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Notice Concerning Forecast of Consolidated Earnings for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2020

Sumitomo Corporation (hereinafter “**Sumitomo**”) hereby announced the possibility to record lower consolidated earnings for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020 (from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020) by 30% or more compare to the forecast announced on February 7, 2020, due to the deterioration of business environment including the worldwide outbreak of the COVID-19. The actual impact is currently under review.

1. Forecast of Consolidated Earnings for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2020

Though Sumitomo had announced the forecast on consolidated earnings (profit for the year attributable to owners of the parent) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020 of 300.0 billion yen on February 7, 2020, there is a possibility to record some impairment losses and write-down of inventory in the tubular products business mainly in the U.S. due to the decline in oil prices and U.S. rigcount from the deterioration of business environment including the worldwide outbreak of the COVID-19. In addition, there is a possibility to record some impairment losses in other projects according to the review of its business plans based on the deterioration of business environment, and it is anticipated that consolidated earnings exclude one-off profits/losses have impacted by operation stoppage in some businesses due to the slowdown of global economic activities.

Under these circumstances, there is a possibility to record lower consolidated earnings for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020 by almost 100.0 billion yen, compare to 300.0 billion yen, the forecast announced on February 7, 2020.

2. Dividend forecast

Though the impact of the deteriorating business environment and the worldwide outbreak of the COVID-19 is under review, the consolidated earnings excluding these impacts are expected to show steady progress according to the forecast announced on February 7, 2020.

Therefore, Sumitomo will not revise the dividend forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020 which is 80 yen per share (the interim dividend : 45 yen per share (including commemorative dividend of 10 yen per share), the year-end dividend : 35 yen per share) as announced on February 7, 2020.

Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

This notice includes forward-looking statements relating to our future plans, forecasts, objectives, expectations and intentions. The forward-looking statements reflect management's current assumptions and expectations of future events, and accordingly, they are inherently susceptible to uncertainties and changes in circumstances and are not guarantees of future performance. Actual results may differ materially, for a wide range of possible reasons, including general industry and market conditions and general international economic conditions. In light of the many risks and uncertainties, you are advised not to put undue reliance on these statements. The management forecasts included in this notice are not projections, and do not represent management's current estimates of future performance. Rather, they represent forecasts that management strives to achieve through the successful implementation of Sumitomo's business strategies. Sumitomo may be unsuccessful in implementing its business strategies, and management may fail to achieve its forecasts. Sumitomo is under no obligation – and expressly disclaims any such obligation – to update or alter its forward-looking statements.