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Rule 12g3-2(b) Exemption
of Kobe Steel, Ltd.,
File number:82-3371

Dear Madam/Sir:

In connection with Kobe Steel Ltd.'s exemption pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) from the registration and reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and in compliance with its ongoing requirements under Rule 12g3-2(b)(iii), please find enclosed a copy of the Company's release today covering

" Issuance of Domestic Unsecured Yen Bonds "

Thank you for your assistance in handling it as required.

Sincerely yours,

Toru Kurauchi
Finance Department
Kobe Steel, Ltd.

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25 April 2003
Koshi Mizukoshi
President, Chief Executive Officer &
Representative Director
Kobe Steel, Ltd.
(Tokyo Stock Exchange Code No. 5406)

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ISSUANCE OF DOMESTIC UNSECURED YEN BONDS

Kobe Steel, Ltd. hereby gives notice that it has decided to issue Domestic Unsecured Yen Bonds under the terms as set forth below:

Domestic Unsecured Yen Bonds due 12 May 2006

1. Name: Kobe Steel, Ltd.
Series 36 Unsecured Bonds
(Limited Inter-Bond Pari Passu Clause)
 2. Total Amount of Issue: 20 Billion Yen
 3. Denomination of Bond: 100,000,000 Yen each
 4. Interest Rate: 1.37% per annum of the principal of the Bonds
 5. Issue Price: 100% of the principal amount of the Bonds
 6. Redemption Price: 100% of the principal amount of the Bonds
 7. Maturity Date: To be redeemed in a lump sum on 12 May 2006
 8. Offering Period: 25 April 2003
 9. Closing Date: 12 May 2003
 10. Method of Issue: Public offering in the domestic market
 11. Date of Payment of Interest on the Bonds: Semiannually on 12 May and 12 November
 12. Status of the Bonds: Unsecured by assets or guarantees
 13. Fiscal Agent: Mizuho Corporate Bank, Limited
 14. Underwriters: Mizuho Securities Co., Limited
- Use of Proceeds: To be applied toward repayment of loans

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