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Press Release

Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.  
Sumitomo Osaka Cement Co., Ltd.

## Regarding the Conclusion of a Lithium Iron Phosphate (LFP) Battery Materials Business Transfer Contract

Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Minato-ku, Tokyo, President and Representative Director: Akira Nozaki), Sumitomo Osaka Cement Co., Ltd. (Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo., President: Hirotsune Morohashi) have, agreed to transfer the lithium iron phosphate (“LFP”) battery materials business (includes new technical research institute, battery materials research group, and subsidiary SOC Vietnam Co.,Ltd) to Sumitomo Metal Mining. The business transfer contract was concluded as of today. Moreover, the transfer of business is scheduled for May 1, 2022, assuming that the required permits are obtained.

Sumitomo Osaka Cement has developed LFP battery materials using the original nanoparticle synthesis technology they have cultivated since the 1980's. They completed a mass-production plant in December 2012 in Vietnam and have since supplied the market with LFP battery materials that are high performance and that have a highly stable quality.

Demand is expected to continue to grow for LFP battery materials through their adoption for use in things like electric vehicles and batteries for stationary energy storage. Amid this, we believe that Sumitomo Metal Mining, a company that already has a number of nickel cathode material products and that is making progress with an increased production structure, taking on this business will provide opportunities for business growth. This is why we have decided to entrust this business to them.

Through the transfer of the current LFP battery materials business, they will be able to make progress with business selection and centralization and be able to engage in further increasing corporate value.

Sumitomo Metal Mining is going to gain technology and knowhow in the transfer from Sumitomo Osaka Cement. Combining this with their existing nickel cathode materials will allow them to speed up the development of LFP battery materials, which are expected to see new markets form as the world moves towards gasoline-free cars and electrification. This, along with an abundant selection of products, will allow them to meet an even wider range of customer needs. Moreover, through strengthening our battery materials business that contributes to the tackling of decarbonization issues, we're engaging in initiatives towards becoming a company that actively undertakes climate change countermeasures by reducing emissions and stably supplying products to contribute to a low-carbon society and a future with zero greenhouse gases (GHG), as laid out in one of the material issues, the climate change, in our Vision for 2030.

(Reference)

SOC Vietnam Co.,Ltd. Overview

Location: Hưng Yên, Vietnam

Thang Long Industrial Park II, My Hao District, Hung Yen Province, Vietnam

Establishment: July 2011

Investment: Sumitomo Osaka Cement 100%

Capital: US \$11,800,000

No. of Employees: Approx. 150

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