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**Hitachi Group
Procurement Partners**

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**Hitachi Group Procurement Partners
Request for working with us towards a decarbonized and sustainable future**

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your consistent support. Today, I would like to share with you Hitachi's efforts to tackle climate change towards carbon neutrality and ask your support for our common journey.

Climate change is a very real and immediate threat to humanity. Temperatures are soaring, storms are raging, and crops are failing. If we do not take this chance, every single one of us will be affected. It is important that we work together to solve environmental challenges and secure a more prosperous planet for future generations.

Hitachi has always taken a socially responsible approach to business, since its establishment in 1910, and seeks to do business that prioritizes social, environmental, and economic values. We aim to become a climate change innovator, helping governments, cities and companies to cut their greenhouse gas emissions. Therefore, we have taken actions based on Hitachi's Environmental Vision, stating to resolve environmental issues, achieve higher quality of life and a sustainable society, in collaborative creation with our stakeholders.

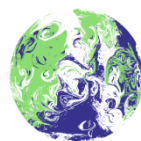
We recognize that we have a direct role to play in minimizing our own impacts and have therefore set several long-term environmental targets, including carbon neutrality at all our business sites by 2030 and 80% reduction in CO2 emissions across the company's value chain by 2050. Alongside this, we have joined the UN's Race to Zero campaign through the Business Ambition for 1.5°C, committing to aligning its business with the most ambitious aim to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C above preindustrial levels. In addition, I am pleased to share with you the news that Hitachi has become a Principal Partner of COP26, the UN's International Climate Change Summit taking place in Glasgow, UK this November.

We can't however achieve this alone and are looking to our procurement partners to support our journey, working with us to achieve a decarbonized society and sustainable future. Therefore, I would like to encourage you to consider joining this journey. We just published [Hitachi Group Sustainable Procurement Guidelines](#). This is the revised version of "Hitachi Group CSR Procurement Guidelines (the 3rd Edition)" based on the latest international standards and the Hitachi Group's efforts for sustainability. We would appreciate for you to thoroughly read it and would like for your support and implementation of the guideline.

We believe that developing our business with sustainability will lead to prosperity for you, our joint customers and our Hitachi Group. I would like to ask for your continuous support and look forward to your collaboration. Thank you so much for your understanding in advance.

Kind regards,

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<Appendix>

- The climate change part - Hitachi Procurement Partner's Code of Conduct from Hitachi Group Sustainable Procurement Guidelines
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C. Environment

(5) Air Emissions

Your company must characterize, routinely monitor, and control air emissions of volatile organic chemicals (VOCs), aerosols, corrosives, particulates, ozone depleting substances, and combustion byproducts generated from operations, and treat these substances as required prior to discharge. Ozone depleting substances are to be effectively managed in accordance with the Montreal Protocol and applicable regulations. Your company must routinely monitor its handling of substances emitted into the air and the performance of its air emission treatment systems.

(8) Energy Consumption and Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Your company must establish a corporate-wide greenhouse gas reduction goal. Energy consumption and all relevant Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions must be tracked and documented, and their comparisons with the reduction goal publicly reported. Your company must seek ways to improve energy efficiency and minimize its energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

- Request Item:

Comply with the 'Hitachi Group Sustainable Procurement Guidelines'

Please read and practice of the guideline.

URL: [Hitachi Group Sustainable Procurement Guidelines](#)

- If you would like to know more about our announcement, please do visit our dedicated sites:

[Environmental Activities: Hitachi](#)

[About COP26 and Hitachi's Initiative](#)

[Hitachi Group Sustainability](#)