

December 16, 2024

Sumitomo Mitsui Finance and Leasing Company, Limited
SMFL MIRAI Partners Company, Limited

Expansion into Time Charter Business

SMFL MIRAI Partners Company, Limited (President: Akira Ueda, hereinafter "SMFL MIRAI Partners"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sumitomo Mitsui Finance and Leasing Company, Limited (President: Masaki Tachibana, hereinafter "SMFL"), has entered into the time charter business*1.

As its first project, SMFL MIRAI Partners has signed agreements to acquire part of the shares of two special purpose companies (SPCs) held by Mitsubishi Corporation (hereinafter "MC") and Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha (NYK) that own highly fuel-efficient LNG (liquefied natural gas) carriers equipped with LNG dual-fuel engines. subject to obtaining approvals from regulatory authorities, etc.

SMFL MIRAI Partners plans to engage in the time charter business targeting vessels that will contribute to the realization of a decarbonized society, such as LNG carriers, LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) carriers, offshore wind support vessels, next-generation energy carriers such as hydrogen and ammonia, and liquefied CO2 carriers for use in CCS (carbon dioxide capture and storage) projects.

As the only leasing company in the world that participates in the Poseidon Principles*2, SMFL has been actively supporting decarbonization efforts in the shipping industry by providing sustainability-linked leases*3 for vessels and investing in leasing companies for environmentally friendly vessels. Going forward, through the time charter business of SMFL MIRAI Partners, SMFL will also work to decarbonize the shipping industry as a business operator itself, contributing to the sustainable growth and development of the industry.

【LNG carriers owned by the SPCs】



***1 Time Charter**

A contract type in which the ship owner provides the operator with vessels that are fully seaworthy with all fittings and crew members including the captain, and the owner is responsible for ship management.

***2 Poseidon Principles**

Based on the mid-to long-term reduction targets for greenhouse gas emissions from international shipping adopted by the International Maritime Organization in April 2018, this was established in June 2019 by 11 European and American financial institutions with the aim of contributing financially to the shipping industry's efforts to address climate change risks.

***3 Sustainability Linked Lease for Vessels**

A lease in which the lease fee varies according to the CO2 reduction performance, linked to the reported figures for the Poseidon Principles.

【Contact Information】

SMFL	Corporate Communications Dept.	Yamamoto	TEL+81-3-5219-6334
SMFL MIRAI Partners	Maritime & Logistics Asset Business Dept.	Hattori	TEL+81-3-5219-6287