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1 Introduction

1.1 Company Overview

Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. (SMFG) is the holding company of SMBC Group, which is one of the three largest banking groups in Japan. Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) is the main operating bank within SMFG. SMFG is designated a “global systemically important bank (G-SIB)” in recognition of its broad range of financial services in both domestic and overseas markets. With the vision of becoming “a trusted global solution provider committed to the growth of its customers and advancement of society,” SMBC Group is working on the “creation of social value,” “pursuit of economic value” and “rebuilding of corporate infrastructure” in order to achieve “Growth with Quality” as set out in our current Medium-Term Management Plan for the three years from fiscal 2023 to fiscal 2025.

1.2 Sustainability at SMBC Group

a) “Create Social Value” at SMBC Group

In recent years, the economic and financial status quo is undergoing significant transformation, including some reversal of social and economic globalization, as well as rising inflation and interest rates, especially in Europe and the United States. Moreover, digital transformation is accelerating in all fields, while corporate activities and individual consumer behavior are undergoing major changes, and the issues facing the planet are becoming more diverse and serious. As a consequence, the values of investors, customers, and employees are steadily changing, and expectations are growing for companies to make concrete efforts to help solve social issues.

In response to this shifting landscape, SMBC Group positions “create social value” as one of the key pillars of our management. We identified five new priority issues (materiality): “Environment”, “DE&I/Human Rights”, “Poverty and Inequality”, “Declining Birthrate and Aging Population”, and “Japan’s Regrowth”, and we are advancing initiatives aligned with ten clearly defined goals to address these critical societal issues.

SMBC Group has set out a “multi-franchise strategy” targeting mainly Southeast Asia. We aim to create a “second and third SMBC Group” by developing full-line banking services, including retail operations, in emerging Asian countries. Beyond creating economic value, this strategy places a strong emphasis on financial inclusion, encompassing microfinance services in underserved urban and rural areas, mobile banking solutions for unbanked populations through partnerships with local networks, and financial literacy programs for women. These efforts are designed to support the social self-sufficiency and promotion of financial inclusion for low-income communities and contribute to narrowing the gap of poverty and inequality.

Guided by the spirit of “Sanpo-Yoshi (three-way satisfaction),” wishing for the happiness of customers and society and conducting business with the aim of developing alongside our customers and society, inherited from both Mitsui and Sumitomo, SMBC Group is committed to expanding its initiatives to create and deliver social value. By helping to address social issues and returning value to society, we aim not only to drive economic growth, but also to realize “Fulfilled Growth”, where people feel fulfilled as economic growth accompanies the resolution of social issues.

b) Significance of SMBC Group's Sustainable Finance Initiatives

SMBC Group defines sustainability as “creating a society in which today’s generation can enjoy economic prosperity and well-being, and pass it on to future generations”, and is committed to drive forward its efforts to make sustainability a reality. In today’s world, social issues such as global warming, human rights violations, and widening disparities have become more severe. In terms of protecting the environment, it is necessary to address climate change, conserve and restore natural capital, and transition to a circular economy. These are not independent issues but are closely interconnected, making an integrated approach critical. Finance is often referred to as the “lifeblood of the economy,” and SMBC Group is committed to robustly supporting our customers' efforts to address the complex and intertwined social issues the world currently faces, such as technological development and transition towards a decarbonized society, conservation and restoration of natural capital for achieving nature positive outcomes, and respect for human rights throughout complex supply chains.

In 2020, SMBC Group established the Sustainability Statement as the basic principle upon which our efforts to realize a sustainable society will be based. In this statement, SMBC Group declares to engage and act together with customers and other stakeholders to contribute to the global transformation into a better society. Based upon the statement, we are actively engaged in sustainable finance, which invest in and finance projects that contribute to addressing climate change, essential infrastructure development, healthcare disparities, poverty and inequality.

