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For more than 300 years, since its founding in 1691, Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. (Head office: 1-8-1 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President: Ryu Yano), has been engaged in the forestry business. In recognition of the long sustainability of its business, which has as its cornerstone the forestry business, and in view of its potential to continue long-term sustainable growth, Sumitomo Forestry has been named to the DJSI World (Dow Jones Sustainability World Indexes). In being selected, Sumitomo Forestry is the only housing manufacturer in Japan to be named to the DJSI World.

Recently, SRI (socially responsible investment) has been drawing a great deal of attention due to its social influences and marketability. In September of every year, the DJSI, which has become recognized worldwide as a leading index for SRI, reviews and selects companies for inclusion in its index. The 2,500 largest companies in the world are assessed for their economic, environmental and social performance, with companies scoring in the top ten percent being selected for the DJSI World. This year, of the 318 companies worldwide that have been selected for the DJSI World, thirty-six are Japanese companies.

Being selected to be a part of an SRI index, such as the DJSI World, is seen as proof that a company has earned the trust of society and is financially healthy. In turn, this verification attracts the attention of investors all over the world. The Sumitomo Forestry Group, which is globalizing its total housing and living related business, will continue its endeavors to further enhance its corporate value, based on its policy of sustainable growth, and will aim to develop and grow together with all of the local communities where the Group carries out its business.

Related Information: Sumitomo Forestry is a part of the following SRI indices.

■ DJSI World (Dow Jones Sustainability World Indexes)

The Dow Jones Sustainability World Indexes were established in 1999 through a cooperative effort by Dow Jones Indexes, the provider of the world-famous stock indicator the Dow Jones Industrial Average (Dow Average), and SAM (Sustainable Asset Management), a Switzerland-based company that conducts sustainability assessments of companies and issues sustainability ratings. The DJSI World is the world's first SRI-dedicated stock price index.

The assessment is carried out in three categories: economic, environmental, and social performance.

■ FTSE4Good Global Index

The FTSE originated as a joint venture between the U.K. publisher The Financial Times Ltd. and the London Stock Exchange. FTSE launched the FTSE4Good Index Series in 2001. Evaluations of companies focus on performance in three main categories: the environment, relationships with society and stakeholders, and support of human rights.

Sumitomo Forestry has been a constituent of the FTSE4Good Index Series since September 2004.

■ Morningstar Socially Responsible Investment Index (MS-SRI)

This SRI Index was launched in 2003 through a cooperative effort by Morningstar Japan KK, a provider of investment information, and the non-profit organization Center for Public Resources Development. This index qualitatively evaluates the performance of companies in five categories: governance and accountability, markets, employment, social contributions, and the environment.

Sumitomo Forestry was selected for inclusion in the MS-SRI in June 2005.