Hitachi Construction Machinery Group Supports Relief Efforts Following the Major Earthquake in New Zealand

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Hitachi Construction Machinery, Co., Ltd.

All members of the Hitachi Construction Machinery Group (hereinafter "HCM Group") would like to express our sincere condolences to the victims of the major earthquake that struck the southern area of Christchurch in New Zealand on February 22. We sincerely hope for the swift recovery of the people and areas affected by the disaster in New Zealand.

The HCM Group will donate NZD100,000 (approximately 6 million yen) as relief aid in addition to lending one hydraulic excavator and one wheel loader at no cost (including lubricants and operator expenses) to support recovery efforts.

Relief aid: Hitachi Construction Machinery (Australia) Pty Ltd, Hitachi Construction

Machinery Asia and Pacific Pte. Ltd. and Scania AB [the Scania Group] (Head office: Sweden. Trucks and buses provided by Scania are handled by distributor CablePrice (NZ) Ltd., a subsidiary of HCM engaged in sales and service in New Zealand) have each contributed NZD10,000, and Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd. has donated NZD70,000.

(Among the relief aid of NZD100,000 that was announced by Hitachi, Ltd. as of February 25, the HCM Group contributed NZD50,000 at that time. This amount is included in the amount announced at this time.)

Equipment: The following equipment will be lent by CablePrice at no charge.

- High lift front 30-ton-class hydraulic excavator (ZX350LCK-3 model)
- Wheel loader (LX50 model)

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