SMBC Group is also engaging in impact investments and other initiatives to contribute to the creation of “social impact,” which represents the positive changes in society achieved by addressing social challenges. By driving positive social change, we aim to build a more inclusive, resilient, and prosperous society, alongside continued economic growth.

c) Definition of Digital Inclusion and Significance of SMBC Group's Initiatives

As noted in the Guidebook to Digital Inclusion Bond Financing by the World Economic Forum (WEF), everyone’s lives are connected by the internet and digital connectivity is oxygen for opportunity. Work, school, healthcare, financial services, as well as relationships with family

and friends are dependent on having access to a high-speed internet connection. Digital inclusion, where everyone can freely and safely access and benefit from digital technologies, regardless of race, location, income, or family background, plays a pivotal role as an enabler in today's interconnected world, facilitating access to essential services, such as financial services via digital banking platforms, education through online learning platforms, and healthcare services via telehealth. This accessibility is particularly crucial for underserved populations who may face barriers to traditional means of service delivery. By bridging the digital divide, digital inclusion empowers individuals to overcome geographical constraints, bring essential service right to their fingertips. Through digital inclusion initiatives, underserved populations can gain equal access to essential services like education, healthcare, and financial services, fostering a more equitable society for all.

SMBC Group has set “Poverty and Inequality” as one of its material issues that we need to address, and is tackling this issue across emerging markets as one of its initiative. According to “The International Telecommunication Union (2024)”, today, roughly 32% of the global population (approximately 2.6 billion people) lack internet access, due to insufficient telecommunications infrastructure and limited access to digital devices. This significant digital divide is a major driver of structural inequality. Achieving digital inclusion regardless of race, location, income, or family background requires substantial investment in network infrastructure and service expansion, particularly in emerging markets where data demand is rapidly rising. It also requires significant investment in clean energy generation, power grid and storage investments to ensure digital inclusion is achieved in an environmentally conscious manner. As a financial institution rooted in Asia, including emerging economies, SMBC Group believes that efforts and financing to realize “Digital Inclusion” have profound significance in our pursuit of “Create Social Value”.

d) Sustainability Governance of SMBC Group

SMBC Group's sustainability management is operated under a strong governance system, executed under CxOs including the CEO and supervised by the Board. Impact creation and visualization are also supervised and executed under this system.

SMBC Group has established the Sustainability Committee, an internal committee of the Board of Directors, as a supervisory body and the Corporate Sustainability Committee as an executive body to manage our sustainability initiatives and to deliberate on responses to environmental and social issues. The Sustainability Committee deliberates on matters related to the progress of the Group's sustainability promotion measures, matters related to domestic and overseas trends surrounding sustainability, and other important matters related to sustainability. It reports and provides advice to the Board of Directors on a regular basis. The Corporate Sustainability Committee, meanwhile, deliberates on the groupwide plans to realize sustainability.

1.3 Intent of the Framework

In October 2015, SMBC became the first Japanese private financial institution to issue a USD-denominated green bond. Since then, SMFG and SMBC have been regularly issuing green bonds and executing green loans under the SMFG/SMBC Green Finance Framework in both domestic and international markets to finance and/or refinance eligible green projects.

To further accelerate our efforts in solving global social issues, including digital inclusion, SMFG and/or SMBC have developed the SMFG/SMBC Social Finance Framework (Framework). This Framework is designed to expand our efforts globally, particularly in emerging Asia, to support digital inclusion.

2. Framework Overview

SMFG and/or SMBC have established this Framework which aligns with the following principles and guidelines. SMFG and/or SMBC may issue Social Financing Instruments (bonds and loans) based on this Framework.

- Social Bond Principles 2025 (International Capital Markets Association (ICMA))
- Social Loan Principles 2025 (Loan Market Association (LMA), Asia-Pacific Loan Market Association (APLMA), Loan Syndications and Trading Association (LSTA))
- Social Bond Guidelines 2021 (Financial Services Agency of Japan (FSA))
- Guidebook to Digital Inclusion Bond Financing (WEF)

2.1 Use of Proceeds





In cases where SMFG acts as the Issuer of a Social Financing Instruments, SMFG will extend an amount equal to the net proceeds from Social Financing Instruments to SMBC as an intra-group loan. As a recipient of Social Financing Instrument proceeds from SMFG or in cases where SMBC itself is the Issuer of a Social Financing Instruments, an amount equivalent to the net proceeds from Social Financing Instruments will be allocated for the financing and/or refinancing of existing or future Eligible Social Projects and/or Eligible Digital Inclusion Social Projects as defined in this Framework. Eligible Projects are projects agreed to be funded by SMFG or its subsidiaries (a) during a 2-year period prior to the relevant execution date of a Social Financing Instruments or (b) after the execution date of a Social Financing Instruments but before the relevant maturity date of such financing.

