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To whom it may concern

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc.

**Notice Regarding Signing of Loan Agreement for Positive Impact Finance**  
**by our Subsidiary**

Please be informed that Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited, a subsidiary of Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc. today announced the attached press release.

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Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Ltd.




Notice regarding Signing of Loan Agreement for the World's First Positive Impact Finance with Unspecified Use of Funds

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited (President: Masaru Hashimoto; hereinafter "SuMi TRUST Bank") hereby announces the signing of a loan agreement with FUJI OIL HOLDINGS INC. (President & CEO: Hiroshi Shimizu; hereinafter "Fuji Oil Group" or the Group ). The loan is in alignment with the Principles for Positive Impact Finance (hereinafter "Principles" (\*1)) established by the United Nations Environmental Programme Finance Initiative (hereinafter "UNEP FI" (\*2)) and is the world's first Positive Impact Finance with unspecified use of funds.

Positive Impact Finance involves comprehensive analysis and evaluation of the environmental, social, and economic impacts(positive and negative) of corporate activities, and the provision of loans to support these activities on an ongoing basis. It is implemented based on the Principles and procedures in accordance with the Guidelines. The greatest feature is for the corporates to disclose the degree to which it contributes to the achievement of corporate SDGs (\*3) by specifying and disclosing specific indices using evaluation indicators.

Fuji Oil Group is Japan's largest company engaged in the development, production, and marketing of oils and fats, confectionery, bakery ingredients, and soy. We highly appreciate the Group's contributions to SDGs by contributing to environmental, social, and economic impacts in all business fields and areas, including raw material procurement, production activities, and product supply chains.

In particular, we qualitatively and quantitatively assessed the following three themes as activities that will have impact on the achievement of our SDGs objectives:

Theme	Content	SDGs
Sustainable Procurement	Procurement of human rights and environmentally friendly raw materials (palm oil, etc.)	
Reducing environmental impact through production activities	Climate change, water, and waste measures in the Fuji Oil Group Environmental Vision	
Food Creation Solutions and Food Safety, Security, and Quality	Plant-Based Food Solutions (Initiatives to Solve Global Social Issues with Plant Food Materials)	

The results of these efforts are disclosed in the Integrated Report (\*4) and the Sustainability Report (\*5) issued by Fuji Oil Group.

The Group obtained a third-party opinion (\*6) from Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. (President: Shokichi Takagi) regarding compliance with the Principles of procedures and the rationality of the evaluation indicators.

This Positive Impact Finance is part of the initiative of the Principles for Responsible Banks (PRB: Principles for Responsible Banking) announced by Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc. (President: Tetsuo Ohkubo) in January this year.

In November 2018, the UNEP FI released three implementation guidelines for "Financial Products with specified use of funds", "Positive Impact real estate investment" and "Financial Products for Corporates with unspecified use of funds", and we will promote these initiatives.

Through Positive Impact Finance, we will continue to support clients' business activities that contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and to contribute to the enhancement of their corporate value over the medium to long term.

(\*1) United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is a subsidiary body of the United Nations established in 1972 as an implementing agency for the Human Environment Declaration and the International Environmental Action Programme. UNEP FI is a broad and close partnership between UNEP and more than 200 global financial institutions. Since its establishment in 1992, it has been working with financial institutions, policies and regulators to transform itself into a financial system that integrates economic development and environmental, social, and corporate governance considerations.

(\*2) Principles for Positive Impact Finance

This is a financial framework for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) formulated by the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) in January 2017. By disclosing the contributions to the achievement of SDGs in KPIs and assessing the positive impact of these contributions and providing funds, the funds guide the efforts of fund providers to increase the positive impact and reduce the negative impact.

As a responsible financial institution, the lending bank monitors the indicators to ensure that their impacts are continuing.

(\*3)SDGs

The Sustainable Development Goals (Sustainable Development Goals) were adopted by 193 UN member countries in September 2015. By 2030, all countries and regions have set 17 goals and 169 targets to realize a world in which no one can leave behind in poverty, equality, education, and the environment.

(\*4) Fuji Oil Holdings/Integrated Report 2018

[https://www.fujioilholdings.com/pdf/en/ir/library/integrated\\_report/fujioil\\_integrated\\_report2018\\_en.pdf](https://www.fujioilholdings.com/pdf/en/ir/library/integrated_report/fujioil_integrated_report2018_en.pdf)

(\*5) Fuji Oil Holdings/Sustainability Report 2018

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(\*6) Independent opinion from Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd.  
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