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ASAHI METALFINE, Inc.

ASAHI METALFINE to Succeed to DOCOMO SMTB Net Bank's Gold Accumulation Business

- Expanding End-to-End Precious Metals Services from Resource Circulation to Asset Building -

ASAHI METALFINE, Inc. ("ASAHI METALFINE") is pleased to announce that it has entered into an agreement to succeed to the Gold Accumulation business operated by DOCOMO SMTB Net Bank, Inc. ("DOCOMO SMTB Net Bank") through an absorption-type company split (the "Absorption-Type Split"), with the transaction scheduled to take effect on May 6, 2027.

1. Purpose of Transaction

Since commencing banking operations in 2007, DOCOMO SMTB Net Bank has provided highly convenient financial services by leveraging digital technology. Upon succeeding to DOCOMO SMTB Net Bank's gold accumulation business, ASAHI METALFINE will ensure the continued and stable provision of services to existing customers while further enhancing its services to meet increasingly diverse customer needs.

ASAHI METALFINE has worked to realize sustainable resource circulation through the recycling, refining, manufacturing, and sales of precious metals. For individual customers, the company launched precious metals sales through its official online store, "ASAHI Online Store," in 2024, followed by the launch of "ASAHI Gold Club," a gold bullion custody service, in 2025, thereby creating a seamless environment in which customers can purchase and hold precious metal assets with confidence.

Through the Absorption-Type Split, ASAHI METALFINE will leverage the expertise and trust it has built over many years in the precious metals business to strengthen its services in the field of asset building. By providing an integrated range of services encompassing recycling, refining, manufacturing, sales, custody, and gold accumulation, the company aims to provide comprehensive precious metals services tailored to the needs of each customer.

Going forward, ASAHI METALFINE will continue to provide a broad range of precious metals services, from industrial applications to asset building, underpinned by resource circulation, and thereby contribute to the realization of a sustainable society.



2. Overview of the Absorption-Type Split

Method	Under the Absorption-Type Split, DOCOMO SMTB Net Bank will be the absorption-type splitting company (the “Splitting Company”), and ASAHI METALFINE will be the absorption-type successor company (the “Successor Company”).
Effective Date	May 6, 2027 (Scheduled)
Business to Be Succeeded	Gold Accumulation Business
Rights and Obligations to Be Succeeded	The Successor Company is scheduled to succeed the assets, liabilities, contractual status, and other rights and obligations relating to the subject business as of the effective date, within the scope specified in the absorption-type split agreement.

<Overview of the Splitting Company>

Corporate Name	DOCOMO SMTB Net Bank, Inc. (Name changed from SBI Sumishin Net Bank, Ltd. on August 3, 2026)
Head Office	3-2-1 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan
Representative	Noriaki Maruyama, President and CEO
Capital Stock	46 billion yen
Established	June 1986 (Banking business license obtained in September 2007)
Shareholders	NTT DOCOMO Financial Group, Inc. (55.37%) Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited (44.63%)

<Overview of the Successor Company>

Corporate Name	ASAHI METALFINE, Inc.
Head Office	Sapia Tower 11F, 1-7-12 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan
Representative	Nobuo Tajima, Representative Director and President
Capital Stock	860 million yen
Established	July 1952
Incorporated	January 2023
Shareholder	ARE Holdings, Inc. (100%)



About ASAHI METALFINE

ASAHI METALFINE is a comprehensive precious metals company engaged in the integrated recycling, refining, manufacturing, and sales of precious metals. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of ARE Holdings, Inc. (listed on the Prime Market of the Tokyo Stock Exchange; securities code: 5857). A large proportion of the precious metals handled by ASAHI METALFINE are produced from recycled materials and are highly regarded in Japan and overseas as sustainable precious metals (“Green Metals”) that contribute to reducing environmental impact.

To learn more about ASAHI METALFINE, please visit: <https://www.asahimetalfine.com/en/>

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