Social Financing Instruments by SMFG and/or SMBC may include a “Digital Inclusion” label. Based on our recognition that digital divide promotes and entrenches poverty and inequality, this label indicates an objective to reduce poverty and inequality for the specified target population(s) by focusing on financing and investments that develop basic and essential digital infrastructures and provide expanded access to essential digital services in emerging countries such as in Asia.





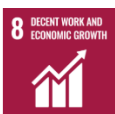


In SMBC Group’s view, development of new telecommunication network serves for providing access to basic infrastructures to underserved people such as rural communities, and accessible network is based on wide range of digital infrastructure from transmission lines to data centers. Supporting such development and expansion in emerging countries will generally promote diffusion of digital services as well as freedom from forced information barrier, and it has potential for underserved people to find better job opportunities, financially included, being educated for professional skills, ultimately reduce the number of people suffering from poverty and inequality. For this reason, SMBC Group has an ambition to cover wide range of digital infrastructure as reasonable enough to “Eligible Digital Inclusion Social Project”.

For any Social Financing Instruments with the “Digital Inclusion” label, SMFG and/or SMBC will allocate in full, an amount equivalent to the net proceeds from Social Financing Instruments to one or more projects that meet the Eligible Digital Inclusion Social Projects.







(Table 1) Eligible Social Projects

	Category and Related SDGs	Typical Use of Proceeds
1	Affordable basic infrastructure  	<p>Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public transportation infrastructure such as roads/bridges that enhance connectivity in underdeveloped rural areas or where road connectivity does not exist or is substantially inadequate. Development of sidewalks for public use, including accessibility improvements for people with disabilities. <p>Water & Sanitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of infrastructure/services that improve free-of-cost access to drinking water in rural and sub-urban areas. Development of infrastructure/services that improve sewage treatment and sanitation in rural and sub-urban areas. <p>Electricity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of transmission and distribution infrastructure that improves access to electricity in those regions where there is no access or access is substantially inadequate.
2	Access to essential services (Healthcare) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction, development or maintenance of public/free/subsidized healthcare facilities (such as hospitals, clinics, health care centers, pharmacies, etc.) and eldercare/childcare facilities. Development of critical medical equipment or provision of diagnostic services (including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machines, respirators or services that support diagnostics such as laboratory testing) that is offered free or at subsidized cost to all. Research, development and production of affordably priced or subsidized medicines on the World Health Organization (WHO) Model Lists of Essential Medicines to underserved populations or in underserved areas.
3	Access to essential services (Education/Training) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of public/free/subsidized education and childcare facilities and programs from kindergarten, elementary to tertiary. Construction of campuses and student housing for public/free/subsidized schools and universities. Development of public/free/subsidized vocational, technical training facilities and institutions. Education loans to low- and moderate- income (LMI) and/or marginalized individuals and/or communities. Supply of teachers, teacher training and materials.

(Table 1) Eligible Social Projects (continued)

	Category and Related SDGs	Typical Use of Proceeds
4	Access to essential services (Public health emergency/pandemic response) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research, development, operation and production of supplies to combat disease outbreak and negative consequences of such events. • Research, development and logistical deployment of tests, vaccines, and/or other medications to prevent and/or alleviate disease outbreak. • Loans to micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) negatively impacted by economic slowdown as a result of disease outbreak.
5	Access to essential services/ Socioeconomic advancement and empowerment (Financial inclusion)  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loans to MSMEs, LMI individuals and startups and financing to microfinance institutions.
6	Affordable Housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of affordable houses, shelters, halfway homes for LMI and/or marginalized individuals and/or communities. • Housing loans to LMI and/or marginalized individuals and/or communities.
7	Employment generation and programmes  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment creation projects/programs for the LMI and/or marginalized individuals and/or communities.
8	Food security and sustainable food systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects or programs (including goods which are Fairtrade certified) for smallholder farmers as defined by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) that enhance agriculture productivity and nutritional value of agriculture or prevent of food loss. • Developing access to nutrition programs that address malnutrition for target populations in areas with an explicit need to tackle food security as defined by FAO. • Investments or projects related to infrastructure and facilities such as warehouses to provide adequate storage, improve food conservation or improve connectivity in the food chain to avoid food losses as defined by FAO.

