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**at the 5<sup>th</sup> Sustainable Finance Awards**

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

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We are pleased to announce that Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Ltd. (President: Masaru Hashimoto; hereinafter “SuMi TRUST Bank”) received the excellence award at the 5<sup>th</sup> Sustainable Finance Awards which conduct by Research Institute for Environmental Finance (RIEF).

The Sustainable Finance Awards are to recognize financial institutions and companies that have performed remarkable activities in the field of green and sustainable finance in Japan by RIEF. This is the fourth time to win a Excellence Award, which we are evaluated for the Loan Agreement based on the Positive Impact Financial Principles (\*2) established by the United Nations Environmental Programme Financial Initiatives (UNEP FI) (\*3). This loan agreement is the world’s first Positive Impact Finance with unspecified use of funds.

Positive Impact Finance involves a 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. The greatest feature is for corporate to disclose the degree to which it contributes to the achievement of corporates’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by specifying and disclosing specific indices using evaluation indicators.

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) Research Institute for Environmental Finance (RIEF)

The Research Institute for Environmental Finance is a non-profit organization that aims to disseminate, enlighten, develop and deploy the concept of environmental finance that fuses environment and finance. This is the fifth year of the Sustainable Finance Awards, which started in 2015.

(\*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) 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.

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