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Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation
SMBC Nikko Securities Inc.

Approval to Establish Subsidiaries in Germany

TOKYO, November 15, 2018 --- Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. (“President and Group CEO: Takeshi Kunibe; our corporate group will hereinafter be referred to as “SMBC Group”) announced that it has been granted approval by the European Central Bank to establish a banking subsidiary in Frankfurt, Germany. SMBC Nikko Securities Inc. previously announced on October 22, 2018, that it had also been granted approval by Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht) to establish a securities subsidiary in Frankfurt, Germany.

SMBC Group has been engaging in preparations to establish both subsidiaries as announced in its July 3, 2017, news release “Revision of the Group Organizational Strategy in Europe.” Keeping in mind the possibility of a no-deal Brexit, SMBC Group will, subject to the approval of Japanese regulatory authorities, continue preparations so that the subsidiaries may commence operations in 2019.

The outcome of the UK-EU Brexit negotiations remains uncertain; however, the establishment of the new subsidiaries will ensure SMBC Group’s marketing and operational structure in Europe remains flexible, so that it can continue to offer financial services without disruption following the withdrawal of the UK from the EU.

Further details on the subsidiaries will be provided in due course.