(Table 2) Eligible Digital Inclusion Social Projects

	Category and Related SDGs	Typical Use of Proceeds
1	<p>Access to essential services/ Socioeconomic advancement and empowerment (Financial Inclusion)</p>   	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loans to MSMEs, LMI individuals and startups provided online through websites and mobile apps. (Digital Loan) Develop digital tools to enable access or increase access to financing and financial services. Projects or activities that promote MSMEs/microfinance institutions participation of activities in the digital economy, e-commerce and their digital transformation. Build and launch financial digital literacy education programmes.
2	<p>Access to basic infrastructure</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction or upgrade of telecommunication towers. Development of new telecommunication network including transmission lines, data transmission in low penetration areas, data centers in low density regions, specifically designed to reach previously underserved communities, such as rural communities or purposed to provide services related to access to government services, healthcare information, education and other social services. Increase MSMEs' participation in the digital economy. R&D facilities for telecommunications, mobility, and advanced industrial technologies. Development of fiber optic network.
3	<p>Access to essential services (Healthcare)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision or development of digital tools for delivering telehealth services. Train personnel at hospital and nursing homes to provide telehealth services.
4	<p>Access to essential services (Education/Training)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide technological devices that facilitate learning, such as tablets, laptops or computers. Train teachers, professors and administrative staff at schools and universities to provide digital teaching and improve remote learning.

Typical Target Population

Under this Framework, the eligible target populations include individuals and communities who face socioeconomic disadvantages or lack of access to essential service and infrastructure. This may include:

- Low-to-Moderate income and Vulnerable Populations
 - Individuals or households below the national/regional poverty line or defined as low to moderate income by relevant governmental or multilateral criteria
 - Vulnerable groups such as the elderly, persons with disabilities, marginalized ethnic groups, and displaced populations
- Underserved and remote Communities
 - Communities located in rural, peri-urban, or geographically isolated areas lacking basic infrastructure or services
 - Areas with limited access to affordable transportation, water and sanitation, reliable electricity or digital connectivity including broadband internet
- People with Limited Access to Essential Services
 - Individuals or communities without adequate access to quality healthcare, including preventive care, maternal and child health services, and public health emergency support such as pandemic response
 - Populations with limited or no access to formal education or vocational training, particularly children, youth and female in underserved regions
 - Individuals or microentrepreneurs who have difficulties to obtain financing with traditional credit process
- Housing insecure and Food insecure populations
 - Individuals and families living in inadequate, unsafe or unaffordable housing or those who are homeless or at risk of homeless
 - Communities experiencing food security or lack of access to nutritious, affordable, and sustainable sourced food
- Digital Loan
 - MSMEs, LMI individuals and startups

Note: wherever appropriate, applicable local, regional or global guidelines and standards will be applied and disclosed in the relevant transactional documentation associated with each financing

Exclusion Criteria

For clarification purposes, the following sectors and activity types are excluded from this Framework: fossil fuel-based assets, fossil fuel based transportation/infrastructure and transportation with the main objective of transporting fossil fuel, defense and security, palm oil, wood pulp, nuclear power generation, coal-fired power generation as well as all mining and tobacco sectors.

2.2 Process for Evaluation and Selection

Selection of Eligible Projects

The projects allocated through this Framework are selected from among the Eligible Social Projects and/or Eligible Digital Inclusion Social Projects in the use of proceeds section of this Framework after evaluation based on eligibility criteria set above.

