Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. (TSE: 5713) today announced that it has initiated the process to receive The Copper Mark, the leading assurance framework to promote environmental, social and governance practices across the copper value chain, for the Company s Toyo Smelter & Refinery located in Ehime Prefecture, Japan.

As a member of the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM), Sumitomo Metal Mining is committed to implementing various initiatives based on the ICMM Mining Principles, including water stewardship, co-existence with local communities, and supply chain management. Additionally, the Toyo Smelter & Refinery received third-party assurance f3/£ 12 Tf1 0 0 1 4