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Sumitomo Riko Signs UNGC Statement from Business Leaders

Sumitomo Riko Company Limited (Headquarters: Nakamura-ku, Nagoya-shi; President & CEO: Kazushi Shimizu) has endorsed and signed “A Statement from Business Leaders for the Renewed Global Cooperation” put forward by the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC).

The Statement, accompanied with the names of 1,294 companies and CEOs who endorsed the UNGC, was presented to the UN Secretary-General at the “Private Sector Forum” held on September 21 while the UN General Assembly was in session. It is a commitment to unite all sectors of industry to eradicate social disruption and create a sustainable future as we face the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, economic uncertainty, social inequalities and other major crises.

In the spirit of renewed global cooperation, we commit to:

- Demonstrate ethical leadership and good governance through values-based strategies, policies, operations and relationships when engaging with all stakeholders
- Invest in addressing systemic inequalities and injustices through inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels of our business
- Partner with the UN, Government and civil society to strengthen access to justice, ensure accountability and transparency, provide legal certainty, promote equality and respect human rights

In making that commitment, we also call on Governments to:

- Protect human rights, ensure peace and security, and uphold the rule of law so that businesses, individuals and societies can flourish
- Create an enabling environment to serve the interests of people and planet, prosperity and purpose, through strengthened international cooperation and national legal frameworks
- Enhance multilateralism and global governance to combat corruption, build resilience and achieve the SDGs

UN Global Compact Statement

<https://www.unglobalcompact.org/news/4589-09-21-2020>

As a corporation which strives to be a “Global Excellent Manufacturing Company” that “contributes to safety, comfort, and the environment for people, society, and the Earth”, the Sumitomo Riko Group endorses the Statement as a signatory company of the UNGC since 2014 and seeks to develop world-wide partnerships to create social value.

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