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To whom it may concern

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc.

Notice regarding Endorsement of the Principles for Responsible Banking

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc. (Director, President: Tetsuo Ohkubo, hereinafter, “SuMi TRUST Holdings”) hereby expresses its support for the Principles for Responsible Banking (hereinafter, the “Principles”) scheduled to be launched in September this year, as advocated in the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI).

The Principles have been developed to align banking business with society’s goals as expressed in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Climate Agreement. The Principles will support banks seize the opportunities of the changing economy and society of the 21st century by creating value for both society and shareholders, and help banks build trust with investors, clients, employees and society.

The financial institutions are expected to play a proactive role in addressing environmental and social challenges related to sustainability. SuMi TRUST Holdings, which professes itself as the “No. 1 domestic financial institution for ESG management”, is pursuing consistently its initiatives to promote sustainable finance, and is developing products and services in accordance with five major priority themes, namely the climate change, natural capital, environmentally friendly property, sustainable investment and the super-aging society issues.

SuMi TRUST Holdings supports the Principles as they match with Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Group’s Basic Policy on Social Responsibility (Sustainability Policy).

Addressing the issues raised by SDGs or the Paris Climate Agreement requires the coordinated efforts of various stakeholders, and sustainable finance plays a crucial role through the most appropriate allocation of funds. The Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Group has focused on “Eco-Trustution”, providing solutions to environmental issues through utilizing functions as a trust bank. We will further accelerate our initiatives to address environmental issues and lead the banking industry.

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