

CSR Report 2009



Company Overview

Company Name: INPEX CORPORATION

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Main Businesses: Research, exploration, development,

production and sales of oil, natural gas and other mineral resources, other related businesses and investment and lending to the companies engaged in these activities, etc.

Financial Information





We are committed to playing our role in supporting the sustainable development of society through a stable and efficient supply of energy

Editorial Policy

Let us update you on the activities that the INPEX Group undertakes for its diverse stakeholders under our themes of corporate social responsibility (CSR) built around the health, safety and environment (HSE) framework.

The INPEX Group publishes its CSR Report annually to keep its stakeholders informed of CSR initiatives and activities.

A third-party reviewer of the CSR Report 2008 commented, "the Group, detailed report on its challenges and initiatives for CSR outside Japan, the Group (should also) consider using its website more effectively to the CSR Report 2009 under the following new editorial policy.

- 1. To discuss a host of stakeholder-relations programs and activities related to HSE.
- 2. To add a feature story section in which to discuss our activities to maintain and promote sound community relations in oil- and gas-

Scope of Reporting and Data Compilation

- •INPEX CORPORATION and its 54 consolidated subsidiaries.
- Environmental performance data for the Group's domestic operations Domestic Project Division, Teiseki Pipeline Co., Ltd., and Teiseki
- Environmental performance data for the Group's overseas operations
- •The Company's Domestic Project Division and Offshore Iwaki Petroleum Co., Ltd. have signed on to the program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions called for by Keidanren Voluntary Action Plan on the process at the Minami Nagaoka Gas Field not included.)
- •The Company's Domestic Project Division, Teiseki Pipeline Co., Ltd., and

Net Production by Region Total Middle East and Africa Asia and Oceania 405 thousand BOEPD 1 Eurasia Proven Reserves by Region 2 Total Middle East and Africa Asia and Oceania 1,598 MBBOE 3 1 Barrels of oil equivalent per day Proven reserves are evaluated in accordance with SEC regulations, and do not include those that are not eligible for third-party deposit evaluation reports, nor those undergoing related governmental approval processes, but do include proved reserves owned by equity method affiliates. Million barrels of oil equivalent

emissions of volatile organic compounds called for by the Japan Natural Gas Association,

• Data on freight volume was provided by the Company's

Reporting Period

references to activities we undertook in April, May and June

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A Message from the President

We enrich society with a stable and efficient supply of energy



Naoki Kuroda President INPEX CORPORATION

INPEX Group is committed to fulfilling its role in supporting the sustainable development of society

INPEX Holdings Inc. merged with INPEX CORPORATION and Teikoku Oil Co., Ltd. to become the new INPEX CORPORATION on October 1, 2008. With this merger, we have consolidated corporate headquarters functions and fully integrated the organizational structure to facilitate more efficient and flexible management of the company.

The INPEX Group has a mission to provide customers with a stable and efficient supply of energy sources primarily oil and natural gas—so as to bring a better quality of life to society. In carrying out this mission in 74 projects in 26 countries (as of June 30, 2009), we firmly believe in demonstrating a sense of ethics, giving highest priority to safety and environmental preservation in operations, and contributing to the communities where we operate. Accordingly, we play our role as a good corporate citizen in continuing a close dialogue with diverse stakeholders and supporting the sustainable development of society. This, we believe, is what CSR is all about.

Helping to tackle global warming is our responsibility as an E&P company

As the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has reported, global warming has become a formidable challenge that all of mankind must work together to take up. The 15th Conference of Parties (COP15) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is scheduled to be held in Copenhagen in December 2009 to establish a new global climate agreement for the period beyond 2012 when the Kyoto Protocol expires. In June 2009, the Japanese government announced its mediumterm goal of reducing domestic greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 15% by 2020 below the 2005 level. There will be accelerated efforts in the international community to establish a framework for achieving a low-carbon society.

The INPEX Group adopts rigorous pro-environmental policies and practices in the E&P business, while attempting to improve productivity at project sites so as to emit fewer GHGs. We will also commit greater resources to developing natural gas—a clean energy source that generates less CO2 when burned than oil does. In addition, we are stepping up our engineering efforts to implement carbon capture and storage—an approach endorsed by the IPCC to reduce CO₂ emissions—and to generate methane using microbes found in depleted oil fields.

Going forward with three strategies

When the new, fully integrated INPEX CORPORATION became operational in October 2008, the Group established three strategies. They are: (1) To continue to expand the oil and gas upstream business; (2) To establish a natural gas supply chain and diversify the gas business; and (3) To become a company that offers a broader range of energy.

