

Sumitomo Forestry Group Releases *CSR Report 2013*

—Introducing Measures Contributing to the Achievement of a Sustainable Society—

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. (President and Representative Director: Akira Ichikawa; Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo) announced that it has published the online version of its *CSR Report 2013*, a compilation of major sustainability initiatives undertaken by Sumitomo Forestry Group.

Sumitomo Forestry Group operates globally based on a corporate philosophy of utilizing timber as a renewable, healthy, and environmentally friendly natural resource, and contributing to a prosperous society through all types of housing-related services. The *CSR Report 2013*, which starts off discussing management's commitment, is divided into three sections overall—Management System, Social Report, and Environmental Report. The report comprehensively covers specific corporate activities, mainly initiatives undertaken through our business operations to tackle social issues, including CSR policies, forest preservation, biodiversity preservation, and social contributions. Also, for the first time, this report received a third-party certification, which verifies the validity and objectivity of the report's content and CSR activities.

Furthermore, to gain the interest of a wide range of stakeholders, *CSR Activity Highlights* was newly created to introduce unique activities in seven themes to deal with various social issues, and will be available both online and in printed form. (The online version is scheduled for launch on August 15, 2013 and the printed version will be published on August 26, 2013.)

■ Summary of the *CSR Report 2013*

- Reporting period : April 2012 - March 2013 (includes some activities after April 2013 and forecasts)
- Companies covered: Sumitomo Forestry Group
- Disclosure method: Posted on the Sumitomo Forestry website (<http://sfc.jp/information/society/>)
- Third-party certification: Ernst & Young Sustainability Co., Ltd.

■ Brief Excerpt of the Content from the *CSR Report 2013***Social Report**

- Measures to improve value of housing stock, including remodeling plans using the dual construction method for vibration control and seismic resistance
- Promoting the sustainable procurement of raw materials via supply chain
- Transforming the Work & Life Group in the Personnel Department into the Workstyle Diversification Department to drive the creation of a workplace where a diversity of talents are able to flourish
- Signing of the reconstruction cooperation agreement with Higashimatsushima City, Miyagi Prefecture

Environmental Report

- Carbon offset measures at the housing business through afforestation projects
- Energy related measures, including smart houses and wood biomass power generation
- Policies for the development of sustainable forest management
- Continue to be selected for the feasibility study for the Ministry of the Environment's Bilateral Credit Mechanism
- Group's Declaration of Biodiversity and greenification consulting measures

In addition to this CSR report, the following CSR information is available at <http://sfc.jp/information/society/>

- Kikorin's Forest, a related site
- Sumitomo Forestry and Biodiversity, Internet library
- Mt. Fuji Manabi no Mori, social contribution activities
- Environmental portal site: *Forest and the Earth Net*, etc.