FORM 6-K

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 2004

Commission File Number 1-8320

Hitachi, Ltd.

(Translation of registrant s name into English)

6, Kanda-Surugadai 4-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-8010, Japan

(Address of principal executive offices)

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1. Press release dated September 15, 2004 regarding Hitachi s interim dividend for fiscal 2004.

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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 16, 2004

By /s/ Takashi Hatchoji

Takashi Hatchoji Senior Vice President and Executive Officer

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hitachi Announces Interim Dividend for Fiscal 2004

Tokyo, September 15, 2004 Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE:6501 / NYSE:HIT) today announced that the Company decided on the interim dividend for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005, at a Board of Directors meeting convened today.

Interim dividend for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005

5.5 yen per share

Reference: Dividends paid for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004

- Interim dividend : 3.0 yen per share
- Year-end dividend: 5.0 yen per share

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