First, in our core business of developing oil and natural gas, we will work more closely with other leading players in the international arena to maintain or increase our recoverable reserves of oil and natural gas to secure primary energy sources. Second, we will set up an efficient natural gas supply chain that links gas sources inside and outside Japan to the domestic market with LNG receiving terminals and an expanded pipeline network. We will also diversify the natural gas business to attract more customers to this clean energy source. Third, we will strive to become a company that offers customers a broader range of energy; in an effort to make a low-carbon society a reality, we will continue to assess the commercial viability of making new application of conventional hydrocarbon fuels, such as GTL (gas-to-liquids) processing and DME (dimethyl-ether) processing, and commercial viability of alternative and renewable energy sources.

With this three strategies as a guiding framework, we will fulfill our mission to provide customers with a stable

and efficient supply of energy so as to bring a better quality of life to society, thus fulfilling our role in supporting the sustainable development of society.

Ensuring that every officer and employee is aligned to the CSR cause

In April 2006, we established the Mission, which states where the Group is going and what role the Group will play in social development, and the CSR Policy, which promotes CSR initiatives and reaffirms the Group's commitment to them, both intended to lay the solid groundwork for the group-wide CSR initiatives. When the new INPEX CORPORATION became operational in October 2008, we completely updated the Compliance Manual, in which the Code of Conduct discusses how every officer and employee of the Group should perform ethically on a daily basis. We ensure that all officers and employees fully understand what the Mission, the CSR Policy and the Code of Conduct represent. In addition, we have incorporated into the new employee assessment system the value evaluation criteria to appraise an employee's behavior and attitude toward the values in which the Company believes in support of the sustainable development of society; the criteria state that every one of our employees has an obligation to uphold strong business ethics and to have high moral standards as a member of a company that serves society. These are all intended to foster greater awareness and appreciation of the CSR cause among all officers and employees.

In this report, we have selected subject matters of greater significance for inclusion so as to give you a comprehensive snapshot of our CSR initiatives and activities. To complement the printed report, we have posted on our website additional reports that discuss our CSR activities outside Japan and provide more detailed information and statistics. We hope that you find the printed and online reports informative and we also appreciate your feedback and comments.

Thank you.

Corporate Mission, CSR Policy and Code of Conduct

We play an active role in supporting the sustainable development of society, as our Corporate Mission and CSR Policy proclaim

Upon the merger of INPEX CORPORATION and Teikoku Oil Co., Ltd., the INPEX Group newly formulated the Corporate Mission, CSR Policy, and Code of Conduct.

Our Corporate Mission reflects our objective of playing an active role in social development; the CSR Policy directs our

CSR initiatives and reaffirms our commitment to promoting them; and the Code of Conduct discusses how every officer and employee of the Group should perform ethically on a daily basis.



Visit our website for the complete text of the Code of Conduct.

http://www.inpex.co.jp/english/csr/

Mission

The mission of the INPEX Group is to provide a stable and efficient supply of energy to the customers by exploring and developing oil and natural gas resources throughout the world. Through its business, we aim to become an integrated energy company, which contributes to the community and makes it more livable and prosperous.

Corporate Social Responsibility Policy

The INPEX Group conducts business efficiently and proactively with a long-term perspective. Guided by the leadership of top management, we are committed to fulfilling our corporate social responsibilities. Our key principles include:

- 1 Deliver energy in a stable and efficient manner.
- 2 Comply with laws, rules and regulations and adhere to ethical business conduct.
- 3 Communicate timely and openly with shareholders, employees, customers, business partners and other stakeholders.
- 4 Value the individuality of employees, secure a safe, healthy and worker-friendly environment, and provide opportunities for career development.
- 5 Recognize our responsibility to help preserve the environment and contribute to sustainable development.
- 6 Contribute to the development of host countries and communities, based on the understanding of cultural diversity.

Code of Conduct

Every officer and employee of the Group fully understands and strictly follows the articles of this code of conduct to achieve appropriate management and fulfill its responsibilities as a decent member of society.

- 1 Compliance with Laws and Ordinances
- Respect for Human Rights
- 3 Contributions to Society
- Respect for Business Ethics
- 5 Respect for Employees
- 6 Approach to the Environment, Safety and Health
- 7 Securing the Soundness of Company Assets and Finances

