a leading provider of retail point of sale finance, predominantly to high street retailers. HCCF operate in a range of sectors, with particular strengths in furniture, jewellery, healthcare and home improvements. It provides fixed term instalment credit finance, which is predominantly interest free to the end customer.

#### (d) Invoice Finance

Hitachi Capital Invoice Finance's principal activity is the provision of factoring facilities for the book debts of small and medium sized UK based businesses. The company was purchased by Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC on 31 July 2008 from London Scottish Bank plc. The company operates from offices based in Telford and Goring.

## (e) Insurance Services

Domiciled in Ireland, Hitachi Capital Insurance Europe Limited (HCIE) acted as a direct insurer, mainly for payment protection (PPI), mortgage PPI (MPPI) and guaranteed asset protection (GAP) insurance. HCIE's products were sold to consumers in the mortgage, retail, motor and finance markets. HCIE's business was placed into run off in April 2009.

### Directors

Since the 1st April 2009 the Board of Directors has comprised of the following members:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Other principal activities</i>
N. Carter	Vice Chairman and Acting Non-executive Chairman	Non-executive director of Arena Coventry Ltd.
Y. Matsushita	Non-executive Director	Director, President and Chief Executive Officer of Hitachi Capital Corporation, Director (non-executive) of Hitachi Capital America Corp. Director (non-executive) of Hitachi Credit (Hong Kong) Ltd. Director (non-executive) of Hitachi Capital Trust Corporation
D. G. Anthony	Chief Executive	Non-executive director of Secure Trust Bank PLC
C. Shirai	Co-Chief Executive	None
R. Gordon	Finance Director	None
S. Oliphant	Chief Executive – Vehicle Solutions	None
G. Appelbe	Operations Director	None

The business address of the Directors (apart from Mr. Matsushita) is Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC, Wallbrook Business Centre, Green Lane, Hounslow, Middlesex TW4 6NW. The business address of Mr. Matsushita is Hitachi Capital Corporation, 15-12 Nishi Shimbashi 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, 105-8712, Japan.

### Other members of administrative, management or supervisory bodies

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Other principal activities</i>
S. Lawler	Managing Director, Hitachi Capital Insurance Europe Ltd.	None
R. Munn	Divisional Managing Director	None
J. N. Sims	Group Counsel and Company Secretary	None

The business address of the above persons listed is Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC, Wallbrook Business Centre, Green Lane, Hounslow, Middlesex TW4 6NW.

### Conflicts of Interest

There are no potential conflicts of interest between the duties to Hitachi of the Directors or the persons listed above and their private interests and/or other duties.

## DESCRIPTION OF HITACHI CAPITAL AMERICA CORP.

### (Hitachi America)

#### General

Hitachi America was incorporated in October 1989 as a perpetual corporation with file no. 2211234, under the laws of the state of Delaware. The Guarantor owns all of the outstanding stock of Hitachi America. Its registered office is 800 Connecticut Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut 06854, and its telephone number is +1 203 956 3000.

Hitachi America is a diversified financial services company providing secured financing to U.S. affiliates of Hitachi, Ltd., their customers, and other commercial market segments in the United States. Hitachi America's business lines can broadly be defined as either "Small Company Financing" (as described below) or "Large Company Financing" (as described below).

Under Small Company Financing, Hitachi America provides financing to smaller, typically non-investment grade rated companies for medium duty trucks, forklifts, construction and medical equipment. Medium duty truck, forklift and construction equipment is generally financed through direct manufacturer's programmes or in the case of portfolio acquisitions, through third party manufacturer's programmes or through manufacturer's dealers on a secured basis. Hitachi America also provides floorplan financing to selected customers within our dealer network for equipment manufacturers with whom Hitachi America has a manufacturer's programme relationship. Medical equipment is primarily financed to healthcare clients through direct manufacturer and financial intermediaries. Currently, Hitachi America primarily finances Hitachi Medical Systems America's open MRI and related equipment.

Under Large Company Financing, Hitachi America provides financing arrangements for federal and state governments and for large, generally investment grade rated companies or their subsidiaries. Large Company Financing is originated through either a direct manufacturer's programme or on a wholesale basis from other financial institutions. Types of financing provided to Large Company Financing customers include leases and loans for various types of equipment and contract monetization of various government receivables.

To augment both business lines, Hitachi America also has a well-established syndication function that allows it to temporarily assume greater credit exposure to its customers and then later reduce this exposure by selling a portion of its exposure to other financial institutions. With both Small Company Financing and Large Company Financing, the syndication function allows Hitachi America to better manage the growth of its balance sheet.

