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Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

Participation to the Poseidon Principles

Tokyo, February 3, 2021 – We hereby announce that Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (“SMBC”, President and CEO: Makoto Takashima) have formally signed a commitment to accede to the Poseidon Principles (*1), a responsible banking initiative led by financial institutions active in global maritime finance to actively monitor, quantify and address climate change risks.

The Poseidon Principles are the world’s first sector specific, self-governing climate alignment agreement amongst financial institutions. They establish a common framework to quantitatively assess and disclose whether financial institutions’ lending portfolios are in line with climate goals set by the International Maritime Organization (“IMO”) (*2). The Principles are consistent with the policies and ambitions of the IMO to reduce shipping’s total greenhouse gas emissions by at least 50% of 2008 levels by 2050, whilst pursuing efforts towards phasing them out as soon as possible in the century.

A signatory of the Principles, SMBC will, on an annual basis, measure the carbon intensity and assess climate alignment – carbon intensity relative to established decarbonization pathways – of its shipping portfolio using the methodology established by the Principles.

Amid environmental and social issues on a global scale, SMBC Group amended in April 2020 its Mission to include “We contribute to a sustainable society by addressing environmental and social issues” in order to clarify its commitment to further support the advancement of society.

We are acceding and joining the existing signatories to the Poseidon Principles and are therefore committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. SMBC Group will conduct business in a manner that contributes to the growth of both its customers and society, and will further enhance its actions towards addressing climate change.

(*1) The Poseidon Principles

The Poseidon Principles were established in June 2019 by 11 founding signatories, including European and American banks, to improve the role of maritime finance in addressing global climate change.

(*2) International Maritime Organization (IMO)

IMO is the United Nations specialized agency with responsibility for the safety and security of shipping and the prevention of marine and atmospheric pollution by ships.