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News Release

**Selected for Inclusion in Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific Index,
a Global ESG Investment Equity Index**

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. (President and Representative Director: Akira Ichikawa; Headquarters: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; hereinafter Sumitomo Forestry) announced that Sumitomo Forestry has been selected for inclusion in the Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific Index (hereinafter DJSI Asia Pacific), one of the environmental, social, and governance (ESG) investment stock price indices that is highly regarded globally.

DJSI Asia Pacific tracks the performance of around 600 major companies in the Asia-Oceania region, of which 150 companies (75 being Japanese companies) were included into the index in 2018. Sumitomo Forestry was selected as the Industry Leader, the highest level of recognition, of the homebuilding industry.

The DJSI is a stock price index jointly developed by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a US investment information company, and RobecoSAM, a Swiss company dedicated to research in the field of ESG investment. Stocks are selected based on an evaluation and analysis of the sustainability of the world's leading companies taking into account economic, environmental, and social criteria.

Sumitomo Forestry has also been included in other major ESG indices, such as the three ESG indices since 2017—the FTSE Blossom Japan Index, MSCI Japan ESG Select Leaders Index, and the MSCI Japan Empowering Women Index (nicknamed WIN)—selected by the Government Pension Investment Fund, a pension fund investment agency of the largest scale globally, as well as the FTSE4Good Global Index by FTSE Russell (comprising FTSE International Limited and Frank Russell Company) since 2004.

Since being founded, the Sumitomo Forestry Group has been utilizing timber, a renewable resource, in many businesses based on the needs of the times. Amid growing interest in ESG, corporate social responsibility (CSR), and sustainable development goals (SDGs) in recent years, the Sumitomo Forestry Group will work on various manifested issues and contribute to the realization of a prosperous society.

References:

CSR Report 2018, which provides detailed information about the CSR initiatives of the Sumitomo Forestry Group

<https://sfc.jp/information/society/>

External recognition of the Sumitomo Forestry Group

<https://sfc.jp/information/society/gri/>

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