

Komatsu's Relationship with the Environment and with Society

Considering "What Komatsu Can Do and What It Must Do" for the global environment and the sustainable development of society, Komatsu promotes activities of the entire Komatsu Group to realize its vision.



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Komatsu undertakes business activities that focus on environmental conservation and social responsibility at every stage of the product lifecycle, including development, manufacturing, logistics, sales, and after-sales service.

Measures to mitigate global warming (activities to reduce CO₂ emissions) constitute Komatsu's most important environmental conservation activities. Proactively constructing plants next to ports, Komatsu has achieved significant drops in CO₂ emissions during the manufacturing and logistics stages. In the sales and after-sales service stages, the company has been engaged in cooperation with its sales agents to promote environmental conservation activities. Meanwhile, in the development stage, the company forecasts major cuts in CO₂ emissions during the usage stage through the creation of products featuring outstanding performance that focus on reducing fuel consumption.

Komatsu considers corporate value to be the total sum of trust given to it by society and all corporate stakeholders. Holding this as a priority, the company responds to demands from society through communication with stakeholders and social contribution endeavors.

Business Activities and Their Impact on the Environment

In recognition of the fact that its business activities affect a number of stakeholders, most notably the residents of the area surrounding its activity sites, the Komatsu Group is promoting activities that will reduce environmental impacts.

Komatsu has focused its environmental activities chiefly in the area of construction and mining equipment, which exceeds 80% of the company's consolidated sales. As its primary initiatives, in addition to introducing an environmental management system based on ISO14001,

Komatsu supplies products with environment-friendly designs and has been boosting its environmental performance.

In 2003, Komatsu undertook a revision of its corporate principles: (1) Contributions to realization of a sustainable society, (2) Simultaneous realization of environmental and economic performance, and (3) Observance of corporate social responsibility. Expanding the scope of its activities to all its areas of business, Komatsu is undertaking these initiatives throughout the entire Komatsu Group, with subsidiaries operating at the global level responsible for implementation.

The Komatsu Group's Business Activities' Relationship with the Environment and with Society

