## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Nippon Mining Holdings selected for Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific Index

Nippon Mining Holdings, Inc. ("Nippon Mining Holdings"), which is actively engaged in group-wide corporate social responsibility activities in line with its group mission (note 1), has been selected as an index component of the Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific Index (DJSI Asia Pacific).

The DJSI is one of the world's foremost SRI (Socially Responsible Investment) stock-price indexes, and the DJSI Asia Pacific was recently launched as a dedicated index for the Asia-Pacific region. The DJSI Asia Pacific currently consists of 122 companies (of which 77 are from Japan) selected from among 600 leading companies in the Asia-Pacific region. Selection is based on a comprehensive assessment of economic, social and environmental performance and potential for sustainable long-term growth.

This is the second time that Nippon Mining Holdings has been selected for an SRI stock price index. It was previously selected for the MS-SRI (Morning Star Socially Responsible Investment Index) in September 2008. Nippon Mining Holdings will continue its engagement in group-wide corporate social responsibility activities while pursuing highly transparent management through the timely, appropriate and fair disclosure of information.

## Notes:

- 1. Group mission: The Nippon Mining Holdings Group strives to achieve a stable and efficient supply of and the effective utilization of resources, materials, and energy, while contributing to the creation of a better environment and a sustainable society.
- 2. For more information on the DJSI, refer to www.sustainability-indexes.com.