

Kirin Holdings Joins SBTN's Corporate Engagement Program

- First Japanese pharmaceutical and food company to join global environmental initiative -

TOKYO, Friday March 26, 2021 - Kirin Holdings Company, Limited (Kirin Holdings) became the first company in the Japanese pharmaceutical and food industries to participate in the [Corporate Engagement Program organized by the Science Based Targets Network](#) (SBTN) on February 27. This is a continuation of Kirin Holdings' participation in specific global initiatives to combat climate change - Kirin Holdings also was the first Japanese food company to join the SBTN-related SBTi global initiative (see below). Complying with this initiative, Kirin Holdings had its group-wide GHG*¹ mid-term reduction target certified in 2017 and completed its upgrade to the "1.5°C target" standard at the end of last year.

*1: Greenhouse gas.

● What is the SBTN and the Corporate Engagement Program?

The SBTN builds on the work of the Science Based Targets Initiative ([SBTi](#))*². It is a collaboration of non-profit organizations and business developing and providing methods and resources for companies to set science-based goals to help them play their part in creating a sustainable global environment. Ultimately, the aim is to create a global economy in which businesses and cities set and work to achieve goals to enable them to operate in a way that is socially equitable and ensures that Kirin Holdings has a sustainable global environmental system.

The Corporate Engagement Program, established by SBTN, aims to collaborate with companies and other partners to develop science-based approach to setting targets for corporate use of natural capital (water, land, ocean, resource exploitation, climate change, pollution, and invasive species) by 2022. Members of the Program will help ensure targets are impactful, cost-effective and easy to implement.

*2: An initiative established in 2015 by the CDP, the United Nations Global Compact, the World Resources Institute and WWF.

● Other Global Initiatives

Kirin Holdings has [joined the RE100 Initiative](#), which aims to use 100% renewable energy for electricity by 2020. In order to achieve RE100 at the earliest possible date, all electricity purchased by Kirin Brewery Nagoya Factory will be converted to renewable energy-derived electricity starting this year. Kirin Holdings has also achieved [100% adoption of FSC®*³ certified paper](#)*⁴ by domestic beverage group companies in 2020, and the conservation of precious forests, which is the purpose of FSC® certification, is linked to the preservation of biodiversity, the conservation of water source recharge functions, and the response to climate change issues.

3: FSC®C137754

4: Excluding limited edition products, small quantities, specially-shaped packaging, imported products, etc.

● Company Initiatives

In February 2020, Kirin Holdings formulated the [Kirin Group Environmental Vision 2050](#) as a new long-term strategy to strengthen the resilience of society and Kirin Holdings. Kirin Holdings' goal is not only to minimize and neutralize negative impacts, but also to have a positive impact on society beyond our own framework. In the vision, Kirin Holdings has set "biological resources," "water resources," "containers and packaging," and "climate change" as priority areas to be addressed in Kirin Holdings' business, and Kirin Holdings is promoting its own promoting initiatives in each of these areas.