What the Nitto Denko Group Needs to Do to Become a Global Excellent Company

To become a global excellent company, a company needs to do more than just achieve excellent business results. It needs to be highly respected by its stakeholders. Moreover, it must be a company in which its employees can take pride. To attain its goal of becoming a global excellent company in fiscal 2007, the Nitto Denko Group will make concerted efforts to foster CSR activities and improve its corporate brand value.

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Editorial Policy

- This report is published to help all stakeholders of the Nitto Denko Group deepen their understanding of the Group’s measures to fulfill its social responsibility.
- Based on our policy of open, fair, and best business practices, we are committed to keeping information transparent by disclosing it in this report.
- The Nitto Denko Group conducts business in the manufacturing industry and deals with chemical substances. In this capacity, we believe that carrying out environmental conservation activities as part of our business is one of our most important social responsibilities. Accordingly, our focus in this report is on our activities to reduce environmental impact caused by our business operations.
- In creating this report, we referred to the 2002 Sustainability Reporting Guidelines published by the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI).

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Scope of Reporting

We are still in the process of establishing our information gathering and tabulation system and were not able to report on all Nitto Denko Group companies for each data item. For example, our environmental performance data covers only the companies listed below. For other data items, we clearly show which companies are covered in relevant sections of the report.

- Companies Covered in the Environmental Performance Data
  - Nitto Denko Corporation (non-consolidated):
    - Six domestic manufacturing plants
      - Tohoku Plant, Kanto Plant, Toyohashi Plant, Komatsugawa Plant, Shiga Plant, and Onomichi Plant
    - Domestic Group companies:
      - Seven major domestic manufacturing companies
        - Nitto Shinki, Nihons, Nitto Lila-Tech, Auchi Nitto Denko, Nitto Electronics Kyusyu, Me Nitto Denko, and Safarima Nitto Denko
    - Overseas Group companies:
      - Seven major overseas manufacturing companies
        - Permacel (in the United States), Hydronautics (in the United States), Nitto Europe (Belgium), Nitto Denko (Shanghai Dong Jiang) (in China), Nitto Denko (Taiwan), Nitto Denko Electronics (Malaysia), and Nitto Denko Material (Thailand)

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Nitto Denko Group Products Are Used in the Daily Lives of People throughout the World

The Nitto Denko Group utilizes its adhesive processing technology and polymer synthesis technology to provide a variety of products to households as well as the medical, housing, construction, electric and electronic, and automobile industries. To further expand our business, we believe it essential to develop new products. Using both our technologies and marketing skills, we anticipate customer needs and are the first to develop and offer new products that meet these needs.

Industrial Products

For Automobiles

Through our products, we add comfort and safety to automobiles around the world.

A : Foam sealing material (EPT SEALER)
B : Highly functional vibration-damping material (LEGETOLEX)

Fills gaps to shut out heat, water, sound, and vibrations
Contributes to noise prevention, vibration control, and weight reduction; changes the sound heard when the door of an automobile is closed to a dignified sound typically heard in luxury cars

Electronic Products

For LCD TVs

The Nitto Denko Group’s optical film has become an integral part of LCD TVs throughout the world.

A : Polarizing film for LCDs
B : Retardation film for LCDs

Indispensable film to make an image visible on an LCD
Controls light to ensure that bright, clear images can be seen from any direction

For Cell Phones

The Nitto Denko Group’s products add greater functions to communications devices.

A : Flexible printed circuit
B : LED encapsulating transparent epoxy resins

Usable in folded parts and contributes to the downsizing of products
Protects LEDs used to backlight displays and buttons from heat, shock, and moisture

Functional Products

Medical Products

We contribute to the medical industry through our tape technology.

Transdermal therapeutic patch
Delivers drugs into the body through the skin, reducing the burden of the patient having to ingest the drugs

Membrane Products

We contribute to the creation of global water resources.

Reverse osmosis membrane modules for seawater desalination
Converts seawater to freshwater and used in areas suffering from water shortages

Pursuing “Global Niche Top” Strategy as the Best Form of Business

The Nitto Denko Group pursues its Global Niche Top strategy on a global scale, aiming to win top shares in changing and growing niche markets by utilizing its unique differentiating technologies to provide the most satisfaction to customers. At present, we have at least 20 Global Niche Top products, including polarizing films for LCD.

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Fiscal 2005 Sales by Segment
(on a consolidated basis as the Nitto Denko Group)

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Functional products
Electronic products
Industrial products

Sales by product type

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http://www.nitto.co.jp/
A Total of Approximately 27,000 Employees from 114 Group Companies Worldwide Are Committed to CSR Activities as “One-NITTO”

Under the slogan One-NITTO, approximately 27,000 employees from 114 Group companies around the world are encouraged to pursue the same goal in a manner suitable for each company and country. It is not easy for such a great number of people to make a concerted effort towards the same goal, but we will do it to make the Nitto Denko Group a truly global name.

### Corporate Profile

**Company:** Nitto Denko Corporation  
**Established:** October 25, 1918  
**Head Office:** 2-5-25, Umeda, Kita-ku, Osaka 530-0011, Japan  
**President:** Masamichi Takemoto

### Nitto Denko Group Companies

(As of March 31, 2006)

**Europe:** 12 companies  
**South Asia:** 20 companies  
**East Asia:** 37 companies  
**Japan:** 28 companies  
**The Americas:** 17 companies

### Net Sales

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Nitto Denko Group Employees by Region

(including consolidated subsidiaries of Nitto Denko Corporation)

**Japan:** 39%  
**The Americas:** 37%  
**Europe:** 16%  
**South Asia:** 15%  
**Total Number of Employees:** 27,000
Message from the CEO

To Fulfill Our CSR,
We Will Achieve Our One-NITTO Goal and Improve Our Quality

We support all employees in their efforts to improve themselves to create an open corporate culture

As a premise for improving corporate quality, the first requirement is to raise the excellence of employees, who support the Nitto Denko Group. Highly competent human assets—who continuously pursue and expand their possibilities, are highly motivated, and have high moral standards—are the driving force behind a company's attempt to further improve its quality.

Accordingly, we have established Nitto University and provide various educational training opportunities to employees in order to develop human assets. At the same time, we encourage employees to strive to become invaluable human assets by improving their quality on their own.

As president of Nitto Denko Corporation, I am responsible for developing human assets. I wish to fulfill that responsibility by meeting and speaking directly to as many employees as possible, so I set out to talk directly with approximately 400 employees around 30 years old in fiscal 2005. In talking with those employees, I conveyed my ideas as president and, in turn, listened to their ideas and comments about their daily work. I, myself, was able to learn a lot through those opportunities.

It takes time and effort to talk with employees individually, but I believe it is very meaningful to talk with someone candidly in order to reach a mutual understanding.

In my duty to create a corporate culture that allows management and employees to talk with one another openly, and I believe that it will strengthen the Nitto Denko Group to continue these direct talks with the employees.

The Nitto Denko Group will promote CSR activities in unison

In fiscal 2005, we conducted CSR activities, giving priority to compliance; improvements in the environment, safety, and quality; and social contribution.

As for compliance, we started formulating the Nitto Denko Group Business Conduct Guidelines, targeting all employees—approximately 27,000 people Groupwide. We plan to implement the guidelines in fiscal 2006.

Regarding improvements in the environment, safety, and quality, we set common indicators for the Group, and each Group company is endeavoring to achieve its predefined goals.

It is an essential condition for a manufacturer to establish a reliable quality assurance system, develop products that have low environmental impact, and build manufacturing processes that ensure environmental conservation and high-quality output, while continuing to provide employees with a safe workplace. To meet these requirements, all Group companies, including both direct and indirect departments, will strive to upgrade their daily operations, paying special attention to correcting their weak points.

In fiscal 2006, we started working under a new slogan, “Break the n-fold barrier.” We tend to think that in order to double production, time or labor would also have to double, as would the amount of waste generated. Instead of thinking this way, we need to drastically reform our work quality and efficiency. We are determined to respond to any problem with the idea that nothing will be solved if we continue doing things the way we have always done them.

Corporate activities are supported by a wide spectrum of stakeholders, and a company cannot survive or achieve sustainable growth if it pursues profits only. I am convinced that the fundamental key to our business success is responding to stakeholders’ requests and opinions sincerely, with a spirit characterized by the open sharing of information, fair discussion, and best efforts toward attaining the predefined targets, thereby earnestly fulfilling our responsibility to the stakeholders.

It would be one of my greatest pleasures if this CSR report helps readers deepen their understanding about the ideas and activities of the Nitto Denko Group, and I solicit their frank opinions and comments.

July 2006

Masamichi Takemoto
CEO, Nitto Denko Group
President, Nitto Denko Corporation

Corporate Vision

“Creation of New Value”
Guided by “Open, Fair and Best” as the very foundation of corporate activities, Nitto Denko Group will contribute to human living and industry’s future with its power to generate innovative and unique ideas.

Nitto Denko Group will:
• Swiftly create products and services offering new functions that give satisfaction to customers
• Honor autonomy and originality to enhance the working environment with the total freedom for the employees to face their challenges
• Pursue sound business activities and continually earn shareholders’ trust through appropriate information disclosure and communications
• Always be mindful of corporate social responsibility including sustainability and community relations

Guiding Principles

Leveraging our pride and resolve as a Nitto Denko Group member, we will always act with integrity in accordance with “Open, Fair and Best.”

We will:
1. Provide our customers with the highest-quality product and service
2. Place safety before everything else
3. Always act with a challenging spirit
4. Conduct ourselves guided by laws and ethics
5. Keep in mind to help protect the global environment and conserve resources

Mid-Term Management Plan: One-Nitto Dream Plan Step2

To be a Global Excellent Company in fiscal 2007

“Quality-driven growth” above and beyond future-focused investments and social costs.

Nitto Denko Group Brand Statement

At Moments of Change, with Brilliant Technology, and Flexible Attitude

“Moments of Change” are our Opportunities, the very time to initiate growth.
“Brilliant Technology” is our Confidence.
“Flexibility” is our Attitude.

Nitto Denko Group Corporate Vision Guiding Principles

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Enhance the One-NITTO Business and Management Infrastructure for Sustaining Growth
• Share Information for Consolidated Management
• Develop and Use Human Resources Groupwide
• Optimize Organizational Structure

CSR Enhancement
• Enhanced compliance in our day-to-day operation
• Simplified rules
• Harmony with society in Safety, Quality and the Environment
• Nitto’s unique social contribution

Further Business Growth
• Enhanced emotional capital
• Strengthened sense of group unity
• Simplified rules
• Human assets

Brand Value Enhancement
• Doubled lineup of Global Niche Top products
• Globalization
• Business selection and focus

 Presidents, Nitto Denko Corporation

We continue to advance globally in harmony with the society and the environment as we integrate each and everyone’s capabilities into a single powerful thrust.
We, Nitto Denko Group, are your “Flexible Technology Company.”

Pursue sound business activities and continually earn shareholders’ trust through appropriate information disclosure and communications

Always be mindful of corporate social responsibility including sustainability and community relations

President, Nitto Denko Corporation

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Keeping Our Promise

We will fulfill our social responsibility in all our activities, to be the kind of company customers choose. Regulations and ethical requirements are based on the Nitto Denko Group’s CSR Committee members and those of the top executives in charge of the four regions. In this CSR report, the commitments of the Nitto Denko Group’s CSR Committee members are introduced, including my own commitment as described above. The Nitto Denko Group will conduct all activities in consideration of CSR.

