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Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.

**Recognized by RobecoSAM for Excellence in Sustainability
Performance**
**“Bronze Class” in the Homebuilding Industry Category for Third
Consecutive Year**

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. announced it has been selected for the “Bronze Class” distinction under RobecoSAM’s sustainability grading system for the third consecutive year. RobecoSAM is a world leading assessor of socially responsible investments (SRI) that recognizes companies for their excellence in sustainability performance.

RobecoSAM assessed the economic, environmental and social activities of about 3,500 leading companies in the world. It selects the top 15% of companies in 60 industries for their excellence in sustainability, and publishes them The Sustainability Yearbook 2018. Those companies whose performance is particularly excellent receive “Gold Class”, “Silver Class”, or “Bronze Class” distinctions.

Fifty-one Japanese companies were selected in 2018 for their excellence in sustainability performance, of which 23 companies received class distinctions. Sumitomo Forestry has been continuously selected for Bronze Class in the Homebuilding Industry for third consecutive year. In addition, we have been published in the Sustainability Yearbook as one of the excellent companies in sustainability since 2008.

For more than 320 years since its founding, the Sumitomo Forestry Group has been using wood—a renewable natural resource—as it expands globally into a wide range of housing- and lifestyle-related businesses. With a goal of achieving a sustainable society, the Group will continue to contribute to creating solutions to social issues through its business operations, as it strives for the development of local communities and improvement of its corporate value.

