

## On the Release of Integrated Report 2018

Starting with Annual Report 2014, Sumitomo Corporation has been enhancing its report content by adding non-financial information to the conventional financial information, and attempting to link the two elements organically. In fiscal 2017, the report included information on our “Six Material Issues to Achieve Sustainable Growth with Society.” These material issues—a set of priority tasks to be addressed through our business activities leveraging our corporate strengths—were identified with reference to Sumitomo’s Business Philosophy and the Sumitomo Corporation Group’s Management Principles, and also the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the United Nations General Assembly. This new approach was reflected in a change in the report’s name to Integrated Report, and was accompanied by further measures to enhance its content.

In this Integrated Report 2018, we wanted to clarify what we mean by “integrated trading company,” as many of our stakeholders have told us that they are unsure about this. The Report therefore outlines the value creation model which makes possible the sustainable growth of our Group. The Report also presents “Medium-Term Management Plan 2020,” which we launched in May 2018 under the theme of “unceasing challenge for new value creation,” giving a detailed explanation of its main pillars and the framework we have put in place to drive growth.

In creating the Report, we referred to the International Integrated Reporting Framework published by the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC) and the Guidance for Collaborative Value Creation formulated by Japan’s Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. We also sought to reflect the comments and questions sent to us on a daily basis by stakeholders. In this way, we have made an earnest effort to produce an accessible report that presents our Group’s past, present, and future from a long-term and embracing perspective, working together with the various corporate organizations to come to a shared Groupwide approach.

Going forward, we will continue working to enrich the content of the Integrated Report, listening to stakeholders’ opinions in this process. At the same time, by using the Integrated Report as a tool for constructive dialogue, we aim to continue realizing sustainable growth in our corporate value.

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Chairman of the Board of Directors

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