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Press Release

Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd

### **Increase in Number of Outside Directors**

Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. today announced its decision to increase the number of outside directors to three for the purposes of further strengthening the Company's corporate governance, and as its new outside director selected the candidate described below at a meeting of its Board of Directors.

#### 1. Candidate for new outside director

Mr. Kazuhisa Nakano

#### 2. Reasons for candidacy as outside director

The Company has decided to increase its independent outside directors from two to three in order to further strengthen its corporate governance with the aims of further enhancing transparent and sound management practices and increasing the corporate value of the Company.

With a wealth of management experience gained at Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd, Mr. Kazuhisa Nakano possesses a high level of knowledge and wisdom as a director. As he can be expected to fulfill the role of outside director by leveraging this experience, knowledge, and wisdom, the decision was made to present him as a candidate to be an outside director.

#### 3. Biography of new outside director candidate

Name: Kazuhisa Nakano

Date of birth: January 4, 1948

Professional Experience:

April 1971    Joined Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd

April 2003    Became Executive Officer, General Manager of Personnel  
Department

June 2004    Became Director

June 2005    Became Managing Director

June 2007    Became Representative Director, Executive Vice President

June 2009    Became Representative Director, President  
June 2013    Became Representative Director, Chairman  
June 2015    Became Advisor  
As of February 2016    Advisor of Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd.

- \* If the proposal concerning this directorial appointment is approved at the 91<sup>st</sup> Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders to be held in June 2016, the number of outside directors of the Company will increase from two – currently Messrs. Tsutomu Ushijima (reelected) and Hitoshi Taimatsu (reelected) – to three.

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