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Nippon Steel Corporation

Commencement of consideration of majority shares acquisition
in Nippon EGalv Steel Sdn. Bhd.

Nippon Steel Corporation (President: Shoji Muneoka, “Nippon Steel”) is pleased to announce that Nippon Steel has commenced discussion with Tatt Giap Group, the existing majority shareholder of Nippon EGalv Steel Sdn. Bhd. (“N-EGALV”), to acquire N-EGALV’s majority shares through a share transfer.

Since the acquisition of minority (10%) shares of N-EGALV from Tatt Giap Group in February 2010, Nippon Steel and Tatt Giap Group have established a strong relationship through the provision of technical assistance by Nippon Steel to N-EGALV regarding the manufacturing of electro-galvanized anti-fingerprint steel products to be used for electric appliances, as well as the supply of cold-rolled steel substrates to N-EGALV. In addition to such cooperation, Nippon Steel and Tatt Giap Group have been discussing continuously a desirable management scheme for N-EGALV, and have agreed to commence consideration of a transfer of the issued shares of N-EGALV presently owned by Tatt Giap Group to Nippon Steel by the end of June 2011 so that N-EGALV would become a consolidated subsidiary of Nippon Steel.

Malaysia is regarded as one of the countries that have large demand for electro-galvanized steel products, where many manufacturers of consumer-electronics such as flat-screen TVs and audio instruments have their production bases. Along with the expansion of their production, demand for electro-galvanized steel products in Malaysia is expected to grow continuously in the future. N-EGALV plans to start its commercial production of electro-galvanized anti-fingerprint steel products for electric appliances in the near future using the technology licensed by Nippon Steel.

Nippon Steel has been seeking to enhance its ability to meet diversified customer needs around the world, and the acquisition of majority shares in N-EGALV would allow Nippon Steel to further strengthen its global manufacturing network. Upon the acquisition, Nippon Steel would operate N-EGALV as one of its group companies and provide it with Nippon Steel’s high-level technologies and abundant experience so that N-EGALV could implement more efficient production and higher quality control.

*HANWA Co., Ltd. (President: Hironari Furukawa, “HANWA”), which currently owns 15% shares in N-EGALV, intends to acquire additional issued shares of N-EGALV contemporaneously with Nippon Steel’s acquisition so that, following

the acquisition, HANWA would hold 22.78% shares in N-EGALV.

【Company Overview of N-EGALV】

Company name : Nippon EGalv Steel Sdn. Bhd.
Location : Prai Industrial Zone, Penang, Malaysia
Establishment : January 2006 (commercial production began in February 2009)
Capital : 25 million Ringgit (approximately 6.8 million yen)
Business : Manufacturing and sale of electro-galvanized steel sheets
Production capacity: Electro-galvanizing line: 150,000 tons/year
Shareholders (after transaction, expected)
: Nippon Steel: 50.1%, Tatt Giap Group Berhad: 27.12%,
HANWA: 22.78%

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<Reference>

TATT GIAP GROUP BERHAD (The holding company of the Tatt Giap group companies)

Head Office : Prai Industrial Zone, Penang, Malaysia
Representative : Dato' Steven SIAH
Establishment : 1978
Capital : 51 million Ringgit (approximately 1.4 billion yen)
Business : Steel-related business (distribution, coil center, slitting and shearing of stainless steel, manufacture and sale of polished stainless and steel bars, manufacture and sale of electro-galvanized steel coils)
Sales : 315 million Ringgit (approximately 8.5 billion yen)
(for the fiscal year ending on 31 December 2010)
Number of employees : 397