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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 Gold Prize (Minister of the Environment Award) in the finance category at the ESG Finance Awards Japan 2020 which was established by the Ministry of the Environment.

The ESG Finance Awards Japan 2020 was established to evaluate, recognize and share with society the various initiatives taken by investors and financial institutions who have been actively involved in ESG finance and green projects, and have had an outstanding impact on the environment and society, as well as companies that incorporate significant environmental opportunities and risks into their business strategies to enhance corporate value and create impact on corporate value and the environment. In this award, (1) Investor category, (2) Bank category, (3) Financial Service category, and (4) Bond Issuer category are established for investors and financial institutions, and (5) Company category is established for companies.

SuMi TRUST Bank won the Gold Prize (the Minister of the Environment Award) in the financing category for its focus on sustainability initiatives as a pillar of business and for the Loan Agreement based on the Positive Impact Finance Principles (\*1) established by the United Nations Environmental Programme Financial Initiatives (UNEP FI) (\*2). This loan agreement was the world’s first Positive Impact Finance with unspecified use of funds.

Positive Impact Finance comprehensively analyze and evaluate the environmental, social, and economic impacts of corporate activities (positive and negative impacts) and provide financing to support such activities on an ongoing basis. It is characterized by its use as indicators of the degree to which companies contribute to the achievement of their SDGs. In this award, SuMi TRUST Bank was highly commended for its initiatives including impact assessments and setting appropriate KPIs through dialogue with its clients, as well as efforts to promote Positive Impact Finance to the banking industry not only in Japan but also overseas.



Through Positive Impact Finance, SuMi TRUST Bank aims to support clients' business activities that contribute to the achievement of SDGs targets and to contribute to the enhancement of their corporate value over the medium to long term.

(\*1) 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.

(\*2) 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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