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Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.

Taking out SMBC Business Continuity Assessment Loan

—High rating for diverse business continuity initiatives—

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. (President and Representative Director: Akira Ichikawa; Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo) announced it received financing under the SMBC Business Continuity Assessment Loan program which sets financing terms in accordance with the evaluation of a company's business continuity plan and other factors. Sumitomo Forestry's diverse approach to business continuity received high appraisal.

The SMBC Business Continuity Assessment Loan program was jointly developed by Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation and InterRisk Research Institute & Consulting, Inc.* Under this program, feedback on business continuity initiatives is provided to a company following evaluation of the structure and management of a company's business continuity plan (BCP) and business continuity management system (BCMS) based on a unique set of assessment standards.

Sumitomo Forestry was highly appraised owing to the following factors:

- (1) Vigorous promotion of business continuity initiatives to prepare for an earthquake that directly strikes the Tokyo area or the outbreak of a new influenza strain.
- (2) Very sophisticated measures for dealing with emergencies, which is the basis of business continuity initiatives.
- (3) Multifaceted response to issues highlighted in aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake, reflected in business continuity initiatives.

The company will continue to promote initiatives to further strengthen its business continuity systems.

* InterRisk Research Institute & Consulting, Inc.

A consulting affiliate of MS&AD Insurance Group responsible for risk management. The company possesses a rich track record consulting in the areas of corporate business continuity and risk management. The company is certified as the Japanese representative of Business Continuity Institute (BCI), an international association in the field of business continuity.