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Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

Sustainability Linked Loan for AEON Credit Service (Asia) Company Limited

Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (President and CEO: Makoto Takashima) Hong Kong Branch has signed an agreement of sustainability linked loan ("This Loan") with AEON Credit Service (Asia) Company Limited ("AEON Credit", Managing Director: Tomoharu Fukayama), a consolidated subsidiary of AEON Financial Service Company Limited (President and CEO: Kenji Fujita).

The objective of sustainability linked loan ("SLL") is to promote and support environmentally and socially beneficial economic activities by linking corporate loan terms with a client's performance against mutually-agreed, sustainability performance targets ("SPTs") consistent with a client's sustainability strategy. The objective of the SLL is to incentivize clients to improve their sustainability performance.

AEON Financial Services Group is approaching net-zero CO2 emissions through their activities of energy conservation and energy generation. In addition, they are engaging in financial education for students in line with international goals, such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In line with AEON Credit's sustainability strategy, the SPTs of This Loan adopted environmental, social, and governance (ESG) indicators such as to reduce electricity power and copy paper usage and to offer scholarship beneficiaries towards students. This Loan is the first sustainability instrument used by AEON Credit and reinforces its commitment to sustainability. In addition, as an incentive to achieve the SPTs, the interest rates will be adjusted depending on the extent SPTs are achieved.

Aeon Credit received a second party opinion for This Loan from Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (\*) for its alignment with the Sustainability Linked Loan Principles (revised in March 2022) published by Loan Market Association (LMA), Loan Syndications and Trading Association (LSTA) and Asia Pacific Loan Market Association (APLMA).

On July 27, 2021, SMBC Group published "SMBC Group GREEN Innovator" and aims at enhancing our services and products to realize a sustainable society together with our clients. In addition, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation will further contribute to achieving sustainable society by providing solutions and engaging in dialogue for our clients' sustainable management.

[Outline of This Loan]

The borrower	:	AEON Credit Service (Asia) Company Limited
The Purpose of financing	:	General working capital requirements
The drawdown date	:	November 30, 2022
Contract period	:	3 years
The lender	:	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (incorporated in Japan with limited liability) Hong Kong Branch

(\* Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HKQAA)

A certification organization established by the Hong Kong government. Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with HKQAA in March 2021 and has been partnering with HKQAA to promote sustainable finance.

(Reference)

AEON Credit Service (Asia) Company Limited website

<https://www.aeon.com.hk/en/index.html>

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