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Dear Shareholders:

Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.

Supplementary Information on “Proposal No. 3: Partial Amendments to Articles of Incorporation” of 19th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders

As supplementary information for “Proposal No. 3: Partial Amendments to Articles of Incorporation” that will be made at the 19th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled to be held on June 29, 2021 (the “Proposal”), Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. (“SMFG”) provides the following views.

Your approval of the Proposal would be appreciated.

The Proposal is aimed at diversifying options for the manner of holding shareholder meetings. If this proposal is approved and the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation come into effect, virtual-only shareholder meetings^{*1} will be included as one of SMFG’s options for the manner of holding shareholder meetings, in addition to the current physically-conducted shareholder meetings^{*2} and hybrid virtual shareholder meetings.^{*3}

Although vaccination against the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is progressing, the situation of the COVID-19 outbreak remains unpredictable due in part to the spread of variants. Furthermore, there is no guarantee that a pandemic of a new infectious disease will not happen in the future. There are also concerns of large-scale disasters going forward, including a major earthquake occurring directly beneath Tokyo and the Nankai Trough earthquake. To enable the holding of virtual-only shareholder meetings in Japan, the “Bill for Partially Amending the Industrial Competitiveness Enhancement Act and other related acts” (Cabinet Bill No. 23 submitted to the 204th Diet) was passed in the House of Representatives plenary session on May 20, 2021 and is being deliberated in the House of Councillors as of today.

Under such circumstances and with the primary emphasis on emergency response and business continuity, SMFG believes that it will be beneficial to shareholders to include virtual-only shareholder meetings as an option for the manner of holding shareholder meetings and to diversify the options as much as possible in order to enable holding shareholder meetings flexibly, including

instances when it is difficult for shareholders to gather at a physical location. As such, SMFG puts forward the Proposal to shareholders.

In addition to emergency response and business continuity, SMFG recognizes that the benefits of virtual-only shareholder meetings also include the ability for shareholders in remote locations, including overseas, to participate in the meetings.

However, in consideration of the current social situation in Japan, where no commonly accepted practice for holding virtual-only shareholder meetings yet exists, SMFG has no immediate plans to hold a virtual-only shareholder meeting in normal times. Furthermore, in cases where dialogue with shareholders is especially required, SMFG will not hold virtual-only shareholder meetings for the purpose of unfairly harming the interests of shareholders who wish to engage in dialogue at a physical location.

When making a determination to hold a virtual-only shareholder meeting going forward, SMFG recognizes that ensuring transparency and objectivity and eliminating arbitrariness will be important issues. Since the process of questions and answers at shareholder meetings is especially important for ensuring fulfilling dialogue with shareholders, SMFG will pay careful attention not to harm the interests of shareholders unfairly by taking measures such as choosing questions through random sampling, and will select the optimal manner while taking into account the state of development of the legal framework and system infrastructure at the particular point in time.

Bearing the above in mind, SMFG will carefully decide the manner of holding and operating shareholder meetings on a case by case basis with maximum consideration for the interests of shareholders, while at the same time reflecting the opinions of independent outside directors from their objective standpoints at its Board of Directors meetings.

- *1: General meetings of shareholders without setting up a physical venue, involving attendance by directors, shareholders, etc. by using the Internet and other means
- *2: Physically-conducted shareholder meetings with attendance of directors and shareholders, etc.
- *3: Physically-conducted shareholder meetings in which shareholders who are not physically present at the meetings are able to attend or observe deliberations, etc. by using the Internet and other means