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**300mm Wafer Production Capacity to Expand**  
(Establishment of Group production capacity of  
1.66 million wafers per month by the end of March 2010)

SUMCO Group has decided to increase its production capacity for 300mm silicon wafers to 1.66 million units per month by the end of March 2010. Additional output of 200,000 wafers a month will be made possible through enhancement of the manufacturing and ancillary facilities at Kyushu Imari Plant, where the production facilities have already been prepared.

This decision was made in order that we, as the major supplier in the 300mm silicon wafer market, can continue to ensure stable supply that is capable of meeting the increasing demand from customers for these wafers, which is expected to trend upwards over the mid-term.

Meanwhile, the required investment to be made by SUMCO is estimated to be approximately 55 billion yen.

It should be noted that there will be no influence on the business results for the fiscal year ending January 31, 2008, as a consequence of this measure.

Respectfully