# Investor Information

(as of March 31, 2005)

Founded: September 1905 Incorporated: June 1911

Employees: 8,425 (Consolidated 27,067)

Fiscal Year: April 1-March 31

General Meeting: The ordinary general meeting of the Company's stockholders is usually held in Kobe, Japan in June of each year.

#### Authorized and Issued Share Capital:

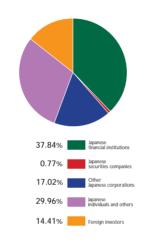
The authorized share capital of the Company, as defined in the Articles of Incorporation, is 6,000,000,000 shares of common stock. At March 31, 2005, a total of 2,976,070,294 were in issue.

## Principal Stockholders:

At March 31, 2005, the ten largest stockholders of the Company were as follows:

| Thousands of share | Percent   |   |
|--------------------|---|---|
| 184,256            | 6.19%   |   |
| 139,234            | 4.68%   |   |
| 134,791            | 4.53%   |   |
| 70,369             | 2.36%   |   |
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| on) 46,031         | 1.55%   |   |
| 43,324             | 1.46%   |   |
| 42,016             | 1.41%   |   |
| 41,802             | 1.40%   |   |
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## Distribution of Shares:



#### Directors' and Corporate Auditors' Stockholdings

The following is a list of the directors and corporate auditors with their stockholdings in the Company at June 24, 2005.

|                   | Number of shares owned |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Koshi Mizukoshi   | 240,000                |
| Yasuo Inubushi    | 111,000                |
| Hiroshi Sato      | 130,000                |
| Toshio Kimura     | 105,000                |
| Shigeto Kotani    | 90,000                 |
| Toru Asaoka       | 94,000                 |
| Hiroyuki Nakayama | 46,000                 |
| Takashi Matsutani | 78,000                 |
| Isao Aida         | 68,000                 |
| Osamu Takata      | 73,120                 |
| Toshinori Okoshi  | 42,000                 |
| Shigetake Ogata   | 25,000                 |
| Taku Morota       | 35,000                 |
| Takasuke Kaneko   | 13,000                 |

#### Listing and Quotations:

Kobe Steel is listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, the Osaka Securities Exchange and the Nagoya Stock Exchange in Japan. American Depositary Receipts for common stock are traded over the counter in the United States.

## Depositary for American Depositary Receipts:

The Bank of New York Company Inc. 101 Barclay Street, New York, NY 10286, U.S.A. Tel: (212)815-2042 (U.S. toll free: 888-269-2377) URL:http://www.adrbny.com

#### **Public Notices:**

- \* All public notices of the Company shall be given by electronic means. In the event that the Company is unable to give electronic public notice, the public notices shall be published in the Nihon Keizai Shimbun.
- \* At the regular general shareholders' meeting on June 24, 2005, articles in the Company's Articles of Incorporation regarding advertising methods were revised, allowing the Company to issue public notices via the Internet.

#### Transfer Agent & Office:

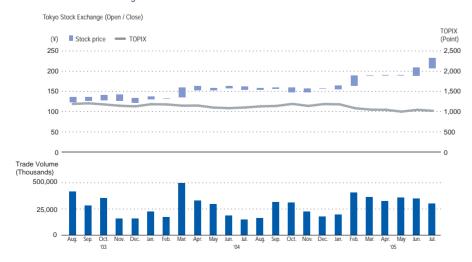
The Mitsubishi Trust and Banking Corporation 4-5, Marunouchi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, TOKYO 100-8212 JAPAN

#### **Independent Auditors:**

KPMG AZSA & Co.

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## Common Stock Price Range:



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