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Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

**SMBC Extends a 5-Year Sustainable Financing Loan with Blue Loan tranche to HUDCO**

Mumbai, September 18, 2024 --- Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) successfully closed a JPY 64 billion (equivalent of USD 440 million) Syndicated External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) with a Blue Loan tranche as part of the facility for Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO) from its Singapore Branch along with two other banks. SMBC is the Mandated Lead Arranger and Bookrunner, Joint ESG Loan Coordinator, Agent Bank and the Authorized Dealer bank in this landmark transaction. This is HUDCO's second ECB borrowing from SMBC and its maiden foreign currency Blue Loan transaction.

A portion of the loan would qualify as a Blue Loan since the foreign currency borrowing was utilized for onward disbursement to support the Jal Jeevan Mission in India, an ambitious program launched by the Government of India with an objective to provide Functional Household Tap Connection to every rural household such as the Har Ghar Nal Se Jal by 2024. HUDCO has sanctioned a total financial assistance of Rs. 70.91 billion (Rs. 40.00 billion in Phase-I in the year 2022 and Rs. 30.91 billion in Phase – II in FY 2024) towards Government of Rajasthan covering various districts in the state.

SMBC worked closely with HUDCO to establish their sustainable financing framework, which is in line with the Green Loan Principles (2023), and Social Loan Principles (2023). These are globally recognized methodologies developed by the Loan Market Association (LMA), Asia Pacific Loan Market Association (APLMA) and Syndications and Trading Association (LSTA), to achieve positive social outcomes for the company and green initiatives outlined by the Reserve Bank of India.

Commenting on the transaction, **Mr. Hiroyuki Mesaki, Country Head of SMBC India**, stated "The deal with HUDCO is a testament of SMBC's credentials globally and further embodies our mission towards investing a cumulative total of JPY50 trillion into sustainability related financing globally by 2030. This deal will also contribute towards creating a better life for underserved communities."

**Mr. Rakesh Garg, Chief Business Officer, SMBC India**, adds "We are excited and proud to partner with HUDCO on their second offshore borrowing and maiden Blue Loan transaction, and in their mission to provide better infrastructure including tap water and drinking water facilities while also improving the quality of life for the community."

**Mr. Sanjay Kulshreshta, Chairman and Managing Director, HUDCO**, said "With the government's recently approved Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana 2.0 and focus on infrastructure-led growth, HUDCO anticipates a surge in demand for its services. By actively participating in PMAY 2.0, HUDCO aims to further enhance its impact on mitigating shelter shortages and advancing the country's housing infrastructure. The substantial increase in infrastructure outlay signals significant growth prospects, aligning with HUDCO's mission to supplement efforts of the Government of India for the creation of sustainable and resilient Infrastructure, in line with Viksit Bharat 2047. HUDCO's collaboration with SMBC and two other Japanese banks has enabled diversification of resource base, established its footprint in international markets through its maiden JPY denominated ECB offering, and optimized overall costs to add competitive strength to HUDCO's overall lending operation."

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**About SMBC**

Headquartered in Tokyo, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) is a leading global financial institution and a core member of Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group (SMBC Group). Built upon our rich Japanese heritage since 1876, we put our customers first and provide seamless access to, from and within the Asia Pacific region.

SMBC is one of the largest Japanese banks by assets, with over ¥238,700 billion in total assets and strong credit ratings across our global integrated network spanning 39 countries and territories, 15 of which are here in the region. Our regional reach extends from corporate and institutional companies to individual customers supported by our Multi-Franchise Strategy in Indonesia, India, Vietnam and the Philippines. We work closely as one SMBC Group to offer personal, corporate and investment banking services to meet the needs of our customers.

With sustainability embedded within our strategy and operations, we are committed to creating a society in which today's generation can enjoy economic prosperity and well-being, and pass it on to future generations.