Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Announces Revision of Earnings Forecasts of a Consolidated Subsidiary (SAKURA KCS Corporation)

TOKYO, October 22, 2004 --- Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. (SMFG) hereby announces that SAKURA KCS Corporation, a consolidated subsidiary of SMFG, has revised its earnings forecasts published on May 21, 2004 (see Appendix).

SAKURA KCS Corporation Announces Revision of Earnings Forecasts for Fiscal Year 2004

KOBE, Japan, October 22, 2004 --- SAKURA KCS Corporation hereby announces that it has revised its earnings forecasts published on May 21, 2004.

1. Revision of fiscal 2004 earnings forecasts: First half ended September 30, 2004

(Consolidated) (Millions of yen)

		Sales	Operating profit	Net income
Previous forecast	(A)	11,510	95	135
Revised forecast	(B)	11,262	223	242
Difference	(B) - (A)	(248)	128	107
Percentage change		- 2.2%	134.7%	79.3%
(Ref.) First half of fiscal 2003		11,485	113	95

(Non-consolidated) (Millions of yen)

		Sales	Operating profit	Net income
Previous forecast	(A)	11,200	70	120
Revised forecast	(B)	10,941	216	246
Difference	(B) - (A)	(259)	146	126
Percentage change		- 2.3%	208.6%	105.0%
(Ref.) First half of fiscal 2003		11,181	67	67

2. Revision of fiscal 2004 earnings forecasts: Full term ending March 31, 2005

(Consolidated) (Millions of yen)

		Sales	Operating profit	Net income
Previous forecast	(A)	24,180	570	340
Revised forecast	(B)	23,600	740	440
Difference	(B) - (A)	(580)	170	100
Percentage change		- 2.4%	29.8%	29.4%
(Ref.) Fiscal 2003		24,065	679	369

(Non-consolidated) (Millions of yen)

		Sales	Operating profit	Net income
Previous forecast	(A)	23,550	510	305
Revised forecast	(B)	23,000	680	400
Difference	(B) - (A)	(550)	170	95
Percentage change		- 2.3%	33.3%	31.1%
(Ref.) Fiscal year 2003		23,435	577	308

3. Factors behind the revision

On a consolidated basis, operating profit for the first half ended September 30, 2004 is expected to be 134.7% higher than the previous forecast, mainly due to the improvement of the gross profit margin rate in the systems development business and the reduction of sales and general administrative expenses, though sales are expected to be 2.2% lower than the previous forecast. Net income is expected to be 79.3% higher, partly due to 163 million yen of gains on sale of stocks of affiliated companies.

On a non-consolidated basis, operating profit and net income are expected to be 208.6% and 105.0% higher than the previous forecasts, respectively. At the same time, the interim-dividends will be maintained at the same level as before (5 yen per share).

In accordance with the revisions shown above, we hereby revise our earnings forecasts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005 compared with the previous forecasts as follows:

(Consolidated basis)

Sales: -2.4% Operating profit: +29.8% Net income: +29.4%

(Non-consolidated basis)

Sales: -2.3% Operating profit: +33.3% Net income: +31.1%