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R&I Rating Monitor: Ishikawajima-Harima View/Downgrade

Rating and Investment Information, Inc. (R&I), has placed the following ratings on the Rating Monitor scheme, with a view to downgrading them:

ISSUER: Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries Co., Ltd. (Sec. Code: 7013) Senior Long-term Credit Rating; Long-term Bonds (10 Series)

<u>**R&I RATING: (BBB+);</u>** Placed on the Rating Monitor scheme</u>

with a view to downgrading

RATIONALE:

On October 13, Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries (IHI) announced a downwards adjustment in its forecast results for the year ending March 31, 2005. Predictions for consolidated ordinary profits have been amended to 5 billion yen (down from a previous 16 billion yen projection) and consolidated net profit 3 billion yen (compared with an earlier 10 billion yen projection). Worsening profits in its shipbuilding and marine industries and in transport equipment in its logistics and engineering business has been cited as the reason. In its settlement for the March 2004 period, IHI changed its standards for provisions and posted large provisions for losses on construction orders. In line with this change, IHI has made efforts to tighten its management of construction projects. However, profits have deteriorated further and R&I must seriously view the inevitability of the enormous downward adjustment in IHI's outlook for results for the entire year. In addition to conditions in the company's projects, a factor in the adjustment this time, and IHI's measures in response to prevailing conditions, R&I will carefully assess the impact of rises in material prices, including the price of steel, will have on its medium term business profits and then announce a new rating.

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| ISSUE: Bonds Rated | Issue Date | Redemption | Issue Amount (mn) |
|---|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Unsec. Str. Bonds No. 20 | Nov 19, 1998 | Nov 19, 2004 | Yen 20,000 |
| Unsec. Str. Bonds No. 22 | Nov 18, 1999 | Nov 18, 2005 | Yen 15,000 |
| Unsec. Str. Bonds No. 23 | May 25, 2000 | May 25, 2005 | Yen 10,000 |
| Unsec. Str. Bonds No. 24 | May 25, 2000 | May 25, 2007 | Yen 10,000 |
| Unsec. Str. Bonds No. 25 | May 16, 2002 | May 16, 2006 | Yen 20,000 |
| Unsec. Str. Bonds No. 26 | Sep 27, 2002 | Sep 27, 2007 | Yen 10,000 |
| Unsec. Str. Bonds No. 27 | Jun 06, 2003 | Jun 06, 2008 | Yen 15,000 |
| Unsec. Str. Bonds No. 28 | Oct 30, 2003 | Oct 30, 2008 | Yen 13,000 |
| Unsec. Str. Bonds No. 29 | Oct 30, 2003 | Oct 29, 2010 | Yen 5,000 |
| Unsec. Str. Bonds No. 30 | Jun 03, 2004 | Jun 03, 2009 | Yen 15,000 |
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