Commitment from Executives

Tatsunosuke Fujiwara
Director – Board member
Nitto Denko Group CFO
CSR Committee Chairman

Tetsuo Horiuchi
Executive Corporate Vice President
Deputy General Manager of Corporate Technology Sector
General Manager of QES Management Center
CSR Committee member

Masakazu Ozawa
Corporate Vice President
Deputy General Manager of Corporate Sector
General Manager of Corporate Planning Dept. and Human Resources Management Dept.
CSR Committee member

Yoshimi Matsushashi
Officer
General Manager of CSR Assurance Dept.
CSR Committee member

Yoshihiko Chikuma
Corporate Vice President
Nitto Denko (China) Investment President
East Asian Office Management

I will make all 27,000 employees aware of the importance of complying with laws, regulations, and ethical requirements.

For a company to fulfill its social responsibility, it is necessary for its employees to be highly aware of the importance of complying with laws and regulations and having high ethical standards.

At present, there are approximately 27,000 people working for the Nitto Denko Group throughout the world, and this number is increasing year after year. It is not easy to have this many employees committed to complying with laws, regulations, and ethical requirements, but we will attempt to do so based on the Nitto Denko Group Business Conduct Guidelines, which we plan to implement worldwide in fiscal 2006. As for CSR promotion activities, we will disclose relevant information on a continuous basis in our CSR report so that we can help more stakeholders understand the CSR activities conducted by the Nitto Denko Group.

I will implement measures that address environmental, safety, and quality issues with the prevention of errors in mind.

Companies must always keep their promise to fulfill their social responsibilities, and those that can do this will be chosen by the public. In this CSR report, the commitments of the Nitto Denko Group’s CSR Committee members and those of the top executives in charge of the four regions are introduced, including my own commitment as described above. The Nitto Denko Group will conduct all activities in consideration of CSR.

I will provide employees with a working environment where they can fully display their abilities.

People make the company. The Nitto Denko Group therefore has high regard for employees, believing that it can achieve sustainable growth by maximizing the ability of each employee.

To this end, it is necessary to provide a working environment where employees can fully display their abilities. We will take active measures against labor problems involving employees, including overwork, sexual harassment, and power abuse. Also, regarding forced labor and child labor, which are becoming a global concern, we will comply with local laws and regulations and respect human rights in every country where we conduct business.

I will familiarize all employees with the Nitto Denko Group Business Conduct Guidelines so that they can make appropriate decisions based on the guidelines.

In the June 21, 2006, issue of Newsweek (Japanese edition), the Newsweek Global 500 companies were announced, and the Nitto Denko Group was ranked 96 among the selected 500 companies. Newsweek ranked companies in terms of financial and CSR indicators, which implies that companies are now being evaluated not only by their financial performance but also by their fulfillment of CSR. The Nitto Denko Group was chosen as one of the top 500 companies, but its specific ranking shows that there is still room for the Group to improve its CSR activities.

From now on, I will familiarize all employees of the Nitto Denko Group with the Nitto Denko Group Business Conduct Guidelines in order for them to be able to make proper decisions based on a common understanding among all employees.

I will commit myself to the development of local human assets and the creation of a corporate culture that truly takes root in local communities.

I am in charge of East Asia, which is composed of countries with different laws, cultures, and customs. Taking this into consideration, I would like to combine the good points of corporate culture that the Nitto Denko Group has established in Japan and those of local cultures in order to create a corporate culture that firmly takes root in the local communities.

To achieve this, we will need human assets. Accordingly, I will commit myself to developing local human assets, creating a new corporate culture, and making East Asia a region that can drive the Nitto Denko Group towards becoming a global excellent company.

To Be the Kind of Company Customers Choose

We will fulfill our social responsibility in all our activities, to be the kind of company customers choose.
Commitment from Executives

Yoichi Sakuma
Corporate Vice President
Nitto Americas President
American Office Management

Hideo Takasaki
Office President
Nitto Europe President
European Office Management

Masahiko Arimoto
Officer
Nitto Denko Material (Thailand) President
South Asian Office Management

I will be committed to the establishment of a sound financial structure and the fulfillment of CSR in the Americas

Nitto Americas supervises six companies that are engaged in different businesses (as of the time when this report was created). These companies provide important footholds for the Nitto Denko Group to develop businesses in each market sector in the Americas. At present, Nitto Americas is undergoing a dramatic transformation to improve its financial situation, aiming to become a strong, competitive, and financially healthy company. I believe that Nitto Americas should fulfill its CSR while promoting these financial reforms.

CSR cannot be simply a slogan or program. It must be our way of life—coming natural to us in our day-to-day dealings.

I will focus on establishing a flexible corporate structure and reforming employees’ way of thinking

We are expanding our business in the European area to include Russia, Turkey, and South Africa in addition to the European Union. The area is made up of many countries with different languages and laws. We therefore need to understand the local laws and customs of a place before starting business there.

Our goal is to establish a corporate culture that ensures the manufacturing quality, environmental, and safety systems are effective and based on compliance with local laws and regulations. With this in mind, I will focus on establishing a flexible corporate structure and reforming the way employees think.

I will promote the fulfillment of CSR through small-group activities based on compliance with laws and regulations

In the South Asian area, the Nitto Denko Group has local subsidiaries in ASEAN countries and Australia, and the total number of employees working for these subsidiaries amount to approximately 3,000.

The area is achieving rapid economic growth but has not yet established sufficient social infrastructures. As a result, labor issues (strikes, etc.) as well as issues concerning the environment and safety may become significant in the region.

In consideration of these possibilities and based on compliance with local laws and regulations, I will promote social contributions by Nitto Denko Group companies in the region while focusing on educating employees on corporate brands and CSR through small-group activities conducted throughout the South Asian region.

Also, we have a goal that all our sites, especially production sites, acquire ISO certification on environmental management, safety, and quality and we will achieve it in the immediate future.

Corporate Governance/Internal Audits

To Win Stakeholders’ Trust, We Will Promote Sound and Transparent Management

Corporate Governance

Setting out New Policies on Internal Controls to Comply with the Company Law Enforced in May 2006

The Nitto Denko Group has been traditionally committed to open, fair, and best business practices. Specifically, we are committed to openly sharing information, holding fair discussions, and putting forth our best efforts to achieve predefined goals, thereby pursuing sound and transparent management. To this end, three out of five auditors are chosen from outside.

In addition, we have established a management system that allows us to respond to changes in the business environment in a proper and prompt manner. Furthermore, to clarify the management responsibilities of directors, we decided, at the general meeting of shareholders held in fiscal 2004, to shorten their term of office from two years to one. In fiscal 2005, the number of directors was five.

The Company Law enforced in May 2006 requires large companies to set out basic policies on establishing internal control systems to ensure proper corporate operations, including compliance with laws and regulations by directors in performing their duties. To meet this requirement, the Nitto Denko Group decided to adopt basic policies on internal control at the board of directors meeting held in May 2006 and started implementing these policies.

Corporate Governance System

The diagram below shows the Nitto Denko Group’s system of monitoring management and carrying out business.

Internal Audits (QES Audits)

Conducting Internal Audits on Quality, the Environment, and Safety to Manage Risks

To strengthen its internal control system, the Nitto Denko Group established the Quality Environmental Safety (QES) Audit Department in fiscal 2004. In addition to general business audits conducted by Corporate Auditors, this department simultaneously conducts technical audits on quality, the environment, and safety, which were conducted separately in the past.

As a result, problems related to these issues are now pointed out from multilayered viewpoints. Through a QES audit, we determine if the quality, environmental, and safety systems are effective and identify any potential managerial risks associated with them to reduce such risks.

The department began QES audits in the latter half of fiscal 2004, targeting the Group’s manufacturing and processing companies. The first round of audits was completed, and a second one was started at the end of fiscal 2005. An analysis of the results of the first round of audits revealed that many of the identified risks could have been detected by field managers in their daily operations.

In fiscal 2006, we will encourage the supervisors in charge of managing our sites to go on daily patrols to detect such risks. We will continue these efforts and make the audits more effective by clarifying important audit points through prior investigations.

For the Group to maintain and improve quality, the environment, and safety, it needs to promote dialogue from a technical point of view and encourage employees to pay more attention to possible risks.

Accordingly, we will improve our internal audit functions at all our sites and conduct internal audits to increase our self-controlling functions.

Policy and Slogan of QES Audit for Fiscal 2006

Drive for CSR Progress Based on Welcomed Audit

1. Audit to find business management risk derived from QES based on manufacturing.
2. Audit with suitable condition and frequency to meet the present environments.
3. Audit to encourage the ability of self-auditing and self-controlling.
Against a Backdrop of Rapidly Globalizing Business Activities

The public is witnessing a series of corporate scandals that betray the trust of stakeholders, such as accounting fraud, the leaking of information, and the hiding of various other problems. A single scandal may mar all the past achievements and trust of a company, and the financial services of such a marred company will not survive the market competition.

The Nitto Denko Group believes these scandals were primarily caused by a lack of compliance awareness. Accordingly, in fiscal 2003, the Group started implementing measures that would have all Group employees be more aware of the importance of compliance as a top priority CSR item. We formulated the Guidelines for Compliance with Legal and Ethical Rules in April 2003 and have since been distributing copies of the guidelines to the employees of domestic Group companies to raise their awareness of compliance. At present, however, the Nitto Denko Group conducts business in more than 20 countries throughout the world, and approximately 27,000 people are working for the Group. Different countries and regions naturally have different laws and customs, and it is not easy to assure all Group employees, both at home and abroad, have the same awareness of compliance. In view of the above, we thought it would be impossible to have all employees commonly aware of same awareness of compliance. In view of the above, we thought it would be impossible to have all employees commonly aware of compliance by using guidelines written in Japanese. Therefore, we launched a project to create new guidelines that can be commonly used around the world.

We stand behind the commitments we make and take personal responsibility for all our actions and the results arising from them. We are dedicated to ensuring diversity, fair treatment, mutual respect, and mutual trust. Our Core Values

(excerpted from the Nitto Denko Group Business Conduct Guidelines)

Integrity
We demand of ourselves and one another the highest standards of personal and corporate integrity.
We safeguard company assets.
We comply with all company policies and laws.
We conduct ourselves as responsible corporate citizens.

Excellence
We continually challenge ourselves to innovate our operations and ourselves.
We practice self-discipline in being open, being fair, and doing our best.
We strive to always understand our customers’ businesses and help them achieve their goals.
We respect the individuality of our employees and enable them to achieve personal fulfillment through their work.

Accountability
We stand behind the commitments we make and take personal responsibility for all our actions and the results arising from them. We are committed to continuous innovation that is an integral part of our culture. We respect the environment and strive to contribute to the local and global communities’ well-being.

To Build Common Ethical Standards,
We Established the Nitto Denko Group Business Conduct Guidelines

For all Nitto Denko Group employees around the world to share the Group’s core values and to have common ethical standards, we newly established the Nitto Denko Group Business Conduct Guidelines. In the following pages, we introduce the background of the establishment of the guidelines and global compliance measures that we plan to implement in the future.