SMBC's Asia Structured Finance Department and other relevant departments (such as asset holding departments) selects Eligible Social Projects and/or Eligible Digital Inclusion Social Projects. SMFG's Investor Relations (IR) Department and SMBC's Treasury Department discuss the Eligible Projects for the Social Financing Instruments. The final decision and approval regarding the selection of Eligible Projects for the Social Financing Instruments will be made by the General Manager of Corporate Planning Department of SMFG. During the selection of Eligible Projects, the target populations and the expected social benefits of the projects will be evaluated. Where relevant, SMFG and/or SMBC may engage external consultants to assist in the project selection.

SMFG's IR Department, SMFG's Corporate Sustainability Planning Department, SMBC's Treasury Department and SMBC's Asia Structured Finance Department and other relevant departments will at least on an annual basis,

- i) review and validate the pool of Eligible Projects,
- ii) update the allocation to each Social Financing Instruments as necessary,
- iii) validate the annual allocation report and impact report for investors, and
- iv) monitor and incorporate any on-going evolution related to on social financing including Social Bond and Loan market practices, where relevant and feasible, into the operation and implementation of this Framework.

Furthermore, SMBC Group strictly comply with relevant environmental and social laws and regulations. These eligibility criteria and minimum requirements and sustainability related matters are continuously developed and renewed in SMBC Group's policy frameworks.

Process to Mitigate Environmental and Social Risk

SMBC Group has established the “SMBC Group Environmental and Social Framework” (E&S Framework) in order to articulate its comprehensive stance to the environment and society and contributing to the realization of a sustainable society. Stances/approaches expressed in E&S Framework are those of the Group as a whole, and group companies implement E&S Framework in line with each of their businesses. At SMBC, its Credit Policy which contains SMBC’s overall financing policy, guidelines and rules, declare “not to extend any credit considered problematic in terms of public responsibility, or which may have a negative impact on the environment, aiming at the contribution to global environmental protection.”

In addition, while respecting the Equator Principles, which are the standards for environmental and social consideration for private financial institutions, SMBC’s Sustainability Planning Department conduct environmental and social risk assessments through due diligence when financing large-scale projects that may have a significant impact on the environment and society. As a result, project operators are required to take environmental and social considerations such as climate change and human rights into account. Details of SMBC's environmental and social risk assessment are available at the following website.

<https://www.smfg.co.jp/english/sustainability/materiality/environment/risk/equator/>

In selecting eligible projects, SMBC Group follows internal policies and procedures related to environmental and social risks. If a significant environmental or social dispute or adverse impact is identified in an eligible project after allocated to Social Financing Instrument, the project will no longer be eligible to be allocated.

2.3 Management of Proceeds

SMFG and/or SMBC will record, track, and manage amounts equivalent to the net proceeds’ allocation on an annual basis until the maturity of the Social Financing Instruments and ensure that the proceeds will be allocated to Eligible Projects as defined in the use of proceeds section of this Framework.

The unallocated proceeds can be kept in cash or invested in cash equivalent, money market instruments, or other equivalent short-term and liquid instruments until the allocation to Eligible Projects. SMFG and/or SMBC intends to complete the full allocation of proceeds to the Eligible Projects within 3 years after the issuance of the Social Financing Instruments. Any of Social Financing Instruments proceeds allocated to projects that have been sold, prepaid, amortized or have otherwise become ineligible will be reallocated to other Eligible Projects as soon as practically possible.

Also, payment of the principal and interest on the Social Financing Instruments will be

made from SMFG's and/or SMBC's general funds and will not be directly linked to the performance of any of the Eligible Projects.

2.4 Reporting

Allocation Reporting

SMFG and/or SMBC will report the information on the allocation of the net proceeds from the Social Financing Instruments. This information will be provided at least annually until full allocation on a dedicated website and as necessary thereafter in the event of material developments. This information shall include:

- i) The allocation of Social Financing Instruments proceeds to Eligible Projects, detailing the Eligible Projects funded, current funded amounts, initial funding dates and unallocated amount, and
- ii) Assertions by management that the net proceeds of the Social Financing Instruments are invested either in qualifying Eligible Projects or kept in cash or invested in cash equivalent, money market instruments, or other equivalent short-term and liquid instruments, and
- iii) Project case studies, where available.

