

Comments from Stakeholders

TEL has received outside opinions on the contents of the 2005 Environmental and Social Report and our business activities. We are especially indebted to Mr. Minoru Kagino, a user of our equipment, and Mr. Shu Woei Yu, a coordinator for users of our equipment in Taiwan, for their suggestions. We will use theirs and others' suggestions in planning our future activities.



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(1) Thoughts on TEL's Environmental Sustainability Report

While the Kyoto Protocol has come into effect in February 2005, environmental issues have grown more and more serious. I feel that your company's policies on environmental preservation are stated in your Environmental Report in a way that is clear and easy to understand, and your policies are not passive, but very active in character.

Also, I was impressed by the explanations of the various items on environmental preservation, and how you are publicizing the significance of your environmental activities and the relation between your business and environmental activities.

(2) Comments on TEL's EHS Activities

The semiconductor industry is characterized by greater use of materials with large environmental burden and greater energy consumption than the rest of the electrical and electronics industries. Its posture on environmental preservation is a very important matter. Your company is actively pursuing very specific activities for the purpose of preserving the environment, on the basis of your policies, without being distracted by the profit that is within your grasp. We can see this in the fact that, not only are you setting equipment specifications and developing equipment in consultation with each of your customers, you are taking the lead in activities of domestic and international groups like Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International (SEMI) and the Semiconductor Equipment Association of Japan (SEAJ).

(3) Impressions of TEL from Toshiba Corporation

As our company has been building clean rooms over the last several years, we have had a serious problem with requirements for protecting the environment. Of course, the equipment we use in the clean room has itself been subject to even stricter demands. Not only has TEL been completely "can-do" about our suggestions when we have met with you, you have also contributed immensely to our effort with your ideas and your environmental measures for new clean rooms. We see you as one of our strong partners.

(4) Hopes and Expectations for TEL

As the semiconductor industry continues to grow and grow all over the world, it is a critical problem to reduce its environmental burden, and there is a great social responsibility to take leadership in those activities. For the environmental measures that we semiconductor producers have to take, we will desperately need the cooperation of our supporting industries. This is especially so for energy conservation. Usually, equipment has been improved without regard for other affected equipment. But electric power supply facilities in semiconductor factories have been subjected to far too many specifications in power requirements, resulting in inefficiencies, and this has to be simplified. Equipment makers have to design their equipment in consultation with the semiconductor producers. I would like to see development of equipment coordinated with design of factory power equipment.



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(1) Thoughts on TEL Environmental Sustainability Report

Congratulations are in order for Tokyo Electron's fifth publication of the Environmental Sustainability Report. The report truly reflects TEL's commitment to continuous improvement on environmental, safety and health management. It is very encouraging to learn that TEL now embraces the fundamental principles of Corporate Social Responsibility as president and CEO Sato* has stated.

(2) Comments on TEL's EHS Activities

TEL's EHS activities definitely enhance its position as one of the leaders in the semiconductor production equipment industry. The product-related environmentally benign initiatives benefit both TEL and its customers. With the worldwide growing emphasis and practice of cleaner production technologies, TEL's customers now have the opportunity to jointly develop environmentally benign semiconductor production equipment as illustrated in the report.

(3) Impressions of TEL from ITRI's

The 2004 Environmental Sustainability Report describes TEL's products, business, environmental management and social activities. The comprehensive information provided in the report makes it easy for all interested parties to gain full understanding of TEL's EHS management philosophy and achievements. For instance, the coverage on TEL's health and safety activities is highly informative.

(4) ITRI's Expectation for Environmental Benignity of TEL Products

It is hoped that TEL can share its products' environmental benignity features with its customers and other equipment manufacturers. This will further enhance TEL's leading edge over its competitors.

(5) Hopes and Expectations for TEL

It is hoped that the environmentally benign semiconductor production equipment initiatives can be extended to the flat panel display industry since this particular business sector faces very challenging EHS issues. Experiences gained by TEL in the semiconductor industry are very useful in convincing its customers in the flat panel display industry to adopt the same or similar EHS initiatives. In addition, it is highly recommended that TEL engage in more international collaboration programs to promote its EHS management philosophy and share its practices with customers outside of Japan.

*As of August 2004