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Kirin Group joined RE100 Renewable Electricity Initiative

Companywide use of 100% renewable electricity by 2040

TOKYO, Wednesday November 18, 2020 - Kirin Holdings Company, Limited (Kirin Holdings) joined RE100, an international environmental initiative consisting of companies that aim to achieve 100% renewable electricity on November 9. The company is committed to achieving 100% renewable electricity use by 2040.



<http://there100.org>

● Another Step For the Environment

In February of this year, Kirin Holdings formulated the Kirin Group Environmental Vision 2050, a new vision for strengthening social and corporate resilience. With regard to climate change, we have set a goal of net zero GHG^{*1} emissions for the entire value chain by 2050. Joining RE100 is part of this initiative, and we will work to lead the way in building a zero-carbon society.

*1: Greenhouse gas

● Other Environmental Commitments

In 2017, Kirin Holdings set the lofty goal of reducing the sum of Scope 1 and Scope 2 of the Group by 30% by 2030 compared to 2015 levels and Scope 3 by 30% as well, and in 2017, these goals were approved by the *Science-based Targets (SBT)^{*2} Initiative (SBTI)^{*3}*. In addition, in 2018, Kirin Holdings became the first Japanese food company to endorse the *Climate-Related Financial Information Disclosure Task Force (TCFD^{*4})* recommendations, and Kirin Holdings is actively engaged in scenario analysis and other information disclosure.

*2: Greenhouse gas emission reduction targets set by companies for five to 15 years in the future, consistent with the levels required by the Paris Agreement (which aims to limit the global temperature increase to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and to limit it to 1.5 degrees Celsius).

*3: An initiative established in 2015 by the CDP, the United Nations Global Compact, the World Resources Institute and WWF.
<https://sciencebasedtargets.org>

For reference: <https://www.kirinholdings.co.jp/english/csv/env/climatechange.html>

*4 : Or “Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures” <https://www.fsb-tcf.org>

● Other Environmental Initiatives

Along with conducting far-reaching energy conservation activities, the Kirin Group is promoting

initiatives to reduce GHG*⁵ emissions throughout the value chain, including installing highly-efficient heat pumps, reducing the weight of containers, promoting joint deliveries of products, and switching from traditional energy sources to renewable energies. This includes increasing the use of renewable energies such as solar power, wind power, hydroelectric power and electric power generation using biogas from wastewater treatment processes.

5: Greenhouse gases

Furthermore, in June of this year, the Kirin Group signed the United Nations Global Compact's *Business ambition for 1.5°C**⁶. This is a declaration of its commitment to revise upward its mid-term GHG reduction targets to achieve net zero GHG emissions in the long term. Kirin Holdings plans to obtain SBTI's approval for this new target during 2020.

6: <https://www.unglobalcompact.org/take-action/events/climate-action-summit-2019/business-ambition>

Upon joining RE100, Kirin Holdings will accelerate the introduction of renewable electricity at each of its business locations, aiming to operate business with 100% renewable electricity by 2040.

<Reference>

Kirin Group Environmental Vision 2050

<https://www.kirin.co.jp/csv/eco/mission/>

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