Impact Reporting

Where feasible, SMFG and/or SMBC will at least annually disclose on a dedicated website information relating to the expected social benefits for Eligible Projects. The social impacts of financed and/or refinanced Eligible Projects, where reported, may be calculated on a collective basis or on an individual basis. These estimated social impacts may be calculated based on applicable methodology and/or in conjunction with support from external consultants if necessary. The applicable methodology used in calculation of the impact indicators will be disclosed. Below are examples of impact reporting indicators that may be reported:

(Table 3) Reporting Indicators of Eligible Social Projects

	Category and Related SDGs	Examples of Impact Reporting Indicators
1	Affordable basic infrastructure	<p>Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of people benefiting from the transportation infrastructure <p>Water & Sanitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of people benefiting from the water and sanitation infrastructure <p>Electricity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of people benefiting from the electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure
2	Access to essential services (Healthcare)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of hospital beds provided • Number of people benefiting from the healthcare, eldercare, or childcare facilities, equipment, or services
3	Access to essential services (Education/Training)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of people benefiting from the education and vocational training facilities • Number of people benefiting from the education loans
4	Access to essential services (Public health emergency/pandemic response)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of R&D programs funded for tests, vaccines, and/or other medications to prevent and/or alleviate disease outbreak • Number of MSMEs benefiting from the financing
5	Access to essential services/ Socioeconomic advancement and empowerment (Financial inclusion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of loans provided to MSMEs, small business owner, startups, microfinance institutions, and LMI individuals
6	Affordable housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of people benefiting from the affordable houses, shelters, and halfway homes • Number of people benefiting from the housing loans
7	Employment generation and programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of MSMEs benefiting from the financing • Number of jobs created, supported, or retained
8	Food security and sustainable food systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of smallholder farmers benefiting from the agricultural projects • Number of people benefiting from the malnutrition projects • Tons of food loss reduced

(Table 4) Reporting Indicators of Eligible Digital Inclusion Social Projects

	Category and Related SDGs	Examples of Impact Reporting Indicators
1	Access to essential services/ Socioeconomic advancement and empowerment (Financial Inclusion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of previously unbanked borrowers benefiting from the digital platform and distribution • Number of borrowers of digital loan • Number of digital banking services active user • Number of Eligible Digital Inclusion Social Projects implemented to facilitate financial inclusion • Number of MSMEs and microfinance institutions benefiting from the Eligible Digital Inclusion Social Projects
2	Access to basic infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of telecommunications infrastructures, networks or R&D facilities built • Number of people benefiting from the telecommunication infrastructures, networks or R&D facilities • Number of MSMEs benefiting from the Eligible Digital Inclusion Social Projects
3	Access to essential services (Healthcare)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of people benefiting from the telehealth services • Number of people trained to provide telehealth services
4	Access to essential services (Education/Training)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of technological devices provided to facilitate digital learning • Number of people benefiting from the digital learning • Number of people trained to provide digital teaching and improve remote learning

2.5 External Review

SMFG and SMBC have obtained a Second Party Opinion on the Framework from DNV Business Assurance Japan K.K.. The Second Party Opinion is published on SMFG's website. https://www.smfg.co.jp/english/investor/debt/e_dib.html

SMFG and SMBC will obtain post-issuance verification report from external reviewer.

