

September 4, 2012  
Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd.

## Notice Regarding Change of Major Shareholder

Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd. (Sumitomo Metals) announces a change in the shareholding of its major shareholder, which went into effect on September 4, 2012. Details are as follows.

### 1. Background of change

Sumitomo Metals acquired its own shares on September 4, 2012 as announced on “Notice Concerning the Decision on Particulars Related to Acquisition of Sumitomo Metals’ Own Shares and Their Cancellation” dated August 30, 2012, “Notice Regarding Acquisition of Sumitomo Metals’ Own Share through ToSTNet-3” dated September 3, 2012, and “Notice Regarding Results and Completion of Sumitomo Metals’ Own Share Acquisition through ToSTNet-3” dated September 4, 2012. As a result, Sumitomo Metals confirmed the change of its major shareholder.

### 2. Information on the shareholder

(1) Name	Sumitomo Corporation
(2) Address	8-11 Harumi 1-chome, Chuo-ku, Tokyo
(3) Representative	Kuniharu Nakamura, President and CEO
(4) Business activities	Selling a variety of products such as metals, machinery, chemicals, food, and textiles, conducting import/export and trilateral business transactions, and business related to the information, real estate, and service industries, and others
(5) Capital	219,278 million yen

### 3. Number and ratio of shares (number of voting rights) owned by the shareholder

	Number of voting rights number of shares held	Ratio of voting rights*	Ranking as shareholder
Before change (as of March 31, 2012)	458,326 votes (458,326,000 shares)	9.92%	First
After change	458,326 votes (458,326,000 shares)	10.99%	First

\* Ratio of voting rights of total shareholders after the change is calculated based on the following.

Total number of shares issued as of March 31, 2012: 4,805,974,238 shares

Number of shares without voting rights: 635,621,238 shares

### 4. Future outlook

The change will not have material effect on Sumitomo Metals’ earnings outlook.