

Third-party comments



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When working for the Environment Agency, he was deeply involved in the negotiations of the Kyoto Protocol. At present, he is active in his professional fields such as environmental policy and global warming countermeasures.

What I felt through this report, the first issue of the CSR Report, is that you have dramatically innovated the Environmental Report up to 2007 and did your best to nurture the relationship of trust with various stakeholders, keeping information on your activities in the environment category. This is clearly and strongly expressed in the message from the president. On the premise of internal control and compliance, your concerns as an industrial machinery manufacturer and your contribution to society and environment through improvement of your business performance are brought to the fore. From this, I think the EBARA Group has started moving forward toward a new era.

The EBARA Group's modest efforts for the new era are bearing fruit, which is represented in the improvement of the compliance questionnaire response rate. I also want to point out that the Group is preparing a mechanism for early identification of problems and offering of solutions. The compliance and liaison system was introduced in 2007, which is a good example of that.

In the aspect of your approach to building a recycling-oriented society, you will attain the challenging targets on the material recycling rate and the final landfill disposal rate soon. This is the fruit of your tireless efforts. With the assessment by these indexes, your measures have already matured and you have almost reached the limit.

Therefore, as a next step, if you consider things from the perspective of the material input amount or the total waste discharge amount, there may be room to generate new originality and ingenuity.

On the other hand, I felt that your approach for a lower carbon society has not had tangible effects yet. I praise your attitude to reduce CO₂ emissions by 10 percent in 2010 compared with 2000, holding up not the basic unit target but the total emission amount target. I hope you will give great consideration to achieving that goal at the CO₂ reduction committee.

It is also essential to visualize the results of various daily measures or capital investment in order to motivate actions and prioritize investment. From such a standpoint, for environmental accounting I want you to work on quantifying the environmental burden reduction effect and estimating the economic effectiveness.

I understand that this report is designed for employees first to understand the company's current status and policy well. On the other hand, I think that it might be better if it had more perspectives toward customers in general, and if you can take the customer's standpoint you may find some more room for improvement. From such a viewpoint, the fact that you received only eight comments on the Environmental Report 2007 from outside shows that that report had something missing in terms of its expected role as a communication tool. Why don't you create a gimmick to promote opinion exchange, taking advantage of your website and events such as the environmental exhibition?

In conclusion, I sincerely hope that, taking this opportunity to publish the memorable first issue of the CSR Report, the EBARA Group will take action as one, along with the policy clarified in the report, and consolidate the trust of society.

Regarding the third party's comment

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Thank you very much for your valuable opinion. For compliance, we have made compliance penetrate throughout our employees with the compliance and liaison system, which you praised, and having a compliance declaration by the management-level employees; and now the effects are coming through little by little. We will continue to conduct activities for compliance.

For the environment, we will focus on inputs and make further efforts to achieve the target of the final landfill disposal rate. For our approach to a low carbon society,

as you pointed out, we have recognized that it is one of the EBARA Group's most important challenges.

We will take environmental measures for the new plant (Futtsu City, Chiba Prefecture), which is to be completed in 2012. For the existing plants and facilities, we will continue to implement energy-saving activities by reviewing and improving our daily operations. The CSR Report preparation committee aims to nurture CSR consciousness in the EBARA Group through the report. We will also improve this report to have it work as a communication tool to build a good relationship with customers and people who are involved in the EBARA Group, fully discuss comments we received, and strive to make the best of them for promoting CSR activities.