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300mm Wafer Production Capacity to Expand
(Establishment of Group production capacity of
1.4 million wafers per month by the end of June 2009)

SUMCO Group has decided to increase the production capacity of 300mm silicon wafers, for which demand is surging, to 1.4 million wafers per month by the end of June 2009. This decision was made in order to ensure stable supply, as the major player in the 300mm silicon wafer market, to meet the growing demand from customers. It is expected that the demand for 300mm silicon wafers will remain at a high level with new construction and expansion of 300mm lines actively undertaken by customers.

SUMCO has already decided to establish a system with a production capacity of 760,000 wafers per month by the end of July 2008 and a further 240,000 wafers will be added to the monthly output so that production capacity of 1 million wafers per month will be established by the end of June 2009. These increases will be achieved through enhancement of the manufacturing and ancillary facilities at Kyusyu Imari Plant No.5, which is now under construction.

Furthermore, SUMCO TECHXIV Corporation, one of our consolidated subsidiaries, has already decided to increase its production capacity to 230,000 wafers per month by the spring of 2008 and a further 170,000 wafers will be added to the processing throughput, boosting production capacity to 400,000 wafers per month by the end of June 2009, thereby raising the Group's overall production capacity to 1.4 million wafers per month.

In addition, SUMCO will provide SUMCO TECHXIV Corporation with the required monocrystalline silicon to facilitate the additional processing of 170,000 wafers per month. Through these measures, expanded production capacity has been made possible at a substantially faster rate through drawing on the collective strengths of the SUMCO Group.

Meanwhile, the required investment to be made by SUMCO is estimated to be approximately 80 billion yen, which will be covered primarily by our own funds. 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 these measures.

Respectfully