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## **DATA PARTNER GROUP EXPANDS IT SOLUTIONS PORTFOLIO WITH THE ADDITION OF HITACHI BLADESYMPHONY® AND VIRTUALIZATION SERVERS**

**BRISBANE California , May. 5, 2008**, The Server Systems Group (SSG) of Hitachi America, Ltd., a subsidiary of Hitachi, Ltd. (NYSE: HIT/TSE 6501) today announced the partnership with Data Partner, Inc., a Bloomfield Hills, MI based Technology Provider to provide and support the BladeSymphony line of Hitachi Blade Servers. As a long time partner of Hitachi Data Systems Storage Products, Data Partners will promote and sell complete Hitachi storage and server solutions to its customers.

“Hitachi America welcomes Data Partner, Inc. to our community of authorized BladeSymphony system integrators and solution partners. BladeSymphony addresses a broad range of datacenter and remote office needs by incorporating unique, enterprise-class features and functions. With their in-depth technical expertise, Data Partner can effectively apply the innovation and performance of the BladeSymphony platform to deliver tangible benefits to its customers” said Lynn McLean, Vice President of Sales of Hitachi America, Ltd., SSG. “Hitachi is focused on partners like Data Partner, whose expertise in designing highly targeted technical solutions can expand the BladeSymphony market share with mid- and large-sized customers throughout North America.”

“I can only state how excited we are at Data Partners, Inc, to further team with Hitachi and provide to our clients something so valued in the server market place,” says Connie Mack, CEO and President of Data Partners, Inc. “The BladeSymphony platform with Virtage (firmware embedded virtualization) innovates the entire industry and proves Hitachi to be the leader for all other server technologies to emulate.”

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Data Partners works in Four Core Areas with our clients to provide Server Consolidation and Assessment, Managed Services, Disaster Recovery/Business Continuance, and San Implementations with Storage Assessments. It is in these four areas that Data Partners develops a trusted relationship with the customer to provide a complete customer topology through which client workflow and daily job tasks are significantly and continuously improved.

## **ABOUT HITACHI**

Hitachi America, Ltd., Information Division, Server Systems Group, supplies highly scalable and performance-oriented server platforms targeting mid- and large-scale enterprise customers with solution offerings ranging from high-end transaction engines to large-scale databases. For more information about Hitachi blade servers, visit [www.BladeSymphony.com](http://www.BladeSymphony.com) or contact [serversales@hal.hitachi.com](mailto:serversales@hal.hitachi.com).

Hitachi America, Ltd., a subsidiary of Hitachi, Ltd., markets and manufactures a broad range of electronics, computer systems and products, and provides industrial equipment and services throughout North America. For more information, visit [www.hitachi.us](http://www.hitachi.us).

Hitachi, Ltd., (NYSE: HIT / TSE: 6501), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is a leading global electronics company with approximately 384,000 employees worldwide. Fiscal 2006 (ended March 31, 2007) consolidated revenues totaled 10,247 billion yen (\$86.8 billion). The company offers a wide range of systems, products and services in market sectors including information systems, electronic devices, power and industrial systems, consumer products, materials and financial services. For more information on Hitachi, please visit the company's website at <http://www.hitachi.com>.

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