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To whom it may concern

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Group, Inc.

**Notice regarding Launch of a new Sustainable Finance Product :**  
**“Impact Finance for Nature” by our subsidiary**

Please be informed that Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited, a subsidiary of Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Group, Inc. today announced the attached press release.

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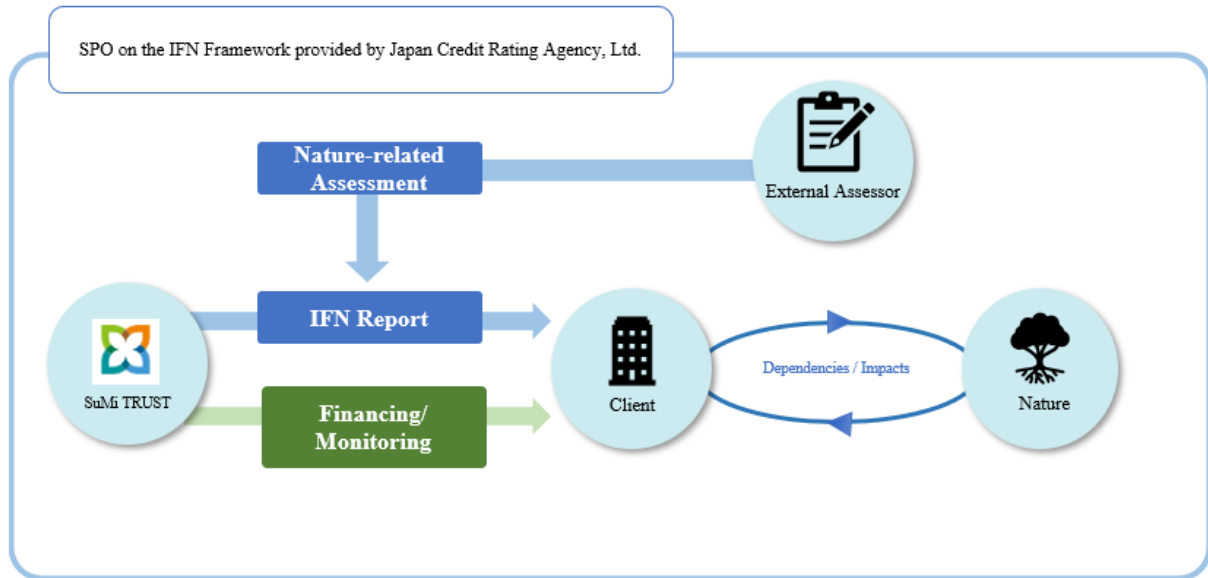
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited (President: Kazuya Oyama, hereinafter “SuMi TRUST Bank”) is pleased to announce the launch of our new sustainable finance product, Impact Finance for Nature (“IFN”), effective February 28, 2025. IFN is designed to assess the impacts on nature from our clients’ business operations and empower them to address these challenges.

Under its Sustainability Policy, Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Group, Inc. (Director, President & CEO: Toru Takakura, hereinafter “SuMi TRUST Group”), has formulated the Environmental Policy and Action Guidelines for Preserving Biodiversity, and has positioned Sustainability Management as one of our high priority issues or materialities. SuMi TRUST Group aims to address the issues including biodiversity and atmospheric/water/soil pollution through this materiality.

Following the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) at COP15, societal need for corporate reporting of nature-related risks, dependencies and impacts has increased. IFN provides a solution for such requirements through the assessment of sustainability management, impacts on nature, and nature-related disclosure based on the global standards including TNFD Recommendations. As the IFN Lender, we monitor our clients’ KPIs and progress toward achieving their targets to catalyze the positive impacts.

Our assessment approach is aligned with the requirements of Impact Finance under the "Concept Paper on Impact Finance" published by Ministry of the Environment. Such conformity is ensured through the Second Party Opinion on IFN Framework by Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd\*.

As one of the leading and responsible financial institution in the market, we believe this product would support our clients' actions on state of nature and enhance their sustainability management, thus contributing to achieve sustainable societies.



\*For details please refer to the JCR's website.

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