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New Zealand based Permanent Forests International (PFI) and Sumitomo Corporation of Japan have completed a trade of Kyoto forest carbon offsets sourced from a regenerating indigenous forest located in the Marlborough Sounds, New Zealand. The forest is registered under the Permanent Forest Sink Initiative (PFSI), a New Zealand Government carbon forestry mechanism. The PFSI is specifically designed to provide for long-term forest management for carbon sequestration and is highly compatible with forest conservation objectives.

Ollie Belton from PFI, who managed the transaction on behalf of the NZ forest owner, said the deal represents the second known sale of PFSI units into Japan and shows the market is maturing for high quality NZ forest carbon credits. These particular units are sourced from a natural forest recovery project with strong environmental co-benefits.

Belton said PFI and Sumitomo have been working for sometime on completing a PFSI carbon offset transaction to meet the requirements of high end buyers in the Japanese market, and consider this deal a milestone.

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