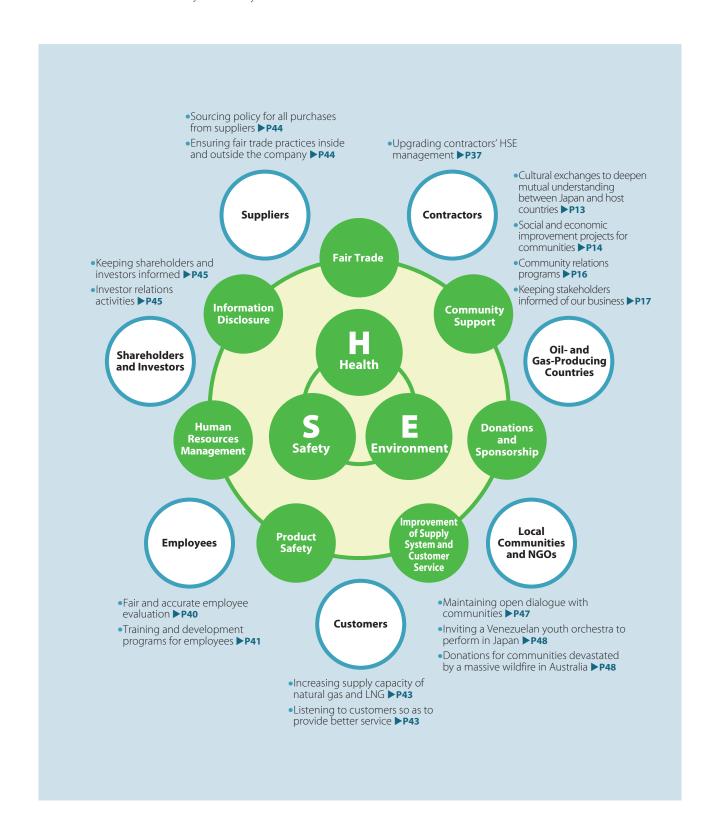
CSR and Stakeholders Themes

We conduct our business activities always with our stakeholders in mind

We are committed to providing society with a stable and efficient supply of energy in an environmentally friendly manner. To fulfill this commitment, we find it imperative to work closely with stakeholders who are directly or indirectly associated with

our business. We are engaged in a host of stakeholder-relations programs built around the HSE framework.





Business Activities

We are engaged in the energy-supply business on a global basis, ranging from the acquisition of license blocks to the sale of products



Acquisition of License Blocks

Activities

- Collect extensive information on areas likely to contain oil and natural gas
- Conduct preliminary technical evaluations of the areas using documented materials publicly and commercially available, followed by an assessment of the legislative, political and economic stability and site requirements of the areas
- Apply and bid for concession rights and/or working interest
- Conclude contracts for the licensed blocks



Signing a contract

Initiatives for Stakeholder Relations

- Enforce anti-bribery and corruption policies
- Respect human rights
- Preserve the ecosystem Nurture human resources
- Help develop social infrastructure Help develop industries

Exploration and Evaluation

Activities

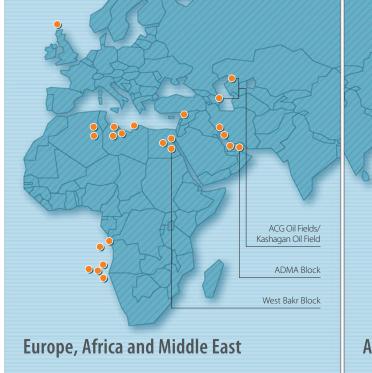
- Collect information on potential subsurface accumulations of oil and natural gas using terrestrial geological surveys, aerial photographs, satellite images, and other data
- Conduct geophysical surveys, including gravity, magnetic, and seismic surveys, to extract prospects of oil and natural gas
- Determine locations of exploration wells at the prospects, and drill wells to confirm the existence of oil and natural gas fields
- Drill delineation wells to evaluate the extent of the detected oil and natural gas fields
- Analyze subsurface information to confirm the lateral continuity of oil and gas reservoirs and to estimate reserves
- Determine the commercial viability of developing the fields

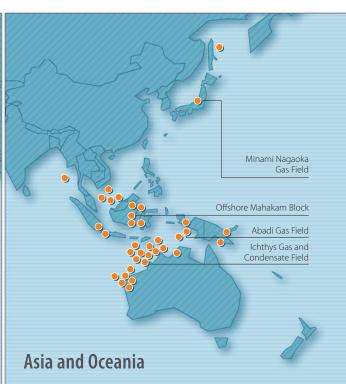


Drilling an exploration wel

Initiatives for Stakeholder Relations

- Manage health and safety practices
 Preserve the ecosystem
- Protect local cultural heritage
- Ensure compliance with laws and regulations
- Respect human rights
 Respect local cultures and customs
- Help develop industries





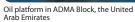


Development and Production

Activities

- Devise development plans for oil and natural gas fields
- Drill production wells to commercially recover oil and natural gas
- Construct processing facilities to separate gas and liquid and to filter out impurities, as well as loading terminals for oil and natural gas
- Produce oil and natural gas







