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## **Mitsubishi Nuclear Energy Systems Receives Trade Group Recognition as Plant Designer**

Washington, DC, February 23, 2009 – Mitsubishi Nuclear Energy Systems, Inc. (MNES), has successfully qualified for membership in a leading U.S. industry trade group in the special category of “U.S. nuclear plant designers,” the first such recognition of a wholly-owned subsidiary of a Japanese company.

The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) designation places MNES, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. (MHI) of Tokyo, among three other nuclear plant designers in the group’s membership.

NEI is a Washington, DC-based organization made up of a variety of nuclear energy-related companies and institutions, including electric utility companies, plant designers, equipment manufacturers, engineering firms and universities. In addition to helping shape government policy toward the commercialization of nuclear power, NEI develops industrial standards on nuclear energy and technology that are recognized globally. NEI membership currently numbers more than 320 organizations and companies from 17 countries.

“It is an honor for us to be categorized in ‘U.S. nuclear plant designers.’ This designation by NEI is a very important step for MNES because NEI recognizes our current performances in the U.S. nuclear industry,” said Noriyuki Kuwata, Executive Vice President of MNES. “We are pleased to be part of the resurgence of the nuclear power industry in the United States with our state-of-the-art engineering and technologies and to participate with NEI in moving this resurgence forward.”

The three other companies that have qualified for inclusion in the nuclear plant designer category are AREVA, GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy and Westinghouse Electric Company.

MHI established MNES in Washington, DC, in July 2006 and simultaneously began marketing the US-APWR, its Advanced Pressurized Water Reactor developed specifically for the U.S. market. The company’s application for design certification (DC) of the US-APWR was docketed for review by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in February 2008. The Texas-based utility Luminant has submitted an application to the NRC for a combined construction and operating

license (COL) to build two US-APWR units at its Comanche Peak power plant complex southwest of Dallas.

In granting membership to MNES as a nuclear plant designer, NEI cited such factors as smooth progress in the NRC's reviews of its DC and COL applications and strong recognition by the U.S. nuclear energy industry of the potential contribution of the US-APWR. Qualification for NEI membership also indicates that MHI and MNES have established a solid position as a supplier of advanced nuclear reactors to the U.S. market.

In response to its successful qualification for membership in NEI, MHI and MNES will now vigorously pursue business expansion opportunities in the U.S. nuclear power market, where many new plant construction projects are planned. At the same time the two companies will aim to contribute to the enhanced stability of nuclear energy supplies in the U.S. in a more aggressive manner.

**About Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.**

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. (MHI), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is one of the world's leading heavy machinery manufacturers, with consolidated sales of 3,203 billion yen (\$31.9 billion) in fiscal 2007 (year ended March 31, 2008). MHI's diverse lineup of products and services encompasses shipbuilding, power plants, chemical plants, environmental equipment, steel structures, industrial and general machinery, aircraft, space rocketry and air-conditioning systems. For more information, please visit the MHI website (<http://www.mhi.co.jp/en/index.html>).

**About Mitsubishi Nuclear Energy Systems, Inc.**

Mitsubishi Nuclear Energy Systems, Inc. (MNES), headquartered in Washington, DC, was established by MHI as its wholly owned subsidiary in July 2006 to introduce the US-APWR to the U.S. market. MNES has also established an office near Dallas to further strengthen its coordination with Luminant. For more information, please visit the MNES website (<http://www.mnes-us.com>).

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