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## Notice Concerning GRESB Real Estate Assessment Results, etc.

Sekisui House Reit, Inc. ("SHR") announces that it has acquired "Green Star" in GRESB Real Estate Assessment conducted in 2020 as described below.

## 1. Evaluation Result

SHR has received a "Green Star" rating for the fourth consecutive year upon being highly evaluated in both dimensions of "Management Component" and "Performance Component" with regards to activities for environmental consideration and sustainability. At the same time, SHR has received "3 Stars" in "GRESB Rating" (a five-grade evaluation system with the highest being "5 Stars") that reflects an applicant's relative evaluation based on total GRESB Score on a global perspective.

In addition, SHR received the highest "A" rating, up one rank from the rating acquired in 2019, in the GRESB Public Disclosure Level evaluation scheme (five-level rating from "A" to "E") to measure disclosure regarding environment, social, and governance ("ESG").



Moreover, SHR has participated in "Resilience Module", an optional assessment of the GRESB Real Estate Assessment since 2018. It evaluates a participant's capability to manage and adapt to climate change or other environmental and societal changes.



## 2. ESG Initiatives Going Forward

SHR advocates to contribute to the realization of a sustainable society as part of our ESG Policy through conducting asset management with due consideration given to ESG.

While utilizing the know-how on operation and management of real estate possessed by the sponsor, Sekisui House, Ltd., who strives to cement its status as a leading force in ESG management, SHR intends to further pursue such initiatives as energy saving, environmental consideration, and ensuring living safety and business continuity to enhance satisfaction of residents and tenants at owned properties.

For details of ESG initiatives of SHR, please refer to "ESG Initiatives" on SHR's website.

## (Reference) Overview of GRESB

GRESB is an annual benchmark assessment to evaluate ESG considerations in the global real estate and infrastructure sector, which was established in 2009 primarily by major European pension fund groups which led the Principles for Responsible Investment. The characteristic of the GRESB Real Estate Assessment is that it evaluates sustainability efforts by real estate companies, real estate investment trusts (REITs), etc., not of individual properties.

The number of member investors and banks who use the GRESB data for selecting investment targets and discussing with clients reached over 100, indicating use of GRESB Real Estate Assessment results in various processes including investment management, including in Japan. 1,229 real estate companies, REITs, funds, and developers participated in the GRESB Real Estate Assessment conducted in 2020. The number of participants from Japanese markets was 80.

For details of GRESB, please refer to the GRESB website (<a href="https://gresb.com/">https://gresb.com/</a>).

\* Sekisui House Reit, Inc. website: <a href="https://sekisuihouse-reit.co.jp/en/">https://sekisuihouse-reit.co.jp/en/</a>