#### Directors

The Board of Directors currently comprises three members:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Other principal activities</i>
Mr. Yasushi Matsushita	Non-Executive Director	Senior Corporate Officer of Hitachi Capital Corporation
Mr. Yoshiyuki Kume	Chief Executive Officer	None
Mr. William H. Besgen	President and Chief Operating Officer	None

The business address of the Directors (apart from Mr. Matsushita) is Hitachi Capital America Corp., 800 Connecticut Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut, 06854. The business address of Mr. Matsushita is Hitachi Capital Corporation, 15-12 Nishi Shimbashi 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, 105-8712, Japan.

#### Conflicts of Interest

There are no potential conflicts of interest between the duties to Hitachi America of the Directors and their private interests and/or other duties.

## HITACHI CAPITAL CORPORATION

### General

The Guarantor, which was incorporated in 1960, registered in Tokyo under registration no. 0104-01-024970, is a leasing and consumer credit company established by Hitachi Ltd. to provide consumer finance for sales of its products. Since it was established, the Guarantor has diversified the types of finance and the credit granted and has developed a substantial leasing business. Following its merger with Hitachi Leasing Limited on 1 October 2000, 60 per cent. of the issued share capital of the Guarantor is owned by Hitachi Ltd. As at 1 October 2000, the Guarantor changed its name from Hitachi Credit Corporation to Hitachi Capital Corporation. The Guarantor's registered office is Hitachi Atago Building, 15-12 Nishi Shimbashi 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-8712, and its telephone number is +81 3 3503 2118.

The Guarantor operates in two distinct business sectors in Japan: consumer finance and commercial leasing. The consumer finance industry involves not only banks but also consumer credit companies specialising in consumer finance, including companies (such as the Guarantor) established by manufacturers of consumer electrical and electronics products. The Guarantor's activities cover the entire spectrum of the Japanese consumer finance industry.

The Guarantor enters into arrangements with retailers ("Contracted Retailers") whereby its credit and leasing facilities are available at their outlets. Contracted Retailers include electrical appliance shops and stores, car dealers, department stores and office equipment suppliers. In addition, the Guarantor, in many cases, enters into arrangements with manufacturers (or their sales companies) of the products financed by it. This has enabled its credit and leasing facilities to become available at a large number of the outlets dealing with such products. The Guarantor maintains such arrangements with the major Hitachi Ltd. Group (as defined below) companies and many other companies, including leading manufacturers of automobiles and office equipment. In addition, the Guarantor provides its financial services to employees of the Guarantor's corporate clients.

The Guarantor operates four businesses in the areas of: financial services, commission services, supply and sales services, and overseas business. The Guarantor has its head office in Tokyo and has 16 executive offices and 195 regional offices throughout Japan.

The shares of the Guarantor are listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. It is the first listed consumer credit company in Japan which has been established by a manufacturer. The Guarantor is one of the major listed subsidiaries of the Hitachi Ltd. Group, which consists of Hitachi Ltd. and approximately 1,109 subsidiaries and affiliates (the "Hitachi Ltd. Group"). The Hitachi Ltd. Group is a major enterprise group in Japan.

The Guarantor, together with its consolidated subsidiaries, are referred to in this Offering Circular as the "Group".

### Total revenues of the Group

The following table sets forth the total revenues of the Group for the period indicated:

	<i>Year ended</i> <i>31 March</i>	
	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
	<i>(millions)</i>	
Revenues.....	<u>¥117,185</u>	<u>¥107,943</u>

## Businesses of the Guarantor

As a manufacturer-affiliated financial services company, the Guarantor has consistently pursued a policy of a distinct emphasis on the products it has financed over its history of roughly 50 years. The products the Guarantor has financed have gradually expanded from the original field of household appliances to automobiles, information equipment, industrial machinery, medical devices, agricultural equipment and housing. The Guarantor's conception of products has expanded to include those things that contribute to healthy economic activity. In that sense, in addition to the products outlined above, the Guarantor also target products used in corporate finance, such as accounts receivables. The one strength that has differentiated the Guarantor from competitors has been its ability to capitalize on the Guarantor's rich experience and knowledge of such products to provide seamless services that range from leases, loans and other financial services to support services such as asset management, securitization and sale of lease-matured assets, which reduce the time and effort required by customers. By making these efforts to cultivate these new businesses, the Guarantor has been building a foundation for sustainable growth.

