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Notice of Favorable Evaluation on **Environmental Considerations Obtained from Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation**

AEON REIT Investment Corporation (“we” or “the Investment Corporation”) hereby announces that it has received an “A” grade from Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (“SMBC”) in recognition of its commitment to environmentally aware initiatives in asset management, according to SMBC’s funding program based on an evaluation of environmental considerations.

1. SMBC’s funding program based on an evaluation of environmental considerations

In SMBC’s funding program, which is based on an evaluation of environmental considerations, corporate efforts for taking eco-friendly measures are evaluated for the provision of loans and establishment of lending conditions, according to evaluation criteria developed originally by SMBC and the Japan Research Institute, Limited.

2. Result of the evaluation

In conjunction with its initiatives for environmental considerations, the Investment Corporation has received an “A” grade for maintaining a high standard in terms of the monitoring the environmental load, environmental management and the implementation of environmental protection measures, among other efforts.

In particular, the following factors contributed to the favorable grade in the evaluation.

- (a) Monthly monitoring of important environmental load indicators, such as the amount of energy consumed in properties owned by the Investment Corporation on a facility-by-facility basis, and detailed analysis of factors for any increase or decrease by confirming reasons for the change with the facility, or through other means, if there is the deviation of 5% or more year on year
- (b) The Asset Manager’s clear-cut stance of considering the environment and regional communities through asset management under its sustainability policy
- (c) Specific environmental initiatives such as proactive investment in energy-saving renovations including the adoption of LEDs for lighting equipment, and active promotive efforts such as providing facilities without EV chargers with information on the installation of EV chargers at other facilities

For the SMBC announcement, please visit the following website.

SMBC’s website : <http://www.smbc.co.jp/news/>

3.Future Measures:

The AEON Group has formulated the “AEON Sustainability Principle” on March 1, 2011, and is pursuing a course of sustainable management based on the core principles of the “realization of a low-carbon society”, “conservation of biodiversity”, “more effective use of resources” and “addressing of social issues”. Furthermore, in recent years, the need for consideration for ESG has started to gain widespread recognition in the asset management industry. This reflects the idea, based on factors such as tightening of environmental regulations and shifting awareness of tenants and customers, that consideration for ESG is imperative to sustain and enhance property value over the medium to long term.

With its basic philosophy of “contributing to the enrichment of people's lives and local communities through investment in retail and related properties”, the Investment Corporation aims to ensure stable income in the medium to long term by investing in “assets that form the backbone of local communities and their lifestyle infrastructure”. AEON Reit Management Co., Ltd., Asset Manager, to which the Investment Corporation entrusts the management of its assets, has formulated the “Sustainability Policy” on January 14, 2016 and aims to make consideration for ESG in all aspects of work cooperating with AEON Group, and work with stakeholders to facilitate it in order to realize these philosophies and goals.

*The Investment Corporation's website: <http://www.aeon-jreit.co.jp/en/>