Forming a Multinational Project Team

For approximately half a year, starting in May 2005, the CSR Assurance Department conducted a survey and prepared for the formulation of guidelines that can be commonly used by all Group companies around the world. Subsequently, in December 2005, a project team to formulate the Nitto Denko Group Business Conduct Guidelines was formed under the CSR Committee. This multinational team comprised five members each from the United States, Europe (Belgium), East Asia (China), South Asia (Malaysia), and Japan, all of whom were well-versed in CSR and compliance.

The project members first reviewed the Guidelines for Compliance with Legal and Ethical Rules. To formulate the Nitto Denko Group Business Conduct Guidelines so that it can be commonly used throughout the world, the members summarized the opinions of each area and discussed the items and details of the guidelines while giving consideration to the laws, regulations, and customs of each country and area. Finally, at the end of March 2006, the members decided on the final details of the Nitto Denko Group Business Conduct Guidelines.

The guidelines first list Integrity, Excellence, and Accountability as core values that employees should commit themselves to and follow. Employees, if unsure about the appropriateness or ethics of any activity, are requested to ask themselves these questions: “Is this action in line with Nitto Denko Group values of integrity, excellence, and accountability?” “Does my action comply with the guidelines, Nitto Denko Group’s policies and procedures, and the law?” “How would our customers, stakeholders, the general public, or my family look upon it?” “Am I practicing the basic principle of conduct, being open, being fair, and doing my best?”

Planning to Hold Briefing and Training Sessions throughout the World

The guidelines comprise the following five items: Working Environment, Protecting Assets, Conducting Business, Legal Compliance, and On Your Own Time. Also, the guidelines assume 34 specific business cases in which employees may find it difficult to make a decision and show values to be referred to as basic principles and other useful information for each of the cases. At the end of this booklet, a space where each employee should sign his/her name to acknowledge that he/she understands the details of the guidelines and what he/she should do to fulfill his/her responsibilities is provided.

In the first half of fiscal 2006, we will finish translating the guidelines into 12 languages. Then, we will vigorously hold briefing and training sessions on those translated guidelines for all Group employees in each area of the world. The Nitto Denko Group plans to make effective use of the guidelines as a common tool for Group employees to share its core values and as common standards with which employees will be able to comply with laws, regulations, and ethical standards in their business operations.

Robin Andrew
From the Americas (Nitto Denko America)
Having the opportunity to work with my global colleagues in creating the Nitto Denko Group Business Conduct Guidelines was a highly rewarding experience. I am now looking forward to working with my local colleagues to talk about the new guidelines and implement them for all our U.S.-based employees to follow. Working by these guidelines and committing ourselves to our Nitto core values will help assure that Nitto becomes a global excellent company.

Eric Pass
From the European area (Nitto Denko (Shanghai Song Jiang))
Today’s world has become more complex, volatile, and unpredictable. The wave of globalization is having a complex, volatile, and unpredictable.

Andrew Chen
From the East Asian area (Nitto Denko (Shanghai Song Jiang))
Now we are striving to become a global excellent company. This time employees from Japan and four other regions cooperated in formulating the guidelines on equal footing. I think this is a model of true globalization. I will continue to take pride in the Nitto Denko Group and share this pride with all Group members around the world.

Roslan Derun
From the South Asian area (Nitto Denko Electronics (Malaysia))
Being selected as a member of the CSR team was a big surprise and a great honor. Representing the South Asian area, I truly felt the One Nitto atmosphere when members from the Americas, Europe, South Asian and East Asian areas, and Japan sat in one room for four consecutive days to develop Nitto Denko’s first ever Business Conduct Guidelines. By the end of the day, there was feeling of great satisfaction and a sense of pride in being able to contribute towards our dream to be a global excellent company.
CSR Management

We defined fiscal 2005 as the first year of CSR Awareness Activities for the Nitto Denko Group. We set up the CSR Committee and CSR Assurance Department, the former as an organization that manages CSR activities and the latter as a secretariat for promoting the activities. Furthermore, we have set six priority CSR items (as described in the table below) and started conducting CSR activities that focus on these items. For compliance in particular, we provided training at our sites in Japan and promoted the formulation of the Nitto Denko Group Business Conduct Guidelines. We plan to implement the guidelines in fiscal 2006. (see pages 13 and 14 for details.)

CSR Assurance System

The Nitto Denko Group has the following business execution bodies: two business headquarters (Industrial Business Headquarters, including seven business divisions, and Optical Business Headquarters), two business divisions, one Procurement Business Division, and six Main Operating Companies (Nitto Nitom, Nissho, Kyoshin, and Nitto Denko Matex). The Group's overseas manufacturing division, and Six Main Operating Companies (Nitto Shinko, Nitto Denko CS System, Business Execution Bodies

Corporate Sector

Board of Directors

CEO & COO

Deputy COO

Corporate Sector

Corporate Strategic Committee

CSR Committee

CSR Assurance Department

Corporate Executive Bodies

Business Execution Bodies

Holding CSR Briefing Sessions in Four Overseas Regions

For the period from September 5 to October 28, 2005, the Nitto Denko Group held briefing sessions on CSR and its corporate brand (CB) at 16 of its sites in the following four regions: the Americas, Europe, South Asia, and East Asia. At the briefing sessions, the background and objectives of CB-related activities were explained to make the target audience, approximately 300 managers in total, more aware of CSR. Participants shared in the idea that each employee is to conduct himself/herself with the importance of CSR in mind. According to the results of surveys conducted after the briefing sessions, approximately 75% of the participants had a clear understanding of CSR issues.

Based on the idea that a company can fulfill its CSR only when its employees support the company in the process, we will continue to educate employees on CSR in combination with various other educational training programs to make them more aware of the importance of CSR.

CSR Education for Overseas Group Companies

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CB and CSR Issues Discussed in Global Conferences

Since fiscal 2004, the Nitto Denko Group has held global technology conferences (GTC) to promote global exchanges and share information among the four sectors (R&D, environment and safety, quality, and compliance). At the GTC held in fiscal 2005, focusing on improving CB and promoting CSR, participants gave presentations on their activities and a poster session was held to make participants more aware of these two issues. Also, at the first GTC, groups comprising members from different sectors discussed what was necessary to improve CB value and develop products in consideration of CSR. In addition, they identified current problems and confirmed measures for improvement that need to be implemented in the future.

Risk Management

Providing Practical Training on Procedures to Follow in the Event of a Fire

The Nitto Denko Group identifies eight risks that may hinder the Group from continuing its business operations. Among these risks, fires are particularly serious and may cause especially significant damage and loss; therefore, we conducted practical training on procedures to follow in the event of a fire at the Onomichi Plant in May 2006. Focusing on information gathering, communication, and reporting, participants in the training went through the flow of events from the outbreak of a fire to in-house communication and reporting to the outside. After the simulation, the actions taken by the participants were reviewed to find out what needs to be corrected and improved. As part of the simulation, an emergency headquarters was established and a press conference was held, in which we received instructions and comments from external experts.

In fiscal 2006, we will strengthen our business continuity management (BCM) in preparation of a possible earthquake.

Compliance

Conducting Intensive Training for Managers in an Attempt to Make Them More Aware of Compliance

The Nitto Denko Group conducts CSR activities based on compliance with laws, regulations, and social ethics. In fiscal 2004, we conducted our first compliance survey, targeting approximately 4,000 Japanese employees working at Group companies in Japan. Of those who responded, 74% were aware of the Nitto Denko Group’s Guidelines for Compliance with Legal and Ethical Rules. In fiscal 2005, we provided managers, who should lead activities to make their staff aware of compliance at their workplace, with intensive training in addition to traditional educational courses. We held intensive training 46 times, in which a total of 971 managers participated. In fiscal 2006, we will provide separate training sessions for managers and general employees using case studies so that they will be more aware of compliance and more sensitive to risks.

Business Ethics Help Line

Establishing In-House and External Help Lines for Reports of Noncompliance

The Nitto Denko Group established an in-house help line, named the Business Ethics Help Line, for domestic Group companies in fiscal 2003. Employees can call this help line for consultations on cases of noncompliance with the Group’s corporate vision; guiding principles; open, fair, and best policies; laws, regulations, and ethical standards as well as anti-public interest behavior.

In addition, we started providing an external help line service to employees to ensure more transparency and anonymity in reporting noncompliance. We thus have both in-house and external help lines at present. In the Guidelines for Compliance with Legal and Ethical Rules, tips on using these help lines, including specific examples of cases as well as such help line management methods as how to ensure anonymity, are described so that employees can call the help lines without hesitation and as required.

Protection of Personal Information

Strictly Managing Personal Information

The Nitto Denko Group formulated the Nitto Denko Group Regulations on the Protection of Personal Information in December 2004 and encourages all Group companies to comply with these regulations. Furthermore, we have set Technical Guidelines for the Protection of Personal Information, which shows specific methods of managing personal information on PCs, and Guidelines on the Protection of Personal Information, which clearly states how to deal with and protect personal information. All Group companies fully recognize these guidelines and manage personal information in a stricter manner. In fiscal 2005, we had no problems concerning the protection of personal information.

Nitto Denko’s Privacy Policy

http://www.nitto.com/privacy/index.html

Goro Ojima

Director,

Rokusho Co., Ltd.

I will promote the fulfillment of CSR by focusing on human resources.

As the director in charge of personnel and general affairs, I am responsible for fulfilling CSR at Kyosei. For the Nitto Denko Group to become a truly global excellent company, I believe the fulfillment of its CSR is indispensable. To this end, there are various tasks that need to be performed by the Group, and I will focus on human resources to support the Group in fulfilling its CSR. In other words, I will strive to create a compliance-based corporate culture under the slogan “As a central player, steadily do what can be done one step at a time.”
Making the World’s Largest Optical Film Plant More Environment-Friendly

Onomichi Plant’s Challenge in Energy Saving and the Effective Use of Water Resources

In fiscal 2005, the Onomichi Plant decided to introduce a large solar power generation system and a rainwater recycling system. The solar power generation system will be the largest in operation in the Chugoku and Shikoku regions when it goes online in July 2006 under a joint research project with the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO). The roofs of the plant’s soon-to-be-constructed development and distribution centers (3,200 square meters in total) will be covered with 1,860 solar panels. These solar panels will provide enough electricity to meet the lighting and air-conditioning requirements of the plant’s indirect departments throughout the year.

Also, following the introduction of the new equipment, the Onomichi Plant started replacing liquid petroleum gas (LPG), traditionally used as fuel, with liquid natural gas (LNG), which emits less CO₂ from combustion. The plant plans to complete the changeover by the end of fiscal 2010.

In 2006, the plant will install a reservoir with a holding capacity of 1,300 metric tons in the basement of its distribution center to effectively use rainwater. The plant treats wastewater from its production process by using reverse osmosis membranes developed by Nitto Denko Corporation and reuses the treated water for industrial purposes. With the installation of the reservoir, the plant will be able to effectively use rainwater and reduce its annual water consumption, which now stands at 650,000 metric tons, by 50,000 metric tons.

