

TABLE 24

Purity Level of RE Metals Handled by Domestic Suppliers

	Sc	Y	La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu	Representing
RE Metal Processors																	
Santoku		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4						
Shin-Etsu		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
Daido Steel										4							
Dowa Mining					3	3											
Mitsubishi Metal	6																
Mitsubishi Kasei							4		4	4							
Nippon Yttrium		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
Kojundo Kagaku	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
Furu-Uchi Chemical	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
Rare Metallic	5	5	5	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
Sales Representatives																	
Kusaka Rare Metal	?	?	?	?	?			?		?							
Tomoe Kogyo	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
Mitsubishi Corp.										5							Unocal/Molycorp. Div.
Wako Bussan	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
Tohoku Kinzoku		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	Nippon Yttrium
Mitsui Mining and Smelting		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	Nippon Yttrium
Nippon Rare Earth			4	4	4												Rhône Poulenc
Sumisho Chemical	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		4	4	

3 = within 3N 4 = 3-4N 5 = 4-5N 6 = 5-6N ? = unknown

Source: Nikkei New Materials Magazine.