# Through innovation we will create a future of joy and well-being for all.

The Sumitomo Rubber Group is pulling together to fulfill its various social responsibilities while contributing to the creation of a sustainable society by applying its futureoriented high-tech skills and research and development capabilities, efforts that will ensure it continues to be truly valuable for people, communities and society.



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### **Editorial Policy**

The purpose of this report is to generate new opportunities for dialogue with a wide range of stakeholders by communicating the initiatives we are undertaking to accomplish sustainable growth for the Sumitomo Rubber Group. In 2021, we worked to make our disclosure of ESG-related information even more extensive. Information on the Company's general efforts and more detailed information on activities not included in this report can be obtained on our website. The content of this publication is based on information disclosed as of February 2021.

#### Scope of this Report

With coverage focused primarily on Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd. and its six factories in Japan, this report includes information on some bases and group companies in Japan and overseas. (供信協能ガイダン)

#### Referenced Guidelines

- "Guidance for Collaborative Value Creation" published by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
- The International <IR> Framework created by the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC)
- "Sustainability Reporting Standards" published by the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)
- "Environmental Reporting Guidelines 2018" published by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE)

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#### **Third-Party Comments**

Comments from an expert are included to present an objective perspective on this report. (See page 76.) Information Disclosure Structure

To facilitate stakeholders' understanding of the Sumitomo Rubber Group, our corporate website features various sections encompassing corporate information, financial information, and descriptions of our business and sustainability activities. The content of this report is selected to cover essential information in each category

