Sustainability at Mitsubishi Electric Group

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The Mitsubishi Electric Group regards its sustainability initiatives as the foundation of its corporate management, and implements sustainability-oriented initiatives in all corporate activities in accordance with its “Purpose,” “Our Values,” and “Commitment.” Our management policy states, “we have returned to our fundamental principle of ‘addressing social challenges through our businesses’ and position the realization of sustainability as the cornerstone of our management. From this approach, we will pursue a sustained enhancement of our corporate value and fulfill our responsibility to society, to our customers, shareholders and employees, and to all other stakeholders.” It is crucial to maintain communication with various stakeholders to pursue initiatives for achieving a sustainable society, as well as to incorporate the expectations, requests, and opinions from society into activities and to avoid acts that will inconvenience society. By ensuring transparent disclosure of information on sustainability, the Mitsubishi Electric Group aims to obtain a favorable response from stakeholders, and to realize a vibrant and sustainable society together with its stakeholders.

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Main agenda of the Sustainability Committee (April 2022)

Sustainability initiatives at the management level
Examination of the sustainability vision
Reinforcement in the management of the Sustainability Committee (establishment of subcommittees, projects, etc.)
Report on achievements made in the previous fiscal year and activities planned in the current fiscal year, with focus on materiality initiatives
Response to sustainability-related legal regulations and to requests from stakeholders
Responses to the sustainable development goals (SDGs)
Initiatives to carbon neutrality
Responses to the TCFD
Human rights initiatives
Create policy for the Sustainability Report and Integrated Report
Further enhanced information disclosure that takes into account ESG (environment, social, governance) investment

Mitsubishi Electric Group’s Materiality

The Mitsubishi Electric Group places more focus than ever on sustainability initiatives at the management level to realize the “vibrant and sustainable society” that we have committed to in our Purpose. We have identified five areas as materiality to “Provide solutions to social challenges through our businesses” and as part of our “Strengthen our business foundation to enable sustainable growth.” Through these materiality initiatives, we will create economic and social value and will contribute to solving social challenges starting with contributing to achieving the SDGs. In our materiality initiatives, we promote continuous activities for improvement by implementing the PDCA cycle for mid-to-long-term initiatives and goals as well as for key performance indicators (KPIs).

Priority SDG initiatives

In line with the materiality identified for fiscal 2022, we reviewed the SDGs to address on a priority basis that we determined in fiscal 2019. In the course of reviewing our goals, we conducted an internal and external survey. As a result of it, we found that Mitsubishi Electric is expected to contribute to resolving social challenges through its business activities.

Based on a study within the company, we set SDGs 3, 7, 9, 11, and 13 as the Priority SDG initiatives, which correspond to “realize a sustainable global environment” and “realize a safe, secure, and comfortable society,” the areas that the Group will focus on going forward. By further promoting initiatives to create value for these goals to which we can contribute significantly as a comprehensive electrical and electronics manufacturer, we will make a specific contribution to achieving the SDGs.

• Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being
• Goal 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
• Goal 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure
• Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
• Goal 13: Climate Action

In doing this, the Mitsubishi Electric Group will integrate the concept of the SDGs into its management strategy and contribute to the SDGs that we will prioritize through our materiality initiatives.

Direct Dialogue between the President and Employees

Mitsubishi Electric holds meetings between the president and employees at each workplace to communicate the president’s thoughts regarding reforms to employees, as well as to exchange views between them. In fiscal 2022, the meeting was carried out at a total of 42 bases. In fiscal 2023, to help bring the conversation deeper, these gatherings are continually held in a town meeting style with small groups. The president listens to diverse opinions from employees and will implement them in various reforms going forward.
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Initiatives / External Evaluation

Initiatives

Participation in the UN Global Compact
In May 2018, the Mitsubishi Electric Group signed the UN Global Compact (UNGC) aimed at promoting sustainability activities based on international norms. By signing the UNGC, the Group pledges to make continued efforts toward sustainable growth by complying with the ten principles in the four areas of human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption to the extent that it can influence society. Efforts will be made to enhance the Group's activities by maintaining close communication with UN organizations and relevant initiatives.

Expression of Approval of the TCFD Recommendations
The Mitsubishi Electric Group has expressed approval of the recommendations by TCFD (Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures) and has been promoting initiatives and disclosing information according to its recommendations.

Obtainment of the SBT (Science Based Targets) certification
It is recognized that the Mitsubishi Electric Group’s greenhouse gas reduction targets for 2030 are based on scientific grounds to “Holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above preindustrial levels” as stipulated in the Paris Agreement. We have obtained certification from the SBT (Science Based Targets) initiative.

Expression of Approval of the GX League Basic Concept
Mitsubishi Electric expressed approval of the GX League Basic Concept announced by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI). The GX League will be established by companies which actively work on green transformation (GX) together with players who strive to achieve GX, including governments, academia, public research institutions, and financial institutions, as a forum for discussing the overall economic and social system and creating new markets accordingly. The purpose of the Concept matches the direction of Mitsubishi Electric. Mitsubishi Electric will participate in discussions for the transformation of the overall economic and social system to achieve carbon neutrality.

Joining the RBA
In February 2022, Mitsubishi Electric joined the Responsible Business Alliance (RBA), an alliance that promotes corporate social responsibility in global supply chains. We commit to progressively align our own operations with the provisions of the RBA Code of Conduct, a global standard, to promote continuous improvement of our sustainability efforts.

External Evaluation

CDP  
EcoVadis  
FTSE  
MSCI  

S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient Index  
PRIDE Index 2021  
Eruboshi  
Health & Productivity Management Outstanding Organization