



Sino-Forest Confirms Coupon Payment of 6.25% Guaranteed Senior Notes Due 2017

TORONTO, CANADA – October 21, 2011 - Sino-Forest Corporation (“Sino-Forest” or the “Company”) (TSX:TRE) is pleased to confirm that the funds necessary to make the semi-annual interest payment due on October 21, 2011, on its 6.25% Guaranteed Senior Notes due 2017, were provided on October 18, 2011 to Citibank, N.A., London Branch, the paying agent.

The ISIN (Rule 144A and Reg S) numbers of the senior notes are: US82934HAF82 and USC83912AF98."

About Sino-Forest Corporation

Sino-Forest Corporation is a leading commercial forest plantation operator in China. Its principal businesses include the ownership and management of tree plantations, the sale of standing timber and wood logs, and the complementary manufacturing of downstream engineered-wood products. Sino-Forest also holds a majority interest in Greenheart Group Limited (HKSE:00094), a Hong-Kong listed investment holding company with assets in Suriname (South America) and New Zealand and involved in sustainable harvesting, processing and sales of its logs and lumber to China and other markets around the world. Sino-Forest's common shares have been listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol TRE since 1995. Learn more at www.sinoforest.com.

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