

<MISI to Establish China's Third Domestic Sales Company in Beijing>

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Marubeni-Itochu Steel Inc., which currently owns local subsidiaries in Guangzhou and Shanghai, China, is pleased to announce the recent acquisition of domestic sales trade rights for its business operation in Beijing as well. Accompanying this move, MISI will be closing its existing Beijing Office on this coming January 1, while establishing a new locally incorporated company in Beijing with domestic sales trade rights.

With the December 2005 launch of its local operation in the Guangzhou region of South China, MISI became the first steel trading company to establish a sales company in China. This was followed up in March 2006, with the acquisition of domestic sales rights for the existing Marubeni-Itochu Steel (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. as well, gearing up to expand the network of business bases in China. Now with this latest move, MISI has effectively forged domestic sales trade rights in Beijing, North China, as well, creating a four-pronged sales structure spanning Guangzhou, Shanghai, Beijing and the conventionally operated subsidiary in Hong Kong. This strengthened capacity will support the broad-based development of business activities throughout most all of China, with MISI now eager to mobilize this expanded function to furnish even more thorough and satisfying services to its precious customers there.

An outline of the new company is as follows:

- (1) Company name : Marubeni Itochu Steel Trade (Beijing) Co.,Ltd.
- (2) Address : Room 702, 7th Floor of No. 2 Building, Hen Ji Center Plaza, No. 18, Jian Guo Men Nei Street, Dongcheng District, Beijing
- (3) Capitalization : US\$1 million
- (4) Shareholder : Wholly owned by Marubeni-Itochu Steel Hong Kong Limited
- (5) General Manager: Takayuki Kuboshima (currently Beijing Office General Manager)

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