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## **Revision of Consolidated Earnings and Dividend Forecasts**

Based on recent operating performance, Nippon Mining Holdings, Inc. (Head Office: 2, Toranomon, Minato-ku, Tokyo; President: Mitsunori Takahagi; hereafter the "Company") has revised its consolidated interim and full-year earnings and dividend forecasts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007. Details of the revision are as follows:

1. Revision of consolidated earnings forecast for the first six months of the year ending March 31, 2007 (April 1, 2006 – September 30, 2006) (Millions of yen)

|   | Net sales | Income before special items | Net income |
|---|-----------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Previous forecast (A)<br>(announced on Aug 9, 2006)                         | 1,720,000 | 91,000                      | 50,000     |
| Revised forecast (B)  | 1,800,000 | 105,000                     | 65,000     |
| Change (B-A)  | 80,000    | 14,000                      | 15,000     |
| Percentage change   | 4.7%      | 15.4%                       | 30.0%      |
| (Reference) Actual results for a year earlier period (Apr 1 – Sep 30, 2005) | 1,365,120 | 83,113                      | 52,465     |

#### <Reason for the revision>

Consolidated net sales for the first six months are expected to increase due mainly to higher prices of petroleum products reflecting supply-demand conditions in the crude oil market as well as rising metal prices. Income before special items is projected to rise \mathbb{1}4 billion to \mathbb{1}05 billion, owing primarily to an improvement in margins on petrochemical and other products, higher inventory valuation gain as a result of rising crude oil prices and profit growth in conjunction with rising copper prices. Net income is expected to increase \mathbb{1}5 billion to \mathbb{1}65 billion, mainly reflecting the increase in income before special items and special profit on sale of shares in an affiliated company.

<Segment breakdown of income before special items (Consolidated forecast for the first six months of the year ending March 31, 2007)>

(100 million yen)

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|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------|--|--|
|  |                                      | Previous<br>forecast | Revised forecast | Change | Reason for change in income before special items   | Year earlier<br>period (actual)<br>(Apr 1 – Sep 30,<br>2005) |
|  | Net<br>sales                         | 12,300               | 12,800           | +500   | Improved margins on petrochemical and  | 10,872   |
| Petroleum Incom Group before special items |                                      | 245                  | 360              | +115   | other products,<br>increased inventory<br>valuation gain, etc.                             | 415  |
|  | Net<br>sales                         | 4,755                | 5,080            | +325   |  | 2,688  |
| Metals Group<br>total                      | Income<br>before<br>special<br>items | 640                  | 660              | +20    |  | 379  |
|  | Net<br>sales                         | 4,075                | 4,410            | +335   | Higher copper prices and other factors   | 2,181  |
| Resources & metals                         | Income<br>before<br>special<br>items | 550                  | 565              | +15    |  | 315  |
|  | Net sales                            | 660                  | 640              | -20    | Margin improvement offsetting sales  | 474  |
| Electronic materials                       | Income<br>before<br>special<br>items | 45                   | 45               | -      | declines, leaving income before special items almost unchanged from the previous forecast. | 43   |
|  | Net<br>sales                         | 340                  | 350              | +10    | Higher copper prices and other factors.  | 231  |
| Metal<br>Manufacturing                     | Income<br>before<br>special<br>items | 40                   | 45               | +5     |  | 26   |
| No. 1                                      | Net<br>sales                         | -320                 | -320             | -      |  | -198   |
| Metals<br>Group<br>adjustments             | Income<br>before<br>special<br>items | 5                    | 5                | -      |  | -5   |
|  | Net<br>sales                         | 275                  | 250              | -25    |  | 232  |
| Other operations                           | Income<br>before<br>special<br>items | 25                   | 30               | 5      |  | 37   |
| Eliminations                               | Net<br>sales                         | -130                 | -130             | -      |  | -142   |
|  | Net<br>sales                         | 17,200               | 18,000           | +800   |  | 13,651   |
| Total                                      | Income<br>before<br>special<br>items | 910                  | 1,050            | +140   |  | 831  |

