

May 18, 2018

NIPPON STEEL & SUMIKIN BUSSAN CORPORATION

**Notice regarding change of the trade name of NIPPON STEEL & SUMIKIN BUSSAN CORPORATION ("NSSB") and an amendment to the Article of Incorporation**

This is to announce that NSSB decided at its meeting of the board of directors held on May 18, 2018 to (i) change the trade name of NSSB and (ii) submit an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation to the 41st Annual Meeting of Shareholders scheduled to be held on June 28, 2018.

1. Change of the trade name of NSSB

(1) Reason for the change

Trade name of NSSB is decided as "NITTETSU SUMIKIN BUSSAN KABUSHIKI KAISHA" and in English "NIPPON STEEL & SUMIKIN BUSSAN CORPORATION" when Nippon Steel Trading Co., Ltd. and Sumikin Bussan Corporation were merged on October 1, 2013.

After the merger, as the core trading company of Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation ("NSSMC"), NSSB has strengthened and expanded the four areas of business; Steel, Industrial Supply and Infrastructure, Textiles and Foodstuffs. In addition to that NSSB acquired part of the steel products business from Mitsui & Co. group in April, 2018, and size of NSSB's business is now expanding in global as well as domestic market. Accompanied by the acceleration of its global strategies, NSSB is actively conducting new investments in overseas business and expanding production capacities of foreign subsidiaries.

In this environment, NSSMC, the largest shareholder of NSSB, has announced to change the trade name to "NIPPON SEITETSU KABUSHIKI KAISHA" and in English "NIPPON STEEL CORPORATION" ("NSC") as from April 1, 2019, to adopt a new and more inclusive trade name befitting a steelmaker with origins in Japan and an emphasis on continuing growth in global markets looking toward the future.

As the core trading company of new NSC Group, NSSB decided to change the trade name to "NITTETSU BUSSAN KABUSHIKI KAISHA" and in English "NIPPON STEEL TRADING CORPORATION" for purposes of making it clear

that NSSB is a member of NSC Group and easy to understand for global customers.

(2) New Trade Name (Trade name in English)

NITTETSU BUSSAN KABUSHIKI KAISHA (NIPPON STEEL TRADING CORPORATION)

(3) Scheduled date of change

April 1, 2019

2. Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation

(1) Reason for the amendment

For the reasons described in "(1) Reasons for the change" of "1. Change of trade name of NSSB" above, Article 1 of the current Articles of Incorporation will be amended.

(2) Content of the amendment

The provision of the Articles of Incorporation to be amended before and after the amendment is set forth below. The underlined portions are amended.

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
Article 1. The name of the Company shall be <u>NITTETSU SUMIKIN BUSSAN KABUSHIKI KAISHA</u> , which shall be written as <u>NIPPON STEEL &amp; SUMIKIN BUSSAN CORPORATION</u> in English.	Article 1. The name of the Company shall be <u>NITTETSU BUSSAN KABUSHIKI KAISHA</u> , which shall be written as <u>NIPPON STEEL TRADING CORPORATION</u> in English.