

Administrative Order Issued by Japanese Financial Services Agency

TOKYO, JULY 22, 2005---Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. (“SMFG”, President: Teisuke Kitayama) announced today that it has received a business improvement administrative order as follows, pursuant to Clause 2 of Article 20 of the Financial Function Early Strengthening Law and Clause 1 of Article 52-33 of the Banking Law from the Financial Services Agency (FSA).

SMFG is determined to continue its efforts to enhance profitability for early repayment of public funds.

1. Details of the order:

- i) Submit a business improvement plan which incorporates drastic measures to improve profitability to the FSA by Friday August 26, 2005.
- ii) Steadily implement the business improvement plan.
- iii) Report quarterly the status of implementation of the business improvement plan within two months after every quarter-end, starting at the end of September, 2005, until the FSA confirms that the plan is being steadily implemented.

2. Reason for the order:

Earnings results for the fiscal year 2004 were far below the targets set in the Plan for Strengthening the Financial Base (the “Plan”). As a result, the FSA concluded that measures should be taken to secure steady implementation of the Plan pursuant to Clause 2 of Article 20 of the Financial Function Early Strengthening Law.