Gas-processing facility at Koshijihara Plant in Niigata Prefecture, Japan

Initiatives for Stakeholder Relations

- Keep local communities informed of the projects
- Reduce environmental loads Preserve the ecosystem
- Protect local cultural heritage Manage health and safety practices
- Secure a stable supply of oil and natural gas
- Help develop local economy
- Ensure compliance with laws and regulations
- Respect local cultures and customs
- Conduct fair purchasing practices with suppliers





Refining, Shipment and Sales

Activities

Crude Oil

- Crude oil produced in Japan is transported by tanker trucks to our refineries, where it is refined into petroleum products such as gasoline, naphtha, kerosene, light oil, heavy oil and liquefied petroleum gas (composed mostly of propane and butane), which are then sold and shipped to customers on oil tankers and tanker trucks
- Crude oil produced outside Japan is sold and shipped on oil tankers or via pipelines to refineries and/or trading companies for refining; to power companies for use in thermal power plants; and to petrochemical companies for manufacturing of chemical products
- Swap crude oil with other international oil companies to meet customer needs

Natural Gas

- Domestic natural gas is sold to gas companies and large factories via pipelines
- Natural gas produced outside Japan is sold either to power and gas companies primarily in Japan as liquefied natural gas (LNG, composed mostly of methane) and LPG; or to gas-producing countries and their neighbors via pipelines
- In 2014, the Naoetsu LNG Receiving Terminal, currently under construction, will begin receiving LNG produced overseas for resale in Japan through the domestic gas pipeline network as part of a gas supply chain



Initiatives for Stakeholder Relations

- Manage health and safety practices
- Reduce environmental loads
- Ensure safety during transportation
- Secure a stable and reliable supply of energy
- Prevent unfair competition
- E&P projects undertaken by INPEX Group companies and equity-method affiliates

Corporate Governance

We spare no effort to enhance corporate governance so as to maintain greater management efficiency and soundness

Overview of Our Corporate Governance

At INPEX CORPORATION (hereinafter referred to as "the Company"), the Board of Directors meets once a month or as needed, to review and make decisions on the execution of important business operations, and to oversee the directors' execution of their duties. In addition, we hold a Management Committee meeting once a week or more to facilitate decision-making on matters that are not subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, and to submit proposals and recommendations to the board for review and approval. Furthermore, we established the Executive Officer System on October 1, 2008, to make the management structure more flexible and efficient so as to better deal with a rapidly changing business environment and the expanding business domain.

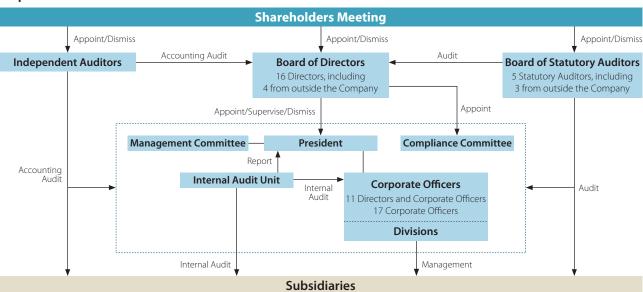
We employ a statutory auditor system under which statutory auditors attend board meetings and the Management Committee sessions, interview relevant divisions and request

reports. They are also responsible for auditing the directors' execution of their duties in day-to-day operations and individual projects. Three of the five statutory auditors are chosen from outside the Company for their wealth of experience and knowledge in both the E&P business and finance.

We have the Internal Audit Unit in place, which is independent of our business divisions and reports directly to the President to ensure the appropriateness and efficiency of business activities. The Unit reviews and evaluates the status of management bodies and the efficiency in business operations, identifies problems areas, submits reports to management, and performs follow-up audits to ensure continuous improvements. The unit also consults with independent auditors and statutory auditors in a timely manner to ensure sound management.

We have selected Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC as our independent accounting auditor.

Corporate Governance Structure



Internal Control System

The exposure of accounting fraud and other improper practices committed by corporations has made it a pressing issue to ensure the reliability of corporate financial reporting. One such measure is the internal control reporting system mandated by the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act in April 2008. The system requires the management of a corporation to assess the effectiveness of internal controls over its financial reporting and submit an internal control report on the findings.

We have established the Internal Control Promotion Committee, the task of which is to determine the scope and processes subject to internal control assessment, and establish entity-wide controls, process-level controls and IT controls over financial reporting. At the end of fiscal 2009, we are scheduled to assess the internal control system currently in place and submit the findings along with a financial report to the financial authorities.

Compliance

We ensure that every employee maintains regulatory compliance and adheres to high standards of ethical conduct and business practices, so as to continue to earn the trust of society

Compliance Policy and System

In April 2006, immediately after the establishment of the former INPEX Holdings Inc., we formed the Compliance Committee, which is tasked with reviewing the Group's basic policy and issues concerning compliance, as well as monitoring and managing the implementation of compliance practices, so as to ensure consistency in compliance throughout the Group.

