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Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

**Enhancement of Johannesburg Representative Office  
and Business Alliance with Absa Bank Limited**

TOKYO, 31 March 2010 --- Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC, President: Masayuki Oku) announced today (i) the enhancement of the functions of its Johannesburg Representative Office; and (ii) agreement on a business alliance between SMBC and Absa Bank Limited, a group company of Barclays Bank PLC, subject to the finalization of terms.

Johannesburg Representative Office has obtained the status of a sub-branch of Dubai Branch in Japan, thereby enabling it to enhance its activity and functions. The enhanced office function and business alliance with Absa Bank will enable SMBC to proactively support its clients in South Africa and other African countries.

**Profile of Johannesburg Representative Office**

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**Profile of Absa Bank Limited**

Established: 1991  
Address: 3rd Floor, Absa Towers East, 170 Main Street, Johannesburg, 2001  
Number of Offices: 1062 staffed outlets (as of Dec 2009)  
Total Assets: ZAR 717.7 billion (as of Dec 2009)  
Capital Ratio: 15.6% (as of Dec 2009)  
Barclays' equity stake: 55.52%  
Listed: Johannesburg Stock Exchange