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SDG Impact Japan Inc.

SDG Impact Japan wins Ministry of the Environment’s 4th “ESG Finance Awards Japan”

SDG Impact Japan, Inc. (“SIJ”) has received a Special Award in the Asset Manager Category at the Fourth Annual ESG Finance Awards Japan, selected by the Ministry of the Environment for its NextGen ESG Japan strategy’s initiatives.



The ESG Finance Award Japan is designed to further promote and expand ESG finance and improve its quality by recognizing investor, indirect finance, fund raising, , financial service, and companies that have actively engaged in ESG finance or environmental and social projects and have made an impact. In the Asset Managers categories, the awards are given to those who consider ESG factors in their asset management and engagement activities, as well as those who implement such activities with the intention of creating an impact.

SDG Impact Japan focuses on sustainable investment, and NextGen ESG Japan is our flagship strategy. The NextGen ESG Strategy prioritizes investment into companies that link ESG factors directly to their core business, and drive financial performance. The NextGen ESG strategy is aligned with the policy of SFDR Article 9, and it is distinguished by deep and rigorous engagement with portfolio companies, and the creation of real, tangible ESG and financial outcomes. Encouraged by this award, we plan to expand our range of ESG strategies, and help companies towards a sustainable transition - and to shift how investment is done.

- **Comments from the Selection Committee of Ministry of the Environment's ESG Finance Awards on the reasons for the award**

SDG Impact Japan was highly evaluated for its efforts based on a clear vision, including the promotion of an ESG engagement fund compliant with SFDR Article 9 that focuses on Japanese small- mid cap stocks, which are considered to have significant room for improvement in future disclosure and responses from an ESG perspective. Although the actual volume and scale of the fund in Japan are still small, it was selected for a special award because of its promising future development.

- **Comments from Mari Kogiso, Co-CEO, SDG Impact Japan Inc.**

We are surprised and honored to receive such a prestigious award, even though NextGen ESG Japan Strategy was established less than a year ago. SDG Impact Japan was founded with the aim of achieving both social and financial value. We realize that the promotion of ESG is not merely a cost, but is definitely linked to the enhancement of corporate value. In addition, the strategy aims to create positive impacts such as CO2 reduction and gender equality, and we intend to contribute to society by ensuring the creation of impact through our engagement.

- **Sasja Beslik, Chief Investment Strategy Officer (CISO), SDG Impact Japan Inc.**

We are humbled and honoured by this award. Our next generation ESG strategies are focusing on achieving tangible financial and ESG results. Everything we do is about radical change we aim to create through our investments in transformative businesses. We know it is not easy, and we know it takes time, and that is the reason why we choose to do it. NextGen ESG Japan Strategy is all about that”

About SDG Impact Japan:

SIJ specializes in sustainable finance, and invests in entrepreneurs and companies solving the world's biggest challenges - which we believe are the world's biggest opportunities. SIJ advises on Japan's outcome focused ESG engagement fund for listed equities. Together with like-minded partners, SIJ also invests in transformative early stage circular economy, and agri-foodtech companies.

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