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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of September 2011

Commission File Number 1-8320

Hitachi, Ltd.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

6-6, Marunouchi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8280, Japan

(Address of principal executive offices)

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This report on Form 6-K contains the following:

1. Press release dated September 29, 2011 regarding a basic agreement on dissolving T&D joint venture between Hitachi, Fuji Electric and Meiden

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Hitachi, Ltd.
(Registrant)

Date September 29, 2011

By /s/ Toshiaki Kuzuoka
Toshiaki Kuzuoka
Senior Vice President and Executive Officer

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Hitachi, Fuji Electric and Meiden Reach Basic Agreement
on Dissolving T&D Joint Venture
(Progress Report)**

Tokyo, September 29, 2011 As announced on July 29, 2011, Hitachi, Ltd. (Hitachi , NYSE:HIT / TSE:6501), Fuji Electric Co., Ltd. (Fuji Electric , TSE:6504) and Meidensha Corporation (Meiden , TSE:6508) agreed to begin concrete discussions toward the progressive dissolution of their joint venture in the power transmission and distribution (T&D) field. The four companies, including the joint venture Japan AE Power Systems Corporation (AE Power) have discussed the successor, succession method and so on. Today, the parties reached the following basic agreement (Basic Agreement).

I. Reason for Joint Venture Dissolution

AE Power, the joint venture by joint contribution of Hitachi, Fuji Electric and Meiden (co-parent companies), was established on July 1, 2001 by the consolidation of the three companies T&D businesses and has been developing its business globally. In recent years, the market for these T&D systems has seen growing demand, particularly from emerging markets. Going forward, higher growth rate is expected by the progress of the smart energy in social infrastructure and the industrial field, such as the use of the renewable energy resources and the smart grid.

Under such circumstance, the parties had the discussions on the AE Power growth strategy taking into accounts of the various factors and they came to reach a same conclusion that there is a need to fundamentally review its growth strategy. The parties recently reached a basic framework agreement that the parties will dissolve AE Power for a better organization and they will rebuild and explore the growth of T&D business in each company level.

II. Overview of Joint Venture Dissolution

1. Overview of Business Succession Following Joint Venture Dissolution

(1) Basic Stance

The assets and others (Assets) assumed from the co-parent companies when AE Power was established shall be returned to each of the companies, and the businesses attached to the domestic works of AE Power shall be transferred as follows:

- 1) Business, excluding switchgear business, of the Kokubu Works (Hitachi-shi, Ibaraki Prefecture): Hitachi
- 2) Switchgear business of the Kokubu Works: Hitachi and Fuji Electric
- 3) Business of the Chiba Works (Ichihara-shi, Chiba Prefecture): Fuji Electric
- 4) Business of the Numazu Works (Numazu-shi, Shizuoka Prefecture): Meiden

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(2) Succession Method for Joint Venture Business

The co-parent companies shall take over the business of AE Power via the following methods:

- 1) Hitachi: Hitachi or a subsidiary of Hitachi shall take over part of the business run by AE Power by absorption-type corporate split *1,2
- 2) Fuji Electric: Fuji Electric or a subsidiary of Fuji Electric shall take over part of the business run by AE Power by absorption-type corporate split *1,2
- 3) Meiden: A subsidiary of Meiden shall take over part of the business run by AE Power by absorption-type corporate split *1,2

*1 Details of the abovementioned corporate split, including consideration, shall be discussed among the concerned parties, taking into consideration the results of due diligence (corporate value appraisal) and other factors. A further announcement will be made immediately as soon as it is clear that timely disclosure is necessary.

*2 AE Power has not issued any stock acquisition rights or corporate bonds with stock acquisition rights

2. Overview of the Joint Venture Dissolution Schedule

| | |
|---|-------------------------|
| Execution of Basic Agreement | September 29, 2011 |
| Execution of final agreement based on Basic Agreement | December 2011 (planned) |
| Joint venture dissolution (Corporate split date) | April 1, 2012 (planned) |

III. Overview of the Splitting Company

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| 1. Company Name | Japan AE Power Systems Corporation |
| 2. Headquarters | 9-1, Shibaura 3-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan |
| 3. Representative | Junichi Oishi, President and Director |
| 4. Business field | Research, development, design, manufacture, engineering, sales, installation and after-sales servicing of products and systems for power transmission and distribution System engineering, sales, installation and after-sales servicing of products and systems for renewable energy |
| 5. Capital | 20 billion yen |

