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# Mitsubishi Electric to Standardize In-House IT platform Globally

Will provide greater protection against cyber-attacks and improved internal communications

**TOKYO, September 29, 2016** – <u>Mitsubishi Electric Corporation</u> (TOKYO: 6503) announced today that it will implement a globally standardized information technology platform across worldwide Mitsubishi Electric Group companies by the end of March 2018. The new platform will provide enhanced security and more efficient communication tools for some 140,000 employees of the Mitsubishi Electric Group worldwide and help to reduce annual operational costs, such as security measures, by up to 20 percent.



The new platform comprises an integrated cloud service running Microsoft's Office 365<sup>®</sup>, and Mitsubishi Electric's own private cloud environment. A major focus of the new platform will be a globally consistent security infrastructure offering improved protection against cyber-attacks and other security threats. It will also facilitate greater sharing of information and real-time communication among all employees in Mitsubishi Electric Group companies.

Use of the company's own private cloud will assure even stricter protection and access control through automated encryption, security audit trails and other measures. The new platform will also incorporate internal social networking services and peer-to-peer conferencing facilities, offering faster, easier-to-use and more secure real-time communications for all employees globally.

While Mitsubishi Electric's existing security measures have offered good protection against most cyber-attacks until now, a variety of communication protocols and other security standards had evolved in different business groups and geographical areas. The increasing volume and sophistication of security threats coupled with the company's continuing worldwide expansion demands a more uniform, secure and transparent communications infrastructure which the new global platform will provide.

### **Responsibility for Development, Construction and Operation**

- Mitsubishi Electric Information Systems Corporation
- Mitsubishi Electric Information Network Corporation

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#### About Mitsubishi Electric Corporation

With over 90 years of experience in providing reliable, high-quality products, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation (TOKYO: 6503) is a recognized world leader in the manufacture, marketing and sales of electrical and electronic equipment used in information processing and communications, space development and satellite communications, consumer electronics, industrial technology, energy, transportation and building equipment. Embracing the spirit of its corporate statement, Changes for the Better, and its environmental statement, Eco Changes, Mitsubishi Electric endeavors to be a global, leading green company, enriching society with technology. The company recorded consolidated group sales of 4,394.3 billion yen (US\$ 38.8 billion\*) in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016. For more information visit: www.MitsubishiElectric.com

\*At an exchange rate of 113 yen to the US dollar, the rate given by the Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market on March 31, 2016