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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

" Kobe Steel to appoint new representative director"

Thank you for your assistance in handling it as required.

Sincerely yours,

Tomoaki Yamori  
Finance Department  
Kobe Steel, Ltd.

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# ANNOUNCEMENT

Kobe Steel, Ltd.  
Tokyo Stock Exchange No. 5406

## **Kobe Steel to appoint new representative director**

TOKYO, March 3, 2005 – Kobe Steel, Ltd. announces that it will add a representative director. This decision was reached at the board of directors' meeting held today.

Shigeto Kotani, currently a Senior Managing Director, will be promoted to Executive Vice President and Representative Director effective April 1, 2005.

Kobe Steel's four other representative directors remain unchanged. They are:

Koshi Mizukoshi  
Chairman and Representative Director

Yasuo Inubushi  
President, CEO and Representative Director

Hiroshi Sato  
Executive Vice President and Representative Director

Toshio Kimura  
Executive Vice President and Representative Director

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