

March 8, 2013

To whom it may concern

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc.
(Securities Code: 8309 TSE, OSE, NSE)

**Announcement regarding Repayment of Public Funds, Acquisition of Own Shares
and Repurchase of Own Shares through Closing Price Trading (ToSTNeT-2)
(Acquisition of Own Shares Pursuant to Provision of Our Articles of Incorporation
in accordance with Article 459, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act of Japan and
Repurchase of Own Shares through Closing Price Trading (ToSTNeT-2))**

Today, Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc. (“SMTH”) made a request to the Deposit Insurance Corporation of Japan (“DICJ”) through the Resolution and Collection Corporation (“RCC”) to dispose of the shares of common stock of SMTH that had been subscribed by RCC for the purpose of the injection of public funds, and DICJ approved such disposal. SMTH hereby announces that, for the purpose of acquiring such shares of common stock, its board of directors has resolved at its meeting held today the acquisition of its own shares pursuant to a provision of its Articles of Incorporation in accordance with Article 459, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act of Japan and the detailed method of such acquisition, as described below.

1. Repayment of public funds

To acquire the shares of common stock of SMTH subscribed by RCC, SMTH will conduct a repurchase of its own shares by way of market trading through the closing price trading (ToSTNeT-2), as described in Item 2 below. SMTH has confirmed that RCC has an intention to place an order to sell all of the shares held by it in response to SMTH's repurchase of its own shares mentioned above. Please note that shareholders other than RCC will also be able to place an order to sell shares held by them.

(Reference)

Number of shares of SMTH owned by RCC as of September 30, 2012: 500,875,000 shares

2. Acquisition of own shares

(1) Reason for acquisition

SMTH will conduct a repurchase of its own shares principally for the purpose of acquiring the shares held by RCC after the injection of public funds.

(2) Method of acquisition

SMTH will make an order to purchase its own shares, which shall be executed through the closing

price trading (ToSTNeT-2) of the Tokyo Stock Exchange within a time period from 8:20 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. on March 11, 2013 at the price of JPY 427 per share, which is the closing price of the shares of common stock of SMTH on the Tokyo Stock Exchange on March 8, 2013, today. (The trading system and the trading time period for such repurchase shall not be changed to other trading systems or trading time periods.) The said purchase order shall be effective only at such trading time period.

(3) Details of repurchase

(i) Class of shares to be repurchased: Common stock of SMTH

(ii) Aggregate number of shares to be repurchased: 530,000,000 shares

(Percentage to the total number of shares in issue (other than treasury stock) described below: 12.8%)

(Note 1) The aggregate number of shares to be repurchased stated above shall not be changed. Please note, however, that it would be possible due to market trend or other reasons that all or part of such shares may not be repurchased.

(Note 2) The shares for which orders to sell have been placed shall be repurchased up to the aggregate number of shares to be repurchased stated above.

(iii) Aggregate amount of repurchase consideration: JPY 226,310,000,000

(iv) Publication of repurchase results:

The result of the repurchase shall be published after the close of the trading time period ending 8:45 a.m. on March 11, 2013.

SMTH has a plan to cancel approximately 250,000,000 shares that are acquired as a result of the above-mentioned repurchase of its own shares promptly after the repurchase. SMTH will hold the remaining shares that are acquired as treasury stock for the time being, and will determine a plan to deal with such shares by taking into consideration various factors including the status of its equity capital, evaluation of the market or opportunities for strategic investments.

If RCC sells all or substantial part of the shares of SMTH held by it through the closing price trading (ToSTNeT-2) of SMTH's own shares, it is expected that a change of a major shareholder who is also the largest shareholder will occur.

(Reference) Status of shares in issue and treasury stock as of February 28, 2013

Total shares in issue (other than treasury stock): 4,152,622,138 shares

Number of treasury stock : 864,270 shares

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