## Business Overview

Fiscal year 2009, ended 31 March, 2009, was positioned as the first year of the Group's new mid-term management plan focusing on business structural reforms. Performance during the year was impacted by drastic changes in the business environment, most notably, plummeting stock markets and appreciation of the yen, as a result of the global financial crisis. With regard to its consolidated results, revenues totaled ¥107,943 million, down 7.9% year-on-year due to a decrease in the volume of business owing to a sharp decline in corporate capital investment, coupled with a decline in unrealized gains resulting from a change in accounting methods. Despite reductions in labor costs and other operating costs, operating income decreased 21.8% to ¥17,580 million primarily attributable to an increase in bad debt write-off. Besides recording other expenses associated with the business structural reforms, other income and expenses resulting from changes in accounting methods were posted collectively in fiscal 2009, and as a result, net income increased 13.1% to ¥12,122 million.

In fiscal 2009, although operating income decreased due to rapid deterioration in the worldwide economy, the Guarantor implemented measures and made preparations to counter a further decline in the economic environment, including comprehensive treatment of impairment losses and significantly increasing liquidity in hand (up ¥151,505 million year-on-year to ¥251,872 million). This also strengthened its corporate structure, enabling a flexible response to new business opportunities.

## Subsidiaries and Affiliates

As the date here of, the Guarantor has 28 subsidiaries (being companies in which the Guarantor holds more than 50% of the issued share capital) and 2 affiliates (being companies in which the Guarantor holds not less than 20% and not more than 50% of the issued share capital). Fourteen of the subsidiaries were incorporated overseas.

## Directors and Corporate Officers

The Directors and Corporate Officers of the Guarantor are as follows:

<i>Directors Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Other principal activities</i>
Yoshiki Yagi	Chairman of the Board	Director (non-executive) of Sompo Japan Insurance Inc.
Kazuya Miura	Director	Director (non-executive) of Credit Information Center Corp.
Yuichiro Shimada	Director	None
Akira Tsuda	Director	Corporate Auditor (non-executive) of Torishima Pump MFG.Co., Ltd.
Kazuhiro Mori	Director	Executive Vice President and Executive Officer of Hitachi, Ltd.

### *Corporate Officers*

Kazuya Miura	President and Chief Executive Officer
Yasushi Matsushita	Senior Corporate Officer
Keiji Momoi	Senior Corporate Officer
Seiji Kawabe	Senior Corporate Officer
Shinichi Urata	Senior Corporate Officer
Kiyoshi Kojima	Senior Corporate Officer

The business address of the Guarantor's Directors and Corporate Officers is 15-12, Nishi Shimbashi 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-8712, Japan.

### **Conflicts of interest**

There are no potential conflicts of interest between the duties to Hitachi Capital Corporation of the Directors or Corporate Officers and their private interests and/or other duties.

## TAXATION

### GENERAL

The discussion of taxation under the headings “United States”, “United Kingdom” and “Japan” in this section is only an indication of certain tax implications under the laws of those jurisdictions as they may affect investors. It applies only to persons who are beneficial owners of Notes and may not apply to certain classes of person (such as dealers). The Issuers and the Guarantor (if applicable) make no representations as to the completeness of the information nor undertake any liability of whatsoever nature for the tax implications for investors. **Potential investors are strongly advised to consult their professional advisers on the tax implications of investing in Notes.**

### UNITED STATES

#### *Circular 230 Legend*

**Any discussions of United States federal income tax matters set forth in this Offering Circular or in the applicable Final Terms were written to support the promotion and marketing by the Issuers and the Dealers of the Notes. Such discussions were not intended or written to be legal or tax advice to any person and were not intended or written to be used, and cannot be used, by any person for the purpose of avoiding any tax-related penalties that may be imposed on such person. Each person considering an investment in the Notes should seek advice based on its particular circumstances from an independent tax advisor.**

