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Press Release

Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.

## FY2012 Metal Production Plans

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	Unit	1H	2H	Total	Remarks
Electrolytic copper	t	218,000	218,000	436,000	Includes toll production
Electrolytic nickel	t	20,500	20,500	41,000	
Ferronickel	t	11,000	11,200	22,200	
Zinc	t	21,000	24,000	45,000	Toll production from MS Zinc Co., Ltd.
Electrolytic lead	t	-	-	-	
Gold	kg	14,000	13,300	27,300	
Silver	kg	114,000	100,000	214,000	

#### 1. Influencing Factors

##### 1) Regular maintenance and repair work

- Toyo Smelter & Refinery (electrolytic copper)  
No maintenance scheduled for FY2012
- Niihama Nickel Refinery (electrolytic nickel)  
Regular maintenance is scheduled for 4 days each in May and November.
- Hyuga Smelting Co., Ltd. (ferronickel)  
Of the two kiln lines on the premises, maintenance work on one line will be carried out for 27 days between May and June, work on the other line is scheduled to take place over 24 days between October and November.
- Harima Smelter (zinc)  
No maintenance scheduled for FY2012

##### 2) Production Overview

- Electrolytic copper  
Production volume decreased in FY2011 due to operations shutting down to implement mandatory maintenance work and furnace renovation, but there is no maintenance scheduled for FY2012 and planned production volume is set at 436,000t.
- Electrolytic nickel  
Planned maximum production volume is set at 41,000t, unchanged from FY2011.
- Ferronickel

Planned production volume is unchanged from FY2011.

- Zinc

Operational conversion works will be carried out from the end of February until the end of April 2012, and henceforth operation will be carried out exclusively with recycled raw material (oxide ore). As such, the annual production volume will be reduced to 45,000t.

## 2. Reference

### FY2011 Metal Production Plans

	Unit	1H	2H	Total	Remarks
Electrolytic copper	t	155,000	199,000	354,000	Includes toll production
Electrolytic nickel	t	20,400	20,600	41,000	
Ferronickel	t	10,900	11,400	22,300	
Zinc	t	36,400	34,300	70,700	Toll production from MS Zinc Co., Ltd.
Electrolytic lead	t	9,900	11,300	21,200	
Gold	kg	13,000	16,000	29,000	
Silver	kg	100,000	115,000	215,000	

\* The figures for zinc and electrolytic lead are as announced on October 3, 2011 and the first half figures are forecast results.