

NEWS RELEASE

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Nippon Mining Holdings, Inc.

Nippon Mining Holdings again selected for Morningstar Socially Responsible Investment (MS-SRI) Index

Nippon Mining Holdings, Inc. ("Nippon Mining Holdings") has again been selected as an index component of the MS-SRI¹, after first being selected in September 2008.

The MS-SRI is Japan's first socially responsible investment index. Morningstar Inc. selects 150 outstanding companies among 3,600 listed companies in Japan. Selection is based on a comprehensive assessment in view of CSR activities with various stakeholders.

Nippon Mining Holdings will continue its engagement in group-wide corporate social responsibility activities through its 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".

Notes:

1. As of September 1, 2009