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## **Hitachi Asia Enhances JP1 System Management Solution: PC security compliance management, IT asset management, and job scheduling management**

*Hitachi Asia launches new version of integrated system management solution that incorporates security compliance management for centralized control and monitoring of corporate IT assets*

**Singapore, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2005** – Hitachi Asia Ltd. (Hitachi) announced today an enhanced version of its leading integrated systems management solution, Job Management Partner 1 (JP1) Version 7*i* with PC security compliance management, IT asset management, and job scheduling definition functions.

Combining capabilities in job management, availability management, desktop management and integrated management, JP1 provides the ability to execute mission critical business processes, monitor an entire system, and centralized life cycle management of corporate IT resources.

The new product JP1/Client Security Control (JP1/CSC) provides security compliance management functions for client PCs through PDCA (Plan-Do-Check-Action) cycle. While the enhanced Desktop Management modules, JP1/Software Distribution (JP1/SD), and JP1/Asset Information Manager (JP1/AIM), improve client PC security through prevention of unnecessary operations from end users and by monitoring of end users' operations. Adding to the enhancement list, the comprehensive automatic job scheduling solution, JP1/Automatic Job Management System 2 (JP1/AJS2), now offers the ability to check job definition correctness prior to actual operation so as to prevent any error. Put together, this enhanced JP1 Version 7*i* provides a complete and comprehensive solution for IT asset management and security compliance management.

"Evidently, executives and IT managers in this region, like their counterparts in the US, Europe and Japan are facing problems with implementing corporate compliance policies into their IT system environment especially in the security aspect," says Hideto Hoshino, General Manager of the System Management Solution Division at Hitachi Asia Ltd. "JP1/SD and JP1/AIM can now centrally monitor client PCs to check installation status of anti-virus software, unlicensed software, and Windows patch modules. Then using JP1/CSC to automatically cut off workstations from the network upon detecting the highest level of pre-defined security breach. Such tools are useful in reconstructing a company's internal compliance policies, bringing the security health of business to a new level of high."

Key features and benefits of enhancements to JP1 Version 7*i* include:

- Automatic and centralized scanning for security vulnerability information, such as anti-virus software updates, unauthorized use of software, and Windows patches update of PC clients.
- Automatic actions such as cut off workstations from the network, or prevent unauthorized software from execution, in order to keep the IT system operation compliant with corporate regulations.

- Provides reports to an administrator about end user's operation log on client PC to audit the operation of application software and prevent damage by leaking information or illegal operation.
- Allows centralized monitoring and automate IT asset management approval process for purchasing PCs and tracking problems.
- Prior check function for correctness of job definition information to prevent any errors in advance.

These new enhancements will be available from 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2005 (JP1/CSC and new JP1/AJS2 will come later in this year).

Hitachi will be holding upcoming road show on **"The Missing Link to Post Modern System Management"** across 3 countries, in conjunction with this new release of the enhanced JP1 Version 7*i*.

Malaysia on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2005 at Hilton Kuala Lumpur

Thailand on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2005 at The Westin Grande Sukhumvit

Singapore on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2005 at The Fullerton Hotel

Please log on to [www.hitachijp1.com](http://www.hitachijp1.com) for event details

#### **About Hitachi JP1**

Hitachi's JP1 is a leading system management solution and a dominant player in Japan's system management market. JP1 focuses on workload automation, and comprises a suite of products that can be seamlessly integrated into other existing network and storage management solutions.

JP1 identifies all the IT assets that need to be managed over a wide range of applications and requirements, from system administrator needs to departmental and other in-house requirements, thereby enabling efficient, integrated management of all assets on a company's IT infrastructure. The JP1 suite of Desktop, Job, Availability, and Integrated Management solutions is widely deployed in various industries worldwide, promoting both automation and productivity for systems of every size – from single-server PCs to large-scale systems – and optimizing enterprise total cost of ownership.

#### **About Hitachi Asia Ltd.**

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