

June 26, 2018

Press Release

Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.

**Announcement of Change of Members of the Independent Committee
established in line with the Takeover Defense Measures**

Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.(the “Company”) hereby announces that there is a change of Members of the Independent Committee established in line with the Takeover Defense Measures as Mr. Tsutomu Ushijima retired from outside director after the Company’s 93rd Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders convened today, the Company appointed new member at the Board of Directors meeting held after the General Meeting of Shareholders as below;

Newly Appointed Member of the Independent Committee

Name: Taeko Ishii

Professional Experience:	April 1986	Registered as a lawyer Joined Ryoichi Wada Law Firm
	March 1992	Established Ohta & Ishii Law Firm
	June 2018	Director of the Company

As of June 2018	Lawyer of Ohta & Ishii Law Firm
	Outside Director of the Company
	Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Furusato Service Co., Ltd.
	Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member of NEC Corporation
	Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member of DTS CORPORATION

Date of Assumption June 26, 2018

(Attachment)

Profiles of Members of the Independent Committee As of June 26, 2018

Hitoshi Taimatsu

Career Summary:

- Apr. 1979 Research Associate of the Mining College of Akita University
- Oct. 1988 Lecturer of the Mining College of Akita University
- Apr. 1990 Associate Professor of the Mining College of Akita University
- Apr. 1994 Professor of the Mining College of Akita University
- Apr. 1998 Professor of the Faculty of Engineering and Resource Science of Akita University
- Apr. 2006 Director of the Radioisotope Research Center of Akita University
- Apr. 2008 Member of the Education and Research Council of Akita University
Vice Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Resource Science of Akita University
- Apr. 2010 Professor of the Graduate School of Engineering and Resource Science of Akita University
Vice Dean of the Graduate School of Engineering and Resource Science of Akita University
- Jun. 2015 Director of the Company (Present Position)
- Apr. 2016 Professor of the Graduate School of Engineering Science of Akita University
- Apr. 2017 Visiting professor of Akita University(Present Position)

Kazuhisa Nakano

Career Summary:

- Apr. 1971 Joined Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd.
- Apr. 2003 Executive Officer and General Manager of Personnel Department of Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd.
- Jun. 2004 Director of Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd.
- Jun. 2005 Managing Director of Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd.
- Jun. 2007 Executive Vice President and Representative Director of Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd.
- Jun. 2009 President and Representative Director of Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd.
- Jun. 2013 Chairman and Representative Director of Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd.
- Jun. 2015 Executive Advisor of Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd.
- Jun. 2016 Director of the Company (Present Position)
- Jun. 2017 Retired Executive Advisor of Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd.

Taeko Ishii

Career Summary:

Apr. 1986 Registered as a lawyer
Joined Ryoichi Wada Law Firm

Mar. 1992 Established Ohta & Ishii Law Firm

Jun. 2018 Director of the Company (Present Position)

Lawyer of Ohta & Ishii Law Firm(Present Position)

Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Furusato Service Co., Ltd.
(Present Position)

Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member of NEC Corporation
(Present Position)

Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member of DTS CORPORATION
(Present Position)

Notes:

1. Mr. Hitoshi Taimatsu, Mr. Kazuhisa Nakano and Ms. Taeko Ishii are Outside Directors as set out in Article 2 (15) of the Enforcement Regulations of the Companies Act.
2. No special interests exist between Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. and any of the Independent Committee Members listed above.

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