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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 December 2004

**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 December 2, 2004 regarding Hitachi s repurchase of its own shares from subsidiaries.

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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 December 3, 2004

By /s/ Takashi Hatchoji

Takashi Hatchoji Senior Vice President and Executive Officer

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Hitachi to Repurchase Its Own Shares from Subsidiaries

Tokyo, December 2, 2004 Hitachi, Ltd. (NYSE:HIT / TSE:6501) announced that it will repurchase its own shares from subsidiaries as follows:

1. Name of subsidiaries: Chuo Shoji, Ltd., Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd. and Niigata Material Co., Ltd.

2. Reason for repurchase: Hitachi, Ltd. will repurchase its own shares, which, upon the merger with TOKICO LTD. and Hitachi Unisia Automotive, Ltd. on October 1, 2004, were allocated to shares of TOKICO LTD. held by its subsidiaries.

3. Details of repurchase:

-Class of shares to be repurchased: Common stock of Hitachi, Ltd.

-Number of shares to be repurchased: 10,555,000 shares, consisting of 10,538,000 shares held by Chuo Shoji, Ltd., 14,000 shares held by Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd. and 3,000 shares held by Niigata Material Co., Ltd.

-Repurchase amount: JPY 6,955,745,000

Hitachi, Ltd. will execute the repurchase on December 17, 2004.

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