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For Immediate Release

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.

**Sumitomo Forestry's Housing Division Registered as a Type
2 Timber-related Operator under the Clean Wood Act**

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. (President and Representative Director: Akira Ichikawa; Headquarters: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; hereinafter Sumitomo Forestry) announced that on March 16, 2018, its Housing Division was registered as a Type 2 timber-related operator under the Act on Promotion of Use and Distribution of Legally Harvested Wood etc. (common name: Clean Wood Act). In November last year, its Timber and Building Materials Division was registered as a Type 1 timber-related operator. Sumitomo Forestry Group engages in sustainable forest management by checking the legality of timber, and promoting further utilization of legally-harvested timber.

Outline of Registration

Registered number	HOWTEC-CLW-II 0001
Operator location	Keidanren Kaikan, 1-3-2 Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
Operator name	Building Materials Procurement and Logistics Department, Housing Division, Sumitomo Forestry
Representative name	Akira Ichikawa, President
Effective registration period	March 16, 2018 – March 15, 2023 (5 years)
Registration facility	Japan Housing and Wood Technology Center (HOWTEC)

Sumitomo Forestry Wood Products Co., Ltd. (President: Yasuhiko Tsurusawa; Headquarters: Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo; fully-owned subsidiary of Sumitomo Forestry), which carries out procurement, sale, and forest management of Japanese timber, was also registered as a Type 1 and 2 timber-related operator (Registration number: JAFTA-CLW-I II-3) in February.

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 timber and processed products in accordance with laws in Japan and the country of origin to prevent illegal felling resulting in depleted forest resources worldwide.

Timber-related operators who appropriately and definitely utilize legally-harvested timber can apply for registration through registration facilities. Once registered, they can refer to themselves as registered timber operators.

- * Type 1 timber-related operator: Upstream timber-related operator (such as operators involved in import and procurement of raw materials, export operators, and operators handling logs, plywood, timber, and other materials)
 - ⇒ Legality is verified based on tree species, logging location, information from documents such as certificates, as well as information provided by the government.
- * Type 2 timber-related operator: Downstream timber-related operators which are not Type 1 operators (such as paper manufacturers, furniture manufacturers, distributors, and construction companies)
 - ⇒ Legality is verified based on certification issued by suppliers.

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, these were revised into the Sumitomo Forestry Group Procurement Policy including the procurement of non-timber building materials, product materials and goods. The Sumitomo Forestry Group will continue to engage in economically, socially and environmentally responsible timber procurement and utilization as a Group.