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Regarding the Conclusion of a Contract for Positive Impact Finance Creation of a Syndicated Loan Amounting to 30 Billion Yen

TOKYO, March 26, 2025－SBS Holdings Inc. has decided to conclude a loan contract (total amount: 30 billion yen) for "Positive Impact Finance (an investment and loan program for business companies with no restrictions on the use of funds)" with arrangers being MUFG Bank, Ltd.[Note 1]

"Positive Impact Finance" means a loan for continuously supporting corporate activities that have been recognized as "activities intended for generating a positive impact on the environment, society, and economy" after the comprehensive analysis and assessment of the positive and negative impacts of these activities based on an impact assessment framework developed by MUFG Bank, Ltd. and Mitsubishi UFJ Research and Consulting Co., Ltd. in accordance with the Principles for Positive Impact Finance[Note 2] proposed by the United Nations Environment Programme - Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)[Note 3].

This marks its second Positive Impact Finance initiative, following the first one carried out in March 2023 with a total value of 35 billion yen.
The SBS Group, guided by its management philosophy of respecting people and fulfilling social responsibility, strives to ensure stable living and realize a sustainable society through logistics as a core social infrastructure. Under the "SBS Group Sustainability Policy," the Group is committed to both solving social issues and enhancing long-term corporate value, aiming to achieve a truly sustainable society.

<Outline of syndicated term loans with committed credit lines>

Total structured loan amount	30 billion yen
Arrangers	MUFG Bank, Ltd.
Co-arrangers	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation / Mizuho Bank, Ltd.
Lenders (in the order of the Japanese syllabary)	SBI Shinsei Bank, Limited, the 77 Bank, Ltd., the Shoko Chukin Bank, Ltd., Shinkin Central Bank, the Chiba Bank, Ltd., Development Bank of Japan Inc., the Norinchukin Bank, Mizuho Bank, Ltd., Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited, MUFG Bank, Ltd., and Resona Bank, Limited
Date of conclusion of the contract	March 26, 2025
Purpose of use of funds	Business
Borrowing period	5 years

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The Group has identified material issues for sustainability in the three fields: “safety,” “the environment,” and “human assets.” For the conclusion of this contract, the KPIs set for solving material issues of the Group were assessed qualitatively and quantitatively in terms of the following themes that would produce impacts on the attainment of SDGs.

Impact	Goals and policies	KPIs	SDGs
Climate Stability [Positive]	In 2030: Enlargement of facilities where efficiency has been improved with LT and IT	Streamlining of distribution processes through logistics DX (LT and IT)	
HR Development [Positive]	Expansion of human capital investment to support employee skill development and career growth	・Total number of training program participants ・Training expenditure per employee ・Training hours per employee	
Climate Stability [Negative]	・Scope 1 + 2 emissions: In 2030 Aim to reduce by 35% compared to 2013 ・Scope 1 + 2 + 3 emissions: In 2050 Aim for carbon neutrality ・Scope 3: Work on reducing emissions across the supply chain	・Scope 1 emissions ・Scope 2 emissions ・Progress toward Scope 3 emissions reduction	
	Reduction in CO2 emissions per sales : Over 3% y/y reduction	Rate of reduction in CO2 emissions per sales	
	Vehicle fuel efficiency improvement : Over 1% y/y improvement	Vehicle fuel efficiency improvement rate	
	EV introduction: Promote transition to electric vehicles, focusing on small and mid-sized vehicles	Number of EVs introduced	
Health and Safety/ Air Quality [Negative]	Reduction in NOx and PM included in exhaust gas : Over 1% y/y reduction	Reduction in NOx and PM included in exhaust gas	
	EV introduction: Promote transition to electric vehicles, focusing on small and mid-sized vehicles	Number of EVs introduced	
Water/Resource Intensity [Negative]	Water consumption per employee : Over 1% y/y improvement	Water consumption per employee	
Health and Safety [Negative]	Accident rate per vehicle In 2025:0.65% In 2026: 0.50% In 2027: 0.50%	Accident rate per vehicle	
Health and Safety/ Social Protection [Negative]	Acquisition and maintenance of Silver Certification Acquisition and maintenance of Certified Health & Productivity Management Organization Status	Status of certifications obtained under each program	
	Ratio of employees who have taken annual paid leave: y/y increase Ratio of male employees who have taken childcare leave: y/y increase Continue discussions with MUFG Bank throughout the loan period to ensure appropriate target setting through ongoing engagement	Ratio of employees who have taken annual paid leave	
		Ratio of male employees who have taken childcare leave	
Gender Equality [Negative]	Ratio of female managers In 2025: 8.0% 2026–2027: y/y increase	Ratio of female managers	

The progress and outcomes of these initiatives will be disclosed via our integrated report, etc.[Note 4] Before concluding this contract, the Group received third-party opinions[Note 5] from Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. regarding whether the assessment procedure for this matter complies with the Principles for Positive Impact Finance and whether used indicators for assessment are reasonable.

Notes

1. Press release by MUFG Bank, Ltd. regarding this matter
   https://www.bk.mufg.jp/houjin/info/pdf/sbs_group_seiyaku_2.pdf

2. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is a subsidiary agency of the UN established as an organization for executing “the Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment” and “the Action Plan for the Human Environment” in 1972. UNEP FI is a broad, close partnership between UNEP and over 200 financial institutions in the world. Since it was established in 1992, it is shifting to a financial system while considering economic growth and ESG (the environment, society, and corporate governance) in cooperation with financial institutions, policymakers, and regulatory authorities.

3. Formulated by UNEP FI in January 2017. Enterprises disclose their contribution to the attainment of SDGs, and banks evaluate their positive impacts and then fund them, so as to enhance the positive impacts while reducing the negative impacts. Financing banks check whether positive impacts remain by monitoring indicators as responsible financial institutions.

4. https://www.sbs-group.co.jp/sbshlds/csr/report/

5. Website of Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd.
   https://www.jcr.co.jp/