The Committee also works with statutory auditors, the Board of Statutory Auditors, independent auditors and the Internal Audit Unit to: (1) develop and implement compliance programs; (2) monitor their implementation; (3) raise employees' awareness of compliance policy and procedures; (4) receive reports on and investigate cases of noncompliance; (5) issue warnings and take measures to end any noncompliant conduct; and (6) establish measures to prevent recurrence of noncompliant conduct.

The former INPEX CORPORATION and Teikoku Oil both had compiled compliance manuals on important matters that needed to be addressed, such as the handling of company information and assets, fair trade practices, safe and secure workplace environment that values occupational safety and a high work ethic; and made the manuals available to all officers and employees.

Upon the merger of the two companies in October 2008, we released a new compliance manual that incorporates the best features of the manuals of both companies. This is intended to ensure that all employees understand that compliance is indispensable to securing the long-term continuity of the company and is at the foundation of our business activities. Our employees are also expected to renew their commitment to follow compliance practices.

The new compliance manual discusses the Group's Mission, Corporate Social Responsibility Policy, an overview of the Compliance Committee, the Code of Conduct, and examples of compliance practices. A separate compliance FAQ document provides a number of case studies.

We have distributed copies of this manual to all of our officers and employees, and post revisions on a company bulletin board to keep them updated.

Compliance System



Help-Line System

We established the Help-Line System for our officers and employees in April 2006, when the Whistle-blowers Protection Act became effective.

We have also devised our Help-Line Procedures to implement a fraud-reporting protocol that includes mandatory reporting of fraud or unethical conduct, fact-finding procedures, protection of whistle-blowers, and confidentiality of reporting. Fraud reports

are submitted to a department in charge of compliance (the General Administration Unit) or an external expert designated by the Compliance Committee. When the latter receives a fraud report, it is shared with the former in a timely manner. Our officers and employees can report unethical behavior anonymously and are rigorously protected against retaliatory action for filing such reports.

A Case of Noncompliance

In April 2008, a PC owned by one of our employees became infected with a virus and data on it was disclosed over the Internet through the file-sharing software "Share." Most of the information was from internal memos and no confidential information was disclosed. However, as a few documents related to our subcontractors were among the disclosed information, we told the concerned parties what had happened, and took urgent measures to prevent the spread of the disclosed information. After this incident occurred, we reemphasized the importance of protecting the integrity of information assets throughout the Group and implemented a stricter procedure on allowing employees to take business information outside the company to prevent a recurrence of accidental information disclosure.



Maintaining and Promoting Sound Community Relations in Oil- and Gas-producing Countries

It is critically important for an E&P company to maintain good community relations in resource-producing countries. We are engaged in a wide range of programs and activities to build and maintain positive community relations in the oil- and gas-producing countries in which we operate. In this feature story, we outline what we accomplished through four types of activities in fiscal 2008.



WEB For more information, please visit our website. http://www.inpex.co.jp/english/csr/



Cultural Exchanges to Deepen Mutual Understanding between Japan and Host Countries



We would like to help the young people of Abu Dhabi learn more about Japan



Nobuo Hara Marketing Supply Manager Abu Dhabi Regional Office Japan Oil Development Co., Ltd.

While many people in Abu Dhabi speak favorably

of Japan, it is important in the long run to continue to offer the country's young people opportunities, such as this tea ceremony, to learn more about Japan and Japanese culture. Graciously, the Crown Prince wishes that the art of tea will come to stay in Abu Dhabi, and that more tea ceremonies will be held. In this context, we need to know what exactly Abu Dhabi is looking for and determine what we can do about it

A Taste of the Japanese Art of Tea Offered in Abu Dhabi

The Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Government Officials and Students Invited to a Tea Ceremony

In October 2008, we sponsored a traditional tea ceremony in Abu Dhabi hosted by Urasenke—a prominent school of the Japanese art of tea—in honor of the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, who is known to have a favorable attitude toward Japan and Japanese culture. During the event, the grand tea master of Urasenke prepared green tea for the Crown Prince, and afterward the tea master spoke about the tradition, legacy and virtue of the art of tea to local college students. He demonstrated how to make green tea in the traditional manner, giving the students an opportunity to have a taste of Japanese culture. There has since been talk about building a traditional tea-room in Abu Dhabi and giving students an opportunity to visit Urasenke in Japan to enhance cultural exchanges between the two countries.





