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### Resumption of ore processing at Pogo Gold Mine

Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. and Sumitomo Corporation (collectively referred to as "Sumitomo") jointly announced today that the Pogo Gold Mine located in Alaska, U.S.A. and managed under the joint venture formed by Teck Cominco Limited and Sumitomo, has completed sufficient restoration work of electrical facilities and resumed the operation of all mine facilities on December 14, 2006 local time.

Operation of the ore processing plant had been suspended since electrical power was disrupted following an incident on October 19. Underground mining and work on construction projects resumed October 28 after portable generators were installed. Focused efforts to repair the electrical facilities enabled a resumption of electrical grid power on December 6. After changing over electrical power systems from portable generators to grid power, each process of the ore processing plant restarted one by one from December 14 and presently, it operates favorably.

Every effort will be made to prevent a recurrence of this type of incident and ensure safe operation of the facilities going forward.