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Hitachi Consulting Engages at General Chemical to Implement ERP, Best Practices for Chemicals

Dallas, TX — May 15, 2006 — Hitachi Consulting, with support from SAP America, recently announced plans to implement new ERP software over the next nine months at General Chemical, a division of GenTek (NASDAQ: GETI), in New Jersey. The engagement is a significant win by Hitachi Consulting, the consulting company of Hitachi, Ltd. (NYSE: HIT), in the Chemicals industry segment and in the Northeast region, where it is actively expanding.

“This implementation of SAP products includes specific modules for quality management and production planning processes pre-packaged for chemical companies,” said Spencer Golden, Hitachi Consulting vice president and Northeast region SAP practice leader.

“This ambitious project, we expect, will help our company be more competitive by gaining access to critical information and moving away from manual and unintegrated processes. Our company is expanding rapidly and requires these state-of-the-art tools to enable pro-active management of our business and to drive our future success,” said Tom Testa, General Chemical’s vice president and general manager.

Hitachi Consulting is qualified by SAP to implement the SAP ERP Chemicals packaged solution. In order to receive this designation Hitachi Consulting completed a 12-step process, overseen and approved by SAP’s Industry Business Unit and Industry Solutions Group.

About General Chemical

General Chemical provides specialty inorganic chemical products and services for treating water and wastewater, petroleum refining, and the manufacture of personal-care products. General Chemical is part of the GenTek Performance Chemicals Group (NASDAQ: GETI). In addition to Performance Chemicals, GenTek manufactures valve-train systems and components for automotive engines and wire harnesses for large home appliance and automotive suppliers. GenTek operates over 60 manufacturing facilities and technical centers and has approximately 6,250 employees. GenTek’s 2,000-plus customers include many of the world’s leading manufacturers of cars and trucks, heavy equipment, appliances and office equipment, in addition to global energy companies and makers of personal-care products. Additional information about the company is available at www.gentek-global.com.

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