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For Immediate Release

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.

Sumitomo Forestry Acquires MLIT Certification for Semi-fireproof Wooden Construction

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. announced today that it has acquired certification from the minister of the Japanese Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) for partitions in semi-fireproof structures built using the wooden post-and-beam construction method.

The certification applies to the 3,524 buildings for which the MLIT directed Sumitomo Forestry to take corrective measures on August 10. We apologize for the inconvenience and concern caused to customers and related parties.

■ Summary of Certification

Certified party: Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.

Certification numbers: (1) QF045BP-0068
(2) QF045BP-0069

Certification date: August 28, 2012

Names of certified structures, methods, etc.

- (1) Partition for the wooden post-and-beam construction method, with strengthened gypsum board on both sides
- (2) Partition for the wooden post-and-beam construction method, with strengthened gypsum board on both sides, with synthetic mineral fiber insulation filling

The Company is also moving to take corrective actions, including acquisition of MLIT certification, for the buildings (semi-fireproof structures built using the two-by-four construction method) cited on August 24.

We continue to place priority on sincerely gaining the understanding of customers, working under the guidance of the MLIT and the specific municipal authorities concerned.