#### *Overview*

The following is an overview of certain United States federal income tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of Notes, Receipts, or Coupons by a holder that is not a “United States Person” (a **Non-U.S. Holder**). A United States Person is a holder or beneficial owner that is for United States federal tax purposes, an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States, a corporation (or entity treated as a corporation for United States federal tax purposes) or partnership created or organised in or under the laws of the United States (or any political subdivision thereof), an estate the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source or a trust if (a)(i) a U.S. court is able to exercise primary supervision over the trust’s administration and (ii) one or more United States Persons have the authority to control all of the trust’s substantial decisions or (b) such trust has a valid election in place to be treated as a United States Person for United States federal tax purposes. This discussion is based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the **Code**), judicial decisions, published rulings, administrative pronouncements, and existing and proposed U.S. Treasury Regulations (the **Regulations**), all as are in effect on the date of this Offering Circular and all of which are subject to change after such date, possibly with retroactive effect. This summary also assumes that the Notes, Receipts and Coupons are held as capital assets, within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code and are offered, sold and delivered in accordance with the Dealer Agreement and the Schedule of Forms. The information provided below does not purport to be a complete discussion of all aspects of United States federal tax law and practice currently applicable that may be relevant to a particular holder in light of its personal circumstances (including the United States federal income tax consequences of certain conduit financing arrangements) or to holders subject to special treatment under the United States federal tax laws (including certain financial institutions, persons who have ceased to be United States citizens or to be taxed as resident aliens, or persons that hold the Notes in connection with a United States trade or business as determined under United States federal income tax principles). Moreover, this discussion does not apply to certain Dual Currency Notes or certain Index Linked Notes. Further, this summary does not address the U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to holders of equity interests in a beneficial owner of Notes, Receipts or Coupons. In addition, the discussion is generally limited to the U.S. federal income tax consequences of initial holders and does not consider holders that are pass-through or other entities of holders of interest in such entities.

The Issuer generally intends to treat the Notes issued under the Programme as debt, unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Final Terms. Certain Notes, however, such as Notes with extremely long maturities, may be treated as equity for United States federal tax purposes. The tax treatment of Notes to which a treatment other than debt may apply may be discussed in the applicable Final Terms.

For the purpose of applying the rules set forth under this heading “Taxation — United States” to an entity that is treated as fiscally transparent (e.g. a partnership) for United States federal income tax purposes, the beneficial owner means each of the ultimate beneficial owners of the entity.

### *General*

Under present United States federal income tax law and subject to the discussion of backup withholding below, and assuming that the conditions and requirements set forth in “Form of the Notes,” “Guarantees” and “Subscription and Sale” have been satisfied:

1. United States withholding tax will not apply in cases where the Issuer is Hitachi.

In cases where the Issuer is Hitachi America, payments of principal or interest (including any original issue discount) on any Note, Receipt or Coupon by Hitachi America, the Guarantor or the Paying Agent (acting in their capacity as such) to any Non-U.S. Holder will not be subject to withholding of United States federal income tax, provided that in the case of amounts treated as interest or original issue discount on a Note (i) the holder does not actually or constructively own 10 per cent. or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of Hitachi America's shares entitled to vote within the meaning of section 871(h)(3) of the Code; (ii) the holder is not (a) a foreign tax exempt organisation or a foreign private foundation for United States federal income tax purposes, (b) a bank receiving interest pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of its trade or business, or (c) a controlled foreign corporation within the meaning of section 957(a) of the Code that is related, directly or indirectly, to Hitachi America through share ownership; and (iii) such interest is not contingent on the Hitachi America's profits, revenues, dividends or changes in the value of its property nor is otherwise described in section 871(h)(4) of the Code; and

2. a Non-U.S. Holder of a Note, Receipt, or Coupon will not be subject to United States federal income tax on gain realised on the sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition of a Note, Receipt, or Coupon, unless (i) such holder is an individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year and certain other requirements are met or (ii) such gain is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business of such holder in the United States.

### *Information Reporting and Backup Withholding*

United States information reporting requirements and backup withholding tax generally will not apply to payments on a Note, Receipt, or Coupon made outside the United States by any Issuer, the Guarantor, or the Paying Agent (acting in their capacity as such) to a Non-U.S. Holder.

Information reporting requirements and backup withholding tax generally will not apply to any payment on a Note, Receipt, or Coupon made outside the United States by a foreign office of a custodian, nominee, or other agent of the beneficial owner of such Note, Receipt, or Coupon, or to any payment of the proceeds of the sale of a Note, Receipt, or Coupon effected outside the United States by a foreign office of a “broker” (as defined in applicable Regulations), provided that such custodian, nominee, other agent or broker is not a “U.S. Controlled Person”, as defined below. Payment on a Note, Receipt, or Coupon made outside the United States to the beneficial owner thereof by a foreign office of any custodian, nominee, or other agent or on the proceeds of the sale of a Note, Receipt, or Coupon effected outside the United States by a foreign office of any broker that is a U.S. Controlled Person will not be subject to backup withholding tax, but may be subject to information reporting requirements unless such custodian, nominee, other agent or broker has documentary evidence in its records that the beneficial owner is a Non-U.S. Holder and certain other conditions are met, or the beneficial owner otherwise establishes an exemption. Payment of the proceeds of a sale of a Note, Receipt, or Coupon by the United States office of a broker will be subject to information reporting requirements and backup withholding tax unless the beneficial owner duly certifies its non-U.S. status under penalties of perjury, or otherwise establishes an exemption.

