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Mitsui Mining and Smelting Co., Ltd.
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(Securities Code: 5706, First Section of Tokyo Stock Exchange)

March 19, 2007

Notice of Change of Representative Director

Mitsui Mining and Smelting Co., Ltd. (Mitsui Kinzoku) is pleased to announce that at a meeting held on March 19, 2007, the Board of Director informally decided to make a change to the representative director. Details of the change are set out below.

1. Name and Bio of Incoming Representative Director

Name: Yoshihiko Takebayashi

New appointment: President and Representative Director, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer

(Current Director, Senior Managing Executive Officer and General Manager of Parts Production Sector)

Place of birth: Tokyo

Education: University of Tokyo, Bachelor of Economics, March 1967

Date of birth: February 1, 1944

Biography: As described in the Appendix

2. Date of Appointment (planned)

The new representative director will be appointed at a meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on June 28, 2007, following the general meeting of shareholders schedule to be held on that date.

3. Incumbent Officers

(1) Shimpei Miyamura

Current Chairman and Representative Director, Chief Executive Officer

(To be appointed Director and Advisor)

(2) Hiroshi Makihara

Current President and Representative Director, Chief Operating Officer

(To be appointed Advisor)

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Biography

Name: Yoshihiko Takebayashi

Date of birth: February 1, 1944

Education: University of Tokyo, Bachelor of Economics, March 1967

Career:

June 2007 : President and Representative Director, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer (planned)

April 2006: Director, Senior Managing Executive Officer and Senior General Manager of Parts Production Sector

June 2005: Director, Senior Managing Executive Officer and Senior General Manager of Engineered Materials Sector

April 2001: Director, Senior Executive Officer and Senior General Manager of Engineered Materials Sector

June 1999 : Director, General Manager of Chemicals Division, Materials Sector

June 1994 : President, GECOM Corp.(U.S.A.)

April 1967: Joined Mitsui Mining and Smelting Co., Ltd.