

Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Comments
on MATSUMURA-GUMI's "Management Restructuring Plan"
and Request for Subscription of Preferred Shares

TOKYO, February 2, 2004: Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation ("SMBC") announced today that it has received a "Management Restructuring Plan" from MATSUMURA-GUMI CORPORATION ("MATSUMURA-GUMI") and a request to subscribe preferred shares in the amount of JPY 26 billion.

SMBC regards highly MATSUMURA-GUMI's plan to strengthen its profitability and financial base through drastic restructuring, and will consider the details of its request to subscribe preferred shares.

Moreover, SMBC will continue to extend the necessary support to the company as its main bank.