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Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.

Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. SELECTED FOR 2019 BLOOMBERG GENDER-EQUALITY INDEX, RECOGNIZING COMMITMENT TO ADVANCING WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE

The 2019 Gender-Equality Index highlights 230 firms that are trailblazers in their commitment to transparency in workplace gender reporting

New York, 16 January 2019 –Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. (President and Group CEO: Takeshi Kunibe; the corporate group will hereinafter be referred to as “SMBC Group”) today announced that it is one of 230 companies selected for the 2019 Bloomberg Gender-Equality Index (GEI) which distinguishes companies committed to transparency in gender reporting and advancing women’s equality. The index doubled in size from 2018 and includes firms from 10 sectors headquartered across 36 countries and regions. Collectively, these firms have a combined market capitalization of USD9 trillion and employ more than 15 million people, of which 7 million are women, around the world. Thirteen markets are represented for the first time this year and include Argentina, China, Israel and South Africa.

In order to continue to grow with its stakeholders and offer its clients new and higher-value services, diversity and inclusion is promoted on a global and group-wide basis, at the core of the SMBC Group growth strategy.

Peter T. Grauer, Chairman of Bloomberg said “SMBC Group’s GEI inclusion is a strong indicator to its employees, investors and industry peers alike that it is leading by example to advance ongoing efforts for a truly inclusive workplace.”

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