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Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.

**Expanding the timber and building materials distribution business in Southeast Asia**  
**Sumitomo Forestry to Investment in Thai Company Engaged in**  
**Packaging Materials and Wood Products Distribution**

Sumitomo Forestry (Singapore) Ltd., a subsidiary of Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. (President and Representative Director: Akira Ichikawa; Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo), has invested in PAN ASIA PACKING LTD. (hereinafter “PAP”), which is engaged in the businesses of manufacturing and selling packaging materials and distributing wood products, and has established SF Holdings (Thailand) Co., Ltd. as a local subsidiary of Sumitomo Forestry Group in Thailand, to serve as the holding company of PAP.

■ **Background and Purpose of PAP Buyout and Establishment of Local Subsidiary**

In Thailand, against a backdrop of an improvement in consumer purchasing power and increase in housing starts amid recent economic growth, it is anticipated that there will also be market expansion for the timber and building materials business.

On this occasion, by contributing capital to PAP, which is engaged in the business of manufacturing and selling wooden packaging materials and pallets as well as in the business of distributing wood products, the Sumitomo Forestry Group will establish a revenue base in the domestic Thai market, and aims to further expand its business domain.

Furthermore, with a view to business expansion in Thailand, the Sumitomo Forestry Group has also established SF Holdings (Thailand) to serve as a local subsidiary of the Group. The purpose of this company is to build a business management structure in Thailand as the holding company of PAP.

As a consequence of entering into this business, the Sumitomo Forestry Group will no longer be bound to the traditional business model focused on its trading business. The Group will create a new timber and building materials business model, flexibly combining a cross-section of internal and external management resources, with the idea of building a basis for the distribution of products and materials centered around Sumitomo Forestry. Drawing on this new business model, the Group will strive to meet housing and lifestyle demands and to expand its business in the Asia-Pacific.

■ **Overview of PAP**

Company name:	<b>PAN ASIA PACKING LTD.</b>
Location:	Sriracha Chonburi Pinthong industrial area, southern Thailand
Representative:	Tomomitsu Yasunaga
Capital:	THB 8,000,000-
Equity share:	SF Holdings (Thailand) 51%, Sumitomo Forestry (Singapore) 49%
Business description:	Products business (wood products), distribution and sale of packaging materials and wooden pallets
Number of employees:	130 (including 1 local representative)

■ **Overview of SF Holdings (Thailand)**

Company name:	<b>SF Holdings (Thailand) Co., Ltd.</b>
Location:	Sriracha Chonburi Pinthong industrial area, southern Thailand (on same premises as PAP)
Representative:	Yoichi Hosoya
Capital:	THB 2,000,000-
Equity share:	Sumitomo Forestry (Singapore) 49%, three local partner companies 51%

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### About Sumitomo Forestry

Founded in 1691, Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. and its Group companies have broadened business activities focused on wood. Based on its corporate philosophy—“utilize timber as a renewable, healthy and environmentally friendly natural resource, and contributes to a prosperous society through all types of housing-related services”— and with its approximately 250,000 hectares of owned and managed forest, the global network that spans more than 20 countries and expertise and technology in housing-related businesses, Sumitomo Forestry Group is developing the Forestry and Environment Business, the Timber and Building Materials Business, the Housing Business, the Overseas Business, the Lifestyle Service Business and other businesses both in Japan and abroad. Adding such businesses as wooden biomass power generation and Timber Solution, it will continue to pursue the potential of timber.

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