The LCD market is expected to further expand in the future, and accordingly, the Onomichi Plant will increase its optical film production. Under these circumstances, the plant will invest in not only environmental facilities but also production facilities while significantly revising its manufacturing conditions to improve its production efficiency. The plant intends to implement efficient and effective improvement measures to produce equal or more value, using smaller amounts of energy and resources than it did in the past.

By making the aforementioned investments, the Onomichi Plant started to transform itself into the most advanced environment-friendly plant. The plant will lead Group companies as a model for next-generation factories and accelerate measures to further reduce its environmental impact.
Waste generated in the manufacturing process includes waste from the tape cutting process, punching process, and defective products. We sort this waste into two categories: waste to be reused as materials (waste suitable for material recycling) and waste to be incinerated to generate usable heat (waste suitable for thermal recycling). In this way, we are able to make effective use of waste through recycling measures.

Additionally, we promote the development of manufacturing methods that will not generate waste (waste control at the source) to achieve total low-cost manufacturing.

To reduce CO₂ emissions, we are positively introducing energy-saving equipment, cogeneration systems, and solar power generation systems while replacing fuels with ones that emit less CO₂.

CO₂ is emitted when vapors from organic solvents used in manufacturing tapes are incinerated. In response, we have installed equipment that recovers heat generated in the incineration process in order to utilize the recovered heat energy to reduce fuel consumption.

We use organic solvents as media in manufacturing adhesives. These solvents, if vaporized and emitted into the air, will cause air pollution.

To prevent organic solvent vapors from being emitted into the air, we use equipment to recover and reuse as organic solvents. In addition, we incinerate the vapors using an oxidizer and use the heat generated in the incineration process as thermal energy. Also, to reduce the total use of organic solvents, we are revising our manufacturing process and developing products that can be manufactured without the use of organic solvents.
In 1993, the Nitto Denko Group established a department to manage environmental issues for the entire Group and formulated the Nitto Denko Group Environmental Plan (Volumetric Environmental Plan) to start environmental conservation activities on a full scale basis. Subsequently, in 1996, we established the Corporate Environmental Policy and announced it both internally and externally. We are making all Group companies aware of this policy.

Environmental Management System

Acquiring ISO 14001 Certification at a Total of Nine Domestic and Overseas Sites

The Nitto Denko Group adds “acquisition and maintenance of ISO 14001 certification for environmental protection” to the targets in its Voluntary Environmental Plan in order to conduct effective environmental conservation activities and has encouraged Group companies to acquire the certification. As a result, one Group company in Japan, seven in East Asia, and one in South Asia acquired ISO 14001 certification in fiscal 2005. As of the end of fiscal 2005, 31 companies out of 70 manufacturing companies and 11 out of 44 nonmanufacturing companies in the Group are ISO 14001 certified (including those that are certified as a result of the Group companies to which they belong having acquired certification). We will further take efforts to increase the number of ISO 14001 certified Group companies.

Compliance with Environmental Laws and Regulations

Setting Voluntary Standards That Are Stricter Than Legal Standards

The Nitto Denko Group complies with all environmental laws, regulations, and agreements in its business operations. The sites of Nitto Denko Corporation and other Group companies have a list of requirements to be met in complying with laws, regulations, and agreements.

We manage our operating standards in line with the list and check our status of compliance through internal audits and other measures. Information on important laws and regulations to be newly applied are provided by the Environment and Safety Management Department, which manages environmental issues for the entire Group, to both domestic and overseas sites.

The Nitto Denko Group has set voluntary standards that are stricter than legal standards. In the event that it cannot meet these voluntary standards, the Group will promptly implement countermeasures and inform all Group sites of the fact for the purpose of preventing the recurrence of similar problems.

For all Nitto Denko Group products available in the United States, we provide a Proposition 65 warning. Proposition 65, the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of the state of California, provides for the warning and emissions of chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. Of all our products sold in EU countries, we identified those that contain substances prohibited under the EU directive on the restriction of hazardous substances (RoHS) and replaced those substances with alternatives. For our products distributed in the United States, we provide a Proposition 65 warning. Proposition 65, the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of the state of California, provides for the warning and emissions of chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

Environmental Management Department

This department supervises the environment and safety departments and sections of Nitto Denko Group sites around the world. The Environment and Safety Management Department collects and provides environment- and safety-related information, formulates and manages the Group’s environment and safety plans, and gives relevant technical support to Group sites. This department is under the direct supervision of the directors in charge of environment and safety and, as such, can promptly incorporate management's opinions into its plans and act according to those plans.
Achievement in the Achievement of Targets in the Voluntary Environmental Plan in Fiscal 2005

The Nitto Denko Group formulated the Voluntary Environmental Plan in 1993 as specific guidelines on promoting environmental conservation activities.

In fiscal 2006, we will continue our environmental activities to achieve the new targets set out based on the Group’s common environmental management indicator.

Progress in the Achievement of Targets in the Voluntary Environmental Plan in Fiscal 2005

Achieving All Medium-Term Targets and Working toward New Targets to Be Set Based on the Group’s Common Environmental Management Indicator

Fiscal 2005 was the final year of the medium-term plan, and all the divisions and plants of Nitto Denko Corporation endeavored to achieve the medium-term targets listed in the plan. As a result, our recycling rate was 99%, a level that we have maintained since fiscal 2003. Unit energy consumption came to 368 liters per ¥1,000,000, achieving the target for 2010 earlier than planned. We were able to reach the fiscal 2005 targets of all items.

In fiscal 2006, we will set an environmental conduct indicator and relevant targets based on the Group’s common environmental management indicator, which was set in fiscal 2005, and to achieve these targets, we will promote our environmental activities. (See page 24) Unit energy consumption and emissions of organic solvent vapors into the air, for which we have established targets for fiscal 2015, will be revised and made into new targets for the Nitto Denko Group.

### Reduction in Industrial Waste

#### Efforts for Environmental Conservation

**Waste Reduction** (Nitto Denko Corporation on a Non-Consolidated Basis)

We achieved the medium-term targets for the recycling rate and industrial waste value ratio, which were included in the Voluntary Environmental Plan as targets to be achieved by fiscal 2005. Also, by improving the yield and reducing the production process, we were able to reduce unit plastic waste generation by approximately 10%. Increased production of optical products, however, led to a rise in the amount of wastewater, and unit industrial waste generation remained at the same level as in the previous fiscal year. The Onomichi Plant is expanding its recycling equipment to recycle wastewater onsite.

**Achieving Medium-Term Targets for the Recycling Rate and Industrial Waste Value Ratio while Keeping Unit Waste Generation at the Same Level**

We have set a unique indicator termed the “industrial waste value ratio” (the percentage of output, in monetary terms, that covers material cost and processing cost of industrial waste). Managing this indicator, we implement measures that improve the yield and manufacturing process to reduce the amount of waste generated in the production process. Moreover, we are attempting to recycle industrial waste through material recycling and thermal recycling.

### Efforts for Environmental Conservation

**Full Scale Operation of the Recycling Promotion Center for Waste Plastic**

In November 2005, the Recycling Promotion Center started full operations at the Toyohashi Plant. This three-story, 2,059-square-meter recycling center processes approximately 13% (240 metric tons on a monthly basis) of industrial plastic waste generated by the Toyohashi Plant into pellets, which can be reused as materials (as of March 2006). Nitto Denko Corporation began activities to reduce industrial waste in the 1980s. Subsequently, in 1992, Nitto U-tech (present Aichi Nitto Denko Denko Corporation) started recycling plastics. Through these efforts and due to the zero waste campaign conducted at Nitto Denko Corporation’s plants in 1999, the recycling rate was improved, from 48% in fiscal 1998 to 61% in fiscal 2001. In accordance with an increase in production, however, the generation of industrial waste also increased, emissions of CO₂ surged due to thermal recycling. In consideration of these effects on the environment, including resource depletion, we thought it urgent and necessary to promote material recycling and reuse industrial waste as resources.

The Recycling Promotion Center at the Toyohashi Plant processes waste sheets and tapes, which are used to be included in the target for thermal recycling, into materials. The center also recycles end-of-life products recovered from customers under the Intergional Industrial Waste Recycling Manufacturer Appointment System. We will further develop recycling technologies and strengthen the industrial waste processing capability of the recycling center.

**Topics**

- Full Scale Operation of the Recycling Promotion Center for Waste Plastic
- Efforts for Environmental Conservation
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Global warming is caused by multiple factors, including CO2. At Nitto Denko Corporation, approximately 70% of its CO2 emissions are from the use of energy and roughly 25% from the treatment of organic solvents. To reduce these CO2 emissions, we are focusing on a more efficient use of energy, fuel conversion, and the development of products that can be manufactured without using organic solvents.

Reduction in CO2 Emissions and Energy Saving
(Nitto Denko Corporation on a Non-Consolidated Basis)

At Nitto Denko Corporation, approximately 70% of its CO2 emissions are from the use of energy and roughly 25% from the incineration of organic solvent vapors. To reduce these emissions, we are introducing energy-saving equipment, replacing fuels with those that emit less CO2, and changing the organic solvent treatment method. In fiscal 2005, unit CO2 emissions decreased 16% from the fiscal 2004 level, to 1,109 CO2 metric tons per 1 million yen. Total emissions, however, show an upsward trend due to the expansion of business. We must urgently implement measures that counteract this trend.

In fiscal 2005, unit energy consumption came to 368 kg per 1 million yen, and we were able to achieve the target for fiscal 2010 earlier than planned. The replacement of an outdoor with a regenerative one, recycling of residues from the recycling process, and revision of the energy balance at the Toyoshakai Plant greatly contributed to the improvement in unit energy consumption.

In response to the increase in energy consumption following the business expansion, we introduced an energy management system in January 2006 to each of the Tochoku, Kantou, Kansai, and Shiga Plants, which make it easier to understand and analyze energy use at those plants. In the future, we will use the data obtained through the system to conduct more effective energy saving activities. Furthermore, in July 2006, a solar power generation system will be completed and launched at the Chonricsa Plant. (see pages 17 and 18.)

Introducing an Energy Management System That Fosters Energy Saving Activities

Emissions of Organic Solvent Vapors into the Air
(Nitto Denko Corporation on a Non-Consolidated Basis)

In fiscal 2005, Nitto Denko Corporation emitted 1,131 metric tons of organic solvent vapors into the air, down 73% from the fiscal 2000 level. The use of organic solvents, however, came to 49,746 metric tons in fiscal 2005, increasing year on year in accordance with increased production. To reduce the use of organic solvents, we endeavor to develop products that can be manufactured without the use of these solvents and implement measures to recover organic solvent vapors that escape from gaps in solvent drying equipment.

Promoting Solvent-Free Manufacturing

Examples of products manufactured without the use of solvents

- Bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate
- Ethylene glycol
- Toluene

Incinerating organic solvent vapors generated in the manufacturing process with the use of emission vapor treatment equipment emits CO2. Such emissions are now excluded from the target of international reporting requirements on CO2. The Nitto Denko Group, however, considers these emissions as one of the factors that increase CO2 content in the air and manages them as CO2 emissions from its business operations.

Total and Unit Generation of Industrial Waste

Recycling Rate

Industrial Waste Value Ratio

Emissions of Major PRTR Substances into the Air

Efforts for Environmental Conservation

Environmental Conservation Activities by Nitto Denko Group Companies (other than Nitto Denko Corporation)

The Nitto Denko Group implements environmental management as a unified group under its One-NITTO concept. Through the sharing of daily information, Nitto Denko Corporation and other Group companies, both domestic and overseas, implement coordinated environmental conservation measures.

