

Ranked Highest in DBJ Environmental Ratings Loan Program
Sumitomo Forestry is Commended as the Leading Model Case

Tokyo, Japan, June 28, 2012- Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. (Sumitomo Forestry) today announced that it was ranked highest in the “DBJ Environmental Ratings Loan Program” of Development Bank of Japan Inc. (“DBJ”) and received loan based on this program.

“DBJ Environmental Ratings Loan Program” is the world’s first loan program using special screening system developed by DBJ to rate environmental management level of corporations, select superior ones and grant three-level interest rates according to their scores.

***Main Points for Receiving the Highest Rank**

Sumitomo Forestry was ranked highest as “the leading corporation for environmentally responsible initiatives.” With its over-300-year company history, it has been conducting diverse range of businesses that enrich people’s lives and contribute to society and global environment utilizing the power of forests. Trees are renewable natural resource. Sumitomo Forestry has been challenging for the value creation based on its sustainable forestry management by planting trees, growing, harvesting, utilizing and replanting them.

Especially among its initiatives, followings are highly recognized as holistic sustainable approach; 1) setting its bio-diversity action guideline with concrete business agenda that correlate to the Aichi Target of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 10), 2) promoting active usage of sustainable timbers, including certified timber, plantation timber and Japanese domestic timber, by setting the Timber Procurement Philosophy and Policy and securing legitimacy, and 3) proposing environmentally sound housing, such as *Ryouonbou* natural heating and cooling system*¹ and “Smart Solabo”*², to realize its original environment-friendly housing concept LCCM Housing*³. In terms of timber procurement, it promotes Kikorin-Plywood*⁴, that uses 50% plus certified timber and plantation timber.

Sumitomo Forestry will continue to strive to contribute to realize a prosperous society through all types of housing-related services.

*¹ Sumitomo Forestry’s unique design process, that is aimed at improving the energy efficiency of homes by adopting some of the knowledge and innovations from traditional Japanese homes that can adapt to changes in the weather.

*² In addition to utilizing wood that are renewable natural resources, Smart Solabo realizes even more energy efficient life style by solar power generation, home rechargeable battery and HEMS (Home Energy Management System).

*³ LCCM homes achieve a negative carbon footprint over their lifecycle by offsetting the CO₂ generated during the construction, occupancy and dismantling stages with solar power and heating and other forms of renewable energy during occupancy.

*⁴ Part of its sales are used for its forestation activity in Indonesia.