June 26, 2012 Nippon Steel Corporation Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd.

Nippon Steel and Sumitomo Metals Announce the Appointment of Executive Officers of Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation

This is to announce that, at the respective meetings of the boards of directors of Nippon Steel Corporation ("Nippon Steel") and Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd. ("Sumitomo Metals") held today, the appointment of Executive Officers (which are "important employees") of Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation, the integrated company that is planned to be formed on October 1, 2012 (the "Integrated Company"), was decided as set forth below by agreement of Nippon Steel and Sumitomo Metals. The appointment is conditional on the official resolution at the first meeting of the board of directors of the Integrated Company.

• Managing Executive Officers and their business responsibilities and delegation of office

Name	Division of Business Responsibilities and Delegation of Office	
Hiromichi AOKI (Currently Managing Director of Nippon Steel)	<ul> <li>Environment</li> <li>Cooperating with Managing Director K. Yanagawa on Energy and Recycling</li> <li>Cooperating with Managing Director T. Meiga on Slag</li> <li>Rendering Assistance to Executive Vice President K. Shindo on Matters relating to External Affairs</li> </ul>	
Kenji HIWATARI (Currently Managing Director of Nippon Steel)	<ul> <li>Executive Officer, Plate Unit; Executive Officer, Construction Products Unit</li> <li>Project Development; Titanium &amp; Specialty Stainless Steel</li> </ul>	
Shinya OKUDA (Currently Director and Senior Managing Executive Officer of Sumitomo Metals)	General Manager, Osaka Office	
Akihiro MIYASAKA (Currently Managing Director of Nippon Steel)	General Superintendent, Nagoya Works	
Takahisa MIYAKE (Currently Senior Managing Executive Officer of Sumitomo Metals)	General Superintendent, Wakayama Works	

Atsuhiko YOSHIE
(Currently Managing Director of
Nippon Steel)

 Executive Officer, Steel Research Laboratories, Technical Research & Development Bureau

# Masato YAMADA (Currently Managing Director of Nippon Steel)

- Deputy Project Leader, Shanghai-Baoshan Coldrolled & Coated Sheet Products Project; Deputy Project Leader, India Continuous Annealing and Processing Line Project
- Cooperating with Director, Flat Products Unit on Flat Products Technology

# Shinji MORINOBU (Currently Managing Executive Officer of Sumitomo Metals)

 Cooperating with Director, Railway, Automotive & Machinery Parts Unit on Railway, Automotive & Machinery Parts Marketing

### Hidemasa NAKAJIMA (Currently Managing Executive Officer of Sumitomo Metals)

 General Superintendent, Kokura Works, Bar & Wire Rod Unit

Katsuyoshi IWATA (Currently Managing Executive Officer of Sumitomo Metals) • General Superintendent, Kashima Works

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#### Name

Division of Business Responsibilities and Delegation of Office

Masayuki SHIBATA (Currently Director of Nippon Steel)  Rendering Assistance to Director, Bar & Wire Rod Unit on Bar & Wire Rod Technology

Shinji FUJINO (Currently Director of Nippon Steel)

• General Superintendent, Kimitsu Works

Eiji HASHIMOTO (Currently Director of Nippon Steel)

Rendering Assistance to Managing Director K.
 Ota on Overseas Business Development

Yoshitsugu SAKAMOTO (Currently Director of Nippon Steel)

 General Manager, Technical Administration & Planning Division

President K. Shindo on Business Process Innovation

Tatsuro SHIRASU (Currently Director of Nippon Steel)	General Manager, Beijing Office
Shinji SHIBAO (Currently Director of Nippon Steel)	General Superintendent, Hirohata Works
Shinji TANIMOTO (Currently Director of Nippon Steel)	General Superintendent, Yawata Works
Kenji TAKAHASHI (Currently Managing Executive Officer of Sumitomo Metals)	<ul> <li>Executive Officer, Deputy General Superintendent, Steel Research Laboratories, Technical Research &amp; Development Bureau</li> </ul>
Ritsuya IWAI (Currently Managing Executive Officer of Sumitomo Metals)	<ul> <li>General Superintendent, Amagasaki Works, Pipe &amp; Tube Unit</li> </ul>
Shinichi FUJIWARA (Currently Director of Nippon Steel)	<ul> <li>Raw Materials; Machinery &amp; Materials Procurement</li> </ul>
Machi NAKATA (Currently Managing Executive Officer of Sumitomo Metals)	<ul> <li>General Superintendent, Osaka Steel Works, Railway, Automotive &amp; Machinery Parts Unit</li> </ul>
Hiroki KAWABATA (Currently Managing Executive Officer of Sumitomo Metals)	• Executive Officer, Pipe & Tube Unit
Tsuneo MIYAMAOTO (Currently Director of Nippon Steel)	<ul> <li>General Manager, Marketing Administration &amp; Planning Division</li> <li>Rendering Assistance to Managing Director Y. Saeki on Export Administration &amp; Planning and Logistics</li> </ul>
Toshiharu SAKAE (Currently Director of Nippon Steel)	General Manager, Raw Materials Division-II
Toshiyuki KISHIBE (Currently Managing Executive Officer of Sumitomo Metals)	• Executive Officer, Deputy General Superintendent, Flat Products Unit
Koji TANABE (Currently Director of Nippon Steel)	<ul> <li>General Superintendent, Muroran Works, Bar &amp; Wire Rod Unit</li> </ul>
Yutaka TAKEUCHI (Currently Director of Nippon Steel)	<ul> <li>General Manager, Group Companies Planning Division</li> </ul>

Toru KANEKO (Currently Managing Executive Officer of Sumitomo Metals)	•	Rendering Assistance to Director, Flat Products Units on Overseas Projects concerning Flat Products
Akihiko INOUE (Currently Director of Nippon Steel)	•	General Manager, Flat Products Technology Division, Flat Products Unit; Deputy Project Leader, Wuhan Tin Mill Project
Yasuto AGOU (Currently Director of Nippon Steel)	•	General Superintendent, Oita Works
Hirotsune SATOH (Currently Director of Nippon Steel)	•	General Manager, Human Resources Division
Katsuhiro MIYAMOTO (Currently Director of Nippon Steel)	•	General Manager, Accounting & Finance Division
Masato MATSUNO (Currently Managing Executive Officer of Sumitomo Metals)	•	General Manager, General Administration Division Rendering Assistance to Managing Director S. Sakuma on Legal and Internal Control & Audit Rendering Assistance to Executive Vice President K. Shindo on Business Process Innovation
Shin NISHIURA (Currently Managing Executive Officer of Sumitomo Metals)	•	General Manager, Corporate Planning Division
Hiroyuki UCHIDA (Currently Director of Nippon Steel)	•	Deputy Project Leader, Usiminas Project Rendering Assistance to Managing Director K. Yanagawa on Technical Assistance in Overseas Projects
Yoichi FURUTA (Currently Director of Nippon Steel)	•	General Manager, Overseas Business Development Division
Hiroyuki NITTA (Currently Director of Nippon Steel)	•	General Manager, Business Process Innovation Division
Kazuyuki ORITA (Currently Director of Nippon Steel)	•	Director, Plant Engineering and Facility Management Center
Tomoaki NAKAGAWA (Currently Executive Counsellor of Nippon Steel)	•	Deputy General Manager, Osaka Office

Person in italics newly appointed as Executive Officer