

NEWS RELEASE

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To whom it may concern,

Mizuho Leasing Co., Ltd.

Tokumei Kumiai Contribution in Ship Investment Fund Incorporating ESG Investment and Lending Perspectives

Mizuho Leasing Company, Limited (headquartered in Minato-ku, Tokyo, President and CEO: Shusaku Tsuhara; hereinafter "Mizuho Leasing") announces that it has entered into a tokumei kumiai agreement to invest in the ship investment fund Anchor Discovery LLC (hereinafter the "Fund") formed by Anchor Ship Partners Co., Ltd. (headquartered in Chuo-ku, Tokyo; President: Tetsuro Shinoda).

The Fund, which incorporates ESG investment and lending perspectives, plans to invest in the field of ships that have a positive impact on the environment and society based on the Principles for Positive Impact Finance developed by the United Nations Environment Programme - Finance Initiative (UNEPFI). The Fund will be monitored by Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited, which has certified it as an ESG-related impact investment, and will also obtain a third-party opinion from rating firm Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. The Fund's main investment targets will be liquefied natural gas (LNG) carriers that use environmentally friendly LNG as their main fuel, and Mizuho Leasing believes that this approach will contribute to the development of a decarbonized society.

The Mizuho Leasing Group has contributed to the development of marine transportation primarily through ship financing and leasing, but amid the rising importance of responding to climate change and issues related to resources and energy, the Group aims to contribute to the realization of a decarbonized, sustainable society.

Overview of Anchor Ship Partners Co., Ltd.

Location	20F, Kyobashi Edogrand, 2-2-1 Kyobashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo
Representative	Tetsuro Shinoda, President
Business Activities	Formation and operation of ship investment funds Advisory services related to ship investment and finance
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