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Shinsei Bank, Limited  
Shinsei Corporate Investment Limited

## Investment in TBM Co. Ltd. by Shinsei Corporate Investment

Tokyo (Thursday, November 15, 2018) --- Shinsei Bank has announced today that Shinsei Corporate Investment Limited (Chuo-ku, Tokyo; President & CEO: Ippei Matsubara), a subsidiary of Shinsei Bank has invested in TBM Co., Ltd. (Chuo-ku, Tokyo; CEO: Nobuyoshi Yamasaki; hereinafter, "TBM") as an ESG investment<sup>\*1</sup>.

TBM is a venture company which develops, produces, and sells LIMEX, a material made mainly from limestone. TBM received the Social Impact Award as one of the companies having the most significant social impact in 2016 from Plug and Play, one of three accelerators who promote venture companies in Silicon Valley. TBM has delivered LIMEX products to more than 3,000 companies.

LIMEX is a new material developed in Japan which uses almost no water or wood pulp, and only a small amount of plastics, and can therefore be the alternative for paper and plastics. Limestone, LIMEX's raw material, is drawing attention as a material that achieves both ecology and resource conservation. This is because there is a little concern about the depletion of limestone, with self-sufficiency exceeding 100% in Japan, and production costs for plastic products can be reduced by using less petroleum resources with LIMEX as an alternative. TBM is therefore accelerating its initiatives by shifting to a recycling-oriented society for example through upcycling LIMEX for more valuable plastic materials and developing biodegradable LIMEX.

With support from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, TBM built its first LIMEX plant in Shiroishi City, Miyagi prefecture in 2015. TBM aims to realize mass production of LIMEX by building its second plant in Tagajo City, Miyagi prefecture. TBM raised funds for building the second plant and developing its overseas business through a third-party allocation of shares, which was partially underwritten by the Shinsei Bank Group through Shinsei Corporate Investment. The Shinsei Bank Group will support TBM's initiatives for realizing a sustainable society from financing and business matching perspectives, as well as expecting revenues from this investment.

The Shinsei Bank Group is making ESG investments including impact investments<sup>\*2</sup> targeting childcare-related venture companies in order to contribute to the realization of a sustainable society. Shinsei Bank and Shinsei Corporate Investment will continue to find and promote target companies for such investments.

<sup>\*1</sup> ESG investment: An investment method which considers "Environment", "Society", and "Governance".

<sup>\*2</sup> Impact investments: Investments aiming to generate both economic and social returns

### ■ Summary of TBM

Representative : Nobuyoshi Yamasaki, CEO  
Headquarters : 6<sup>th</sup> floor, 2-7-17, Ginza, Chuo-ku, Tokyo  
Foundation : 2011  
Capital : 9,194.8 million yen (as of November, 2018; including legal capital surplus)  
Business : Research and development, production and sales of LIMEX  
URL : <https://tb-m.com/limex/>

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