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To interested parties

Announcement of change of a consolidated subsidiary to a wholly owned subsidiary by a simple share exchange

We hereby announce that the board of directors of Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd. resolved at its meeting held today to conduct a share exchange (referred to as the "Share Exchange" below) to change the status of Hitachi Construction Machinery Tierra Co., Ltd. (referred to as "Tierra" below) from a consolidated subsidiary of Hitachi Construction Machinery, to a wholly owned subsidiary of Hitachi Construction Machinery; further, that a contract for the Share Exchange has been concluded today, as detailed below.

Please be informed that some of the matters to be disclosed are omitted because the Share Exchange is a simple share exchange to change the status from a consolidated subsidiary to a wholly owned subsidiary.

1. Purpose of the Share Exchange (changing to a wholly owned subsidiary)
 Tierra carries out the development and manufacture of small-sized hydraulic excavators and small excavators, which are major products of Hitachi Construction Machinery Group.

The purpose of the Share Exchange is to strengthen the consolidated earnings capacity and to raise the consolidated corporate value by further enhancing the efficiency and synergy effect of development and manufacturing resources by making Tierra a wholly owned subsidiary.

2. Outline of the Share Exchange

(1) Schedule of the Share Exchange

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| Date of resolution of the board of directors | November 29, 2011 |
| Date of conclusion of the contract | November 29, 2011 |
| Planned date of the Share Exchange (effective day) | December 31, 2011 (planned) |

Note: The Share Exchange is planned to be carried out without obtaining approvals for the Share Exchange contract at a general meeting of the shareholders of Hitachi Construction Machinery nor at a general meeting of the shareholders of Tierra because the Share Exchange is a simple share exchange provided for in Article 796, Paragraph 3 of the Companies Act for Hitachi Construction Machinery, which will be a wholly owning parent company in the Share Exchange, and because the Share Exchange is a short-form share exchange provided for in Article 784, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act for Tierra, which will be a wholly owned subsidiary in the Share Exchange.

(2) Method of the Share Exchange

The Share Exchange will be conducted with Hitachi Construction Machinery as the wholly owning parent company and Tierra as the wholly owned subsidiary.

(3) Allotment pertaining to the Share Exchange

| | Hitachi Construction Machinery (wholly owning parent company in the Share Exchange) | Hitachi Construction Machinery Tierra (wholly owned subsidiary in the Share Exchange) |
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| Allotment ratio for the Share Exchange | 1 | 0.2 |

Note 1: Hitachi Construction Machinery will allot 311,320 common shares from its treasury shares for the Share Exchange, which means that the company will not issue new shares.

Note 2: Hitachi Construction Machinery will issue its shares at a ratio of 0.2 common shares of Hitachi Construction Machinery to one common share of Tierra. However, Hitachi Construction Machinery will not issue its shares for 17,744,400 shares of Tierra that are presently held by Hitachi Construction Machinery in the Share Exchange.

(4) Handling of warrants and warrant bonds in the Share Exchange

Tierra has not issued any warrants or warrant bonds.

3. Grounds for the ratio set for the allotment pertaining to the Share Exchange
 Aoi Corporate Advisory Inc. (referred to as "Aoi" below) was selected and assigned to act as a third-party appraiser to calculate the Share Exchange ratio in order to ensure the fairness and appropriateness of the ratio. Aoi calculated the exchange ratio by comprehensively considering the results of various appraisals, and used the average market share price method to appraise the share value of Hitachi Construction Machinery in consideration of the fact that Hitachi Construction Machinery is a listed

company, and used the discounted cash flow method (DCF method), the market multiples method and the adjusted net book value method to appraise the share value of Tierra in consideration of the fact that Tierra is an unlisted company. Referring to the result of the calculations, Hitachi Construction Machinery set the exchange ratio through prudent negotiation and discussion with Tierra.

4. Outline of companies involved in the Share Exchange

| | Wholly owning parent company in the Share Exchange | Wholly owned subsidiary in the Share Exchange |
|--|--|---|
| (1) Name | Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd. | Hitachi Construction Machinery Tierra Co., Ltd. |
| (2) Address | 2-5-1 Koraku, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo | 16-55 Joshoji-cho, Kadoma City, Osaka |
| (3) Name and position of the representative | Michijiro Kikawa, president | Shigeru Murasugi, president |
| (4) Business | The manufacture, sale, and servicing of construction machinery, etc. | The manufacture, sale, and servicing of small excavators, etc. |
| (5) Capital | ¥81,577 million | ¥1,441 million |
| (6) Date of establishment | October 1, 1970 | March 2, 1949 |
| (7) Number of outstanding shares | 215,115,038 | 19,301,000 |
| (8) End date of each fiscal year | March 31 | March 31 |
| (9) Major shareholders and shareholding ratio (as of September 30, 2011) | Hitachi, Ltd.: 50.22% Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (trust): 3.73% The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (trust): 3.49% | Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd.: 91.94% Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd.: 4.99% The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd.: 1.26% |
| (10) Financial conditions and operating results of previous fiscal year | | |
| | Hitachi Construction Machinery (consolidated) | Tierra |
| Relevant fiscal year | Fiscal year ended March 2011 | Fiscal year ended March 2011 |
| Net assets | ¥348,986 million | ¥6,449 million |
| Total assets | ¥944,370 million | ¥24,587 million |
| Book value per share | ¥1,447.52 | ¥334.12 |
| Sales | ¥773,769 million | ¥45,195 million |
| Operating income | ¥41,511 million | ¥2,857 million |
| Ordinary income | ¥41,912 million | ¥2,741 million |
| Net income | ¥11,088 million | ¥1,547 million |
| Net income per share | ¥52.44 | ¥80.19 |

5. Changes after the Share Exchange

The Share Exchange will not cause any change to the name, address,

representative, capital or the end date of the fiscal year of Hitachi Construction Machinery.

6. Business prospect

We expect that the Share Exchange will cause little effect on the business results because Tierra is already a consolidated subsidiary of Hitachi Construction Machinery.

Reference: Forecast of consolidated business results of this fiscal year (announced on October 25, 2011) and consolidated business results of the previous year

| | Consolidated sales | Consolidated operating income | Consolidated ordinary income | Consolidated net income |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Forecast of consolidated business results of this fiscal year (fiscal year ending March 2012) | ¥860,000 million | ¥65,000 million | ¥56,000 million | ¥23,000 million |
| Consolidated business results of the previous year (fiscal year ended March 2011) | ¥773,769 million | ¥41,511 million | ¥41,912 million | ¥11,088 million |