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Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.

Sumitomo Forestry Group Publishes *CSR Report 2015* and Posts to Website Establishes new Key CSR Issues and Medium-Term CSR Plan

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. announced today that it has published and posted online its *CSR Report 2015*, a compilation of the major initiatives undertaken by the Sumitomo Forestry Group aimed at realizing a sustainable and prosperous society.

With reference given to ISO 26000 (Guidance on Social Responsibility), GRI's G4 Sustainability Reporting Guidelines and other guidelines, the *CSR Report 2015* starts off discussing management's commitment, and is then divided into three general sections—Management System, Social Report, and Environmental Report. The report covers the Group's CSR-related activities comprehensively, including initiatives undertaken through its business operations to tackle social issues.

Moreover, given the increasingly diverse and sophisticated societal demands on companies, the report also includes announcement of the "Sumitomo Forestry Group Medium-Term CSR Plan," in which it identifies new "Key CSR Issues for the Sumitomo Forestry Group" and establishes medium-term targets to be achieved by fiscal 2020 with a view to resolving those issues.

Based on its 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 Sumitomo Forestry Group operates wide-ranging businesses. On the basis of this corporate philosophy, the Group will continue to engage in businesses that achieves a sustainable society.

■ Summary of the *CSR Report 2015*

- Reporting period: April 2014- March 2015 (includes some activities after April 2015 and forecasts)
However, in reaching the final target year of the Medium-Term Environmental Management Plan (FY2010-FY2014), some evaluations also include the achievement of targets in relation to the whole period.
- Companies covered: Sumitomo Forestry Group
- Disclosure method: Posted on the Sumitomo Forestry website
(<http://sfc.jp/information/society/>)
- Third-party certification: KPMG AZSA Sustainability Co., Ltd. (third-party assurance has been received for verifying the validity and objectivity of the report's content and CSR activities)

■ Publication of *Sumitomo Forestry Group Business and CSR 2015*

- Although the Sumitomo Forestry Group's CSR Report has been made available online, in order to attract the interest of a wider range of stakeholders, in late August, the Group will also publish *Sumitomo Forestry Group Business and CSR 2015* as a booklet, introducing the Group's signature activities tackling various social issues as well as the Sumitomo Forestry Group Medium-Term CSR Plan which has a target year of fiscal 2020.
- The Activity Highlights cover the following themes.

- Sustainable House Development: Developing Reliable and Comfortable Housing with Low Environmental Impact
- The Evolving MOCCA Business: Making the Most of Timber’s Appeal and Challenging New Markets
- Sustainable Forest Management: Practicing Sustainable Forest Management in Japan and Overseas
- Generating Renewable Energy from Wood: Expansion of Our Wood Biomass Power Generation Business
- Leveraging Various Perspectives and Ideas: House Development That Leverages the Unique Perspective and Creativity of Women

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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