A U.S. Controlled Person is a person that (i) is a United States Person (including a foreign branch or office of such person); (ii) derives at least 50 per cent. of its gross income from certain periods from the conduct of a trade or business within the United States; (iii) is a controlled foreign corporation for United States federal income tax purposes; or (iv) is a foreign partnership that, at any time during its taxable year,

is more than 50 per cent. owned (by income or capital interest) by United States Persons or is engaged in the conduct of a U.S. trade or business.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Amounts withheld as backup withholding may be credited against a holder's United States federal income tax liability. A holder may obtain a refund of any excess amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules by timely filing the appropriate claim for a refund with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and timely furnishing any required information.

## UNITED KINGDOM

The following applies only to persons who are the beneficial owners of the Notes and is an overview of the Issuers' understanding of current law and practice in the United Kingdom relating to the withholding of tax from interest on the Notes and the power of H.M. Revenue and Customs (**HMRC**) to obtain certain information. Some aspects do not apply to certain classes of taxpayer. It does not deal with any other United Kingdom taxation implications of acquiring, holding or disposing of Notes. The United Kingdom tax treatment of prospective Noteholders depends on their individual circumstances and may be subject to change in the future. Prospective Noteholders who may be subject to tax in a jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom or may be unsure as to their tax position should seek their own professional advice.

### A. *Payment of Interest on Notes issued by Hitachi*

Payment of interest on Notes issued by Hitachi may be made without deduction of or withholding on account of United Kingdom income tax provided that such Notes are and continue to be listed on a "recognised stock exchange" within the meaning of section 1005 of the Income Tax Act 2007 (the **Act**). The London Stock Exchange is a recognised stock exchange for these purposes. Securities will be treated as listed on the London Stock Exchange if they are included in the Official List (within the meaning of and in accordance with the provisions of Part 6 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) and admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange. Provided, therefore, that the Notes issued by Hitachi remain so listed, interest on such Notes will be payable without withholding or deduction on account of United Kingdom tax.

Interest on the Notes issued by Hitachi may also be paid without withholding or deduction on account of United Kingdom tax where the interest on the Notes is paid by a company and, at the time the payment is made, Hitachi reasonably believes (and any person by or through whom interest on the Notes is paid reasonably believes) that the beneficial owner is within the charge to United Kingdom corporation tax as regards the payment of interest, provided that HMRC has not given a direction (in circumstances where it has reasonable grounds to believe that the above exemption is not available in respect of such payment of interest at the time such payment is made) that the interest should be paid under deduction of tax.

Interest on the Notes issued by Hitachi may also be paid without withholding or deduction on account of United Kingdom tax where the maturity of the Notes is less than 365 days and the Notes do not form part of a scheme or arrangement of borrowing intended to be capable of remaining outstanding for more than 364 days.

In other cases, an amount must generally be withheld from payments of interest on the Notes issued by Hitachi on account of United Kingdom income tax at the basic rate (currently 20 per cent.). However, where an applicable double tax treaty provides for a lower rate of withholding tax (or for no tax to be withheld) in relation to a Noteholder, HMRC can issue a notice to Hitachi to pay interest to the Noteholder without deduction of tax (or for interest to be paid with tax deducted at the rate provided for in the relevant double tax treaty).

### B. *Payment of Interest on Notes issued by Hitachi America*

Payments of interest on Notes issued by Hitachi America may be made without withholding on account of United Kingdom income tax.

### C. *H.M. Revenue and Customs Power to obtain Information*

Noteholders may wish to note that, in certain circumstances, HMRC has power to obtain information (including the name and address of the beneficial owner of the interest) from any person in the

United Kingdom who either pays or credits interest to or receives interest for the benefit of a Noteholder. HMRC also has the power, in certain circumstances to obtain such information from any person in the United Kingdom who either pays amounts payable on the redemption of Notes which are deeply discounted securities for the purposes of the Income Tax (Trading and Other Income) Act 2005 to or receives such amounts for the benefit of another person, although HMRC published practice indicates that HMRC will not exercise its power to require this information in respect of such amounts payable on redemption of Notes where such amounts are paid on or before 5 April 2010. Such information may include the name and address of the beneficial owner of the amount payable on redemption. Information so obtained may, in certain circumstances, be exchanged by HMRC with the tax authorities of the jurisdiction in which the Noteholder is resident for tax purposes.

