

**Acquisition of MLIT Certification for  
Semi-fireproof Two-by-Four Construction**

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. announced today that the Japan 2×4 Home Builders Association announced that it has acquired certification from the Japanese Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) for partitions with a semi-fire-resistance rating of 45 minutes used in the two-by-four construction method.

As an association member, Sumitomo Forestry cooperated with the Japan 2X4 Home Builders Association to acquire this certification. This certification affects the 1,342 buildings as announced on August 16. As an association member, in line with this certification, the Company plans to carry out corrective measures under the guidance of the MLIT and the specific municipal authorities concerned.

■ Summary of Certification

Certified party: Japan 2X4 Home Builders Association

Certification numbers:

- (1) QF045BP-0085
- (2) QF045BP-0086
- (3) QF045BP-0087
- (4) QF045BP-0088
- (5) QF045BP-0089
- (6) QF045BP-0090

Certification date: November 15, 2012

Names of certified structures, methods, etc.

- (1) Partition for the wooden two-by-four construction method, with strengthened gypsum board on both sides
- (2) Partition for the wooden two-by-four construction method, with strengthened gypsum and wood boards on both sides
- (3) Partition for the wooden two-by-four construction method, with strengthened gypsum and wood boards on both sides, and a second strengthened gypsum board on one side
- (4) Partition for the wooden two-by-four construction method, with strengthened gypsum board on both sides, with synthetic mineral fiber insulation filling
- (5) Partition for the wooden two-by-four construction method, with strengthened gypsum and wood boards on both sides, with synthetic mineral fiber insulation filling
- (6) Partition for the wooden two-by-four construction method, with strengthened gypsum and wood boards on both sides, and a second strengthened gypsum board on one side, with synthetic mineral fiber insulation filling

The Company is also taking steps, such as performance verification and MLIT certification, to correct other properties that were cited for non-conformities, in August.

We plan to continue to place priority on and sincerely gain our customers understanding.