Environmental Measures Implemented by Nitto Denko Group Companies

Both Domestic and Overseas Group Companies Conduct Activities According to Their Situation through the Active Sharing of Information

Like Nitto Denko Corporation, other domestic and overseas Group companies conduct environmental conservation activities in compliance with the Corporate Environmental Policy. The companies confirm the entire Group’s targets and progress in achieving these targets and share information at the Group Environment and Safety Committee meetings as well as the Environment and Safety Global Meeting.

Overseas Group companies have opportunities to exchange information and contact each other outside the Group Environment and Safety Committee meetings held four times a year. Overseas Group companies, on the other hand, are visited by the Group’s staff in charge of the environment and carry out exchanges at the Environment and Safety Global Meeting held once a year.

Overseas Group companies are trying to achieve their targets by using different methods in countries that have different laws and regulations. However, they are endeavoring to carry out the same tasks and achieve the same targets based on the concept of NITTO by using optimal methods in consideration of local laws, situations, and business operations.

Reduction in industrial waste

Nitto Denko Group companies are actively implementing recycling measures.

In Japan, Me Nitto Denko achieved a 100% recycling rate, and Nitto Shirko, Nitors, and Nitto Lite-Tech achieved a 90% or more recycling rate. Thus, Group companies are making improvements in their recycling rates.

Overseas Group companies are making improvements in their recycling rates as well. For example, Nitto Denko (Shanghai Song-Jiang) achieved an 89.9% recycling rate, and Nitto Europe 92.4%. Overseas Group companies, however, generally generate more waste than domestic companies do.

Reduction in CO2 emissions and energy saving

To reduce its CO2 emissions, Me Nitto Denko plans to replace heavy oil used as fuel with utility gas in the latter half of fiscal 2006.

Prevention of emission of organic solvent vapors into the air

Following Nitto Denko Corporation, other Group companies have also installed a variety of solvent treatment equipment and are implementing measures to prevent the emission of organic solvent vapors into the air. They treat organic solvent vapors with the use of highly reliable equipment or other extremely effective means.

Regarding overseas Group companies, Nitto Denko (Taiwan) installed an oxidizer in March 2003, and the total emissions of organic solvent vapors into the air from overseas Group companies have been decreasing since fiscal 2003.
Management of Chemical Substances

Sharing Information on Chemical Substances and Relevant Legal Regulations through the Use of a Trilingual Database of Chemical Substances

Due to the globalization of its business, the Nitto Denko Group’s need to take measures to comply with different legal regulations on chemical substances in different countries is becoming indispensable. Accordingly, in April 1996, we built a database of legal regulations on materials, which allows employees to search for information on legal regulations concerning materials to be purchased by the Group. In fiscal 2005, an updated version of the database was established to be used in managing chemical substances. The new database includes data on both domestic and overseas legal regulations on chemical substances, material safety data sheets (MSDS) submitted by materials suppliers, a table of materials that are regulated and those that are not regulated under laws, a table listing materials that contain specified chemical substances, internal materials data, and a list of chemical substances under the Nitto Denko Group’s voluntary management.

In April 2006, we made it possible for all Group company engineers engaged in manufacturing, development, environment and safety, quality, and procurement to utilize information about legal regulations on chemical substances to be treated as required. The engineers can easily search for the appropriate manual on handling chemical substances so that they can treat these substances safely. In addition, these engineers can easily access data tabulated on the use of materials and emissions. Information on legal regulations included in this chemical substance database is available in three languages so that employees of overseas Group companies can use it directly. Also, other information will be translated into multiple languages.

Management of Poly(chlorinated Biphenyl) (PCB) Waste

Disposing of All PCB Waste at the Toyohashi Plant in Fiscal 2006

The Nitto Denko Group properly stores PCB waste (a harmful substance) in compliance with the Law concerning Special Measures for the Promotion of the Proper Treatment of PCB Waste (PCB Special Measures Law). Nitto Denko Corporation’s domestic sites and other domestic Group companies have applied for the disposal of PCB waste under the PCB disposal reservation system.

In fiscal 2000, the Toyohashi Plant was not able to dispose of PCB waste as planned due to the unavailability of proper disposal facilities.

Prevention of Soil and Groundwater Pollution

Completely Discontinuing the Use of Chlorinated Organic Solvents

We have been implementing measures to discontinue the use of chlorinated organic solvents since the first half of the 1990s, when its harmful effect was found. Specifically, we discontinued the use of trichloroethylene and 1,1,1-trichloroethane in 1998. Subsequently, in 2005, we discontinued the use of dichloromethane. As a result, the Nitto Denko Group completely discontinued the use of all chlorinated organic solvents.

In fiscal 2005, as in fiscal 2004, we had no problems concerning soil and groundwater pollution.

Green Logistics

Enhancing the Logistics Data Management System to Comply with the Revised Law concerning the Rational Use of Energy

To improve efficiency in logistics, the Nitto Denko Group is improving load efficiency and implementing a modal shift led by Nitto Logistics, which is in charge of transporting Nitto Denko Group products both within Japan and overseas.

Due to the Revised Law concerning the Rational Use of Energy, enforced in April 2006, the Nitto Denko Group is now obliged to take energy-saving measures as a cargo owner. Accordingly, the Sales Management Department and Nitto Logistics will lead the Group in improving logistics efficiency to reduce the emissions data tabulated on the use of materials and emissions. Information on legal regulations included in this chemical substance database is available in three languages so that employees of overseas Group companies can use it directly. Also, other information will be translated into multiple languages.

Green Procurement

Formulating the Nitto Denko Group Green Procurement Standards to Ensure Compliance with the ELV and RoHS Directives

The Nitto Denko Group promotes the green procurement of raw materials and production equipment that have less impact on the environment, thereby reducing environmental impact caused by its operations and providing environmentally-friendly products.

In June 2006, we formulated the Nitto Denko Group Green Procurement Standards based on the Green Procurement Guidelines established in 2001. This is to ensure compliance with new legal regulations, such as the ELV and RoHS directives implemented in the European Union, and clearly demonstrate to the public that the Nitto Denko Group will discontinue the use of harmful substances in its products and not just use the substances in automobiles and electronic and electrical devices. The Green Procurement Standards are available on our Web site.

Efforts for Environmental Conservation

Other Environmental Conservation Activities

In addition to its efforts to achieve the targets defined in the Environmental Voluntary Plan, the Nitto Denko Group is committed to the management of harmful chemical substances, green logistics, and green procurement to reduce the environmental impact of its business operations.

Future Environmental Conservation Activities

Environmental Management Indicator and Environmental Conduct Indicator

Preventing Global Warming and Effectively Using Limited Resources through Concerted Efforts by Group Companies in Fiscal 2006 and Onwards

The Kyoto Protocol came into effect on February 16, 2005, and the public is paying even more attention to measures that prevent global warming. Some argue that oil resources will be depleted in 40 years, and the effective use of limited resources and creation of a recycling-based society are becoming increasingly more important. Under these circumstances, companies are now required to recognize global warming and the depletion of resources as two management risks. To continue its business activities for further growth under these situations, the Nitto Denko Group needs to specifically show approach to and activities in global environmental conservation.

Accordingly, we have set an environmental management indicator to comprehensively evaluate our environmental efficiency (comparing the value created with the environmental impact caused) at a medium- and long-term target based on the indicator.

It is, however, difficult to show our specific approach to preventing global warming and resource productivity, the two great concerns of society, by using only the environmental management indicator. We therefore set an additional indicator—the environmental conduct indicator—to evaluate our environmental activities. This indicator is replace the Voluntary Environmental Plan. Starting in fiscal 2006, the Nitto Denko Group will make concerted efforts towards the prevention of global warming and improvements in resource productivity (effectively using limited resources) as a whole.

Environmental Conduct Indicator

This indicator is composed of seven items (targets) under three themes.

What is an environmental management indicator?

Concept

• To reduce all environmental impact caused by business operations.
• To quantify the amount of environmental impact in CO2 equivalent to implement global warming countermeasures (Identify the quantity of all environmental impact in CO2 equivalent by calculating all harmful emissions as deemed CO2 emissions and not to limited to greenhouse gases defined in the Kyoto Protocol).
• To compare the amount of environmental impact caused and the value created and try to produce more value.

Target

• To double environmental efficiency (environmental management indicator value) in fiscal 2015 as compared to the fiscal 2005 level.

Environmental Impact Caused by Business Operations

Effective use of energy

Unit energy consumption

Reduction in industrial waste

Unit industrial waste generation

Management of chemical substances

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• Emissions of organic solvent vapors into the air

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Value added means value created by corporate activities, such as operating profit, sales administrative expenses, and manufacturing expenses.

Environmental Conduction Indicator

Stated Value

Environmental management indicator

Stated Value

Environmental impact (in CO2 equivalent)

Stated Value

Efforts for Environmental Conservation

Environmental Impact Caused by Business Operations

Factors Causing Environmental Impact

Direct emissions (targeted by the Kyoto Protocol)

Indirect emissions (voluntarily calculated)

Domestic emissions (voluntarily calculated)

Energy

Use of energy in the production process

Renewable

Emission into the air

Industrial waste

Other greenhouse gases

Use of forklifts and company vehicles

Transportation of products

Organic solvent

Internal processing

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External processing

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Thermal recycling

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Environmental Accounting

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Achievements in Environmental Accounting in Fiscal 2005

Reducing Environmental Impact and Relevant Cost through Environmental Accounting

In the Nitto Denko Group, Nitto Denko Corporation introduced environmental accounting in fiscal 2000, followed by other major domestic manufacturing companies in fiscal 2001 and overseas major manufacturing companies in fiscal 2002. These companies conduct environmental accounting in a unique way as a tool to reduce their environmental impact and the relevant cost in reference to the guidelines announced by the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. The Group’s environmental accounting is characterized by the following two points. The first is that each business division and Group company sets an environmental budget and clarifies its environmental tasks and responsibilities. The second is that in addition to the environmental conservation cost listed in the Ministry of the Environment’s guidelines, the Nitto Denko Group shows its environmental impact cost (the cost of materials that have an environmental impact). Environmental impact cost includes industrial waste (the material cost and processing cost of industrial waste—more specifically, in the purchasing and processing cost of materials not used in products and that have become industrial waste) and the cost of energy used in the manufacturing process, solvents purchased, and water used.

At present, we are not fully utilizing environmental accounting in our business management but will continue to study and develop into one that is truly useful for our business.

Polarization Conversion Films (PCF) for LCDs

By attaching PCFs to LCD TVs, PCs, cellular phones, and car navigation systems, the brightness of the screen is improved 50-60%, which leads to a reduced consumption of electricity.

Environmental Impact Assessment of Products

The Nitto Denko Group conducts environmental impact assessments on new and existing products based on its environmental management system. Environmental impact assessments on existing products are conducted once a year by the department in charge of development. Under this assessment system, we focus on improving products that were assessed as having a large environmental impact as an annual objective. For new products, we determine whether they meet predefined quality requirements and conduct environmental impact assessments as part of their design review. Products that are assessed as having a larger environmental impact than previous models are not allowed to be manufactured.

