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News Release

Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.

Establishment of a Representative Office in New Caledonia

Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. ("SMM", Headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo President and Representative Director: Nobumasa Kemori) has decided to open a representative office in Nouméa, the capital of French-governed New Caledonia.

SMM imports roughly half of the nickel ore that forms the raw material for its ferro-nickel business from New Caledonia. In the midst of intense global competition for resources, New Caledonia is becoming an increasingly important area for SMM's ferro-nickel business, and SMM plans to continue its procurement of a stable supply of nickel ore from this area.

SMM is also participating in the Goro Nickel Project that is underway in this area. Through establishing a representative office in Nouméa, SMM intends to enhance its information gathering and project support structure in this area.

(Overview of the Nouméa Office)

Location 35 RUE DE L'ALMA, NOUMEA, NOUVELLE CALEDONIE

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