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## <u>SMBC CLOSES USD313.8M SUSTAINABILITY-LINKED FINANCING TO SUPPORT</u> <u>EDGECONNEX'S DEVELOPMENT OF DATA CENTRES IN INDONESIA</u>

Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) has successfully closed a USD 313.8m sustainabilitylinked loan (SLL) facility to finance EdgeConneX's expansion plans for its Jakarta Indonesia data centre, being one of four Mandated Lead Arrangers and Original Hedge Counterparties on the transaction.

The landmark SLL financing represents the first-ever in Indonesia's data centre market, being the inaugural SLL transaction for EdgeConneX in the region and paving the way for increased sustainability capabilities, including power efficiency, renewable energy sources, and enhanced safety measures. These sustainability targets selected for the transaction are consistent with EdgeConneX's mid- and long-term sustainability strategy and commitments and are aligned to the Asia Pacific Loan Market Association (APLMA) SLL principles.

The transaction marks SMBC's third data centre project financing in Indonesia, as well as the second successful closing with EdgeConneX in Asia. In line with SMBC Group's commitment to achieving a sustainable finance portfolio of JPY 50 trillion by 2030, we will continue to help our clients transition to a more sustainable way of doing business and leverage sustainable finance to create positive impact for our environment and communities.

Southeast Asia's data centre market is expected to accelerate, underpinned by increased data consumption, greater cloud spending by businesses, rising digital adoption by governments, a surge in hyperscaler demand and the evolution of new technologies like AI.

Vishesh Gupta, Head of Digital Infrastructure Team Asia Pacific, said: "SMBC is delighted to have partnered with EdgeConneX on this bespoke financing and important strategic initiative. This reflects our deep commitment and unique capabilities in the fast-growing Digital Infrastructure sector in Asia. In Indonesia, we are one of the few international banks with a full service domestic banking license via PT Bank BTPN, which is amongst the top domestic banks. We look forward to working together with our clients and supporting them with tailor-made solutions on their journey of growth in the region."

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Headquartered in Tokyo, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) is a leading global financial institution and a core member of Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group (SMBC Group). Built upon our rich Japanese heritage since 1876, we put our customers first and provide seamless access to, from and within the Asia Pacific region.

SMBC is one of the largest Japanese banks by assets, with over ¥238,700 billion in total assets and strong credit ratings across our global integrated network spanning 39 countries and territories, 15 of which are here in the region. Our regional reach extends from corporate and institutional companies to individual customers supported by our Multi-Franchise Strategy in Indonesia, India, Vietnam and the Philippines. We work closely as one SMBC Group to offer personal, corporate and investment banking services to meet the needs of our customers.

With sustainability embedded within our strategy and operations, we are committed to creating a society in which today's generation can enjoy economic prosperity and well-being, and pass it on to future generations.

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