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**Sumitomo Forestry Included in Sustainability Index  
for Fifth Consecutive Year**  
***Also Recognized as Leader in Home Construction Sector***

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. (Head office: 3-2, Otemachi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President & CEO: Ryu Yano) has been included as a member of DJSI World (Dow Jones Sustainability World Index), a leading global index of socially responsible investment (SRI), for the fifth consecutive year. For the first time, the company has also been identified as a leader in the Home Construction Sector.

In addition to companies' financial performance, SRI indexes treat corporate social responsibility (CSR) as a key criterion for investment decisions. Membership of the DJSI World is reviewed in September each year, and this year 317 companies from around the globe (including 32 from Japan) were included.

Sumitomo Forestry is listed on three SRI indexes including DJSI World, and this appraisal is widely regarded as evidence of the company's long-term sustainability, which is underpinned by a combination of social credibility and sound financial management. Investors throughout the world are paying increasing attention to the company's growth.

Since its foundation in 1691, Sumitomo Forestry has based its business activities on a philosophy of sustainable forestry. As the company developed a comprehensive housing business around the world, its core activities made environmental, social and economic contributions in many regions, and in December 2008 these corporate policies led to its acceptance for participation in the United Nations Global Compact.<sup>1</sup> Such global efforts to help create sustainable societies as part of its core business were a factor in its inclusion on DJSI World.

**1. United Nations Global Compact**

The UN Global Compact, a set of voluntary guidelines for corporate conduct, was first proposed by then Secretary-General Kofi Annan at the World Economic Forum held in January 1999 in Davos, Switzerland, and was officially promulgated by the UN Headquarters in New York on July 26, 2000. Participating companies are asked to voluntarily uphold and implement ten principles regarding human rights, labor standards, the environment and anti-corruption measures. Sumitomo Forestry is

committed to actively incorporating and advocating for the principles of the UN Global Compact in our management practices, and also to submitting annual reports (Communications on Progress) detailing our efforts in this regard.

SRI indexes of which Sumitomo Forestry is a member:

■ Dow Jones Sustainability World Index (DJSI World)



DJSI World, the world's first SRI stock price index, was jointly established in 1999 by Dow Jones, noted as the provider of the Dow Jones Industrial Average, and Sustainability Asset Management (SAM), a Swiss-based research and rating company that conducts sustainability assessment of companies. The assessment covers economic, environmental and social aspects.

■ FTSE4Good Global Index



The FTSE4Good index was created in 2001 by Financial Times Stock Exchange (FTSE), a joint company of The Financial Times and the London Stock Exchange. The main areas of assessment are the environment, society and human rights. Sumitomo Forestry has been a constituent of this index since September 2004.

■ Morningstar Socially Responsible Investment Index (MS-SRI)



Morningstar Japan K.K., a provider of investment information services, developed this SRI index in 2003 jointly with the Center for Public Resources Development, a nonprofit organization. The index assesses corporate activities in the five areas of governance/accountability, market, employment, contribution to society and environment. Sumitomo Forestry has been a constituent of this index since September 2008.