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Regarding the import of concrete formwork plywood used in the construction of facilities for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games

All concrete formwork plywood imported by Sumitomo Forestry Group (SFC) for the construction of facilities related to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games has obtained Indonesia's SVLK^{*1} certification (timber legality assurance system). In addition to the Clean Wood Act of Japan, this plywood complies with the Sustainable Sourcing Code for Timber set out by the Tokyo Organizing Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

SVLK is a certification system led by EU's FLEGT^{*2} (Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade) Action Plan under a VPA (Voluntary Partnership Agreement). Compared to other standards determined by one country alone, SVLK is considered highly credible.

By checking the certificate issued in accordance with SVLK certification procedures, it is possible to determine where timber used to make plywood was harvested (traceability). The plywood that SFC imported for use in the construction of facilities for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games all comes from legally harvested wood from Kalimantan Island.

In addition to supplying timber in compliance with the sourcing code of the Tokyo Organizing Committee, SFC will continue its ongoing efforts to contribute to a sustainable, prosperous society.

^{*1}SVLK (Sistem Verifikasi Legalitas Kayu): The Indonesian Government's legal certification system. It is the world's first system recognized under a Voluntary Partnership Agreement with the EU in November 2016.

Please refer to the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Clean Wood site for further details:

<http://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/j/riyou/goho/idn/info.html>

^{*2}FLEGT (Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade): The Forest

Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Action Plan was formulated in 2003 by the European Union with the aim to incorporate trade laws against illegal logging and promote societal and environmental sustainability in both timber-producing countries and timber-importing countries (EU). Indonesia signed a bilateral agreement with the EU in 2014, and in November 2016, began issuing FLEGT licenses and exporting licensed wood products to the EU.

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