## Comments from a Stakeholder



We received the following feedback on our *Environmental and Social Report 2007* as well as our business operations from Mr. Hitoshi Nakagomi.

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### (1) Comments on the Environmental and Social Report

After reading the Tokyo Electron Group's *Environmental and Social Report 2007*, I was able to gain an understanding of the Group's strong commitment to becoming a part of the solution to the many problems society and the global environment face today and its uncompromising determination to make positive contributions to society as a leading Japanese corporation. What particularly impressed me was Chairman Higashi's recognition of the critical condition of society when he expressed that "the global environment is approaching a critical point." With this recognition, he clearly stated that it is the "Tokyo Electron Group's mission to provide environmentally friendly and highly economical and productive semiconductor equipment and technology."

Sharing the TEL Values such as pride, awareness and a spirit of challenge with Group employees worldwide will help maintain the morale of employees, which in turn works to increase stakeholder satisfaction and, ultimately, corporate value.

#### (2) Comments on the Tokyo Electron Group's EHS Activities

The Tokyo Electron Group implements its EHS activities based on analysis of current performance and works to include not only the Group but the entire supply chain and neighboring communities. I believe such an approach represents the Group's policy to play a responsible role in society.

I used to think that the pursuit of profit was the primary mission of business. However, after reading a section in the Roundtable Meeting with Stakeholders, where all participants agreed that pursuit of profit alone would only result in a greater environmental impact, I fully understand that the pursuit of profit and social contributions are compatible.

The Group also places great importance on communication with local communities and provides work experience and plant tours to local school students as a way of developing the talent of the industry. Yamanashi Prefecture welcomes such activities that nurture students' interest in manufacturing and develop future leaders in the region. Attracting and retaining human resources is an important priority for the prefecture.

# (3) Yamanashi Prefecture's Impression of the Tokyo Electron Group

Many people in Yamanashi feel close to Tokyo Electron Limited, a leading global manufacturer of semiconductor and FPD production equipment and a company with major plants and research facilities in the prefecture. Many local citizens are employees of the company and many

TEL suppliers and business partners are located in the prefecture. As an outstanding leader of the electronic machinery industry in Yamanashi, TEL is like a vast tree with wide and deep roots across the prefecture.

We feel fortunate that such a leading company has facilities in Yamanashi Prefecture and makes great contributions to enhance the image and develop the economy of the region by successively releasing a wide variety of environmentally and safety-conscious equipment to national and international markets.

#### (4) Requests and Expectations for the Tokyo Electron Group

Looking at the current energy landscape, we are going through a transitional period where the leading energy source is shifting from fossil fuels to new energy sources that leave no carbon footprint. Environmental friendliness is a mandatory element not only in manufacturing activities but in each and every action that we take in our lives in order to pass down a sustainable society to the next generation.

One of Yamanashi Prefecture's primary agendas includes the prevention of global warming, the creation of a recycling society, the development and introduction of clean energy technologies, and the maintenance and improvement of the aesthetic quality of Yamanashi, including the implementation of some aesthetic-related restrictions.

TEL's commitment to playing an important role in solving climate change issues through its intensified EHS activities is in alignment with the future direction of Yamanashi Prefecture. The prefectural government would like to provide support for TEL's related activities to the greatest extent possible.

## **Our Response**

We appreciate these encouraging comments. Tokyo Electron AT will continue its environmental and safety efforts. Many initiatives promoted by Yamanashi Prefecture, such as those to mitigate global warming, create a recycling society and improve the aesthetic quality of the prefecture, take the same direction our business communities should target.

As a corporate member of Yamanashi Prefecture, we would like to make positive contributions to the communities in which we operate.

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