

## **Kirin Holdings Endorses the Statement from Business Leaders for Renewed Global Cooperation, Issued by the United Nations Global Compact**

- Kirin Holdings joins over 1200 CEOs over 100+ countries' pledge to unite in the business of a better world -

**TOKYO, September 25, 2020** - Kirin Holdings Company, Limited (Kirin Holdings) endorsed the Statement from Business Leaders for Renewed Global Cooperation (Statement)\*<sup>1</sup> put forth by the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) \*<sup>2</sup> on September 11. This Statement comes as the UNGC marks its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The statement was signed by Kirin Holdings CEO Yoshinori Isozaki.

1: For reference: [https://ungc-communications-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/docs/publications/UN75\\_UnitingBusinessStatement.pdf](https://ungc-communications-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/docs/publications/UN75_UnitingBusinessStatement.pdf)

2: A voluntary initiative in which companies and organizations demonstrate responsible and creative leadership to act as good members of society and participate in the creation of a global framework for sustainable growth. In addition to endorsing the ten principles in the four spheres of human rights, labor, the environment and anti-corruption, top management has made a commitment to continue to work toward the achievement of these principles.

This year also marks a milestone year for the United Nations as it celebrates its 75th anniversary. The Statement explains its purpose: "In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic and converging crises — including climate change, economic uncertainty, social inequality and rising disinformation — public and private institutions need to show they are accountable, ethical, inclusive and transparent. This is the only way to strengthen public trust and achieve a more sustainable future for all." In order to adapt to the various major risks such as COVID-19, this statement expresses the importance of public and private institutions voluntarily showing accountability beyond national borders, sectors and generations, and of ethical, inclusive and transparent international cooperation in achieving a sustainable future.

The Statement — including the full list of CEO supporters — was presented to the UN Secretary-General during the UN Private Sector Forum on September 21 as part of the official UN75 commemorations. This statement, along with the signatures of many CEOs of member companies, is a call for the endorsement of UNGC member companies and organizations — including Kirin Holdings — and have it submitted to UN Secretary-General António Guterres. The statement consists of the following commitments, as laid out in the Statement:

### **In the spirit of renewed global cooperation, we commit to:**

- Demonstrate ethical leadership and good governance through values-based strategies, policies, operations and relationships when engaging with all stakeholders
- Invest in addressing systemic inequalities and injustices through inclusive, participatory and representative decision making at all levels of our business
- Partner with the UN, Government and civil society to strengthen access to justice, ensure accountability and transparency, provide legal certainty, promote equality and respect human rights

### **In making that commitment, we also call on Governments to:**

- Protect human rights, ensure peace and security, and uphold the rule of law so that businesses, individuals and societies can flourish
- Create an enabling environment to serve the interests of people and planet, prosperity and purpose, through strengthened international cooperation and national legal frameworks
- Enhance multilateralism and global governance to combat corruption, build resilience and achieve the SDGs

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The Kirin Group joined the UNGC in September 2005, and has endorsed this Statement as it is a continuation of the UNGC's original 10 principles. In order to support the UNGC's ten principles in its four spheres and contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Kirin Holdings has formulated the *Kirin Group Vision 2027*. The *Kirin Group Vision 2027* Long-Term Management Vision was made as a guideline for the achievement of social and corporate sustainability. The *Kirin Group Vision 2027* sets out the broad goal of creating value across the world of food & beverages to pharmaceuticals and becoming a global leader in CSV\*<sup>3</sup>.

3: Creating Shared Value. Combined added value for consumers as well as for society at large.

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