In fiscal 2008, we plan to formulate guidelines on environment-conscious products based on the life cycle assessment (LCA), which is used in analyzing and assessing the environmental impact of a product throughout its life cycle, from resource exploitation to final disposal. In formulating the guidelines, the Environmental Technology Department will take the initiative in conducting relevant research and surveys.

Environmental Conservation

Efforts for Environmental Conservation

The Nitto Denko Group develops environment-conscious products for customers. We conduct environmental impact assessment on new products to ensure their environmental friendliness and safety in addition to their easy and convenient use. As part of this process, we participate in research in EEBE and examine the standardization of this evaluation method.

Plan to Formulate Guidelines on Product Development Based on Life Cycle Assessments

Non-Halogen, Solvent-Free Wire Harness Tape

This non-halogen, solvent-free adhesive tape contains no harmful substances. It is designed to be used in automobiles together and meet the environmental needs of the automobile industry all around the world.

Insect Removal System

This system uses the size phenomenon and behavioral patterns of insects to repel harmful pests. The system does not use insecticides and is effective in ridding specific insects. This environment-friendly system is used on farms and trees in urban areas.

Double-Coated Adhesive Tapes

These double-coated tapes are used as construction materials. Because they are used mainly indoors, they do not contain volatile organic compounds (VOC), which cause sick building syndrome. Also, because measures against static electricity were successfully implemented, they can be used for many purposes.

Water-Soluble Adhesive Tape

This tape is used for adhesion in the paper manufacturing and printing processes. Sheets stuck together using this tape can be recycled as pulp material without removing the split paper because the tape is water-soluble.

Reverse Osmosis Membranes

Modules for Seawater Desalination

These polymer membranes convert seawater to freshwater and contribute to solving water shortage issues around the world. The membranes are used in various regions in the world, including the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Spain (Almeria) where water shortage has become a social problem.

Environmental Accounting

Efforts for Environmental Conservation

Cost through Unique Environmental Accounting

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Employees and companies of the Nitto Denko Group engage in social activities; employees who take action with a spirit of challenge, pride, and a strong will and companies that constantly support individuals who make such efforts. Both are done to gain recognition by the public.

Highlights of Social Activities

Support Those Who Take on Challenges
Employees Taking Initiative in Volunteer and Social Contribution Activities

Employees Participate in the Osaka International Ladies Marathon as Volunteers
As in the previous year, the Nitto Denko Group supported the organization of the Osaka International Ladies Marathon held in January 2006. The Group supports this marathon primarily aiming to raise employees’ pride about being members of the Group by participating in the event as well as people’s awareness of the Nitto Denko Group.

Members from many Group companies formed a project team to generate interest in the event. The members proposed various ideas to support the organization of the marathon, promote exchanges between Group employees and local inhabitants, and provide employees with the opportunity to cooperate toward the same goal. Based on these ideas, a large number of Group employees volunteered for various activities in the event. These activities included providing a sports taping service using Nitto Denko Group products, giving drinks to participants of a half marathon that was held concurrently with the Osaka International Ladies Marathon, organizing multiple events for children, and cleaning the site. Also, we conducted a charity fundraising activity during the event and donated the money that was raised (¥689,931) to the Japan Sports Association for the Disabled (JSDA).

In the half marathon, a total of 67 Group employees and their families, including eight employees from Group companies in China said, “I would like to put in more effort for the Nitto Denko Group,” and “I want to participate in the marathon again if I have the chance.”

Nitto Denko Himawari Supports the Disabled through Sports
Nitto Denko Himawari was established within the Toyohashi Plant of Nitto Denko Corporation to promote the employment of the disabled in 2000. Himawari is the Japanese word for “sunflower,” and the company was named Nitto Denko Himawari in hopes that it would develop toward the future like a sunflower growing tall and strong toward the sun. The company is committed to providing the disabled with a working environment where they can work vigorously and independently.

Nitto Denko Himawari supports the disabled by enthusiastically encouraging them to participate in sports activities. In November 2005, 15 employees of the company participated in the third flying disk contest for the disabled held in Aichi, and nine of them won prizes. Because flying disk is a sport that anyone can enjoy, all employees of Himawari exercise by taking part in the activity during lunchtime. In the Osaka International Ladies Marathon held in January 2006, 25 employees of Himawari participated as volunteers and interacted with the spectators by sharing the fun of flying disks.

Some employees of Himawari play basketball as members of the Aichi Prefecture’s wheelchair basketball team. The company supports these players, and other employees attend the games to cheer on the players, who practice a lot to improve their skills. In the wheelchair basketball championship at the annual national games for the physically handicapped, Aichi Prefecture came in first in 2004 and third in 2005.

Promoting Traffic Safety in China
Nitto Denko (Shanghai Song Jiang) endeavors to improve the occupational health and safety of employees. Because transportation conditions in China leave much to be desired, the company requires employees who commute to work by motorcycle to wear a helmet even though they are not obliged to do so by law. When employees arrive at the company in the morning, they are checked to see if they are wearing a helmet and that their motorcycle is free from defects. Also, the company has created a poster to promote the prevention of traffic accidents. It thus tries to ensure traffic safety for employees.

In addition, the company leads other companies in cooperating in activities that promote local traffic safety and prevent accidents. In fiscal 2005, the company increased the space of its canteen and improved it to make its atmosphere brighter.

Nitto Europe Supports Solar Car Race in Australia
In September 2005, Nitto Europe (in Belgium) supported the organization of the World Solar Challenge (WSC), a solar-powered car race held in Australia as a sponsor of the Belgian team participating in the race. In the race, participating teams drove over 3,000 km across Australia in solar-powered cars they had made themselves. Nitto Europe made a donation of money and products with which to make a solar-powered car to the Belgian team. The Belgians did well, finishing in 11th place and winning the Hans Tholstrup Adventure Award from WSC observers. Nitto Europe is also a sponsor of a local professional soccer team named KRC Genk.
Target of SRI Funds

Inclusion of Nitto Denko's Shares in the Investment

According to management reports on leading ECO funds and investment (SRI), which takes into account environmental conservation and compliance in addition to financial situation and future needs of customers by achieving rapid technological innovations. We pay dividends to shareholders in consideration of the Company’s business situation to the local shareholders and management of the Company. The directors and corporate vice presidents talked with shareholders informally at tables. We will introduce a method with which they can exercise their voting rights electronically via the Internet. As a result, a total of 321 voting rights were electronically exercised. A roundtable meeting was held after the general meeting of shareholders to promote exchanges between shareholders and the management of the Company. The percentage of shares held by these private shareholders is relatively low. We are therefore trying to provide more substantial information to them on our Web site and through other media.

Communicating with Shareholders and Investors

Promoting Prompt Web-Based Information Disclosure to Individual Shareholders

Nitto Denko Corporation is committed to communicating with shareholders, investors, and analysts and utilizes what it has gained through such communication in the management of the Nitto Denko Group.

As of the end of March 2006, 55.9% of Nitto Denko Corporation’s shares are held by foreigner, the top managers of the Company went overseas, especially to North America and Europe, to explain the Company’s business situation to the local shareholders in the area. Also, the number of individual shareholders accounts for 97.3% of all Nitto Denko Corporation shareholders. As of this fiscal year, the percentage of shares held by these private shareholders is relatively low. We are therefore trying to provide more substantial information to them on our Web site and through other media.

Guidelines for Fair Trade

Establishing Procurement Guidelines for both Domestic and Overseas Group Companies

In fiscal 2005, the Nitto Denko Group established its CSR-Based Procurement Policy and Action Guideline for Persons Engaged in Procurement Activities based on its open, fair, and best principle as well as the principle of partnerships. The Nitto Denko Group aims to be the choice not only of its customers but of suppliers, including offerings for celebration/condolence or other courtesy calls. The Nitto Denko Group establishes to establish trust for excellence and co-operate based on trust and cooperation.

General Meeting of Shareholders

Incorporating the Opinions and Proposals of More Shareholders into Future Corporate Activities

Nitto Denko held its 141st Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders on June 23, 2006. Of the 15,740 shareholders that have voting rights, 216 attended the meeting, up slightly from the number of participants in last year’s meeting (205 people). For shareholders needs of customers by achieving rapid technological innovations. The TSE started this annual commendation, which was in its 11th year in fiscal 2005, to encourage listed companies to enhance their information disclosure. The TSE gives commendations to companies that are committed to proper, proactive information disclosure. In fiscal 2005, Nitto Denko Corporation was commended by the Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE) for its achievements in information disclosure in fiscal 2005. We will endeavor to further promote such disclosure.

Nitto Denko Corporation is committed to the stable distribution of profits to shareholders. The Company made special efforts to promote communication with shareholders and was commended by the Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE) for its achievements in information disclosure in fiscal 2005. We will endeavor to further promote such disclosure.

Inclusion of Nitto Denko’s Shares in the Investment Target of SRI Funds

Being Included in the New SRI Funds in Fiscal 2005

People are paying more attention to socially responsible investment (SRI), which takes into account environment conservation and compliance in addition to financial situation and future growth and the possibility of the investee. According to management reports on leading ECO funds and SRI funds in the Japanese market, shares of Nitto Denko Corporation were newly included in the investment target of SRI funds, such as the DC Daikin SRI Mother Fund and Sumishin SRI Mother Fund in fiscal 2005. As a result, as of the end of fiscal 2005, Nitto Denko Corporation’s shares included in these funds are almost doubled in terms of monetary value compared with their previous fiscal year (based on the results of an internal survey).

Inclusion of Nitto Denko’s Shares in the Investment Target of SRI Funds

Dividend Payment Policy

Stably Distributing Profits to Shareholders while Actively Investing for the Future

Nitto Denko Corporation has been given a commendation in recognition of the brief, clear information disclosure provided in its financial summaries as well as for its enhanced R&I activities on its Web site. We will further promote our R&I activities in the future.

TOPICS

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Compliance with the Act against Delay in Payment of Subcontract Proceeds, etc. to Subcontractors

Improving the Order-Placing Process by Introducing Web-EDI

In fiscal 2005, Nitto Denko Corporation launched measures that ensure compliance with the Act against Delay in Payment of Subcontract Proceeds, etc. to Subcontractors concerning orders placed by its indirect departments. In addition to holding a meeting to study the act, the Company introduced Web-EDI* to improve its order-placing process so that it complies with the act. Meetings to study the act are held at other Group companies as well.

Social Activities

Relationship with Shareholders (Nitto Denko Corporation on a Non-Consolidated Basis)

The Nitto Denko Group regards suppliers as partners with which to achieve further growth. In fiscal 2005, the Group established an Order-Placing Policy and Action Guideline for Persons Engaged in Procurement Activities to ensure that the rights of suppliers are respected and that trade with them is fair and transparent.

Guideline for Persons Engaged in Procurement Activities:

Every member engaged in procurement activities for the Nitto Denko Group must be committed to behaving with respect for corporate ethics and social common sense, and must observe the following action guideline to procure necessary raw materials free of competitive clauses.

1. A person who is engaged in procurement activities shall not have any partners who are committed to proper, proactive information disclosure.