## JAPAN

The payment of principal and interest in respect of the Notes issued by the Issuer to a non-resident of Japan or a non-Japanese corporation will, under Japanese tax laws currently in effect, not be subject to any Japanese income or corporation tax payable by way of withholding. Payment by the Guarantor under the Guarantees to a non-resident of Japan or a non-Japanese corporation will, under Japanese tax laws currently in effect, not be subject to any Japanese income or corporation tax payable by way of withholding. Furthermore, none of such payments will be subject to any other Japanese income or corporation tax, unless such non-resident or non-Japanese corporation has a permanent establishment in Japan and the payment is attributable to the business of such non-resident or non-Japanese corporation carried on in Japan through such permanent establishment.

Gains derived from the sale outside Japan of Notes by a non-resident of Japan or a non-Japanese corporation are in general not subject to Japanese income or corporation taxes. Gains derived from the sales in Japan of Notes by a non-resident of Japan or a non-Japanese corporation not having a permanent establishment in Japan are in general not subject to Japanese income or corporation taxes. Japanese general inheritance and gift taxes at progressive rates may be payable by an individual, wherever resident, who has acquired Notes as legatee, heir or donee. No stamp, issue, registration or similar taxes or duties will, under present Japanese law, be payable by Noteholders in connection with the issue of the Notes.

## European Union Directive on the Taxation of Savings Income

Under EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC (the **Directive**) on the taxation of savings income, each Member State of the European Union is required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest (or similar income) made by a person within its jurisdiction to an individual resident in that other Member State. However, for a transitional period, Belgium, Luxembourg and Austria are instead required (unless during that period they elect otherwise) to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments (the ending of such transitional period being dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries). A number of non-European Union countries and territories, including Switzerland, have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland).

On 15 September 2008 the European Commission issued a report to the Council of the European Union on the operation of the Directive, which included the Commission's advice on the need for changes to the Directive. On 13 November 2008 the European Commission published a more detailed proposal for amendments to the Directive, which included a number of suggested changes. The European Parliament approved an amended version of this proposal on 24 April 2009. If any of those proposed changes are made in relation to the Directive, they may amend or broaden the scope of the requirements described above.

## SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE

The Programme Dealers have, in an amended and restated dealer agreement (the **Dealer Agreement**) dated 29 August 2008, agreed with the Issuers and the Guarantor a basis upon which the Programme Dealers or any of them may from time to time agree to purchase Notes. Any such agreement will extend to those matters stated under "Form of the Notes" and "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" above. In the Dealer Agreement, each Issuer has agreed to reimburse the Programme Dealers for certain of their expenses in connection with the establishment and any further update of the Programme and the issue of Notes under the Programme. The Issuers may also agree to issue Notes to persons other than the Programme Dealers (**Issue Dealers**) on, and subject to, the terms of the Dealer Agreement.

### UNITED STATES

The Notes (and the Guarantees) have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons unless an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act is available. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

The Notes are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to a United States person, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. Treasury regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the U.S. Treasury regulations thereunder.

Each Programme Dealer has represented and agreed and each further Programme Dealer or Issue Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that it will not offer, sell or deliver Notes (i) as part of their distribution at any time or (ii) otherwise until 40 days after the completion of the distribution, as determined and certified by the relevant Dealer or, in the case of an issue of Notes on a syndicated basis, the relevant lead manager of all Notes of the Tranche of which such Notes are a part, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. Each Dealer has further agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree, that it will have sent to each distributor, dealer or person receiving a selling concession, fee or other remuneration that purchases Notes from it during the distribution compliance period a confirmation or other notice setting forth the restrictions on offers and sales of the Notes within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

Each Dealer also represents and agrees (and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree) that it, its affiliates or any persons acting on its or their behalf have not engaged and will not engage in any directed selling efforts with respect to any Note, and it, and they have complied and will comply with the offering restrictions requirement of Regulation S under the Securities Act.

Until 40 days after the commencement of the offering of any Series of Notes, an offer or sale of such Notes within the United States by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act if such offer or sale is made otherwise than in accordance with an available exemption from registration under the Securities Act.

