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Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.

## **Vina Eco Board Co., Ltd. Attains JIS Mark Certification**

**Particle board production and shipping system in place,  
commences sales in the Japanese market**

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. announced that Vina Eco Board Co., Ltd. (VECO), its Vietnam subsidiary manufacturing and selling particle board, has attained JIS (Japan Industrial Standards) Mark certification for its particle board on December 7, 2015. With its production and shipping system in place, VECO is commencing full-fledged sales in the Japanese market.

VECO is located in Long An province, near Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. It commenced commercial production of particle board in May 2012, and has since attained ISO9001 and ISO14001 certifications. It has been expanding its production volume while placing emphasis on product quality and remaining environmentally conscious in its plant operations. Currently, it is operating stably, producing at its design production capacity of 20,000 m<sup>3</sup> (approximately 14,000 tons) each month.

With the attainment of JIS Mark certification, VECO will continue to further improve its product quality and standards of quality control, so as to provide a stable supply of products satisfying customers not just in the ASEAN market but also in Japan.

Sumitomo Forestry Group carries out manufacturing and sales of wooden board, furniture, and wooden interior products at eight locations outside Japan. For wooden board, there are two locations in Oceania for medium density fiberboard (MDF) and three locations in Southeast Asia for particle board, each with an annual production capacity of 500,000 m<sup>3</sup>, producing products of high quality using raw materials such as small-diameter trees and scrap wood, which otherwise have few other uses.

Sumitomo Forestry's particle board business has one particular feature—each business location uses as its raw material scrap wood from plantation timber and fruit trees such as mango obtained from neighboring plantations. By using scrap wood from fruit trees generated during regular cuttings, wood resources are effectively utilized, and a stable supply of raw materials can also be secured. Through utilization of sustainable resources, Sumitomo Forestry contributes to the development of local communities.

There is also cooperation with Sumitomo Forestry's Tsukuba Research Institute to continuously improve, including efforts to improve manufacturing techniques for particle board, achieve stability in production and product quality, and develop products according to the characteristics of the raw materials. In addition to stable sales, by using wooden board plant products, such as particle board, in the Group's furniture, building materials, and interior businesses, synergy within the Group is also being enhanced.

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**Overview of Vina Eco Board Co., Ltd.**

Name of Company	: Vina Eco Board Co., Ltd.
Location	: Phu An Thanh Industrial Park, Long An Province, Social Republic of Vietnam
Date of Establishment	: May 2010
Capital	: US \$ 45,000,000
	: (Sumitomo Forestry: 40%; Sumitomo Forestry (Singapore): 40%; IFC: 20%)
Representative	: Satoshi Abe
Business	: Manufacture and sale of particle board
History	: May 2012, commenced commercial production. March 2014, attained ISO9001 and ISO14001 certifications. December 2015, attained JIS Mark certification
Manufacturing Facilities	: Continuous hot-pressing machine
Dimensions of Major Products	: 9~35mm thickness; 4x6 ft, 4x8 ft, 3x8 ft, 6x8 ft (length x width)
Number of Employees	: 270

**Details of JIS Mark certification**

- 1) JIS name and number: Particle board, JISA5908
- 2) Certification category: Particle board
  - a) State of surface: Base particle board with polished surface (RS)
  - b) Bending strength: Type 13, Type 8
  - c) Adhesive: Type U
  - d) Formaldehyde emission rate: Class F\*\*\*\*, Class F\*\*\*, Class F\*\*
  - e) Incombustibility: Normal



VECO's plant