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Chiba Bank Announces Sustainability Linked Loan Initiative for KI-STAR REAL ESTATE CO., LTD.

September 29, 2023 - The Chiba Bank (President: Tsutomu Yonemoto) (“Chiba Bank” or “the Bank”) announced its support for the establishment of KI-STAR REAL ESTATE CO., LTD.’s (Representative Director Keiji Hanawa) (“KI-STAR REAL ESTATE” or “the Company”) “Comprehensive Sustainability Linked Loan Scheme (“Comprehensive SLL Scheme”) in its role as a Sustainability Coordinator*¹. In addition, the Bank also announced the execution of a Sustainability Linked Loan (“SLL”) based on the Comprehensive SLL Scheme.

■ About the SLL framework

SLL aims to promote and continuously support sustainable economic activity and economic growth by linking loan terms, such as interest rate terms, to the evaluation of the borrower’s Sustainability Performance Targets (“SPTs”) in its SDG and ESG strategies, and by providing incentives or disincentives to the borrower based on its progress in achieving these targets. The SLL framework for this time is a framework in which additional financial institutions can participate in support of efforts to achieve SPTs of KI-STAR REAL ESTATE CO., LTD. This SLL framework will also be used by other financial institutions in the future as a framework when developing SLL initiatives for KI-STAR REAL ESTATE, opening up opportunities to create a wider circle of support.

This time, KI-STAR REAL ESTATE established a SPTs for reducing GHG emissions per unit sold and received a Second Opinion*² from Rating and Investment Information, Inc. that it complies with internationally accepted principles such as the Sustainability-Linked Loan Principles.

*1 A role that involves assisting borrowers in setting SPTs (Sustainability Performance Targets) when designing and structuring sustainability linked loan products.

*2 Third-party opinion by Rating and Investment Information, Inc.

<https://www.r-i.co.jp/en/rating/esg/sustainabilityfinance/index.html>

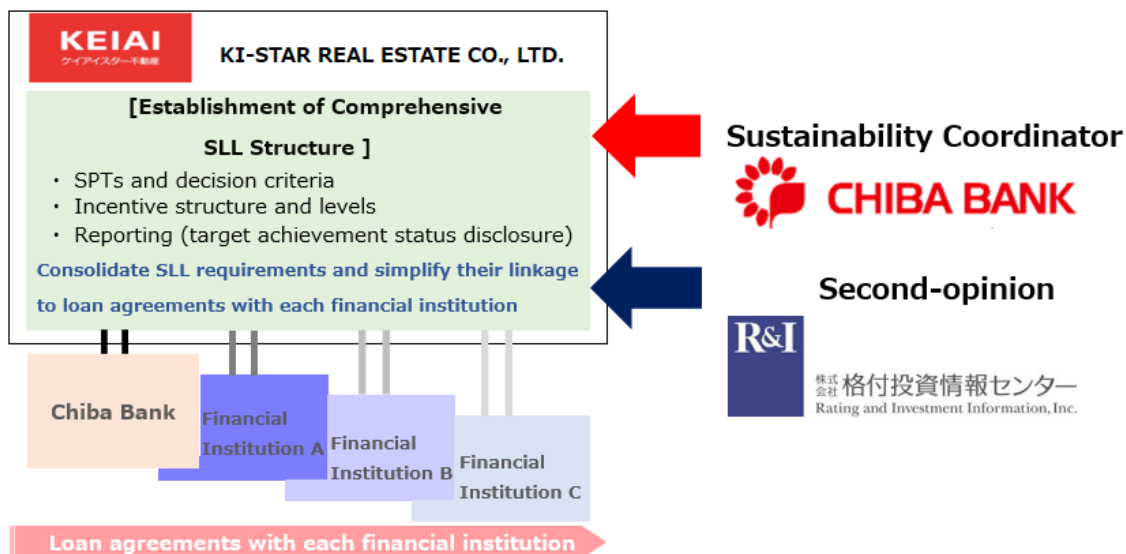
■ About KI-STAR REAL ESTATE CO., LTD.

KI-STAR REAL ESTATE operates detached house sales businesses throughout the country, mainly in the Tokyo metropolitan area, with a basic policy of delivering “high-quality design housing at low prices.” Under the management philosophy of “We are a “YU TA KA” creation company that delivers “fulfilling, enjoyable and pleasant” lifestyles in the world.”, the Company aims for sustainable development and coexistence, and to realize a future of “YU TA KA” with not only for customers who have purchased a home, but also for local partners, employees, and shareholders, including real estate brokers and contractors. In the area of environmental conservation, the Company has been working to

control their own CO2 emissions and to plan, promote, and sell houses for sale using domestic timber, which is believed to have low CO2 emissions in the manufacturing and transportation processes.

Chiba Bank has made its core purpose “To create a local community better suited to bringing each person’s hope to life,” and aims to be an engagement bank group that works closely with the community by providing social value, such as contributing to the resolution of regional social issues.

[Loan Scheme Overview]



[Sustainability Linked Loan Overview]

Borrower	KI-STAR REAL ESTATE CO., LTD.
Sustainability Coordinator	The Chiba Bank, Ltd.
Date of execution	Friday, September 29, 2023
Loan amount	1.0 billion yen
SPTs	Reduce GHG emissions per unit sold
Incentives	Preferential interest rates according to SPTs achievement status
Third-Party Opinion	Rating and Investment Information, Inc.