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Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.

**Sumitomo Forestry Makes CDP's Climate A List for eighth consecutive year
~ Wins highest rating in CDP 2023 ~**

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. (President and Representative Director: Toshiro Mitsuyoshi; headquarters: Tokyo; hereinafter, Sumitomo Forestry) is pleased to announce that on February 6, 2024, it was selected for inclusion in the highest ranking Climate Change A List for the eighth consecutive year by the international non-profit organization CDP.*¹ Since 2016 when the scoring system was changed, only four Japanese companies, including Sumitomo Forestry, have been selected for the A list for eight consecutive years.



CDP is the world's leading ESG evaluation organization that assesses the world's top companies by market capitalization on their efforts to reduce greenhouse gases and mitigate climate change. The Climate Change A List is a list of companies that have demonstrated exceptional leadership in environmental transparency and action. In 2023, 346 companies, including 109 Japanese companies, were selected from approximately 21,000 companies around the world.

In July 2018, Sumitomo Forestry Group was one of the first to announce its support of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)*² and began conducting scenario analyses and information disclosure related to climate change impact. That same month, we formulated our Group greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets (Scope 1, 2, 3) for 2030, which were certified as a science-based targets by the SBT (Science Based Targets) initiative.*³ We joined RE100*⁴ in March 2020 and began participating in Race to Zero*⁵ in September 2021, raising our 2030 greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 1, 2) reduction targets to 54.6% with the commitment to achieve virtually zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Sumitomo Forestry Group formulated Mission TREEING 2030, our long-term vision with 2030 as target year, the same target year as the United Nation's SDGs. In this long-term vision, we defined nine material issues from the perspective of providing value for our planet, for people and society, and for the market economy. In our medium-term management plan, Mission TREEING 2030 Phase 1 (2022~2024), we specified the further integration of business and ESG as one of our basic policies

and to achieve this, created the Mid-Term Sustainability Targets 2024, which incorporates our sustainability strategies and the nine material issues. By achieving the targets set out for each material issue, Sumitomo Forestry seeks to attain the SDGs and fulfill societal expectations to contribute to the realization of a sustainable society.

*1 CDP: <https://www.cdp.net>

CDP is a non-governmental organization established in London in 2000 that promotes the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the protection of water resources, and the conservation of forests by companies and governments. Working together with institutional investors with more than \$136 trillion in assets, it aims to promote information disclosure and management of corporate environmental impact with the aim to deter climate change.

*2 TCFD: <https://www.fsb-tcf.org/>

TCFD is a private sector-led climate-related information disclosure task force established under the Financial Stability Board (FSB) at the request of G20 finance ministers and central bank governors. In June 2017, it released climate-related financial disclosure recommendations to better understand the financial impact of risks and opportunities brought by climate change. These recommendations have been endorsed by approximately 5,000 companies and governmental organizations worldwide (as of January 23, 2024).

*3 Science Based Targets initiative: <https://sciencebasedtargets.org/>

The Science Based Targets initiative was established in 2015 by the United Nations Global Compact, CDP, World Resources Institute (WRI), and World Wildlife Fund (WWF) to promote science-based targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in order to limit the increase in global average temperature to less than 2°C above pre-industrial levels.

*4 RE100: <https://www.there100.org/ja>

RE100 is an international initiative that brings together businesses committed to 100% renewable electricity. It seeks to spread and promote the use of renewable energy by giving visibility to businesses that have declared their commitment to renewable energy.

*5 Race to Zero

Race to Zero is a global campaign supported by companies, municipalities, investors, universities, and non-governmental players around the world to take immediate action to halve emissions by 2030 and achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.