

**Opening of Houston Representative Office**

TOKYO, June 5, 2006 --- Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC, President: Masayuki Oku) opened today its Houston Representative Office located in downtown Houston, Texas, USA.

Established as SMBC's first industry-focused marketing channel, Houston Representative Office belongs directly to the "Energy, Power and Natural Resources Team, Americas Division" based in New York and specializes in the energy and natural resources sector.

The opening of the new representative office in Houston, the world's "Energy Capital" which attracts energy-related companies from around the world, will enable SMBC to reinforce its presence in the sector and strengthen its capability to provide customers with more advanced financial solutions related to the sector.

(Overview of Houston Representative Office)

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