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Sumitomo Mitsui Finance and Leasing Company, Limited

**LCI Signs Framework Agreement For Up To 21 Latest Generation Helicopters From Leonardo**

Sumitomo Mitsui Finance and Leasing Company, Limited (President: Masaki Tachibana, "SMFL") has announced through LCI Investments Limited ("LCI"), a leading global aviation and helicopter leasing company jointly owned by Libra Group (Executive Chairman: George M. Logothetis, "Libra"), a framework agreement for up to 21 of the latest generation helicopters from Leonardo.

The order, comprising of 10 firm plus 11 options, sits under an innovative new framework agreement with Leonardo, and will help address industry renewal and replacement requirements. The agreement covers the latest generation light-intermediate AW169, intermediate AW139 and super-medium AW189 helicopters.

The new helicopters will be delivered through to 2028 and will be aimed at a variety of missions including Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Search and Rescue (SAR), offshore energy, including wind. The helicopters will be strategically allocated between LCI and SMFL LCI Helicopters, the joint venture between LCI and SMFL.

They will offer superior performance, flexibility, and lower CO2 emissions than comparable types and other transportation modes, thereby helping operators to reduce their carbon footprint whilst maintaining mission-critical and life-saving operations.

In addition, they will be equipped with the latest suite of navigational and safety features and will also be cleared to use Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAFs) in the future, leveraging the certification standards already obtained by Leonardo for SAF use.

Many of the applicable missions will contribute to the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), such as providing solutions to problems faced by communities and contributing to environmental sustainability by saving energy and speeding up transportation to offshore wind power generation facilities. This is in line with one of SMFL's vision "Chosen for its commitment to SDGs" – as a responsible corporate citizen and to continue being a chosen business partner for future generations, SMFL is committed to achieving SDGs towards the creation of a better society.

The successful completion of this framework agreement, which is the first large order by a helicopter leasing company backed by a Japanese company, will enable the sustainable growth of LCI, as well as maintaining its leading market position in the industry.

【AW169】



【AW139】



【AW189】



#### Overview of LCI

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| Company Name       | LCI Investments Limited                                      |
| Head Office        | 13-14 Hobart Place, London, United Kingdom                   |
| Shareholders       | Libra Group (65%), SMFL (35%)                                |
| Business           | Aviation and Helicopter Leasing                              |
| No. of Helicopters | Approx. 150 helicopters (owned & managed)                    |
| Website            | <a href="http://www.lciaviation.com">www.lciaviation.com</a> |

#### Overview of SMFL LCI Helicopters

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| Company Name       | SMFL LCI Helicopters Limited  |
| Head Office        | 8th Floor, North Dock Two, 93/94 North Wall Quay, Dublin, D01 V8Y6, Ireland |
| Shareholders       | SMFL (90%), LCI (10%)   |
| Business           | Helicopter Leasing  |
| No. of Helicopters | Approx. 60 helicopters (owned)  |

#### Overview of Libra Group

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| Company Name   | Libra Group  |
| Head Office    | New York, U.S.A.   |
| Representative | George M. Logothetis (Executive Chairman)  |
| Business       | Aviation, energy, shipping, real estate, hotel and other businesses in 60 countries. Libra Group is actively involved in solving social issues such as environmental protection, poverty issues, childcare support and community revitalization. |
| Website        | <a href="http://www.libra.com">www.libra.com</a>   |

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