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Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.

Gold Class for High-quality Sustainability Performance for the Second Consecutive Year in RobecoSAM's "The Sustainability Yearbook 2014"

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. (President and Representative Director: Akira Ichikawa; Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo) announced that for the second in a row, it has earned a Gold Class rating for its CSR performance from RobecoSAM, a global SRI evaluation company. In addition, as the top scoring company, Sumitomo Forestry was selected at Industry Leader^{*2} in the Homebuilding Industry.

RobecoSAM announces companies it selects annually for excellent sustainability performance in The Sustainability Yearbook. Around 3,000 companies were evaluated globally in 2014, of which 460 were included in The Sustainability Yearbook 2014. Those companies recognized for exceptional performance are ranked Gold, Silver, or Bronze.

There were five Japanese companies, including Sumitomo Forestry, ranked as Gold Class.

In the more than 320 years since its founding, Sumitomo Forestry Group has expanded its comprehensive housing and wood products businesses by using wood, which is a renewable natural resource. In accordance with its corporate philosophy to contribute to creating solutions to social issues through business operations to achieve a sustainable society, Sumitomo Forestry aims to develop in tandem with local communities to improve its corporate value.

*1 RobecoSAM (Robeco Sustainable Asset Management)

Swiss asset management advisor. Since 1999, performing research and analysis of components for the DJSI (Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes)^{*3}.

*2 Industry Leader

Highest scoring company in its respective sector among all the companies surveyed in 59 industrial sectors.

*3 DJSI (Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes)

In 1999, launched by Dow Jones (US), reputed for its Dow Jones Industrial Average index (Dow Average) and SAM (the predecessor of RobecoSAM). This is a global SRI (Socially Responsible Investment) share index. Evaluation criteria consist of three categories: economic, environmental, and social performance. Since 2005, Sumitomo Forestry has been selected as a DJSI index constituent for nine consecutive years.