Each issue of Index Linked Notes or Dual Currency Notes shall be subject to such additional U.S. selling restrictions as the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer shall agree as a term of the issue and purchase of such Notes, which additional selling restrictions shall be set out in the applicable Final Terms. Each relevant Dealer has agreed that it shall offer, sell and deliver such Notes only in compliance with such additional U.S. selling restrictions.

### PUBLIC OFFER SELLING RESTRICTIONS UNDER THE PROSPECTUS DIRECTIVE

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a **Relevant Member State**), each Programme Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Programme Dealer or Issue Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the **Relevant Implementation Date**) it has not

made and will not make an offer of Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Offering Circular as completed by the final terms in relation thereto to the public in that Relevant Member State, except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of such Notes to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) at any time to legal entities which are authorised or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorised or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities;
- (b) at any time to any legal entity which has two or more of (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year; (2) a total balance sheet of more than €43,000,000 and (3) an annual net turnover of more than €50,000,000, as shown in its last annual or consolidated accounts;
- (c) at any time to fewer than 100 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the Issuer for any such offer;
- (d) at any time if the denomination per Note being offered amounts to at least €50,000; or
- (e) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of Notes referred to in (a) to (e) above shall require the Issuers or any Programme Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an **offer of Notes to the public** in relation to any Notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe to the Notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State and the expression **Prospectus Directive** means Directive 2003/71/EC and includes any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State.

## UNITED KINGDOM

Each Programme Dealer has represented and agreed and each further Programme Dealer or Issue Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that:

- (a) in relation to any Notes having a maturity of less than one year, (a) it is a person whose ordinary activities involve it in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business and (b) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Notes other than to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or as agent) for the purposes of their businesses or who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses where the issue of the Notes would otherwise constitute a contravention of section 19 of the FSMA by the relevant Issuer;
- (b) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to Hitachi America or the Guarantor and would not apply to Hitachi if it was not an authorised person; and
- (c) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

## **JAPAN**

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (Law No. 25 of 1948, as amended the FIEL) and each Programme Dealer has agreed, and each further Programme Dealer or Issue Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree, that it will not offer or sell any Notes, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organised under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FIEL and any other applicable laws and regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

## **GENERAL**

Each Programme Dealer has agreed and each further Programme Dealer or Issue Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree that it will comply with all applicable securities laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Notes or possesses or distributes this Offering Circular and will obtain any consent, approval or permission required by it for the purchase, offer, sale or delivery by it of Notes under the laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction to which it is subject or in which it makes such purchases, offers, sales or deliveries and neither of the Issuers, the Guarantor nor any other Dealer shall have any responsibility therefor.

None of the Issuers, the Guarantor or any Dealer represents that Notes may at any time lawfully be sold in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any jurisdiction, or pursuant to any exemption available thereunder, or assumes any responsibility for facilitating such sale.

With regard to each Tranche, the relevant Dealer will be required to comply with such other additional restrictions as the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer shall agree and as shall be set out in the applicable Final Terms.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Listing of Notes

The admission of Notes to the Official List will be expressed as a percentage of their nominal amount (excluding accrued interest). It is expected that each Tranche of Notes which is to be admitted to the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market will be admitted separately as and when issued, subject only to the issue of a temporary global Note or a permanent global Note, as the case may be, initially representing the Notes of such Tranche. Application has been made to the UK Listing Authority for Notes issued under the Programme to be admitted to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for such Notes to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market. The listing of the Programme in respect of Notes is expected to be granted on or around 14 August 2009.

### Authorisation

The establishment of the Programme, the issue of Notes by Hitachi under the Programme and (in the case of the Guarantor) the giving of the original guarantee and the giving of the guarantee dated 29 August 2008 in respect of Hitachi and the guarantee dated 29 August 2008 in respect of Hitachi America (together the **Guarantees**) have been duly authorised by a resolution of the Board of Directors of Hitachi dated 27 March 1996 and resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Guarantor dated 27 March 1996, 25 September 1998 and 21 August 2008. The increases in the aggregate nominal amount of the Programme have been duly authorised by resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Guarantor dated 25 September 1998, 30 September 1999 and 20 June 2003, a resolution of the Executive Board of the Guarantor dated 23 February 2004, a written approval of the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Guarantor dated 5 November 2004 and resolutions of the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Guarantor dated 28 November 2005 and 16 August 2007. Amendments and the update of the Programme have been duly authorised by resolutions of the Board of Directors of Hitachi dated 15 September 1997, 16 October 1998, 21 October 1999, 23 March 2001, 23 October 2002, 28 October 2003, 11 November 2004, 8 December 2005, 30 July 2007 and 28 August 2008 and by resolutions of the Board of Directors of Hitachi America dated 27 October 2003, 12 November 2004, 14 December 2005, 10 August 2007, 25 August 2008 and 7 August 2009.