(As of March 31, 2011)

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|--|---|--|--|
| 6. Established | | July 1, 2001 | |
| 7. No. of Shares Issued | | 620,000 | |
| | (As of March 31, 2011) | | |
| 8. Fiscal Term | | March 31st | |
| 9. No. of employees | | 1,349 (Unconsolidated) | |
| | (As of March 31, 2011) | | |
| 10. Main trading partners | Hitachi, Ltd. | | |
| | Fuji Electric Co., Ltd. | | |
| | Meidensha Corporation | | |
| 11. Main trading banks | The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. | | |
| | The Sumitomo Trust and Banking Co., Ltd. | | |
| | Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. | | |
| 12. Major shareholders and shareholdings | Hitachi: 50% | | |
| | Fuji Electric: 30% | | |
| | (As of March 31, 2011) | Meiden: 20% | |
| 13. Relationships with co-parent companies | | | |
| Co-parent companies | Hitachi, Ltd. | Fuji Electric Co., Ltd. | Meidensha Corporation |
| Capital relationship | Owns 50% of the splitting company. | Owns 30% of the splitting company. | Owns 20% of the splitting company |
| Personnel relationship | 1 non-executive director and 1 part-time corporate auditor come from Hitachi | 2 non-executive directors, and 1 part-time corporate auditor come from Fuji Electric | 1 non-executive director comes from Meiden |
| Trading relationship | Trading of products and components related to the T&D business with the abovementioned co-parent companies, as well as related services | | |
| Related party status | The abovementioned co-parent companies are all major shareholders of the splitting company, making them related parties | | |

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14. Operating results for three most recent years and financial condition

(Unit: Billions of yen unless otherwise noted)

| Fiscal term | March 2009 | March 2010 | March 2011 |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Net asset | 23.4 | 25.2 | 24.6 |
| Total asset | 101.1 | 74.4 | 75.2 |
| Net asset per share | | | |
| (Yen) | 37,867.57 | 40,723.55 | 39,833.50 |
| Total revenues | 98.7 | 93.7 | 71.6 |
| Operating income | 1.8 | 2.2 | 1.6 |
| Ordinary income | 0.6 | 1.9 | 0.9 |
| Net income | 0.7 | 1.6 | -0.5 |
| Net income per share | | | |
| (Yen) | 1,140.64 | 2,657.08 | -882.97 |
| Dividend per share | | | |
| (Yen) | | | |

Note: Overviews of the succeeding companies shall be announced as soon as it is clear that timely disclosure is required.

IV. Overview of Business Divisions to Be Split and Transferred Due to the Joint Venture Dissolution

Details of the business divisions to be split and/or transferred; operating results of the business divisions to be split and/or transferred; assets and liabilities and monetary amounts to be split and transferred, shall be discussed and/or determined by the concerned parties based on the above stance regarding business succession, and a further announcement shall be made as soon as it is clear that timely disclosure is required.

V. Status after Corporate Split

The corporate name, headquarters address, names and positions of representatives, scope of business, paid-in capital and fiscal year-end of the co-parent companies will not change as a result of the abovementioned corporate split.

VI. Overview of Accounting Treatment

Each of the succeeding company plans to apply the Purchase Method for accounting for the abovementioned corporate split.

VII. Outlook

The impact of the joint venture dissolution on the operating results of the co-parent companies has not been determined. Further announcements will be made immediately if it is clear that there will be a material impact on business result of each of the companies.

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VIII. Overview of the co-parent companies

(Unit: Billions of yen unless otherwise noted)

| | | | |
|------------------------|--|---|---|
| Company name | Hitachi, Ltd. Hiroaki Nakanishi, | Fuji Electric Co., Ltd. Michihiro Kitazawa | Meidensha Corporation Junzo Inamura |
| Representative | Representative Executive Officer and President 6-6, Marunouchi 1-chome, | President and Representative Director 11-2, Osaki 1-Chome, | President 1-1, Osaki 2-chome, |
| Headquarters | Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8280 | Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo 141-0032 | Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo 141-6029 |
| Established | February 1 st , 1920 | August 29 th , 1923 | June 1 st , 1917 |
| Business field | Development, manufacture and sales of products and provision of services across 11 segments: Information & Telecommunication Systems, Power Systems, Social Infrastructure & Industrial Systems, Electronic Systems & Equipment, Construction Machinery, High Functional Materials & Components, Automotive Systems, Components & Devices, Digital Media & Consumer Products, Financial Services, Others | Development, Manufacture, sales and services of various equipment and systems related to social infrastructure in the industrial, public, energy and transportation sectors, as well as semiconductor devices, photoconductive drums and peripheral imaging devices | Development, manufacture and sales of products and provision of services of Social Infrastructure Systems (power apparatus for power generation and T&D, water processing system, etc.) and Industrial Systems (products for industrial systems, vehicle testing systems, logistics supports systems and motor drive systems) and Services (product maintenance and facility management) |
| No. of employees | (Consolidated) 361,745 | (Consolidated) 24,562 | (Consolidated) 6,994 |
| (As of March 31, 2011) | (Unconsolidated) 32,926 | (Unconsolidated) 819 | (Unconsolidated) 3,674 |