We co-sponsored a retrospective on Emily Kngwarreye, a leading Australian Aboriginal abstract artist, in Tokyo and Osaka from February through July 2008. Hosted a Panel Discussion for Scholarship Students from Japan and Indonesia

Participated in Indonesia-Japan Expo 2008

When we participated in the Indonesia-Japan Expo 2008 held in Indonesia in November 2008 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of formal diplomatic relations between the two countries, we hosted a panel discussion among former scholarship students from Japan and Indonesia.





Traditional Japanese Falconers and Swordsmiths Demonstrate their Arts

Participated in the Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Show

Japan Oil Development Co., Ltd, an INPEX Group Company, has been participating in the annual Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Show since 2004. On the show floor, falconers and swordsmiths we invited from Japan gave a demonstration of traditional skills to enthusiastic visitors.



Social and Economic Improvement Projects for Communities



Assisting Communities in Improving Living Standards and **Developing Industries**

Helping to Build a Water-Supply System for Drinking and Irrigation Water

Gas Guarico, S.A., a Venezuela-based natural gas venture company 70% owned by the Company, has been actively involved in projects designed to improve living standards and develop industries in that country. In 2007, Gas Guarico agreed to provide municipalities with financial assistance and become directly involved in a project to build a water-supply system that extends from a reservoir to the city, and which will benefit the community. The project plan has been approved by the regulatory authorities and the community, and construction is scheduled to begin in 2009.

We wish to raise living standards in the community by improving the infrastructure



Gabriel Rojas Manager of Social Development Initiatives Gas Guarico, S.A.

Gas Guarico, S.A. has participated in a project to lay 16-inch water pipes from the El Pueblete reservoir to the village

of El Carlo La Negla. When the U.S.\$1.1-million project is completed, the pipeline will supply water to 46,000 people in 19 villages as well as to farms in neighboring areas. We are excited that part of the construction work for which the company is responsible will start in 2009. I am looking forward to the day when the water supply will make the farmlands in the area richer, and help people in the community lead a better life.



Japan Oil Development Co., Ltd. has been organizing an annual seminar in Japan since 1993 for students majoring in geology at UAE University and students of the Abu Dhabi Petroleum Institute. The seminar offers classes not only in geology, but also on topics that help students deepen their understanding of Japanese culture. Over the past 16 years, 102 students have participated in the seminars.

Participating in the Emirates **Foundation and Proposing** Science and Technology **Programs**



Working in the Emirates Foundation

The government of the UAE established the Emirates Foundation in 2005 to raise funds and redistribute them to educational programs for the youth of the country. Japan Oil Development Co., Ltd. is a member of the Board of Trustees—the foundation's

highest advisory body—and has been proposing a variety of programs in science and technology fields since 2008.





Co-Founded a College and **Sponsored an Engineering Program**

Providing Educational Assistance to Local Students

Japan Oil Development Co., Ltd. is one of the founders of the Abu Dhabi Petroleum Institute, which was established in 2000. In January 2008 and January 2009, we offered a short-term intensive program on remote-sensing technology that utilizes Earth observation satellites.





Providing Financial Assistance to Japanese and Indonesian Students through a Scholarship Program

Activity of the INPEX Scholarship Foundation

The INPEX Scholarship Foundation, which we established in 1981, offers scholarships for Indonesian university graduates with a degree in natural science to take master courses at Japanese universities. It also gives assistance to young Japanese researchers who wish to study in Indonesia as part of cultural exchange programs between the two countries.



Working with the United Nations Development Programme in an Environmental Preservation Initiative

Environmental Preservation Program for the Mahakam Delta

We have been engaged in a five-year project since 2007 to restore and preserve the mangrove forests in the Mahakam Delta in Indonesia, which have been seriously damaged by the encroachment of shrimp ponds around them. The project is also intended to assist the local community in achieving sustainable economic and social









Community Relations Programs



Worked with a Community **Volunteer Group in** an Environmental **Preservation Program**

Participated in the Kashiwazaki-**Kariwa Tree-Planting Ceremony**

Our employees participated in the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Tree-Planting Ceremony in June 2008, organized by the Network

for Preserving Environment in Satoyama (domestic woodland), a regional volunteer group in Kashiwazaki. In this event, they planted oaks and beeches, and trimmed underbrush.





Volunteered Assistance in a Community Event

Participated in the Kashiwazaki Shiokaze Marathon

In May 2008, our employees participated in the Kashiwazaki Shiokaze (sea breeze) Marathon, which was organized by the local community in Kashiwazaki, Niigata Prefecture. They also volunteered assistance for the event.



Participated in a Community **Event in Darwin, Australia**

Co-sponsored Fred's Pass Show

In May 2009, we co-sponsored the annual Fred's Pass Show in Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia, where we plan to build an LNG plant. This event was organized by a regional organization to raise people's awareness of local industries. We had a booth at the show, where we gave balloons to children. We also held dialogues with local residents who visited our booth, and raised their understanding of our project.