### Documents Available

For the period of 12 months following the date of this Offering Circular, copies of the following documents will, when published, be available (free of charge) from the registered office of each Issuer and from the specified office of the Paying Agent in London:

- (i) the constitutional documents of each Issuer and the Guarantor (together with an English translation);
- (ii) the published audited consolidated annual financial statements of Hitachi and the published audited non-consolidated annual financial statements of Hitachi America for the two most recent financial years (in each case together with the audit reports prepared in connection therewith) and the most recent publicly available unaudited consolidated interim financial statements (if any) of Hitachi or unaudited non-consolidated interim financial statements (if any) of Hitachi America;
- (iii) the published audited consolidated annual financial statements of the Guarantor for the two most recent financial years, in English (in each case together with the audit reports prepared in connection therewith) and the most recent publicly available unaudited consolidated interim financial statements of the Guarantor;
- (iv) the Dealer Agreement, the Agency Agreement, each Deed of Covenant, each Guarantee and the Schedule of Forms containing the forms of the temporary and permanent global Notes, the definitive Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons and the Talons from time to time issuable under the Programme;
- (v) a copy of this Offering Circular;

- (vi) any future offering circulars, prospectuses, information memoranda and supplements including Final Terms (save that a Final Terms relating to a Note which is neither admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area nor offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under the Prospectus Directive will only be available for inspection by a holder of such Note and such holder must produce evidence of identity satisfactory to the Agent) to this Offering Circular and any other documents incorporated herein or therein by reference; and
- (vii) in the case of a syndicated issue of Notes admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market, the syndication agreement (or equivalent document).

In addition, copies of each Final Terms relating to the Notes which are either admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market or offered in the United Kingdom in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under the Prospectus Directive will be available on the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange.

### **Clearing Systems**

The Notes have been accepted for clearance through Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear (which are the entities in charge of keeping the records). The appropriate common code and ISIN for each Tranche allocated by Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. If the Notes are to clear through an additional or alternative clearing system the appropriate information will be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

The address of Euroclear is Euroclear Bank SA/NV, 1 Boulevard du Roi Albert II, B-1210 Brussels and the address of Clearstream, Luxembourg is Clearstream Banking, 42 Avenue JF Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg.

### **Conditions for determining price**

The price and amount of Notes to be issued under the Programme will be determined by the Issuer and each relevant Dealer at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions.

### **Significant or Material Change**

There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of Hitachi and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, no significant change in the financial or trading position of Hitachi America and no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Guarantor and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, in each case, since 31 March 2009. There has been no material adverse change in the prospects of Hitachi, no material adverse change in the prospects of Hitachi America and no material adverse change in the prospects of the Guarantor, in each case, since 31 March 2009.

### **Litigation**

There are no, nor have there been any, governmental, legal, arbitration, administrative or other proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which either Issuer or the Guarantor is aware) in the 12 months preceding the date of this Offering Circular which may have or have in such period had a significant effect on the financial position or profitability of either Issuer, either Issuer and its subsidiaries, the Guarantor and the Group.

### **Auditors**

Ernst & Young LLP (who are registered to carry out audit work by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales) audited Hitachi's financial statements, without qualification, for the financial years ended 31 March 2008 and 2009 in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board.

The auditors of Hitachi America are Ernst & Young LLP (member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants), who have audited Hitachi America's financial statements, without qualification, for each of the financial years ended 31 March 2009 and 31 March 2008 in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in the United States.

The auditors of the Guarantor are Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC, (Registered Auditors and member of The Japanese Institute of Certified Public Accountants), who have audited the Guarantor's financial statements, without qualification, for each of the financial years ended 31 March 2009 and 31 March 2008 in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Japan.

#### **Post issuance information**

Save as set out in the Final Terms, the Issuers do not intend to provide any post-issuance information in relation to any issues of Notes.

#### **Dealers transacting with the Issuers and the Guarantor**

Certain of the Dealers and their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform services to the Issuers, the Guarantor and their affiliates in the ordinary course of business.

#### **Nikko Citigroup**

Nikko Cordial Corporation and Citigroup Inc. have established a series of business alliances in respect of Japan related activities. Citigroup Global Markets Limited is authorised to conduct Japan related business under the name of Nikko Citigroup.

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