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Sumitomo Mitsui Finance and Leasing Company, Limited
SMFL LCI Helicopters Limited

SMFL LCI Helicopters Limited executes financings to principally fund social projects

Sumitomo Mitsui Finance and Leasing Company, Limited (President: Masaki Tachibana, "SMFL") announces that its group company, SMFL LCI Helicopters Limited (Managing Director: Yusuke Kataoka, "SMFLH") has executed separate loan facilities in aggregate US\$ 420 million with Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, Mitsubishi UFJ Banking Corporation, Mizuho Bank and Bank of America ("the Facilities").

The funding under the Facilities is available to fund assets that operate in line with SMFLH social loan framework. The funds drawn under these Facilities will principally be used to purchase helicopters that will be deployed for emergency medical services (EMS) and search and rescue (SAR) activities.

SMFLH launched its social loan framework in October 2023^{*1}, which is used for funding social projects. In the SMFLH framework, a social loan is one which designates the use of funds for eligible and verified social projects, and which satisfy the criteria according to Social Loan Principles^{*2} and Social Bond Guidelines^{*3}.

SMFL group established a new core business as one of its strategies under its medium-term management plan. An integral part of this was the creation of a helicopter leasing business which could help to support societies by encouraging contributions to communities and activities for sustainability.

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Notes :

*1 Social loan framework

SMFLH launched it in October 2023 to enhance the businesses that contribute to resolving social difficulties, which is the world's first specialised finance framework for social aspects.

<https://www.smfl.co.jp/news/assets/231006.pdf>

*2 Social Loan Principles

International principles for originating social loans where its usage of loan proceeds are limited to social projects, developed by international financial institutions associations that are Loan Market Association

(LMA) in the UK, Asia Pacific Loan Market Association (APLMA) in Hong Kong and Loan Syndications and Trading Association (LSTA) in the US.

*3 Social Bond Guideline

A guideline issued in October 2021 developed by the Financial Services Agency in Japan, which is to promote the issuance of social bonds by companies in the private sector and the implementation of social projects through these bonds, as a means of solving social issues.

[Helicopter image]



[Overview of SMFL LCI Helicopters]

Company Name	SMFL LCI Helicopters Limited
Head Office	8th Floor, North Dock Two, 93/94 North Wall Quay, Dublin, D01 V8Y6, Ireland
Establishment	June 2020
Shareholders	SMFL (90%), LCI Investments Limited (10%)
Business	Helicopter Leasing
Total Assets	Approx. US\$ 700 Million (as of 31 st December 2024)
No. of Helicopters	75 helicopters (owned)

[Overview of Loan Facilities]

Available Amount	US\$ 420 Million
Usage of loan proceeds	Purchase or refinance of helicopters to be deployed for emergency medical services and search and rescue services
Dates of signing	March to October 2024
Loan tenor	13 years at maximum

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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