

June 30, 2016

To whom it may concern

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc.
(Securities Code: 8309 TSE, NSE)
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited

**Notice regarding Business Alliance with
the Bank of Kyoto, the Gunma Bank and the Bank of Yokohama**

- the capital participation of the Bank of Kyoto and Gunma Bank
in Sky Ocean Asset Management -

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited (President: Hitoshi Tsunekage; hereinafter “SuMi TRUST Bank”), which is a subsidiary of Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc. (President: Kunitaro Kitamura; hereinafter “SuMi Trust Holdings”), hereby announces that on June 30, 2016, it decided to conclude a strategic relationship agreement (hereinafter “Agreement”) with the Bank of Kyoto, Ltd. (President: Nobuhiro Doi; hereinafter “BOK”), the Gunma Bank, Ltd. (President: Kazuo Saito; hereinafter “GB”) and the Bank of Yokohama (Representative Director and President: Kenichi Kawamura; hereinafter “BOY”) regarding the formation of a business alliance among the parties. The Agreement includes terms for the parties to complete a capital participation of BOK and GB in Sky Ocean Asset Management Co., Ltd. (hereinafter “Sky Ocean”), which is an asset management company jointly established by BOY and SuMi TRUST Bank.

1. Purpose of the business alliance

BOY and SuMi TRUST Bank entered into a strategic relationship agreement in October 2014, and in November of the same year established Sky Ocean, an asset management company which sets up and manages investment products that seek to contribute mid-to-long term and stable asset management in order to enhance the services that support the building of customers’ assets.

BOY and SuMi TRUST Bank have been considering increasing the number of business alliance partners to strengthen Sky Ocean’s asset management businesses and to provide high-value-added investment products and services for a wider range of customers.

BOK and GB have also been considering business plans including forming a business alliance, to enhance their consulting capabilities in asset management by improving their abilities to provide investment products that suit the needs of their customers.

BOK, GB, BOY and SuMi TRUST Bank have decided to enter into the Agreement, based on their respective decisions that the business alliance meets their business needs to improve customer services through enhanced asset management capabilities and broadened distribution channels.

2. Contents of the business alliance

(1) Outline of the business alliance

- Sky Ocean will provide BOK and GB with Sky Ocean's investment products that seek to contribute mid-to-long term and stable asset management.
- SuMi TRUST Bank will provide BOK and GB with SuMi TRUST Bank's knowhow regarding the sales of investment products based on "Core and Satellite Management Strategy" which SuMi TRUST Bank has developed over the years.

(2) Assignment of shares

BOY and SuMi TRUST Bank will respectively assign their 26% and 4% of shares of Sky Ocean to BOK and GB, in which BOK and GB will each acquire 15% of shares of Sky Ocean.

【Number of shares to be assigned by SuMi TRUST Bank】

Number of shares owned before the assignment	20,400	(34% of shares outstanding)
Number of shares to be assigned	2,400	(4% of shares outstanding)
Number of shares owned after the assignment	18,000	(30% of shares outstanding)

【Stockholders of Sky Ocean】

	Current	After the assignment (planned)
BOY	66%	40%
SuMi TRUST Bank	34%	30%
BOK	-	15%
GB	-	15%

(3) Schedule

July 1, 2016 (planned)	Conclusion of the Agreement
July 14, 2016 (planned)	Conclusion and implementation of share assignment agreement

3. Overview of Sky Ocean (As of March 31, 2016)

Name	Sky Ocean Asset Management Co., Ltd.
Address	1-1, Minatomirai 3-chome, Nishi-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa
Business	Asset management (investment trust management)
Date of Establishment	November 25, 2014
Paid-in Capital	JPY 300 million
Stockholders	BOY (66%), SuMi TRUST Bank (34%)
Representative Directors	Tetsunobu Ikeda (Representative Director, President) Toshiyuki Kambe (Representative Director, Deputy President)

4. Impact on the earnings

This business alliance will have no impact on the earnings forecasts for the fiscal year ending March 2017 of SuMi TRUST Holdings and SuMi TRUST Bank.

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