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Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

SMBC and Marathon Capital Announce Strategic Alliance

Tokyo, June 28, 2022 --- Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (“SMBC”, President and CEO Makoto Takashima), announced today that the bank has entered into a strategic alliance with Marathon Capital LLC (“Marathon Capital”) for collaboration in ESG-related space.

Marathon Capital, headquartered in Chicago, IL, is a leading independent investment bank dedicated to the global clean energy, sustainable technologies and infrastructure markets providing advisory services on M&A, project finance, tax equity, and corporate offtake advisory.

The goal through this strategic alliance is to offer clients with more advanced ESG-related advisory services for energy transition by leveraging SMBC’s global network and financing solutions capabilities and Marathon Capital’s access to the investors network and sector know-how.

SMBC Group is developing its “SMBC Group GREEN Innovator” program to provide sustainability related solutions, create new services, and accumulate related expertise. This new alliance with Marathon Capital will support our commitment to contributing to a sustainable and decarbonized society as well as our initiatives designed to address environmental challenges.

Overview of Marathon Capital LLC

Head Office:	Chicago, Illinois
Office Locations:	New York, Houston, San Francisco, London, Canada, and Brazil
Year of Establishment:	1999
Business:	Financial advisory and investment banking
Number of Employee:	84 (as of June 2022)