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NEWS RELEASE

Amendment of Joint Structure for Copper Operations

As part of the Structural Reform of JX Metals' Base Businesses that JX Metals Corporation (headquartered in The Okura Prestige Tower 10-4, Toranomon 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo; Yoichi Hayashi, President) (hereinafter, "JX Metals") announced on December 20, 2023, JX Metals and Marubeni Corporation (headquartered in 4-2, Ohtemachi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; Masumi Kakinoki, President) (hereinafter, "Marubeni") agreed that JX Metals would transfer 20% of the 67.8% of the shares of Pan Pacific Copper Co., Ltd. (headquartered in The Okura Prestige Tower 10-4, Toranomon 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo; Kazuhiro Hori, President) (hereinafter, "PPC") held by JX Metals to Marubeni

Following an internal review, Mitsui Mining & Smelting Co., Ltd. (hereinafter, "Mitsui Kinzoku") accepted the amendment of the joint structure for copper operations of PPC offered by JX Metals and Marubeni, hoping to achieve the synergies described below. Mitsui Kinzoku, JX Metals, Marubeni, and PPC concluded a joint venture agreement with respect to the review of the joint structure for copper operations on December 22, 2023.

PPC initiated copper smelting consignment business in fiscal 2020 under a basic agreement between JX Metals and Mitsui Kinzoku. In anticipation of the future business environment surrounding the copper smelting consignment business, intensified competition is expected in terms of raw material procurement and copper metal sales due to the start of operation of new smelters in Asia. Meanwhile, the industry expects higher demand for copper given the increasing production of electric vehicles and growing needs for renewable energy associated with energy transition.

Marubeni has served as a long-term business partner of PPC in procurement of copper concentrates, export of refined copper, and other areas. Mitsui Kinzoku has high hopes of growing competitiveness of PPC through further strengthening the partnership together with synergies such as higher level of resilience in raw material procurement, expansion of customers leveraging Marubeni's network.

Ratios of investment in PPC in and after April 2024

JX Metals: 47.8%; Mitsui Kinzoku: 32.2%; Marubeni: 20%

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