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**Selected for the Second Consecutive Year  
as a Component of the Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific Index  
- a Global ESG Investment Equity Index**

Sumitomo Forestry Co. Ltd. (President and Representative Director: Akira Ichikawa; Headquarters: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; hereinafter Sumitomo Forestry) announced its selection for the second consecutive year as one of the components and an “Industry Leader” of the Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific Index (hereinafter DJSI Asia Pacific), one of the investment equity indices of the world-recognized ESG (environment, society and governance) investment. This marks the twelfth time that Sumitomo Forestry has been selected as a member of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices.



DJSI Asia Pacific tracks the performance of around 600 major companies in the Asia-Oceania region, of which 148 companies (76 being Japanese companies) were included into the index in 2019. With climate change strategies required for TCFD such as the establishment of SBT (science based targets) of long-term goals for reducing greenhouse gases and highly praised initiatives to protect human rights, Sumitomo Forestry has been selected with the highest rating of “Industry Leader” in the “Homebuilding” category.

The DJSI is a stock price index jointly developed in 1999 by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a US investment information company, and RobecoSAM, a Swiss company dedicated to research in the field of ESG investment. Stocks are selected based on an evaluation and analysis of the sustainability of the world’s leading companies taking into account economic, environmental, and social criteria.

Sumitomo Forestry has also been included in other major ESG indices, such as the four ESG indices—the FTSE Blossom Japan Index, MSCI Japan ESG Select Leaders Index, the MSCI Japan Empowering Women Index (WIN) (all selected continuously since 2017) and S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient Index” (selected continuously since 2018)—selected by the Government Pension Investment Fund, a pension fund investment agency of the largest scale globally, as well as the FTSE4Good Global Index by FTSE Russell (comprising FTSE International Limited and Frank Russell Company) since 2004.

Since its foundation, the Sumitomo Forestry Group has been utilizing timber, a renewable resource,

in many businesses based on the needs of the times. Amid growing interest in ESG, corporate social responsibility (CSR), and sustainable development goals (SDGs) in recent years, the Group has worked to “promote further integration of business operations and ESG initiatives” as one of the basic policies of the “Sumitomo Forestry Group medium-term management plan 2021.” ESG and SDG initiatives should seize the chance to unite with businesses in contributing towards creating a prosperous society.

<References>

Sustainability Report 2019, which provides detailed information about the Sumitomo Forestry Group’s activities to create a sustainable society

<https://sfc.jp/information/society/>

External recognition of the Sumitomo Forestry Group

<https://sfc.jp/information/society/gri/>