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Office of International Corporate Finance  
Division of Corporate Finance  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
U.S.A.

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Attention: Ms. Amy O'Brien

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Re: File No. 82-34680/Sumitomo Corporation  
Submission of Information Required Under Rule 12g3-2(b) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Dear Ms. O'Brien:

On behalf of Sumitomo Corporation (the "Company"), I am furnishing herewith the following information pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b)(1)(iii) (the "Rule") under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

Enclosed herewith please find a copy of the following document:

1. Press Release dated November 12, 2004 referring to "Notice of repurchase of shares" [English translation].
2. Press Release dated November 12, 2004 referring to "Sumisho Metalex Corporation is to become Sumitomo Corporation's wholly owned subsidiary through a stock-for-stock merger transaction" [English translation].

Sumitomo Corporation

1-8-11, Harumi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, 104-8610 Japan

This letter, together with the enclosure[s], shall not be deemed to be “filed” with the Commission or otherwise subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, nor shall the submission of this letter and the enclosed materials constitute an admission for any purpose that the Company is subject to the Exchange Act.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter and the enclosures by stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me via the enclosed pre-paid Federal Express envelope and label.

Very truly yours,



Koichi Takahata

General Manager, Investor Relations Dept.

Sumitomo Corporation

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For Immediate Release

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To whom it may concern:

*Sumitomo Corporation*  
(Motoyuki Oka, President and CEO)  
Code No: 8053 Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE), 1<sup>st</sup> Section  
Contact: Mitsuru Iba  
Corporate Communications Dept.  
Tel. +81-3-5166-3089

Re: Notice of repurchase of shares

Sumitomo Corporation (hereafter referred to as the "Company") announced that on November 12, 2004 its board of directors approved repurchases of its shares as follows, pursuant to Article 211-3, Section 1, Paragraph 2 of the Commercial Code.

1. Reasons for the repurchases of shares

The Company intends to repurchase its own shares to implement adequate capital policy quickly to cope with the changing economic environment.

2. Details of the repurchases of shares

(1) Class of shares to be repurchased	Common stock of the Company
(2) Number of shares repurchased	Up to 2,300,000 shares
(3) Aggregate purchase price	Up to JPY 2,300,000,000
(4) Purchase period	November 15, 2004 through December 13, 2004

(Reference)

Treasury stock as of October 31, 2004	
Total outstanding shares	1,203,703,485 shares
Treasury stock	905,062 shares

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[Brief English Translation of original release in Japanese ]

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**Sumisho Metalex Corporation is to become Sumitomo Corporation's wholly owned subsidiary through a stock-for-stock merger transaction**

Regarding the above subject, in addition to the former statement dated on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 We are pleased to inform you of the Exchange ratio of the stock-for-stock transaction as follows.

**<Exchange Ratio>**

The shareholders of Sumisho Metalex Corporation shall receive Sumitomo corporation stock in accordance with the following ratio:

Sumitomo Corporation : Sumisho Metalex Corporation = 1 : 0.834

i.e For one Sumisho Metalex Corporation stock, 0.834 Sumitomo Corporation stock will be allotted. However, 6,949,000 shares of Sumisho Metalex Corporation stock, which are already owned by Sumitomo Corporation, will not be subject to the Stock-for-Stock Transaction.

- As the consideration to be received by the shareholders of Sumisho Metalex Corporation, treasury shares of Sumitomo Corporation will be allotted.