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Conclusion of the “SDGs Linked Loan” Agreement

Yukiguni Maitake Co., Ltd. (the “Company”) hereby announces that we have signed an agreement with Daishi Hokuetsu Bank, Ltd. (President: Michiro Ueguri, hereinafter “Daishi Hokuetsu Bank”) for an “SDGs Linked Loan¹” (hereinafter “the Loan”).

The company is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in order to achieve sustainable growth for our company and to solve social issues.

To facilitate this effort, the Loan has set a Sustainability Performance Target² (“SPT”) of reducing GHG emissions intensity (on a production volume basis). Our target is to reduce GHG emissions by 35% by fiscal year ending March 31, 2031, compared to fiscal year ending March 31, 2021. The ambition and appropriateness of the SPT set by the Company have been evaluated by a third party, Daishi Hokuetsu Research & Consulting, Ltd. (President: Keiichi Shibayama, hereinafter “Daishi Hokuetsu R&C”).

As a company that utilizes and nurtures the blessing of nature, we will continue to pursue the enrichment of nature, people, and society, aiming for sustainable growth and a fruitful coexistence with nature.

1. Outline of the Loan

Loan amount	¥2.5 billion
SPT	Reduction of greenhouse gas emission intensity (production volume basis)
Third-party evaluation	For more information about the third-party evaluation by Daiyon Hokuetsu R&C, please click here. (https://www.dhrc.co.jp/)
Contract date	Friday, March 29, 2024

¹ Product for which borrowers set SPTs related to SDGs and ESGs, and the applicable interest rate, etc. will change according to the status of achieving the SPTs. The Daishi Hokuetsu Bank began offering this product in June 2022. The scheme in to obtain a third party evaluation of the adequacy of the SPTs and the appropriateness of initiatives related to SDGs and ESGs, and Daichi Hokuetsu R&C will conduct the evaluation. The Loan

framework has been assessed by Rating and Investment Information, Inc., an external specialized agency, as being consistent with the “Sustainability Linked Loan Principles” and the “Green Loan and Sustainability Linked Loan Guidelines”.

² Sustainability Performance Targets (SPTs)

SPTs are targets and indicators set based on the SDGs and ESG strategies of the client for which financing is provided, and the interest rate and other factors vary depending on the achievement of the SPTs. The SPTs include a wide variety of targets in the environmental field, such as “greenhouse gas emissions,” “renewable energy usage,” and “water consumption,” as well as targets that are linked to solving social issues. SPTs require setting objectively ambitious (challenging) goals that are not easily achievable.

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