Hosting Tours of Our Facilities for Junior-High and High-School Students

Facility Tours

Teiseki Transport System Co., Ltd. and Teiseki Topping Plant Co., Ltd.—both INPEX Group companies doing business primarily in Niigata Prefecture—host tours of their facilities for students from local schools on social studies programs. In fiscal 2008, the two

companies hosted four tours for a total of 141 students, in which they learned about the basics of the E&P business, including the history of oil and natural gas production in Niigata Prefecture. We will continue to host such tours so as to maintain good relations with local communities.



We hope to give children an opportunity to understand the importance of natural resources



Takao Yoshida Managing Director Teiseki Transportation System Co., Ltd.

During the tour, I briefed students on the basics of the

E&P business, including what oil and natural gas are made of, how to find and extract them from underground, based on my own experience at oil wells. I hope that the children, who will grow to be tomorrow's leaders, had an opportunity to understand the importance of making better use of our limited natural resources.

Keeping Stakeholders Informed of our Business

Delivered a Message of Harmonious Coexistence to the People of Darwin



Participated in an Annual APPEA Plenary Meeting

We had a booth at an annual plenary meeting of the Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association (APPEA), held in Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia, in May and June 2009. As Darwin is a planned construction site for an LNG plant as part of the Ichthys Project, we chose energy, job opportunities, and community as the main themes of our message and stressed how the Ichthys Project would contribute to the local economy and how we would maintain harmonious relations with the community. In addition, we invited local high-school students to a workshop in which we talked about the E&P industry and job opportunities that the project would create.

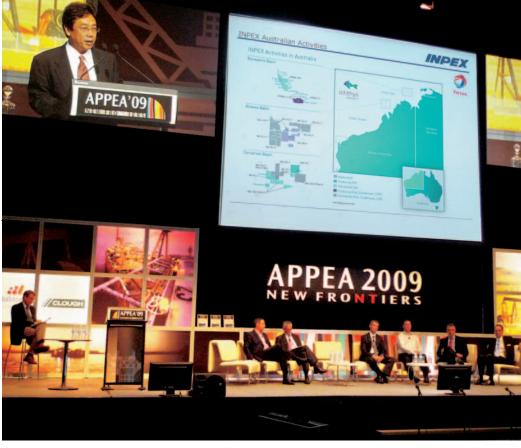




We realized the importance of having good relations with local stakeholders



was held in a city where we plan to build a plant as part of the Ichthys Project, we witnessed firsthand how strong an interest local residents had in the project. We found they had mixed feelings about it. On one hand, they were positive about the investments and the job opportunities the project would bring; on the other, they were concerned about the potential impact the project would have on their social environment. We realized the importance of developing and maintaining good relations with local residents and businesses to make this largescale project a success.





Winning the Support of Local Residents for Our Pro-Environment and Pro-**Community Efforts**

Held a Stakeholders Meeting

Before we began conducting oil exploration in the Republic of Suriname in South America, we carried out an environmental impact assessment and devised programs for monitoring marine life and for ensuring the safety of fishing boats in the area. In December 2008, we briefed the environmental authorities and fishermen on the project and these programs, and won their support.



Fulfilling Commitments with Diverse Stakeholders

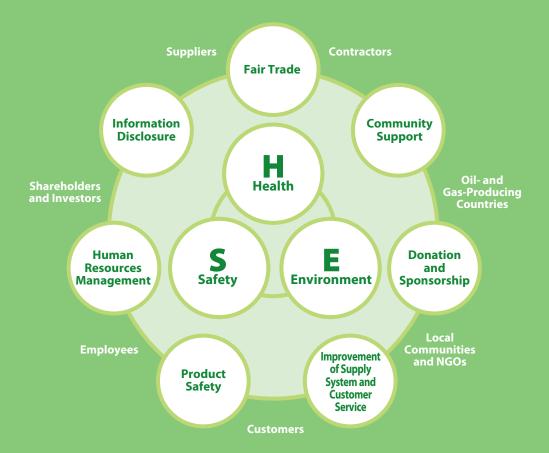
The INPEX Group carries out E&P operations to develop energy resources in many parts of the world. It is the responsibility of an E&P company such as ourselves to provide a stable supply of energy, while addressing the needs and concerns of its diverse stakeholders—customers, shareholders, investors, residents in resource-rich regions, suppliers and employees. It is also necessary to ensure that operations are conducted safely and are not harmful to the natural environment. With this in mind, we maintain a closer dialogue with our stakeholders for the sake of smooth business operations. In addition, we have been implementing a broad range of initiatives under our own HSE Management System, which encompasses pro-environmental efforts as well as occupational health and safety activities.













