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SuMi TRUST Group considers the facilitation of financing to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and individuals seeking mortgage loans to be one of its most important social missions.

SuMi TRUST Bank took steps to further enhance its financial intermediary function and established a basic policy on the facilitation of financing. This was to ensure prompt and appropriate responses to requests for various consultations, restructuring of loan repayment conditions and other issues.

The bank facilitates financing operations through a system at branch offices to provide prompt and appropriate responses to clients' consultations about, or requests for, the restructuring of loan repayment conditions and other matters and a system at the head office to fully grasp the branch office support activities. The bank also responds to clients' requests for consultation and complaints through a dedicated telephone number as well as at branch offices.

The Act Concerning Temporary Measures to Facilitate Financing for SMEs expired on March 31, 2013. Even so, SuMi TRUST Group continues to provide appropriate and proactive financial intermediary services to facilitate the business activities of SMEs and to provide mortgage loan clients with financial security. Also, when there are consultations about, or requests for, the restructuring of loan repayment conditions, SuMi TRUST Group endeavors to respond in a flexible and appropriate manner, taking each client's circumstances into account.

In addition, SuMi TRUST Bank has a system under which it respects and abides by the "Guidelines for Management Guarantee," which were adopted in February 2014, the "Special Provisions on Guidelines for Management Guarantee" (adopted in April 2020), "Basic Approach to the Guidelines for Management Guarantee at the Time of Business Termination" (announced in April 2022) and other rules. The "Status of Utilization of the Guidelines for Management Guarantee" is also disclosed on its website. The Bank also respects "Guidelines on Arrangement for Victims of Natural Disasters," which was adopted in April 2016, and "Special Provisions for the Application of the Guidelines to COVID-19," adopted in December 2020. It is therefore prepared to respond appropriately to consultations from clients directly or indirectly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, by natural disasters and by recent global affairs and increases in resource prices.

### 2 Status of initiatives to improve SME business operations and to revitalize regions

#### (1) Policy on management support measures for SMEs

SuMi TRUST Bank assists SMEs with efforts to improve and revitalize their business operations by considering their conditions and providing business consultations, management guidance and support for formulating business reconstruction strategies and other support services.

#### (2) Framework of management support for SMEs

In order to conduct management support for SMEs, SuMi TRUST Bank has established "Financing Facilitation Promotion Offices" to prepare a framework to deal appropriately and satisfactorily with various consultations and requests from clients.

In terms of specific measures related to management support for SMEs, branch offices and the head office are engaged in efforts such as support for formulating business reconstruction plans tailored to individual circumstances, and assistance aimed at making progress with business reconstruction plans, taking the industry conditions and the business dealings of individual SMEs into account. Furthermore, SuMi TRUST Bank prepares to support clients in overseas expansion and business succession as well as in electronically recorded monetary claims.

#### (i) Initiatives related to support for overseas expansion

SuMi TRUST Bank has a six-site network covering New York, London, Singapore, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Thailand. These

branches offer financial services such as loans, deposits, foreign exchange and derivatives to Japanese client companies who are expanding overseas.

In addition to developing our own offices, we are making efforts to address the growing need for financial services denominated in local currencies through partnerships with leading banks in Asian countries. In Vietnam, we are working to strengthen financial services such as sales finance for Japanese companies that are expanding into the market through the Bank for Investment and Development of Vietnam (hereinafter "BIDV"), with which SuMi TRUST Bank has a partnership, as well as our leasing joint venture company with BIDV (BIDV-SuMi TRUST Leasing Company, Ltd.).

#### (ii) Initiatives related to support for business succession

SuMi TRUST Bank provides detailed proposals and prompt information to meet the diverse asset inheritance and business succession needs of both its corporate and individual clients. Tailor-made services for the needs of company-owners and high net-worth clients are provided in collaboration with an affiliate company, Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Wealth Partners, and various specialists such as lawyers and tax accountants.

Financial consultants have been assigned to branches nationwide as an immediate counseling service counter so that company-owner clients may consult on any inheritance or business succession concerns or issues they may have. Our financial consultants draw on the expertise they have accumulated through a rich, wide-ranging set of experiences to consult with clients on matters concerning inheritance, asset inheritance and business succession as well as asset management and administration.

Furthermore, we cooperate with our tax accountant corporate partners to hold seminars for business owners on the inheritance and business succession tax system and business succession measures that utilize trusts. These events serve as opportunities to make SuMi TRUST Bank's consulting function more broadly known among people who have never had dealings with us.

#### (iii) Initiatives related to "Densai" (electronically recorded monetary claims)

In order to facilitate fundraising for SMEs, SuMi TRUST Bank has offered "Densai Services" since February 2012. The service is based on Zengin Electronic Monetary Claims Recording Network, in which financial institutions nationwide are members. We also provide "Densai lump-sum factoring services."

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been asked by Zengin Electronic Monetary Claims Recording Network, "densai.net Co., Ltd.," to endeavor to apply the same kinds of financial measures (e.g., deferment of insolvency proceedings) that are applicable under the Disaster Relief Act. We will endeavor to respond to our clients' consultation about the payment of monetary claims already issued in a flexible and appropriate manner, taking each client's circumstances into account.

#### (3) Status of management support initiatives for SMEs and of regional revitalization initiatives

SuMi TRUST Bank has branches throughout the country. Although it is not engaged in initiatives for the revitalization of specific regions, the Bank carries out initiatives focused on support to improve the business operations of clients at each branch according to their individual circumstances and business dealings.

#### Examples of specific initiatives

- Introduced prospective buyers of idle real estate (buildings for rent and other properties) of clients and brokered the sale of such assets. Contributed to reducing interest-bearing debt of the clients.
- Executed sales mediation services (real estate surveys) for clients to other clients, and contributed to increasing their sales.