

April 6, 2007

Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.

New Chairman and President are to be appointed

Sumitomo Metal Mining (SMM) is pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has decided at a meeting held on April 6, 2007 to make a change to the representative directors as described below.

Notification

1. Names and new posts

New Post	Present Post	Name
Chairman and Representative Director	President and Representative Director	Koichi Fukushima
President and Representative Director	Director, Managing Executive Officer and General Manager of Non-Ferrous Metals Division	Nobumasa Kemori

2. Reasons for the change in appointment

It has been seven years since the current President was appointed to the office in April 2000, six months after a criticality accident occurred at a subsidiary, JCO Co., Ltd.. During this period, under the President, SMM implemented the "Corporate Reform Plan" until FY 2001, "Business Structure Reform by Select and Focus Strategy" up to FY 2003, and a growth strategy by expanding and strengthening the core businesses under "The Three-Year Business Plan" ending in FY 2006. The results far exceeded the targets set in "The Three-Year Business Plan" supported by extremely high metal prices. In February, "The New Three-Year Business Plan" ending in FY 2009, was announced.

With the direction for further growth well under way, it is an opportune time to promote under the new management the strategic goals of becoming a major force in the Non-Ferrous Metals Industry for the Mineral Resources & Metals Segment and attaining leading market shares in Electronics Materials and Advanced Materials Segment.

3. Date of appointment (Planned)

The new Chairman and President will be appointed at a meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on June 28, 2007, following the General Meeting of Shareholders.

4. Career summaries

Please refer to the attachments.

CAREER SUMMARY

NAME: Koichi Fukushima

BIRTH DATE: October 18, 1941

EDUCATION:

March 1964 Received B.E. in Metallurgy from Kyushu Institute of Technology

WORK EXPERIENCE:

April 1964 Entered Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.

June 1984 Appointed to General Manager of Toyo Smelter and Refinery,
Besshi-Niihama District Division

June 1990 Appointed to General Manager of Administration Department
of Non-Ferrous Metals Division

June 1992 Appointed to General Manager of Harima District Division

June 1993 Appointed to Director

June 1994 Appointed to Senior Deputy General Manager of Non-Ferrous
Metals Division

June 1995 Appointed to Senior General Manager of Non-Ferrous Metals Division

June 1997 Appointed to Managing Director & Senior General Manager of
Non-Ferrous Metals Division

June 1999 Appointed to Senior Managing Director

April 2000 Appointed to President and Representative Director

CAREER SUMMARY

NAME: Nobumasa Kemori

BIRTH DATE: April 12, 1951

EDUCATION:

March 1980 Received Engineering Doctorate in Metallurgy from Osaka University

WORK EXPERIENCE:

September 1980 Entered Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.

July 1998 Appointed to General Manager of Nickel Refinery,
Besshi-Niihama District Division

July 2002 Appointed to General Manager of Nickel Division
of Non-Ferrous Metals Division

June 2004 Appointed to Executive Officer & Senior Deputy General Manager
of Non-Ferrous Metals Division & General Manager of Administration
Department of Non-Ferrous Metals Division

June 2006 Appointed to Director & Managing Executive Officer of Non-Ferrous
Metals Division