

To whom it may concern:

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#### **Hitachi Metals Changes Executive Officers**

Hitachi Metals, Ltd. hereby announces several personnel changes involving executive officers decided at a board of directors meeting on February 27, 2018.

#### 1. Reason for personnel changes

Decisions have been made regarding the executive structure starting on April 1, 2018.

#### 2. Content of personnel changes

#### (1) Representative Executive Officers (As of April 1, 2018)

No personnel changes have been made.

#### (2) Executive Officers (As of April 1, 2018)

| New Title  | Name             | Current Position<br>(As of February 27, 2018)  |
|--|------------------|--|
| Vice President and Representative<br>Executive Officer | Hiroaki Nishioka | Representative Executive Officer;<br>Chief Financial Officer;<br>General Manager, Finance Division                         |
| Vice President and Executive Officer                   | Koji Sato        | Executive Officer;<br>President, Specialty Steel Company;<br>Deputy General Manager, Corporate<br>Export Regulation Office |
| Vice President and Executive Officer                   | Naohiko Tamiya   | Executive Officer;<br>General Manager, Human Resources &<br>General Administration Division;<br>Chief Compliance Officer   |
| Executive Officer                                      | Norio Uemura     | Director & President, Hitachi Metals<br>San Huan Magnetic Materials (Nantong)<br>Co., Ltd.                                 |
| Executive Officer                                      | Eiichiro Shoji   | General Manager, Business Activity &<br>Marketing Division   |
| Executive Officer                                      | Masato Hasegawa  | Vice President and Executive Officer;<br>General Manager, Corporate Quality<br>Assurance Division                          |
| Executive Officer                                      | Kenji Hirano     | General Manager, Yasugi Works,<br>Specialty Steel Company  |

| [Profiles of new exec | cutive officers]  |   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---|
| Name                  | Norio Uemura      |   |
| Place of birth        | Tokyo             |   |
| Date of birth         | April 17, 1958    |   |
| Education             | March 1984        | Graduate School of Science and Technology, Nihon University   |
| Career                | April 1984        | Joined Hitachi Metals, Ltd.   |
|                       | June 2011         | President & CEO, NEOMAX Engineering Co., Ltd.   |
|                       | October 2015      | General Manager, Planning Dept., Magnetic Materials Company,<br>Hitachi Metals, Ltd.                                    |
|                       | June 2016         | General Manager, China Project Promotion Dept., Magnetic Materials Company  |
|                       | November 2016     | Director & President, Hitachi Metals San Huan Magnetic Materials<br>(Nantong) Co., Ltd. (to present)                    |
| Name                  | Eiichiro Shoji    |   |
| Place of birth        | Tokyo             |   |
| Date of birth         | February 3, 1959  |   |
| Education             | March 1981        | Faculty of Foreign Studies, Sophia University   |
| Career                | April 1981        | Joined Hitachi Metals, Ltd.   |
|                       | April 2014        | General Manager, Planning Dept., High-Grade Metals Company  |
|                       | January 2016      | General Manager, Global Business Management Division  |
|                       | April 2017        | General Manager, Business Activity & Marketing Division (to present)  |
| Name                  | Kenji Hirano      |   |
| Place of birth        | Osaka             |   |
| Date of birth         | November 15, 1961 |   |
| Education             | March 1986        | Graduate School of Engineering, Osaka University  |
| Career                | April 1986        | Joined Sumitomo Special Metals Co., Ltd.  |
|                       | June 2014         | President, NEOMAX Materials Co., Ltd.   |
|                       | April 2016        | General Manager, Electronic Business Unit, High-Grade Metals<br>Company;<br>President, Hitachi Metals Neomaterial, Ltd. |
|                       | April 2017        | General Manager, Yasugi Works, Specialty Steel Company<br>(to present)  |

## **3. Date of personnel changes** April 1, 2018

### 4. Retiring executive officers (As of March 31, 2018)

| Name           | Current Position (As of February 27, 2018)  |  |  |
|----------------|---|--|--|
| Katsuro Sasaka | Executive Officer; Deputy General Manager, Corporate Management Planning<br>Division;<br>General Manager, Group Company Auditing Office |  |  |
| Eiji Nakano    | Executive Officer; General Manager, Technology, Research & Development Division   |  |  |

# **Executive officers of Hitachi Metals, Ltd.** As of April 1, 2018

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| Title Name Duty Position  |                     |   |  |
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| Representative  | Iname               | Duty  | Position   |
| Executive Officer,<br>President and<br>Chief Executive<br>Officer                         | Akitoshi<br>Hiraki  | Overall<br>Operations                       |  |
| Representative<br>Executive Officer,<br>Senior Vice<br>President and<br>Executive Officer | Kenichi<br>Nishiie  | In charge of<br>Corporate<br>Administration | General Manager, Corporate Management Planning<br>Division;<br>General Manager, Group Company Auditing Office  |
| Vice President and<br>Representative<br>Executive Officer                                 | Hiroaki<br>Nishioka | In charge of<br>Corporate<br>Administration | Chief Financial Officer; General Manager, Finance Division   |
| Vice President and<br>Executive Officer   | Koji Sato           | In charge of<br>Business and<br>Technology  | President, Specialty Steel Company;<br>General Manager, Technology, Research & Development<br>Division;<br>Deputy General Manager, Corporate Export Regulation<br>Office |
| Vice President and<br>Executive Officer   | Naohiko<br>Tamiya   | In charge of<br>Corporate<br>Administration | General Manager, Human Resources & General<br>Administration Division;<br>Chief Compliance Officer   |
| Executive Officer   | Ryouji<br>Akada     | In charge of<br>Business                    | President, Magnetic Materials Company;<br>Deputy General Manager, Corporate Export Regulation<br>Office  |
| Executive Officer   | Norio<br>Uemura     | In charge of<br>Business                    | General Manager, Power Electronics Materials Business<br>Promotion Office  |
| Executive Officer   | Masahiro<br>Otsuka  | In charge of<br>Business                    | Chairman & President, Hitachi Metals (China), Ltd.   |
| Executive Officer   | Eiichiro<br>Shoji   | In charge of Sales                          | General Manager, Business Activity & Marketing<br>Division   |
| Executive Officer   | Shigekazu<br>Suwabe | In charge of<br>Corporate<br>Administration | General Manager, Information Systems Division; General<br>Manager, Kumagaya Works  |
| Executive Officer   | Masato<br>Hasegawa  | In charge of Technology                     | General Manager, Corporate Quality Assurance Division  |
| Executive Officer   | Tomoyuki<br>Hatano  | In charge of<br>Business                    | Hitachi Metals America, Ltd.<br>Director, President & CEO  |
| Executive Officer   | Kenji Hirano        | In charge of<br>Business                    | Vice President, Specialty Steel Company;<br>General Manager, Yasugi Works  |
| Executive Officer   | Kazuya<br>Murakami  | In charge of<br>Business                    | President, Cable Materials Company;<br>Deputy General Manager, Corporate Export Regulation<br>Office   |
| Executive Officer   | Hiroshi<br>Watanabe | In charge of<br>Business                    | President, Functional Components Company;<br>Deputy General Manager, Corporate Export Regulation<br>Office   |