

To whom it may concern:

Conclusion of Forestry related Fund Investment

(Hancock Timberland and Farmland Fund, New Forests Tropical Asia Forest Fund 2)

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited (President: Kazuya Oyama; hereinafter “SuMi TRUST”) is pleased to announce that we have successfully signed two forestry related fund investment agreements with Manulife Investment Management Timberland and Agriculture, Inc. (“MIMTA”) and New Forests Asia (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. (“NF”), respectively in July 2021 and March 2022. The investments in these two Funds (defined below) are the first investments in forestry related funds for SuMi TRUST.

MIMTA manages Hancock Timberland and Farmland Fund (“HTFF”), which has globally diversified invest objectives basically in mature markets such as US, Australia and Latin American countries with MIMTA’s longest history and the hugest amount of asset under management, extensive knowledge of forestry and farmland fund management and administration.

NF manages New Forests Tropical Asia Forest Fund 2 (“TAFF2”), and will make most of NF’s extensive investment experience and network in the region of Southeast Asia, a growing market for forest investment, by way of blended finance (*1) approach with a special focus on impact activities such as climate change and biodiversity preservation.

Both Funds have obtained global certification such as FSC (*2) on each of their assets, and actively working towards each of their aim of SDGs (*3).

In addition to building a globally diversified portfolio including HTFF and TAFF2, which have different characteristics in terms of investment targets and strategies, we will acquire different knowledge from both of them to provide sustainable solutions to the issues that our Wholesale total solution services business clients are facing in relation to forest assets themselves and forest related assets such as carbon emission credits. Furthermore, in the Wholesale asset management services business, we aim to build a base for investors to access the forest related business, and we will work to provide new business to all stakeholders.

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc. (Director, President: Toru Takakura, hereinafter, “SuMi TRUST Holdings”) aims to create both social value and economic value with our Purpose (reason for existence) that creating new value with the power of Trusts and let prosperous future for our clients and society bloom.

By way of evaluating the impacts, we aim not only to contribute to the resolution of social issues through a virtuous circulation of funds, assets, and capital, but also to achieve sustainable and stable growth for SuMi TRUST Group.

Based on these policies, we will utilize a cumulative total of 500 billion Japanese yen by 2030 as impact equity investment for businesses and companies that contribute to solving various social issues, including those in the areas of carbon emission reduction and various types of infrastructures. This action would invite in 2.5 trillion Japanese yen in institutional investors equity.

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(*1) Blended Finance: TAFF2 brings together both public money such as development financial institutions, sovereign wealth fund, and private money, to address climate action, biodiversity protection and sustainable forestry.

(*2) FSC stands for Forest Stewardship Council, who assess and provides their certification towards forest with the aim for promoting environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests.

(*3) SDGs associated with forestry related fund investment:

“no.8: Decent Work and Economic Growth”

“no.13: Climate Action”

“no.15: Life on Land”



SDGs associated with farmland fund investment:

“no.2: Zero Hunger”

