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Dear Ms. Hana Heineken,

Thank you for your e-mails. We have received your letters dated June 24, 2022, addressed to the Directors of our company and SMBC. We would like to respond to your letters as follows.

We will refrain from commenting on individual cases.

SMBC Group has established and released the "SMBC Group Environmental and Social Framework" on 1st April 2022 in order to articulate its comprehensive stance to the environment and society and contributing to the realization of a sustainable society.

In addition, in "SMBC Group's Group Credit Policy," which contains overall financing policy, guidelines and rules, the Group clearly declares not to extend any credit considered problematic in terms of public responsibility, or which may have a negative impact on the environment.

Further, SMBC has adopted the "the Equator Principles," a set of guidelines developed by private-sector financial institutions for managing environmental and social risks. When financing and providing Project Finance Advisory Services to large-scale projects which may potentially exert a major impact on the environment and society, SMBC requires project companies to conduct activities for environmental and social consideration, including climate change and human rights, such as addressing the TCFD Recommendations and respecting the FPIC (free, prior and informed consent) of local residents.

Considering your comments in the letter you sent to us, SMBC Group will diligently continue actions to climate change, conservation of biodiversity and protection of human rights etc. for contributing to the realization of a sustainable society.

Yours sincerely,

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