Disclaimer

This Framework contains selected information regarding the initiatives of SMBC Group as at the date of the Framework for specific environmental, social and governance (ESG) related matters. The information in the Framework is not a comprehensive expression, or necessarily representative of all the SMBC Group's activities related to these matters. The Framework is intended to provide non-exhaustive, general information. The information in the Framework is subject to change without notification, and SMBC Group is under no obligation to update such information, regardless of whether such information is affected by the results of new information, future events or otherwise. The information in the Framework may have been obtained from sources whose quality and methods cannot be independently verified and accordingly, no representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made and no responsibility or liability is accepted by SMFG or SMBC as to the fairness, accuracy, reasonableness or completeness of such information. Terms used in the Framework such as ESG, sustainability, social values, and others are definitions used internally by SMBC Group, and do not represent a specific standard as defined by the laws or regulations in any jurisdiction. The Framework is provided on a discretionary basis, and the information contained herein is not intended to comply with any mandatory financial or regulatory reporting standards. References to a material event or significant event in the Framework do not necessarily mean that such event has reached the level of materiality required by laws for mandatory disclosure, including under the U.S. federal securities laws. The capacity to achieve the SMBC Group's intentions, goals, and targets as described in the Framework may be dependent on a variety of conditions that may exist in areas beyond the SMBC Group's control. The Framework is not intended to create any legal relationship, rights, or obligations between SMBC Group and any entity, and may not be relied upon as the basis for any such relationships, rights or obligations.

The Framework may contain statements about future events and expectations that are forward-looking statements. None of the future projections, expectations, estimates or prospects in the Framework should be taken as forecasts or promises nor should they be taken as implying any indication, assurance or guarantee that the assumptions on which such future projections, expectations, estimates or prospects have been prepared are correct or exhaustive or, in the case of assumptions, fully stated in the Framework.

No representation is made as to the suitability of any Social Financing Instruments (e.g., bonds, loans, or other financing instruments) to fulfil the criteria set out in the Framework. Each potential investor or lender should determine for itself the relevance of the information contained or referred to in the Framework or the relevant documentation for such Social Financing Instruments regarding the use of proceeds, and its decision on making investment in Social Financing Instruments should be based upon such investigation as it deems necessary.

The investment decisions, including those that may involve sustainability considerations, of SMFG and SMBC are made pursuant to the independently determined policies and practices

of SMFG and SMBC that seek to promote and be responsive to its risk management and other investment objectives. Any and all engagement by SMFG or SMBC with other entities or organizations on sustainability or related issues is pursuant to, and consistent with, those independently determined policies and practices. Each decision by SMFG or SMBC will be made subject to local legal requirements.

SMFG and SMBC have set out their respective intended policies and actions in the Framework in respect of use of proceeds, process of evaluation and selection, management of proceeds and reporting, in connection with any applicable Social Financing Instruments. However, it will not be an event of default or breach of contractual obligations under the relevant documents to any Social Financing Instruments if SMFG or SMBC fails to adhere to the Framework, whether by failing to fund or complete Eligible Projects or by failing to ensure that proceeds do not contribute directly or indirectly to the financing of the excluded sectors and activities as specified in the Framework, or by failing (due to a lack of reliable information and/or data or otherwise) to provide investors or lenders with reports on allocation of proceeds and environmental and social impacts as anticipated by the Framework, or otherwise. In addition, it should be noted that all of the expected benefits of the Eligible Projects as described in the Framework may not be achieved. Factors including (but not limited to) market, political and economic conditions, changes in government policy (whether with a continuity of the government or on a change in the composition of the government), changes in laws, rules or regulations, the lack of available Eligible Projects being initiated, failure to complete or implement projects and other challenges, could limit the ability to achieve some or all of the expected benefits of these initiatives, including the funding and completion of Eligible Projects. Each environmentally and socially focused potential investor or lender should be aware that Eligible Projects may not deliver the environmental or sustainability benefits anticipated, and may result in adverse impacts. The Framework is not intended to be and should not be construed as providing any advice or recommendation regarding Social Financing Instruments by any member of SMBC Group. It is provided for information purposes only and does not constitute a recommendation regarding any Social Financing Instruments of any of SMBC Group. The Framework is not, does not contain and may not be intended as an offer to sell or a solicitation of any offer to buy any Social Financing Instruments issued or executed by any of SMBC Group. In particular, neither this document nor any other related material may be distributed or published in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful to do so, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations. Persons who may obtain such documents must be aware of, and comply with, any applicable restrictions on distribution of such documents. Any decision to make investment in any Social Financing Instruments of any member of SMBC Group should be made solely on the basis of the information to be contained in any offering document provided in connection with the solicitation of such Social Financing Instruments. Prospective investors or lenders are required to make their own independent investment decisions.