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Reference

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.

**Recognized by RobecoSAM for Excellence in Sustainability
Performance
Selected as Gold Class in the Homebuilding Industry Category
At the Same Time Recognized as “Industry Mover”**

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. (President and Representative Director: Akira Ichikawa; Headquarters: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; hereinafter Sumitomo Forestry) announced it has been selected for the Gold Class distinction by the world leading assessor of socially responsible investments (SRI), RobecoSAM (Headquarters: Switzerland) in the sustainability rating. This rating has been implemented since 1999, and it is considered to be one of the evaluations with the longest history in the world.

At the same time, Sumitomo Forestry was recognized as an “Industry Mover,” as a company with the biggest improvement in its score in the homebuilding industry category compared to the previous year.

RobecoSAM assessed the economic, environmental and social activities of about 3,500 leading companies in the world. It selects the top 15% of companies in 60 industries for their excellence in sustainability, and publishes them The Sustainability Yearbook 2019. Those companies whose performance is particularly excellent receive “Gold Class,” “Silver Class,” or “Bronze Class” distinctions.

This time 53 Japanese companies were for their excellence in sustainable performance, and of those, five received Gold Class distinctions. Sumitomo Forestry has been continuously selected for 12 consecutive years since 2008 for excellence in sustainability performance and rated as Gold Class for the fourth time.

For more than 320 years since its founding, the Sumitomo Forestry Group has been using wood—a renewable natural resource—as it expands globally into a wide range of housing- and lifestyle-related businesses. Going forward, the Group will continue to contribute to creating solutions to social issues with the goal of realizing a sustainable society through its business operations.

