

June 29, 2015

Press Release

Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.

New Member Added to Independent Committee
Created in Line with Takeover Defense Measures

Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd., at its 90th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders convened today, increased its number of outside directors from one to two. In tandem with this move, at the Board of Directors meeting held after the General Meeting of Shareholders it was decided to add one new member to the independent committee established in line with the Company's takeover defense measures.

Newly Appointed Member of the Independent Committee

Name: Hitoshi Taimatsu

Professional Experience:

April 1979	Research Associate, Mining College of Akita University
October 1988	Lecturer, Mining College of Akita University
April 1990	Associate Professor, Mining College of Akita University
April 1994	Professor, Mining College of Akita University
April 1998	Professor, Faculty of Engineering and Resource Science of Akita University
April 2006	Director, Radioisotope Research Center of Akita University
April 2008	Member, Education and Research Council of Akita University Vice Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Resource Science of Akita University
April 2010	Professor, Graduate School of Engineering and Resource Science of Akita University Vice Dean, Graduate School of Engineering and Resource Science of Akita University
June 2015	Director, Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.

At June 2015 Professor, Graduate School of Engineering and Resource
Science of Akita University
Director, Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.

Attachment

Profiles of Members of the Independent Committee As of June 29, 2015

Tsutomu Ushijima

Career Summary:

- April 1976 Registered as a lawyer
- April 1982 Established Ushijima Law and Tax Accountant Firm
- June 1982 Registered as a certified public tax accountant
- January 1994 Established Ushijima Teramae Law Firm (currently Ushijima, Teramae & Wada Law Firm)
- June 2003 Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.
- June 2007 Director of the Company

Hitoshi Taimatsu

Career Summary:

- April 1979 Research Associate, Mining College of Akita University
- Oct. 1988 Lecturer, Mining College of Akita University
- April 1990 Associate Professor, Mining College of Akita University
- April 1994 Professor, Mining College of Akita University
- April 1998 Professor, Faculty of Engineering and Resource Science of Akita University
- April 2006 Director, Radioisotope Research Center of Akita University
- April 2008 Member, Education and Research Council of Akita University
Vice Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Resource Science of Akita University
- April 2010 Professor, Graduate School of Engineering and Resource Science of Akita University
Vice Dean, Graduate School of Engineering and Resource Science of Akita University
- June 2015 Director, Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.

Hikoyuki Miwa

Career Summary:

- Nov. 1975 Registered as a certified public accountant
- August 1996 Partner of ASAHI & Co. (currently KPMG AZSA LLC)
- June 2001 Board Member of ASAHI & Co.
- June 2003 Senior Executive Partner of ASAHI & Co.
- June 2006 Deputy Managing Partner of KPMG AZSA & Co. (currently KPMG AZSA LLC)
- July 2009 Established Miwa Certified Public Accountant Firm
- June 2011 Audit & Supervisory Board Member, Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.

Shigeru Nozaki

Career Summary:

- April 1972 Joined Export-Import Bank of Japan
- January 1998 Director General, Planning Office of Export-Import Bank of Japan
- June 1999 Director General, Loan Department IV of Export-Import Bank of Japan
- October 1999 Director General, Energy and Natural Resources Finance Department of Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) (merger between former Export-Import Bank of Japan and former Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund, Japan)
- October 2000 Director General, International Finance Policy Department of JBIC
- May 2002 Resident Executive Director, Osaka Branch of JBIC
- October 2003 Senior Executive Director of JBIC
- July 2007 Corporate Advisor, Mitsubishi Corporation
- June 2012 Audit & Supervisory Board Member, Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.

Notes:

1. Mr. Tsutomu Ushijima and Mr. Hitoshi Taimatsu are Outside Directors as set out in Article 2 (15) of the Enforcement Regulations of the Companies Act.
2. Mr. Hikoyuki Miwa and Mr. Shigeru Nozaki are Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members as set out in Article 2 (16) of the Enforcement Regulations of the Companies Act.
3. No special interests exist between Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. and any of the Independent Committee Members listed above.

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