2. A person who is engaged in procurement activities shall not accept any kind of delay from partners, including summer and year-end gifts and presents from vendors. Similarly, he/she shall refuse any offerings of a complimentary nature, including gifts in celebration, establishing contact, or other courtesy calls.

3. A person who is engaged in procurement activities shall not acquit any united, group, or other similar clauses in contracts with partners.

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* Web-EDI is a Web-based system of electronically placing and receiving orders

Social Activities

Relationship with Suppliers (Partners)

Communication with Suppliers (Nitto Denko Corporation on a Non-Consolidated Basis)

Based on the idea that suppliers are partners, we changed the name of our annual meeting with suppliers from Suppliers’ Meeting to Partners’ Meeting.

This meeting is held every year at the Kameyama and Toyohashi Plants, which deal with a large number of suppliers. At this meeting, we explain our activities, procurement policy, requirements for the quality of materials, and quality assurance system to suppliers and exchange opinions with them to deepen mutual relations.

Comment

Nitto Shinko mainly manufactures isolating materials, and I am in charge of procuring raw materials for the Company. Taking a global view of things, we choose reliable and environment-friendly materials in our procurement work and focus on always providing products at a reasonable price. Moreover, we attach importance to our relationship with suppliers and maintain open and fair relations with them based on mutual trust as well as on compliance with laws and regulations. We will continue to choose high-quality materials that are environment-friendly and effective in reducing industrial waste. Using these materials, we will manufacture environmentally-conscious products, thereby pleasing customers, local residents, suppliers, and employees and contribute to society at large.
Social Activities

Relationship with Customers

The Nitto Denko Group is committed to providing customers with satisfactory products. Based on the concept of advanced quality management, we train employees to maintain quality and improve and expand our information system and other infrastructure to increase customer satisfaction.

Annual Quality Policy

Promoting Advanced Quality Management

In the Nitto Denko Group’s annual quality policy formulated in fiscal 2004, the Group sets priority measures and targets based on the following two indicators: customer satisfaction and percentage of customer returns and compensation. In fiscal 2005, under the slogan “Developing human assets and achieving advanced quality management,” we implemented measures intended to raise customer satisfaction, to ensure consistent quality, and to improve the infrastructure. At the end of fiscal 2005, departments in charge of quality and other related departments cooperated together to formulate a specific action plan to achieve advanced quality management. Fiscal 2006 will be the year we further enhance cooperation between these departments to implement advanced quality management on a full scale.

Advanced Quality Management

Advanced quality management means to design and develop products that focus on quality assurance to prevent the generation of defective products.

Quality Management System

Acquiring ISO/TS 16949 at the Toyohashi Plant

The Nitto Denko Group has acquired ISO 9001 and other quality-related certifications at its approximately 80 manufacturing and processing sites. The Medical Related Products Division, which manufactures transfusion drug delivery patches and other medical products, has built a quality management system based on the Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) requirements as well as on ISO 13485, which is an international standard for the quality management of medical devices.

In January 2006, the Toyohashi Plant of Nitto Denko Corporation acquired ISO/TS 16949 certification, which is said to be the strictest standard for quality management in the world. As a result, all 13 Nitto Denko Group sites are ISO/TS 16949 certified as of July 2006. These sites give great satisfaction to the Nitto Denko Group’s customers in the automobile, semiconductors, and electronic industries, who want their suppliers to be ISO/TS 16949 certified.

In internal audits of quality, the environment, and safety (QES) management, which has been conducted since fiscal 2004, situations concerning the introduction and promotion of advanced quality assurance are intensively audited, and specific advice and recommendations are issued to each Group site to eventually improve the quality level of the entire Group.

Education on Quality

Providing Education on Quality at Home and Abroad

The Nitto Denko Group provides employees in charge of quality, product development, and manufacturing with education on quality so that the Group can constantly deliver high-quality products to customers. We have various levels of seminars on quality for employees, including new comers and those versed in quality, and hold the appropriate seminar according to the expertise of the participants and the departments to which they belong. Instead of implementing measures to deal with defective products that have already been manufactured—for which it is essential to have developers who have expertise on quality issues—we are committed to product design that will not produce defective products in the first place. We therefore focus on training those engaged in product development on quality.

In fiscal 2005, we completely revised our seminar texts and prepared both Japanese and English versions to provide education on quality at Nitto Denko Group companies throughout the world. In fiscal 2006, we will provide the appropriate level of education based on the level of knowledge and expertise identified at each Group site to eventually improve the quality level of the entire Group.

Product Safety

Providing Consumers with Safe Products

The Nitto Denko Group has focused on product safety for consumers since before the enforcement of the Product Liability Act of Japan. We pay special attention to the safety of medical products used directly by general consumers, such as surgical tapes and cultured panther grooming products provided by Nitto Medical as well as tapes and various household goods for consumers provided by Nitcom.

Quality-Related Information System

Sharing Quality-Related Information within the Group while Giving Due Consideration to Security

The Nitto Denko Group built a system to share customers’ quality-related information on its intranet and utilizes it across the Group while giving due consideration to the security of the system. Information stored in the system is protected by login IDs and passwords, which authorized employees are allowed to use at any time to access information required to provide the proper response to customers.

In fiscal 2005, we improved the system by making it possible to promptly display major analysis items in a graph.

Responsibility for the Stable Supply of Products

Procuring Raw Materials in a Stable Manner under a Changing Market Environment

Due to hikes in oil prices that have been occurring since fiscal 2003 as a result of the emergence of BRICs, other geopolitical factors, and speculative investments made by oil money, it is becoming increasingly difficult to procure petrochemical products. Under this severe procurement condition, Nitto Denko Corporation is strengthening its relationship with suppliers to stabilize the procurement of raw materials.

In July 2006, the Company dispatched two employees from the Procurement Department to Shanghai to ensure stable procurement and carry out countermeasures against steep rises in the unit price of materials. They survey and visit a wide range of material manufacturers in China. Through these measures, Nitto Denko Corporation has developed its domestic sites, local subsidiaries in China, and other Group companies in procurement activities. In fiscal 2005, the Company started conducting a survey on manufacturers in India.

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Our goal is to make our company an even more reliable manufacturer; one that provides products of the highest quality in the world and will never receive any complaints on product quality from customers.

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We will continue to delight our customers with our products by developing those that will meet the requirements of future laws and regulations as well as customers’ needs.

Shuyen Teo
Senior Researcher, Research & Development Division, Nitto Denko Electronics (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.
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Customer Center

Establishing T-FOX as a Customer Center for the Industrial Products Division

Nitto Denko Corporation’s customer center accepts orders and inquiries from customers by phone and through its Web site based on the principle of responding promptly to customers. Business divisions that receive a large number of inquiries from customers have their own customer center, and staff members of these centers respond promptly to people’s inquiries. In addition to TG-T, a customer center in the Bonding and Joining Products Division that deals in double-coated adhesive tapes and T-Doc, a customer center in the Surface Protective Products Division that handles surface protective materials, the Company established T-FOX, a customer center in the Industrial Products Division that deals in foam sealing materials.

We will continue to respond to inquiries from customers promptly and appropriately and analyze these inquiries so that they may be reflected in the formulation of our business strategies.

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**Personnel System (Nitto Denko Corporation on a Non-Consolidated Basis)**

Nitto Denko's innovative approach to personnel management is based on the following principles:

1. **Securing Human Resources**: With the aim of securing human resources that can lead the Group's new business development and global expansion, the Group formulated a two-year action plan in fiscal 2005. In fiscal 2006, the Group implemented measures for the remaining year based on the action plan and implemented measures for the remaining year based on the action plan.

2. **Evaluating Performance**: Under the performance-based system, employees are evaluated individually at each juncture in the evaluation flow, including an interview to set targets and an interview to be informed of higher evaluation results. These interviews are held to promote close communication between the employees and their managers as well as to help the employees understand how and why they received a particular evaluation. In addition, the Company conducts an employee survey on the evaluation flow to ensure that the employees are properly interviewed as a form of communication with their managers and are told about the evaluation results.

3. **Dialogue between Labor and Management (Nitto Denko Group in Japan)**

**Educational System**

Starting a Short-Term Transfer System for Employees of Overseas Group Companies

The Nitto Denko Group's educational system has two mainstays: the development of employees' abilities based on their voluntary efforts and the training of human assets for the Group's global business in the future. In January 2004, we launched an educational program named Nitto University to strategically find and develop human assets. At the end of 2005, the total number of Group employees who participated in the program reached 140. In addition, in fiscal 2004, we introduced a system in which employees are dispatched overseas as trainees and, in fiscal 2005, a short-term transfer system in which overseas Group employees are accepted as trainees in Japan. In fiscal 2005, a total of 2,303 employees participated in 37 educational courses. After the course was over, each participant was given a task to achieve in his/her workplace using the skills learned in the course. When his/her boss approved the task, he/she had achieved, the person was deemed to have completed the course.

4. **Employees' Personal Development System**: The Nitto Denko Group provides communication with employees based on mutual trust, partnership, and prosperous coexistence. In Japan, employees of Nitto Denko Corporation and some consolidated Group companies, such as Nitto Shinko, have labor unions. At other Group companies as well, management and employees are trying to build cooperative relations with a spirit of prosperous coexistence.

5. **A Monthly Consultative Meeting**: A monthly consultative meeting is held between management and the members of the central labor union and its branches. In addition, a monthly labor-managing meeting is also held at each workplace. At consultative meetings, directors and employees solve various problems together, and the one held in July 2006 was the 500th since these meetings were initiated October 2001.

6. **Employee Education on Human Rights (Nitto Denko Group in Japan)**

**Welfare of Employees (Nitto Denko Group in Japan)**

Formulating a Plan to Support Employees in Balancing Their Work and Private Lives

The Nitto Denko Group's employee welfare system is based on the following three concepts: mutual assistance in preparing for contingencies, support to employees in leading stable lives, and welfare programs necessary to ensure sound business operations. In fiscal 2005, in compliance with the Law for Measures to Support the Development of the Next Generation enforced on April 1, 2005, the Group formulated a two-year action plan. In fiscal 2006, the Group will conduct an interim evaluation of achievements made in fiscal 2005 under the action plan and implement measures for the remaining year based on the evaluation results.

**Employment after Retirement (Nitto Denko Group in Japan)**

Matching the Right Person to the Right Place by Opening a “Human Asset Bank” for the Group

Japanese companies will soon face a serious problem as a result of baby boomers retiring in and after fiscal 2007. With the retirement of these employees, companies will lose their skills as well. Under these circumstances, the revised Law Concerning Stabilization of Employment of Older Persons was enforced on April 1, 2006, which demands that companies implement certain measures for the reemployment of retirees.

Since 1994, the Nitto Denko Group’s 28 domestic companies have sequentially established and managing a system that allows those who retired at the age of 60 to continue working at their companies. Under this system, a total of 65 retirees are reemployed as of the end of fiscal 2005. Furthermore, in April 2006, certain criteria for the reemployment of retirees were set in a labor-management agreement, and all those who meet the criteria and wish to work at Group companies are reemployed in principle. In October 2005, we opened a “human asset bank of the Nitto Denko Group,” which is a database of skills held by employees who wish to work at the Group after they retire as well as job offers from various departments of the Group. This database is intended to be used to match the right person to the right place within the Group, going beyond the barriers of companies and departments.

