

Sekisui House Complies with International Standards for Timber Procurement; Acquires CoC Certification Covering Timber Processing and Distribution

As of May 15, 2022, Sekisui House, Ltd. acquired CoC certification for the main structural members of its SHAWOOD wooden framed houses. This certifies the processing and distribution of certified products from certified forests under the PEFC certification¹, an international forest certification system, as well as SGEN certification², an independent Japanese forest certification system.



As seen in the Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forests and Land Use announced in 2021, achieving zero deforestation is an urgent international challenge, and an independent third-party forest certification system which certifies sustainable forests and wood products originating from them, is considered an effective means to achieve this goal. The Forest Certification System consists of forest management (FM) certification, which certifies the forest itself, and chain-of-custody (CoC) certification, which certifies the distribution and processing of wood and other products from the certified forest. Only when this process is continuous are the materials recognized as certified. Previously, this process was not continuous so it was not possible to supply certified wooden framed houses, however, with our company's proactive efforts to encourage distributors and suppliers and our own acquisition of CoC certification, we are now ready to supply wooden framed houses that use certified main structural materials.

As the housing company with the world's largest cumulative number of dwellings built, Sekisui House will continue our efforts to ensure the traceability of the materials we use and promote the use of highly sustainable timber. Sekisui House will continue to work toward building a sustainable society based on its global vision to "make home the happiest place in the world", and aims to be a leading company in ESG management.

*1: The world's largest certification system, with 55 member countries and over 320 million hectares of certified forests worldwide (as at end of March 2022).

*2: Japan's independent certification system. A number of countries have independently developed certification systems in addition to international certification systems.

*3: Trademarks are used with permission of SGEC/PEFC Japan respectively.

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https://www.sekisuihouse.co.jp/company/topics/topics_2022/20220606/

About Sekisui House

Founded in 1960, Sekisui House, Ltd. is one of world's largest homebuilders and an international diversified developer, with cumulative sales of over 2.5 million homes⁴. Based in Osaka, Sekisui House has over 300 consolidated subsidiaries and affiliates⁵, over 28,000 employees⁶ and is listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange and Nagoya Stock Exchange.

Sekisui House aims to create homes and communities that improve with time and last for generations. With Love of Humanity as its Corporate Philosophy, Sekisui House believes that homes should offer comfort, security and peace of mind for residents, while maintaining harmony with the environment and its surroundings. Sekisui House has sustainability as a core corporate target and is now the global leader in the construction of net-zero-energy houses with more than sixty-thousand⁷ of them built since the product was launched in 2013. In 2009, Sekisui House expanded into several new international markets and now operates in the United States, China, Singapore, Australia and the United Kingdom.

*4: 2,544,849 homes delivered (As of January 31, 2022)

*5: 335 consolidated subsidiaries and affiliates (As of January 31, 2022)

*6: 28,821 employees (As of January 31, 2022)

*7: 69,163 net-zero-energy houses (As of March 31, 2022)