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Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.

Announcing Partnership with Work-Bench Management

Tokyo, September 1, 2017 --- Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group (SMFG, President and Group CEO: Takeshi Kunibe) today announced the partnership with Work-Bench Management (Founder: Jonathan Lehr, Jessica Lin) based in New York.

Work-Bench is an enterprise technology venture capital fund in New York City which invests in the next generation of enterprise startups tackling big data and advanced analytics, enterprise infrastructure, machine learning, security, and more. Work-Bench supports early go-to-market enterprise startups with workspace, community, and corporate engagement to accelerate customer acquisition and product validation with Fortune 1000 corporations including leading US financial institutions.

SMFG, participating in Work-Bench's partnership program, will accelerate the commercial adoption of cutting-edge technologies from Work-Bench's network in New York City and other areas.

SMFG has will continuously expand global networks with leading business incubator and accelerate open-innovation initiatives in not only Silicon Valley but also to New York.