**Employment of the Disabled (Nitto Denko Group in Japan)**

Actively Employing Disabled People and Improving Their Working Environment

The Nitto Denko Group established a special subsidiary named Nitto Denko Himawari in May 2000 and has been vigorously promoting the employment of disabled people through this subsidiary. In fiscal 2005, due to a substantial increase in the number of employees following an expansion in business, the percentage of Group employees who have disabilities came to 1.89%, down from that in fiscal 2004.

The Nitto Denko Group will aggressively employ a greater number of disabled people and improve its working environment so that they can display their abilities in a greater number of jobs.

**Employee Education on Human Rights (Nitto Denko Group in Japan)**

Aiming to Create a Corporate Culture and Climate that Respect Human Rights

The Nitto Denko Group conducts activities to educate employees on human rights to create a corporate culture and climate that respect human rights. In fiscal 2005, the Group asked employees to come up with a slogan on human rights for human rights week, and 1,418 slogans were submitted. Of those submitted, one was selected and commended for its excellence in a slogan contest for a brochure on human rights to each employee to make them more aware of human rights and their companies.

In fiscal 2006, we will provide employees with opportunities to learn about human rights at their workplace, thereby fostering the establishment and expansion of a corporate culture that respects human rights across all Group companies.
**Industrial Safety and Hygiene**

**Establishing “Shut-off-Culture” and Promoting the Introduction of Automatically-Stoppable Equipment**

To reduce the number of serious industrial accidents to zero, the Nitto Denko Group has set a fiscal 2007 medium-term safety target of decreasing the frequency rate of serious industrial accidents by 30% from fiscal 2005 rates.

The following types of accidents account for two-thirds of the industrial accidents that occur: hands or legs of workers get caught in or by machinery, and are cut or cut by tools used in cutting tapes and films. In order to prevent these accidents, we began implementing safety measures concerning equipment, teaching employees about industrial safety, and sharing industrial safety-related information Groupwide.

In fiscal 2005, the Group as a whole had 37 serious industrial accidents. Unfortunately, this number is greater than that in fiscal 2004. Of the 37 accidents, 19 were caused by workers touching machines while in operation. This shows that employees are not sufficiently aware of the importance of suspending the operation of machines while the machines are not running properly. We make it a rule to identify the cause of every accident that took place, regardless of its seriousness, thereby preventing the occurrence of similar accidents. In fiscal 2006, we will further educate employees on the importance of suspending the operation of a machine if it is not running properly before touching the machine to deal with the problem (“shut-off-culture”) and introduce more machines that stop automatically if there is the risk of someone getting injured and will not restart unless the safety is confirmed (automatically-stoppable equipment). To this end, we will revise our safety education system and add seminars on the environment, safety, and quality to the Nitto Denko University program. For example, we will be forming a technical safety assurance team to promote a shift from machines that detect risks to those that stop automatically to ensure safety and establish safety standards for such equipment.

**Information Sharing across the Group**

**Promoting the Sharing of Information on Industrial Accidents to Prevent the Occurrence of Similar Accidents as a Group**

The Nitto Denko Group believes it important for both domestic and overseas Group companies to share information on industrial accidents to prevent the occurrence of similar accidents. Accordingly, to provide the opportunity to share such information, we hold an Environment and Safety Sector Global Meeting for all Group companies every year and Group Environment and Safety Committee meetings four times a year for domestic Group companies. In fiscal 2005, we started holding safety promotion meetings for the top managers of Group companies because these managers need to be fully aware of the importance of safety as a premise to promoting safety-related activities throughout the Group. We held this meeting only once in fiscal 2005 but plan to hold it twice a year in and after fiscal 2006. For the sharing of information on a daily basis, we utilize the environment and safety Web page (in both Japanese and English) on our intranet, which was established in fiscal 2003, to share information on labor, fire accidents, and so on.

In fiscal 2006, we will launch a new Web-based database to facilitate the prompt sharing of information on industrial accidents, implement more substantial and careful measures that prevent such accidents and the recurrence of similar accidents.

**Fire Prevention**

**Implementing Fire-Prevention Diagnosis and Study Seminars at Nitto Denko Group in Japan**

The Nitto Denko Group uses organic solvents to manufacture adhesives, and because organic solvent vapors can be ignited by electrostatic discharge, the Group takes strict fire prevention measures. In fiscal 2005, the Static Electricity Fire Prevention Team was renamed the Fire Prevention Team to expand its fire prevention target. We made a “fire prevention diagnosis” at four sites and proposed appropriate fire prevention measures. Furthermore, we held three seminars to study cases of fires as well as the ignition mechanism. Also in fiscal 2006, we will continue to educate employees on fire prevention so that they will be more knowledgeable about the subject and possess the skills to put that knowledge to practical use. In fiscal 2005, as in fiscal 2004, we had no serious fire accidents.

**Countermeasures against Damage Caused by Asbestos**

The Nitto Denko Group [in Japan] manufactured some products using asbestos in and before 1995. We therefore conducted a survey on those engaged directly or indirectly in the manufacture of these products, including those who had already retired, and asked them to take a health checkup during the period from December 2005 to January 2006. As a result, 125 people went through a medical checkup, and these retirees were diagnosed with a possibility of an asbestos-related disease.

At present, the three retirees have not developed asbestosis, lung cancer, or mesothelioma, but we will continue to ask them and others who were diagnosed as being healthy in the last medical checkup to keep going for a physical checkup. Moreover, we will conduct a follow-up survey on their health in cooperation with the administration (relevant labor bureaus, labor standards inspection offices, and health centers).

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**Opening Facilities Where Employees Can Experience Pseudo-Accidents at the Kameyama and Toyohashi Plants**

To eliminate industrial accidents, we opened facilities at the Kameyama Plant in April 2005 and Toyohashi Plant in November 2005 where employees can learn about accident risks by experiencing pseudo-accidents.

In recent years, the number of industrial accidents involving employees who have fewer years of service has risen. This is because these employees are inexperienced and lack the ability to prevent accidents. Additionally, they have fewer opportunities to learn safety skills from experienced employees as a result of the retirement of baby boomers. To train these inexperienced employees so that they may eventually acquire the ability to predict risks and to eliminate industrial accidents, we determined that it was necessary to provide them with the opportunity to virtually experience risks associated with the use of equipment in addition to classroom training.

As part of their educational curriculum, mid-career workers at the Toyohashi Plant take part in virtually experiencing risks at the facilities. In fiscal 2006, other plants will also implement a system in which all employees, both new and experienced, can receive an education on safety. In addition to its own employees, the Toyohashi plant accepts employees from other plants of Nitto Denko Corporation and other Group companies so that they, too, can experience pseudo-accidents. This is one example of the safety promotion measures that the Nitto Denko Group is implementing to prevent industrial accidents.

In fiscal 2006, other plants of Nitto Denko Corporation, including the Tohoku and Onomichi Plants, will introduce similar facilities where employees will have the chance to virtually experience risks. We are examining the possibility of using a “virtual risk experience wagon” that would visit plants where it would be difficult to establish one of these facilities.

**Virtual Experience at the Toyohashi Plant Facilities**

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**Employees Engaged in the Manufacture of Products Using Asbestos**

**Products Using Asbestos**

Nitto Denko Corporation regularly invites doctors and nutritionists to its Denko Group in Japan Study Seminars at Nitto Denko Group in Japan Implementing Health Checkups Targeting Employees Engaged in the Manufactured Products Using Asbestos

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**Virtual experience at the Toyohashi Plant facilities**

Gained in or between objects (shock, a kick, a pinch, or a blow), sheet, or a component, and roller of a machine; a pressing machine; a chucking machine; and drilling machine; cut by a wheel blade, explosions (caused by solvents and particulates); and experiencing the use of a flame arrester; safety door. Van de Graaf electrostatic generator, and a device that checks antistatic shoes.
Social Activities

Relationship with Local Communities

The Nitto Denko Group endeavors to form better relations with local inhabitants through such means as voluntarily participating in local activities, including cleanup activities. We also conduct social support activities, such as donating to disaster victims and providing educational support to students.

Visit by Participants of the 2005 Children’s Summit for the Environment

In July 2005, the 2005 Children’s Summit for the Environment was held, mainly at venues at the World Exposition, Aichi, Japan. The summit was organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and attended by children, aged 10 to 14, from 55 countries around the world. In addition to the discussions on the overall theme of “Towards a Sustainable Society,” the children visited places blessed with nature as well as environment-conscious factories. Nitto Denko Corporation’s Toyohashi Plant was chosen as one of the places they were to visit, and 31 children who participated in the summit visited the plant.

Donating Money to Victims of Hurricane Katrina

Hurricane Katrina struck the southeastern part of the United States in August 2005. Nitto Denko Group companies in the U.S. volunteered to raise money, and they and their employees donated a total of $33,667 dollars (approximately $3.91 million) to the victims of the large hurricane. Also, to help solve the water shortage problems faced by areas devastated by the hurricane, California-based Hydranautics, which manufactures polymer membranes used in RO (Reverse Osmosis) technology, donated $20,000 worth (approximately $2.32 million) of RO membrane to be used in water purification facilities.

Accepting Students at Plants

Plants of Nitto Denko Corporation

Each plant of Nitto Denko Corporation accepts students who wish to visit the plant or who wish to gain work experience there. The latter students are asked to wear a plant uniform and actually work alongside employees for a day or several days under the instructions of the plant staff in charge. We hope that their experience at the plant will be useful in their future.

Donating Savings from Sending Electronic Christmas Cards

Nitto Europe

In Europe, where different languages are spoken, we attribute more importance to communication with stakeholders than in other regions. Nitto Europe used to send traditional paper Christmas cards to its customers and suppliers, but in 2005, it switched to electronic Christmas cards. As a result, the company could save some money, and donated a total of €10,000 (approximately $11,460) to the Red Cross.

Visit by Participants of the 2005 Children’s Summit for the Environment

Nitto Denko Eastern Europe Representative Office in Slovakia

Under a tax-related law in Slovakia, companies are required to donate money equivalent to 2% of their tax expense to a specific organization. Nitto Denko Eastern Europe Representative Office in Slovakia specified the Foundation of the Children’s Cardio Center as the organization to which it would donate money. The office donated 18,623 Slovakian koruny (approximately $70,000), or 2% of their tax expense, to the center to help with the care of the children there.

Giving Support to the Nursing Care of Children Suffering Cardiac Illness

Nitto Denko Eastern Europe Representative Office in Slovakia

1. Foundation of the Children’s Cardio Center. This foundation was established in Slovakia on June 28, 1993, to improve the nursing care of children suffering from cardiac illness.

Cleaning up the Surrounding Areas

Multiple Sites of the Nitto Denko Group

Employees of the Nitto Denko Group regularly clean the roads surrounding their sites. Additionally, they voluntarily participate in cleanup activities conducted by local communities as members of those communities.

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GRI Content Index

The Nitto Denko Group is committed to disclosing information for its activities on a sustainable society based on the indicators contained in the GRI Sustainability Reporting Guidelines. Although we have not yet obtained sufficient information for all indicators, we will continue our best efforts to collect and disclose all relevant information.

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W: Included in the CSR report posted on the Web
G: Included in the Nitto Denko Group: Business Conduct Guidelines (announced on its Web site)