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To whom it may concern

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc.

**Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings Receives the Minister of the Environment Award
for the Best Efforts in Fiscal Year 2022 (General Sector)
at the “Principles for Financial Action for the 21st Century”**

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc. (Director, President: Toru Takakura, hereinafter "SuMi TRUST Holdings") announces that we have received the Minister of the Environment Award for the Best Efforts in Fiscal Year 2022 (General Sector), which was selected by the Best Efforts Selection Board at the Principles for Financial Action for the 21st Century (official name: the Principles for Financial Action Toward a Sustainable Society). It marks the second consecutive year for us to receive an award at the principles since the last year's Special Award of the Chairman of the Selection Board (Regional Sector).

The Principles for Financial Action for the 21st Century were formulated in October 2011 as an action guideline for financial institutions wishing to fulfill their responsibilities and roles for sustainable society, and approximately 300 financial institutions have signed them at present. SuMi TRUST Holdings has actively participated in this initiative since drafting the Principles for Financial Action for the 21st Century and contributed to its development.

SuMi TRUST Holdings made pioneering efforts at commercialization of “Positive Impact Finance”, a financing product which does not specify the purpose of the fund, in March 2019, and since then we developed equity investment funds, took charge of various advisory businesses for diverse organizations, and have developed the lineup of a wide variety of other products and services. Expansion of broad-based impact businesses stated above were appreciated and we won the prize.

Impact finances rapidly attract increased interest globally. As a leading company in this field, SuMi TRUST Holdings will continuously contribute to the expansion of the market as well as the enhancement of the corporate value of our clients.

Initiative: Expansion of impact businesses

Reasons to receive the award:

- Serious efforts conducted to lead domestic impact financing by SuMi TRUST Holdings, a steadily leading company in the field of sustainable finances.
- While impact finances attract increased interest of domestic financial institutions including regional ones, these efforts will be a model for domestic financial institutions in the future.
- SuMi TRUST Holdings participates in the Japan Impact-driven Financing Initiative and workshops hosted by the Financial Services Agency, and tackles the research and spread of impact finances, which shows consciousness and is commendable.

- The performance reached 717.6 billion yen as of the end of September 2022, which shows that impact finances, pursuing both economic and social returns, embody the independent role played by financial institutions to accelerate the realization of a sustainable society.

Because of the reasons above, such efforts were recognized to deserve the Minister of the Environment Award.

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