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## **JX Nippon Mining & Metals Corporation Receives Intel's Preferred Quality Supplier Award**

Tokyo, Japan, April 10, 2013 – JX Nippon Mining & Metals Corporation has been recognized as one of 17 companies receiving Intel Corporation's Preferred Quality Supplier (PQS) award for their performance in 2012. JX Nippon Mining & Metals Corporation is recognized for their significant contributions providing Intel with sputtering targets for physical vapor deposition process, deemed essential to Intel's success.

“JX Nippon Mining & Metals is proud to receive Intel's PQS Award for 2012 and we are honored to have now won four SCQI awards and four PQS awards in nine years. This long-term consistency embodies the JX image of supplier excellence. As a global supply partner with Intel, we commit ourselves to maximizing our resources with the goal of regaining SCQI status in 2013. On behalf of all JX employees around the world I express our sincere gratitude for this acknowledgement,” said Ichiroh Sawamura, Sr. Executive Officer, Electronic Materials Group.

“JX Nippon Mining and Metals has a strong technical roadmap coupled with robust supply chain management. In 2012, JX partnered closely with Intel to improve business continuity planning and provided high quality support to Intel factories. Intel is pleased to present JX with a PQS award,” said Tim Hendry, Vice President, Fab Materials Operation, Intel Corporation.

The PQS award is part of Intel's Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement (SCQI) program that encourages suppliers to strive for excellence and continuous improvement. To qualify for PQS status, suppliers must score 80 percent on a report card that assesses performance and ability to meet cost, quality, availability, technology, environmental, social and governance goals. Suppliers must also achieve 80 percent or greater on a challenging improvement plan and demonstrate solid quality and business systems. Additional information about the SCQI program is available at <http://intel.com/go/quality>.

A celebration to honor PQS award winners was held in San Jose. In addition, there was an announcement on Intel's website at <http://intel.com>.

### **About JX Nippon Mining & Metals Corporation**

JX Nippon Mining & Metals engages in integrated copper and other non-ferrous metals operations extending from its business in resources development, smelting and refining, recycling and environmental services, and electronic materials. By pursuing a stable supply and the effective use of value-bearing metal resources, JX dedicates itself to developing a sustainable economy and society. In the electronic materials business, JX commands large shares in the global market, by developing and supplying high-quality and highly functional products that meet market needs.

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