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Press Release

Daiwa Securities Group Inc.

Notice regarding Daiwa Securities Group Inc.'s joining Climate Bonds Partners Programme

Daiwa Securities Group Inc. hereby announces that Daiwa Securities Group (the Group) has joined Climate Bonds Partners Programme (the Programme) operated by Climate Bonds Initiative (CBI *) to expand SDG bond market.

The Programme is joined by Climate Bonds Partners, which supports the development of green bonds that contribute to climate change response and low-carbon investment.

The Group has proven strong initiatives on addressing social issues and contributing to future development of society through development and provision of ESG/SDG bonds including green bonds since selling vaccine bonds to individual investors in 2008. The SDGs Promotion Committee, chaired by Seiji Nakata, President and CEO of the Group, has been promoting SDGs initiatives across the Group since the year before last. Also, we announced the establishment of Head of SDGs (scheduled to assume the position of Keiko Tashiro, Deputy President) from April 1, 2020, and we plan to accelerate our initiatives for SDGs.

In the rapidly expanding SDG bond market in recent years, it has become increasingly important not only to support the expansion of the market but also to ensure high quality of the SDG bonds. Hence we decided to participate in the Programme, which sets strict standards for environmental improvement effects.

By participating in the Programme, we will strengthen cooperation with CBI and contribute to the healthy expansion of the green bond market, thereby contribute to the achievement of SDGs and providing new investment opportunities to investors.

* An international NGO that promotes large-scale investment in a low-carbon economy. Aiming to use the \$ 100 trillion bond market to combat climate change, investors and governments have created the Climate Bond Standard (CBS) as a screening tool for low-carbon investments. They also provide regular reports on the green bond market, policy models and advice.

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