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Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.

# Sumitomo Forestry Makes Climate Change A List for Fourth Consecutive Year

## Achieves Highest Rating in CDP 2019

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. (President and Representative Director: Akira Ichikawa; Headquarters: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; hereinafter Sumitomo Forestry) announced that it has been selected as a Climate Change A List company for the fourth consecutive year. This is the highest evaluation from CDP<sup>1</sup>, a non-profit organization that aims to realize a sustainable society.



### CLIMATE

The Climate Change A List comprises companies evaluated as world leaders for conducting exceptional activities in response to climate change. In 2019, the survey targeted approximately 8,000 companies worldwide. Sumitomo Forestry was one of the 38 Japanese companies among the 179 companies worldwide which made the Climate Change A List.

CDP is one of the world's leading environmental, social, and governance (ESG) evaluation organizations in regard to the greenhouse gas emissions of companies and their climate change strategies. CDP evaluates companies' activities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and measures to alleviate climate change, based on their responses to questionnaires. Since 2016, when the scoring system changed to eight ratings from A to D-, Sumitomo Forestry has been consistently selected in the A List.



President and Representative Director Akira Ichikawa giving a speech at the Reporting Session of the CDP 2019 Japan Report

In July 2018, Sumitomo Forestry's long-term goals concerning reduction of greenhouse gas emissions were approved by the "Science Based Targets (SBT) initiative"—established by four organizations including CDP—as goals with a scientific basis.

The Sumitomo Forestry Group is driving measures aimed at a 21% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 compared with 2017. The Group has also put its support behind the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)<sup>2</sup> in July 2018. Sumitomo Forestry is also engaged in scenario analysis on the impact that climate change will have on the company and is working to disclose this information.

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 the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in recent years, the Group has made "Promote further integration of business operations and ESG initiatives" one of the basic policies of the Sumitomo Forestry Group 2021 Medium-Term Management Plan announced in May last year. The Sumitomo Forestry Group sees ESG and SDG initiatives as business opportunities, and contributes toward creating a prosperous society by uniting these initiatives with businesses.

<sup>1</sup> CDP

CDP is a non-profit organization established in London in 2000 that promotes the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions,

protection of water resources, and conservation of forests by companies and governments. It partners with institutional investors with US\$96 trillion in assets to promote the disclosure and management of information relating to environmental impacts by companies with the aim of preventing climate change. Website: <https://www.cdp.net>

## **2 TCFD**

TCFD is a task force, established under the Financial Stability Board (FSB) at the request of G20 finance ministers and central bank governors, concerned with the private sector-led disclosure of climate-related information. In June 2017, it announced its proposal to understand and disclose the financial impact of risks and opportunities brought by climate change, gaining support from over 930 corporate and government bodies worldwide (as of December 2019). Website: <https://www.fsb-tcf.org/>