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Hitachi Consulting Expands Oracle Practice in the Bay Area

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — December 14, 2005 — Hitachi Consulting, the business and IT consulting company of Hitachi, Ltd. (NYSE:HIT), continues to expand its Oracle practice in the San Francisco market with the appointment of corporate strategist Peter Khoury as vice president.

“The Bay Area economy is making a strong comeback and companies are starting to make business and technology investments that will require the unique services and solutions we provide,” said Suzanna Musick, business development leader of the Hitachi Consulting San Francisco office and high-tech industry group. “Integrated enterprise systems form the backbone of a variety of industries across the region and Peter has a long track record of helping companies be more successful with Oracle’s full line of products.”

Before joining Hitachi Consulting Peter was a partner with CSC's Global Oracle Practice and has more than 13 years of professional experience in the areas of information technology, supply chain, retail, ERP projects and e-commerce. Peter was also CIO of West Coast Beauty Supply, a wholesale distribution organization, where he engineered an aggressive consolidation of 11 acquisitions, ran the day-to-day IT operations and helped establish the e-Commerce strategy for the industry. Peter is a graduate of MIT, with a degree in Electrical Engineering and a degree in Management, specializing in Operations.

Hitachi Consulting has nearly 1,000 employees in 16 offices across the United States and is rapidly expanding through acquisitions and recruiting efforts.

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