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MUFG Appoints Rob Ward as Head of Project Finance and Head of ESG Finance

Sydney / Asia, 30 July, 2020 – MUFG Bank announced the appointment of Mr. Rob Ward as its Head of Project Finance and Head of ESG Finance, the latter being a newly-created role for the Oceania region. His appointments take effect immediately.

Mr. Ward joined MUFG in 2012 and has, since 2016, led the bank's advisory business in Oceania. As the new Head of Project Finance, MUFG will look to leverage Mr. Ward's extensive experience and strong leadership in the energy and infrastructure markets to further strengthen the bank's business.

With MUFG's increasingly focused efforts on all aspects of ESG finance, Mr. Ward will also take up the newly-created position of Head of ESG Finance for Oceania. The role is designed to co-ordinate and build upon the bank's ESG finance activities in Oceania, which include a range of products including ESG loans and bonds in all sectors, renewables project finance and emerging energy technologies.

"We are thrilled to have a person of Rob's calibre and experience taking charge of both our project finance and ESG finance businesses. Our project finance franchise across Oceania is a significant part of our organisation and Rob's leadership will continue to help deliver key solutions for our customers. As the Head of ESG Finance, Rob will bring together the significant investment the bank has made both regionally and globally, to further help MUFG leverage its global network and meet the increasing demand for ESG financing and advice across our Institutional customer base," commented Mr. Drew Riethmuller, Head of Global Corporate and Investment Banking, Oceania.

"As one of world's leading project finance banks, we have seen demand for ESG-linked solutions and investments take a firm hold in Asia in recent years. Rob's appointment is therefore extremely timely and we are confident that he will continue to play a crucial role in enhancing the bank's project finance and renewables business franchise in the region. He will also reinforce our focus on achieving shared sustainable growth with our clients as well as the communities in which we operate in," said Mr. Masayuki Fujiki, Head of Investment Banking for Asia Pacific, Asia Investment Banking Division.

Appointment Announcement

In 2019, MUFG announced that it will commit a total sum of JPY20 trillion (USD188 billion) into sustainability related financing by 2030. The bank is also a global leader in renewable generation projects and has also been ranked top lead arranger in the Bloomberg Project Finance league tables for Clean Energy financing for six of the past eight years. MUFG's sustainable financing capabilities in Oceania are well-recognised, having facilitated innovative financial solutions such as the world's first ESG-linked US private placement for Sydney Airport.



Mr. Rob Ward
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It has also formed strategic partnerships with some of the most prominent banks in Southeast Asia, further augmenting its unrivalled network across the region – VietinBank in Vietnam, Krungsri in Thailand, Security Bank in the Philippines and Bank Danamon in Indonesia.

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