2. Revision of consolidated earnings forecast for the year ending March 31, 2007 (April 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007) (Millions of yen)

| 21, 2007)   | (Intilions of July) |                             |            |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
|   | Net sales           | Income before special items | Net income |
| Previous forecast (A)<br>(announced on May 10,<br>2006)                               | 3,265,000           | 143,000                     | 82,000     |
| Revised forecast (B)  | 3,770,000           | 185,000                     | 110,000    |
| Change (B-A)  | 505,000             | 42,000                      | 28,000     |
| Percentage change   | 15.5%               | 29.4%                       | 34.1%      |
| (Reference) Actual results for a year earlier period (April 1, 2005 - March 31, 2006) | 3,026,262           | 188,722                     | 96,905     |

#### <Reason for the revision>

Consolidated net sales for the full year are expected to increase due mainly to higher prices of petroleum products reflecting recent supply-demand conditions in the crude oil market as well as rising metal prices. Income before special items is projected to increase \(\frac{\pmathbf{4}}{4}\)2 billion to \(\frac{\pmathbf{1}}{185}\) billion, owing primarily to an improvement in margins on petrochemical and other products, higher inventory valuation gain as a result of rising crude oil prices and profit growth in conjunction with rising copper prices. Net income is expected to increase \(\frac{\pmathbf{2}}{2}\)8 billion to \(\frac{\pmathbf{1}}{10}\) billion, mainly reflecting the increase in income before special items and Special profit on sale of shares in an affiliated company.

<Segment breakdown of income before special items (Consolidated forecast for the year ending March 31, 2007)>

(100 million yen)

|                          |                                      | Previous<br>forecast | Revised<br>forecast | Change | Reason for change<br>in income before<br>special items  | Year earlier<br>period<br>(actual)<br>(April 1, 2005 –<br>March 31, 2006) |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------|---|---|
|                          | Net<br>sales                         | 24,700               | 27,500              | +2,800 | Improved margins on petrochemical                       | 23,926  |
| Petroleum<br>Group       | Income<br>before<br>special<br>items | 470                  | 560                 | +90    | products, increased<br>inventory valuation<br>gain, etc | 970   |
|                          | Net<br>sales                         | 7,620                | 9,840               | +2,220 |   | 6,071   |
| Metals Group<br>total    | Income<br>before<br>special<br>items | 895                  | 1,220               | +325   |   | 828   |
|                          | Net<br>sales                         | 6,180                | 8,310               | +2,130 | Higher copper prices and earnings                       | 4,954   |
| Resources & metals       | Income<br>before<br>special<br>items | 745                  | 1,035               | +290   | increases at equity method affiliates.                  | 682   |
|                          | Net<br>sales                         | 1,290                | 1,440               | +150   | Higher sales of electro-deposited                       | 1,063   |
| Electronic materials     | Income<br>before<br>special<br>items | 65                   | 90                  | +25    | copper foil and improved margins.                       | 96  |
|                          | Net<br>sales                         | 550                  | 710                 | +160   | Higher copper   | 528   |
| Metal<br>Manufacturing   | Income<br>before<br>special<br>items | 70                   | 80                  | +10    | prices and other factors.                               | 62  |
|                          | Net<br>sales                         | -400                 | -620                | -220   |   | -473  |
| Metals Group adjustments | Income<br>before<br>special<br>items | 15                   | 15                  | -      |   | -12   |
|                          | Net<br>sales                         | 640                  | 650                 | +10    |   | 585   |
| Other operations         | Income<br>before<br>special<br>items | 65                   | 70                  | +5     |   | 89  |
| Eliminations             | Net<br>sales                         | -310                 | -290                | +20    |   | -320  |
|                          | Net<br>sales                         | 32,650               | 37,700              | +5,050 |   | 30,263  |
| Total                    | Income<br>before<br>special<br>items | 1,430                | 1,850               | +420   |   | 1,887   |

## 3. Revision of dividend forecast for the year ending March 31, 2007 (April 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007)

|   | Interim dividend | Year-end dividend | Annual dividend  |
|---|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Previous forecast (A) (announced on May 10, 2006)                                 | 6.00 yen/share   | 6.00 yen/share    | 12.00 yen/share  |
| Revised forecast (B)  | 8.00 yen/share   | 8.00 yen/share    | 16.00 yen/share  |
| Change (B-A)  | 2.00 yen/share   | 2.00 yen/share    | 4.00 yen/hare    |
| (Reference) Actual results for a year earlier period (Apr 1, 2005 - Mar 31, 2006) | -                | *15.00 yen/share  | *15.00 yen/share |

(Note) Dividends for the previous year include a commemorative dividend of 3.00 yen/share to celebrate the Group's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### <Reason for the revision>

In consideration of the upward revision of interim and full-year earnings forecasts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007, the Company has revised the previously released dividend forecast by increasing interim and year-end dividend by 2.00 yen/share to 8.00 yen/share, respectively. After the revision, the annual dividend for the year is forecast to be 16.00 yen/share.