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|------------------------------|------|----------|---------|--------|
| Capital | | 409.1 | 47.5 | 17.0 |
| (As of March 31, 2011) | | | | |
| Net asset | 2008 | 2,179.3 | 146.1 | 52.7 |
| | 2009 | 2,267.8 | 196.1 | 54.1 |
| | 2010 | 2,441.3 | 174.9 | 52.7 |
| Total asset | 2008 | 9,403.7 | 908.9 | 214.1 |
| | 2009 | 8,964.4 | 908.9 | 206.6 |
| | 2010 | 9,185.6 | 805.7 | 206.8 |
| Net asset per share (Yen)*1 | 2008 | 315.86 | 182.37 | 223.35 |
| | 2009 | 287.13 | 250.28 | 229.00 |
| | 2010 | 318.73 | 217.40 | 222.56 |
| Total revenues | 2008 | 10,000.3 | 766.6 | 198.7 |
| | 2009 | 8,968.5 | 691.2 | 173.0 |
| | 2010 | 9,315.8 | 689.0 | 167.7 |
| Operating Income | 2008 | 127.1 | -18.8 | 4.0 |
| | 2009 | 202.1 | 0.9 | 3.3 |
| | 2010 | 444.5 | 11.9 | 5.7 |
| Ordinary income*2 | 2008 | -289.8 | -20.7 | 1.4 |
| | 2009 | 63.5 | -0.5 | 1.8 |
| | 2010 | 432.2 | 7.2 | 4.6 |
| Net income *3 | 2008 | -787.3 | -73.3 | -1.0 |
| | 2009 | -106.9 | 6.7 | 0.9 |
| | 2010 | 238.8 | 15.1 | 1.1 |
| Net income per share (Yen)*4 | 2008 | -236.86 | -102.57 | -4.77 |
| | 2009 | -29.20 | 9.46 | 4.28 |
| | 2010 | 52.89 | 21.14 | 5.27 |
| Dividend per share (Yen) | 2008 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| | 2009 | | 1.5 | 4.0 |
| | 2010 | 8.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |

*1 Because Hitachi adopts U.S. accounting standards, its stockholders' equity per share figure is shown.

*2 Because Hitachi adopts U.S. accounting standards, its income (loss) before income taxes figure is shown.

*3 Because Hitachi adopts U.S. accounting standards, its net income attributable to Hitachi, Ltd. figure is shown.

*4 Because Hitachi adopts U.S. accounting standards, its net income attributable to Hitachi, Ltd. stockholders per share figure is shown.

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[Reference]Earnings forecast of the co-parent companies

(Unit: Billions of yen)

(The figure in parenthesis is the result of the previous fiscal period)

| Company name (Fiscal term) | Hitachi, Ltd. (Year ending March 2012) Announced on June 9 th , 2011 | Fuji Electric Co., Ltd. (Year ending March 2012) Announced on July 28 th , 2011 | Meidensha Corporation (Year ending March 2012) Announced on May 13 rd , 2011 |
|-------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Announcement date | | | |
| Total revenues | 9,500 | 730 | 185 |
| (Consolidated) | (9,315.8) | (689.0) | (167.7) |
| Operating income | 400 | 22 | 7 |
| (Consolidated) | (444.5) | (11.9) | (5.7) |
| Ordinary income* ¹ | 410 | 20 | 5.5 |
| (Consolidated) | (432.2) | (7.2) | (4.6) |
| Net income* ² | 200 | 12 | 2.5 |
| (Consolidated) | (238.8) | (15.1) | (1.1) |

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*2 Because Hitachi adopts U.S. accounting standards, its net income attributable to Hitachi, Ltd. figure is shown.

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