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Acquired DIC's Subsidiary of Fine Chemical Logistics

- Expanding the Platform Business for Chemical Industry -

On Oct.21, 2010, Hitachi Transport System, Ltd. (herein called HTS) and DIC Corporation (herein called DIC) agreed that 90% of the stocks of DIC Logitech Co., Ltd. owned by DIC would be transferred to HTS and DIC would outsource the domestic logistics operations/physical distribution of the DIC group to HTS.

HTS has been focusing on 3PL service and making outsourcing agreements with more customers. This will be the first case for HTS to do logistics operations in chemical industry and HTS trusts that this will lead to further expansion of its business areas.

DIC decided this outsourcing of logistics operations and the transfer of DIC Logitech stocks in the course of concentrating the management resources on the core business and maximizing the operating efficiency.

In response to the outsourcing needs and expectation of DIC and DIC Logitech, HTS will make streamlining efforts for higher operational efficiency and cost reduction. With this first outsourcing case from a chemical-industry customer, HTS will look into more business possibilities with the other chemical-industry customers by reviewing and minimizing logistics cost and enhancing logistics service level in the chemical industry. HTS trusts that this will build up another collaborative 3PL service, such as shared storage and shared deliveries within the same industry, by constructing a standardized infrastructure (so-called "Platform") consisting of information systems, logistics centers and delivery networks for each industry.

1. Information on the stock transfer

- (1) Summary: DIC owns DIC Logitech stocks issued and its 90% will be transferred to HTS.
- (2) Agreement made on: Oct.21, 2010
- (3) Stock transfer to be made on: Jan.01, 2011
- (4) New Corporation Name: Hitachi Finenext Transport System, Ltd.

2. DIC Logitech Co., Ltd. (one of DIC Corp. group companies)

Founded: April 1999	Head Office: Kasukabe-city, Saitama-pref., Japan
Paid-in Capital: JPY 300,000,000. (approx. US\$3.5M)	Business: Logistics operations of chemical products
Net Sales: JPY 17,788M (approx. US\$209M as of Mar. 2010)	No. of Employees: 173 (as of Sept.30, 2010)
Operating Income: JPY308M (approx. US\$3.6M as of Mar.2010)	Website: http://www.dic-logitech.co.jp/index-e.html

3. DIC Corporation

Founded: February 1908	Head Office: 3-7-20, Nihombashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan
Business: Printing ink, Neo-graphic art materials, Synthetic resin	Paid-in Capital: JPY 91,154,450,000. (approx. US\$1,072M)
Net Sales: JPY 757,849M (approx. US\$8,916M as of Mar. 2010)	No. of Employees: 22,583 (consolidated, as of Sept.30, 10)
- consolidated net sales -	Website: http://www.dic.co.jp/en/index.html