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JX Nippon Mining & Metals Corporation Receives Intel's Prestigious Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement Award

TOKYO, Japan, April 12, 2012 – JX Nippon Mining & Metals Corporation has been recognized as one of nine companies receiving Intel Corporation's prestigious Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement (SCQI) award for their performance in 2011. Recognizing extraordinary commitment to quality and exceptional performance to Intel's goals, this award is Intel's highest honor for its suppliers acknowledging world-class, outstanding performance. JX Nippon Mining & Metals Corporation provided sputtering targets for physical vapor deposition process deemed vital to Intel's success.

JX Nippon Mining & Metals is honored to receive our fourth Intel SCQI award in seven years. The SCQI award embodies our image of supplier excellence, as Intel is a likeminded company that embraces the synergies created through collaboration. This year's award, in particular, represents a triumph for our employees considering the tragic events of last March and the challenges we had to overcome, while still delivering world-class products to our customers. On behalf of our employees all over the world I express our sincere thanks for this wonderful acknowledgement," said Toshihiro Oto, senior executive officer of Electronic Materials Group.

"Congratulations to JX Nippon Mining & Metals Corporation for their outstanding performance this year in resulting in achieving Intel highest supplier award, Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement," said Chi-Hwa Tsang, vice president of Technology Development, Intel Corporation. "JX has delivered industry leading technology and collaboration results over many years and did an extraordinary job of keeping Intel factories and projects running while recovering from the devastating effects of the Japan earthquake. Thank you for your continued contribution to Intel's success."

The SCQI award is part of Intel's Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement program, which encourages Intel's key suppliers to strive for excellence and continuous improvement. To qualify for SCQI status, suppliers must score at least 95 percent on a report card that assesses performance and ability to meet cost, quality, availability, technology, environmental, social and governance goals. Suppliers must also achieve 90 percent or greater on a challenging improvement plan and demonstrate solid quality and business systems. Additional information about the SCQI program is available at <http://intel.com/go/quality>.

A celebration to honor SCQI award winners was held in Santa Clara, California. In addition, there was an announcement on Intel's website at <http://intel.com/>.

About JX Nippon Mining & Metals Corporation

JX Nippon Mining & Metals develops, mines, smelts, refines, and markets non-ferrous metals. It also manufactures and markets electronic materials such as copper foils; and thin film materials such as sputtering targets, surface treatment agents, and compound semiconductor materials.

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