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For Immediate Release

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.

First Registered Operator under the Clean Wood Act Sumitomo Forestry Registered as a Type 1 Timber-related Operator

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. (President and Representative Director: Akira Ichikawa; Headquarters: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; hereinafter, Sumitomo Forestry) announced that on November 22, 2017, it was registered as a Type 1 timber-related operator under the Act on Promotion of Use and Distribution of Legally Harvested Wood etc. (common name: Clean Wood Act).

The company is the first operator registered by the Japan Gas Appliances Inspection Association, a registration facility.

The Clean Wood Act was proclaimed on May 20, 2016 and enacted on May 20, 2017 with the aim of promoting the use and distribution of lumber and processed products in accordance with laws in Japan and the country of origin to prevent illegal felling resulting in depleted forest resources worldwide.

A Type 1 timber-related operator refers to an operator who has been approved by a registration facility registered by the competent minister as engaging in appropriate and steady measures to secure the use of legally logged lumber.

To contribute to the realization of a rich and sustainable society through business activities utilizing wood, which is a renewable resource, the Sumitomo Forestry Group established the Timber Procurement Standards in 2005 and the Timber Procurement Philosophy and Policy in 2007. It engages in responsible timber procurement activities, cooperating with over 200 overseas suppliers and confirming that timber is being produced in a sustainable and legal manner.

In July 2015, this was revised into the Sumitomo Forestry Group Procurement Policy including the procurement of non-timber building materials, product materials and products. The Group will continue to engage in economically, socially and environmentally responsible procurement.

Outline of Registration

Registered number	JIA-CLW-I 17001
Operator location	Keidanren Kaikan, 1-3-2 Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
Operator name	Timber and Building Materials Division, Sumitomo Forestry
Representative name	Akira Ichikawa, President
Effective registration period	November 22, 2017–November 21, 2022 (5 years)
Registration facility	Japan Gas Appliances Inspection Association (JIA)