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### **Nippon Mining Holdings to Establish New IT Support Company —Nippon Mining IT**

Nippon Mining Holdings, Inc. (Head Office: Toranomom 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo; President: Mitsunori Takahagi; the “Company”) announced today that it will establish a functional support company named Nippon Mining Information Technology, Co., Ltd., (“Nippon Mining IT”) to carry out IT planning and administration tasks for the Nippon Mining Holdings Group.

Nippon Mining IT will be responsible for formulating the Group’s IT policy and handling systems planning and administration, the internal control of IT, system audits, and other related tasks. The new company will also serve as a point of contact with Central Computer Services Co. Ltd. after the Company hands over control of that entity to NTT Data Corporation (Head Office: Toyosu 3-chome, Koto-ku, Tokyo; President and Chief Executive Officer: Toru Yamashita).

Through the establishment of Nippon Mining IT, the Company aims consolidate system planning functions, which until now have been split between the Group’s petroleum company and metals company. This will streamline the standardization of development, operation, and maintenance activities as well as efforts to bolster the Group’s information infrastructure, and it will also facilitate significant enhancements to the Group’s IT-related governance and systems planning functions.

#### Overview of Nippon Mining IT

(1) Company name	Nippon Mining Information Technology Co., Ltd.
(2) Head office	10-1, Toranomom 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo
(3) Capital	50 million yen (wholly owned by the Company)
(4) Representative	To be decided
(5) Establishment	February 2008 (current schedule)
(6) Commencement of operations	April 1, 2008 (current schedule)
(7) Main businesses	IT-related planning and administration for the Nippon Mining Holdings Group
(8) Number of employees	Around 45

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