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To the President and Representative Director of Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.

We were engaged by Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. (the “Company”) to undertake a limited assurance engagement of the environmental, social and economic performance indicators marked with ☑ (the “Indicators”) for the period from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023 included in its Sustainability Report 2023 (the “Report”) for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023; the alignment of the Company’s policies to the International Council on Mining and Metals (“ICMM”)’s 10 Principles, the relevant Corporate-level Performance Expectations (CPEs) and the applicable mandatory requirements set out in ICMM position statements; the Company’s prioritization process for selecting assets for the validation of Asset-level Performance Expectations (APEs); the Company’s identification and prioritization of material issues and the Company’s approach and management of its material issues included in the Report.

The Company’s Responsibility

The Company is responsible for the preparation of the Indicators in accordance with its own reporting criteria (the “Company’s reporting criteria”), as described in the Report; reporting on the alignment of the Company’s policies to the ICMM’s 10 Principles, the relevant CPEs and the applicable mandatory requirements set out in ICMM position statements; reporting on the Company’s prioritization process for selecting assets for the validation of APEs; reporting on the Company’s identification and prioritization of material issues and reporting on the Company’s approach and management of its material issues.

Our Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a limited assurance conclusion on the Indicators based on the procedures we have performed. We conducted our engagement in accordance with the ‘International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000, Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information’ and the ‘ISAE 3410, Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements’ issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. The limited assurance engagement consisted of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for the preparation of information presented in the Report, and applying analytical and other procedures, and the procedures performed vary in nature from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. The level of assurance provided is thus not as high as that provided by a reasonable assurance engagement. Our assurance procedures included:

- Interviewing the Company’s responsible personnel to obtain an understanding of its policy for preparing the Report and reviewing the Company’s reporting criteria.
- Inquiring about the design of the systems and methods used to collect and process the Indicators.
- Performing analytical procedures on the Indicators.
- Examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the generation, aggregation and reporting of the Indicators in conformity with the Company’s reporting criteria, and recalculating the Indicators.
- Visiting the Company’s Hishikari Mine selected on the basis of a risk analysis.
- Evaluating the overall presentation of the Indicators.
- Assessing the alignment of the Company’s policies to the ICMM’s 10 Principles, the relevant CPEs and the applicable mandatory requirements set out in ICMM position statements through documentation reviews and interviews.
- Assessing the Company’s prioritization process for selecting assets for the validation of APEs through documentation reviews and interviews.
- Interviewing the Company’s responsible personnel and reviewing documents with respect to the Company’s process of identifying and prioritizing its material issues and its approach to and management of its material issues.

Conclusion

Based on the procedures performed, as described above, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that:

- the Indicators in the Report are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Company’s reporting criteria as described in the Report;
- the Company’s policies are not aligned to the ICMM’s 10 Principles and the applicable mandatory requirements set out in ICMM position statements as described on page 130 of the Report;
- the Company’s self-assessment of the relevant CPEs is not as described on page 131 of the Report;



- the Company’s prioritization process for selecting assets for the validation of APEs is not as described on page 131 of the Report;
- the Company has not identified and prioritized its material issues as described on page 26 and 27 of the Report;
- the Company has not approached and managed its material issues as described on pages 28, 29, 33-36, 43, 52, 53, 82, 83, 88-90, 111-113, 117, 121, 125 and 126 of the Report.

Our Independence and Quality Management

We have complied with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, which includes independence and other requirements founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behavior. In accordance with International Standard on Quality Management 1, we design, implement and operate a system of quality management including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

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