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Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.
Sumitomo Corporation

Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. (SMM) and Sumitomo Corporation (SC) (SMM and SC collectively referred to in as "Sumitomo") jointly announced today that they have updated the estimated capital expenditures for the ongoing development of Pogo Gold Mine Project located in Alaska, U.S.A. and managed under the joint venture formed by Teck Cominco Ltd. in Canada and Sumitomo.

The construction activities at Pogo Gold Mine has definitely commenced in May 2004 and is going well toward the start of production in March 2006 as announced in March 2005, and however, the capital expenditures are now estimated to be US\$357 million exceeding the US\$321 million of the previous estimates as of March 2005, due to higher than expected costs for construction materials such as structure steels and fuels, contractor and labour costs in Alaska and unanticipated geotechnical conditions.

The Pogo Gold Mine Project is the first overseas mining project which SMM has a majority ownership interests, and is a substantial assets for SMM. SMM will make best endeavors toward the smooth startup of the project from now on as well.