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Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd.

Scam Alert – Fraudulent Requests for Legal Services

We understand that some law firms, including law firms in the United States, have been contacted by scammers pretending to be executives of Sumitomo Electric. These scam communications may purport to come from the President of Sumitomo Electric, seek to engage the law firm for services such as debt collection, may include a check that the scammers ask to have deposited in the law firm's bank account, and may ask the law firm to send a copy of a confirmation from the law firm's bank that the check has been deposited. These scam communications generally use an address from a free email service, such as Gmail. Some inquiries may be by email. Others may be by telephone or mail.

Please do not respond to these inquiries, do not enter into any engagement based on these inquiries, and, above all, do not enter into any financial transactions based on these inquiries.

Sumitomo Electric will not accept any responsibility for any damages a law firm or any other third party suffers because it relies on any fraudulent communications purporting to be from Sumitomo Electric.

Some warning signs that a communication purporting to be from Sumitomo Electric is not legitimate and is likely a scam include, but is not limited to, the following:

- The communication purports to be from the President of Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd. The President does not make initial contacts with law firms.
- The communication uses an email address from a free email service, such as Gmail. Sumitomo Electric does not send communications from a gmail.com address or any other free email service.
- The initial contact comes by mail and includes a check to be deposited in the law firm's account. The company would make an inquiry before sending a check.
- The inquiry asks the law firm to facilitate a financial transaction, such as processing a check from a settlement, without other significant services.

If you have any question about the authenticity of a communication from Sumitomo Electric and you wish to determine whether or not it is authentic, please contact us at the following address: [mailto: web@info.sei.co.jp](mailto:web@info.sei.co.jp).