

NOMURA HOLDINGS INC

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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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NOMURA HOLDINGS, INC.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

NOMURA HOLDINGS, INC.

Date: March 23, 2005

By: /s/ Hiroshi Tanaka

Hiroshi Tanaka
Senior Managing Director

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NOMURA PRINCIPAL FINANCE CO., LTD.

Tokyo, March 23, 2005

Nomura Principal Finance to Acquire Shares in YMC Co., Ltd.

Nomura Principal Finance Co., Ltd. (NPF), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nomura Holdings Inc., today announced that it has decided to acquire a 55.8 percent stake in YMC Co., Ltd. (YMC), a leading manufacturer of packing materials and packed columns for high-performance liquid chromatography, custom purification and custom synthesis.

The combined management expertise and networks of NPF and Nomura Group will be a big plus for YMC to help it build on its already stable business base and further boost its corporate value, said NPF President Yoshifumi Kawabata.

Established in 1980, YMC is one of the few companies in the world to fully support normal phase and reversed phase chromatography techniques from analytical to process scale. YMC's products and services have matured to a level of worldwide recognition, specifically in pharmaceutical and biotech compounds. The majority of key accounts are confident in using YMC's quality products, especially for difficult or sophisticated separation tasks, where YMC provides appropriate application support.

YMC was capitalized at 620.7 million yen as of March 31, 2004, and employed 112 people at the end of August last year. YMC's current management will remain in place.

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