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Immediate Release

JIS TO ACQUIRE NEW SHARES ISSUED BY SUMCO

Japan Industrial Solutions (“JIS”) is pleased to announce today that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire new shares issued by SUMCO Corporation (TSE: 3436), through its investment vehicle, Japan Industrial Solutions Fund 1.

SUMCO is a world leader in the manufacturing of silicon wafers for the semiconductor industry. However, external factors such as the global economic downturn and the rapid appreciation of the yen have contributed to the Company’s announcement of the “Business Reorganization Plan” on February 2nd 2012, in which key measures such as the shutdown of certain businesses, additional capacity rationalization and workforce allocation were announced, together with a plan to issue new preferred stock in order to strengthen its financial base.

JIS aims to contribute to the reinvigoration of the Japanese economy through supporting business turnarounds and reorganizations. The acquisition of SUMCO shares will help this cause, through the support of SUMCO which in turn supports the universal foundation of a vast array of diverse industries.

JIS has entered into an agreement with SUMCO, which Board of Directors have passed a Resolution today to issue new shares, to purchase one hundred and fifty Class A Preferred Shares for an amount of fifteen billion yen. Completion of the investment is expected on May 11th 2012, and is subject to customary closing conditions.