# [Reference]

1. Assumptions (for consolidated earnings forecast for the first six months of the year ending March 31, 2007)

|                         |   | Previous<br>forecast<br>(announced<br>on Aug 9,<br>2006) | Revised forecast | Change | Year earlier<br>period<br>(actual)<br>(Apr 1 – Sep<br>30, 2005) |
|-------------------------|---|--|------------------|--------|---|
| Overall                 | Exchange rate (¥/\$)                                  | 115  | 115              | -      | 109   |
| Petroleum               | Crude oil (FOB)<br>(\$/BBL)*                          | 64.9   | 65.6             | +0.7   | 51.6  |
| Group                   | Market price of paraxylene (\$/t)                     | 1,160  | 1,195            | +35    | 919   |
| Metals Group            | Market price of copper (cent/lb)                      | 314  | 337              | +23    | 162   |
| Resources and metals    | Electrolytic copper sales (1,000 tons/FY)             | 312  | 307              | -5     | 302   |
|                         | Electro-deposited copper foil sales (ton/month)       | 2,100  | 2,040            | -60    | 2,097   |
| Electronic<br>materials | Treated rolled copper foil sales (1,000 meters/month) | 3,736  | 3,630            | -106   | 3,021   |
|                         | ITO target sales (ton/month)                          | 30.5   | 25.5             | -5.0   | 24.2  |
| Metal<br>Manufacturing  | Wrought copper product sales (1,000 tons/FY)          | 20.2   | 19.8             | -0.4   | 16.8  |
|                         | Special steel product sales (1,000 tons/FY)           | 2.5  | 2.6              | +0.1   | 1.9   |
|                         | High quality products ratio (%)                       | 42%  | 42%              | -      | 41%   |

<sup>\*</sup>Dubai spot price

2. Assumptions (for consolidated earnings forecast for the year ending March 31, 2007)

|                         |   | Previous<br>forecast<br>(announced<br>on May 10,<br>2006) | Revised<br>forecast | Change | Year earlier<br>period<br>(actual)<br>(Apr 1, 2005<br>– Mar 31,<br>2006) |
|-------------------------|---|---|---------------------|--------|--|
| Overall                 | Exchange rate (¥/\$)                                  | 110   | [110] 113           | +3     | 113  |
| Petroleum               | Crude oil (FOB)<br>(\$/BBL)*                          | 58.0  | [60.0] 62.8         | +4.8   | 53.5   |
| Group                   | Market price of paraxylene (\$/t)                     | 1,060   | 1,170               | +110   | 963  |
| Metals Group            | Market price of copper (cent /lb)                     | 220   | [290] 314           | +94    | 186  |
| Resources and metals    | Electrolytic copper sales (1,000 tons/FY)             | 628   | 627                 | -1     | 588  |
|                         | Electro-deposited copper foil sales (ton/month)       | 1,968   | 2,095               | +127   | 2,080  |
| Electronic<br>materials | Treated rolled copper foil sales (1,000 meters/month) | 4,800   | 4,065               | -735   | 3,794  |
|                         | ITO target sales (ton/month)                          | 35.9  | 33.0                | -2.9   | 26.1   |
| Metal<br>manufacturing  | Wrought copper product sales (1,000 tons/FY)          | 40.5  | 39.5                | -1.0   | 36.4   |
|                         | Special steel product sales (1,000 tons/FY)           | 4.0   | 4.7                 | +0.7   | 4.4  |
|                         | High quality products ratio (%)                       | 45%   | 43%                 | -2%    | 43%  |

Figures in [] are assumptions for 2H of FY ending March 31, 2007.

(Note) The forecasts described above are based on information available as of the release date of this document. Actual results are subject to change due to various factors.