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NIPPON MINING & METALS CO., LTD. RECEIVES INTEL'S PREFERRED QUALITY SUPPLIER AWARD

HILLSBORO, Oregon, March 4, 2009 – Nippon Mining & Metals Co., Ltd. has received Intel Corporation's Preferred Quality Supplier (PQS) award recognizing their significant contributions to Intel in 2008. Nippon Mining & Metals supplies Intel with sputtering targets for physical vapor deposition applications, deemed essential to Intel's success. Nippon Mining & Metals and 25 additional suppliers are recognized as 2008 PQS award winners.

"Nippon Mining & Metals is honored to receive our sixth Intel Quality award in the past seven years," said Kazuhiko Hosoya, general manager of Nippon Mining & Metals Semiconductor Target Division. "Our relationship with Intel has allowed us the opportunity to both learn and prosper. This recognition is a validation of our tireless effort to foster continuous process and quality improvements in our quest to provide real value for all our customers."

"Intel is proud to present Nippon Mining & Metals the Preferred Quality Supplier award," said Jim Harrison, Global Fab Materials Organization director, Intel Corporation. "This award exhibits Nippon Mining & Metals' sustained commitment to world class quality, support of breakthrough technologies and operational execution in 2008. We congratulate Nippon Mining & Metals on this accomplishment."

The PQS award is part of Intel's Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement (SCQI) program that encourages suppliers to strive for excellence and continuous improvement. To qualify for PQS status, suppliers must score 80 percent on a report card that assesses performance and ability to meet cost, quality, availability, delivery, technology and responsiveness goals. Suppliers must also manage and deliver on a challenging improvement plan and a quality/business systems assessment. Furthermore, the 2008 awardees had to demonstrate basic compliance to the Electronic Industry Code of Conduct and Intel's Green Sustainability Program. Additional information about the SCQI program is available at <http://supplier.intel.com/quality/scqi.htm>.

Celebrations will be held in Tokyo, Japan and Santa Clara, California during the month of March 2009 to honor the PQS award winners. In addition, there will be an online advertisement launch and acknowledgement on Intel's website.

About Nippon Mining & Metals

Nippon Mining & Metals Co., Ltd. enjoys a large global market share within the sputtering target, compound semiconductor material, and copper foil markets. As a leading supplier of sputtering targets, Nippon Mining & Metals manufactures high purity targets not only for semiconductors, but also leading edge electronic products such as flat panel displays, data storage devices, and optical media. Nippon Mining & Metals supports customers globally through sales offices worldwide. The Nippon Mining & Metals Group engages in an broad range of upstream and downstream activities in the non-ferrous metals business, including exploration and development of non-ferrous metal resources, integrated production and marketing of copper, its mainstay products, precious metals and rare metals, recycling of non-ferrous metals, precision rolling of copper alloy and special steels, precision processing of electronic parts, production and marketing of electronic materials.

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