The INPEX Group gives top priority to implementing a series of HSE initiatives in a concerted effort to fulfill its mission



Masatoshi Sugioka Representative Director in charge of HSE

The INPEX Group strives to become an integrated E&P company committed to contributing to the development of society—a good corporate citizen that upholds high business ethics and places ensuring safety and environmental integrity at the top of its corporate agenda. We are also committed to following rules and standards prevailing in the international community when conducting our business on a global basis to secure and provide a stable supply of energy for our customers.

In December 2007, we developed the HSE Management System Manual to carry out health, safety and environmental activities in a unified manner under internationally recognized standards.

Our HSE Management System is designed to ensure continuous improvement based on the PDCA¹ management cycle that ranges from setting goals for a fiscal year to devising and implementing plans for achieving them to reviewing and assessing performance for ongoing improvement. 2008 was

the first full year in which we acted on the HSE Management System, under which group-wide goals and programs were developed at the corporate level and action items were planned and executed in each Operational Organization. In the review and assessment phase, we performed corporate-level HSE audits on four Operational Organizations inside and outside Japan; the findings of these audits as well as HSE performance results of all Operational Organizations were reported to the Corporate HSE Committee for review and assessment.

While enhancing our HSE performance, a tragic incident occurred in July 2008, which killed two employees of one of our contractors² at a tunnel construction site—part of our natural gas pipeline construction project in Japan. Taking this tragic accident seriously, we reviewed and upgraded our HSE Management System employed by our contractors. We will continue to work closely with them to prevent recurrences of work-related

We believe that we have in place a good basis for implementing group-wide HSE initiatives. The next step is to ensure that ongoing HSE activities we perform on this basis are relevant and effective throughout the Group so as to retain the trust and respect of the society we serve.

- 1 PDCA: Plan-Do-Check-Act
- 2 Contractor: A company that does work or provides goods or services for another company, such as in a construction project

Health, Safety and Environment Policy of the INPEX Group

INPEX Group is a global, independent energy company and our vision is to provide a stable and efficient supply of energy to our customers.

We recognize our responsibility for sustainable

To accomplish this, we will:

- •Comply with all applicable HSE laws and regulations, and apply our standards where laws and regulations do not exist or are considered insufficient.
- •Implement and maintain HSE management systems, and perform regular audits of legal compliance and progress of our HSE activities to achieve continuous improvement in our HSE
- •Identify and assess health and safety hazards and eliminate or, if not possible, reduce risks to as low as reasonably practicable to prevent incidents.
- •Conduct environmental assessments and promote efficient energy consumption to reduce adverse environmental impacts.

development and, in this regard, we aim to protect the health and safety of all those associated with our business activities and to minimize adverse impacts on the environment

- Maintain and regularly test emergency plans to ensure a quick and effective response in the event of emergencies.
- Provide resources that will enable our employees to meet HSE objectives and targets.
- Provide training in HSE activities and safe driving to ensure all employees are aware of their responsibilities and accountabilities in these areas.
- •Require contractors to manage HSE in accordance with this Policy, and to achieve agreed HSE targets.
- •Communicate openly on HSE activities with stakeholders.



We conduct health, safety and environmental practices under a unified HSE Management System

Overview of HSE Management System

A stable supply of energy can be disrupted for any number of reasons. Incidents and disasters at a project site, for instance, could not only pose the threat of a major disruption to the energy supply, but also cause environmental pollution, jeopardizing our ability to continue business. In light of this, we consider the preservation of environmental integrity and the prevention of such incidents to be inseparable from each other. Therefore, we continuously enhance our HSE performance under our own HSE Management System, which coordinates our health (H), safety (S) and environmental (E) practices.

The HSE Management System encompasses a document architecture that includes the HSE Policy, the HSE Management System Manual, and sets of Corporate HSE Procedures and Guidelines; an organizational structure that comprises HSE Committees established at headquarters and in Operational Organizations; and HSE Objectives and action plans for HSE Programs devised for each fiscal year.

Promoting and Implementing the HSE Management System

When the new INPEX CORPORATION became operational in October 2008, the HSE Unit was established at headquarters, and HSE groups were installed as needed in Operational Organizations in charge of operator¹ projects.

To promote systematic group-wide HSE initiatives, we also established the Corporate HSE Committee, which is tasked with formulating the Group's HSE Management System Manual, Corporate HSE Procedures and HSE Objectives. In fiscal 2008, the Committee held 10 sessions in which it reviewed and approved 18 sets of Corporate HSE Procedures.

Under our HSE Management System, a business unit in charge of an operator project is called an Operational Organization. Each Operational Organization is responsible for conducting HSE activities at its operational sites, and has its own HSE Committee, which is tasked with ensuring that a project is carried out in accordance with our HSE Policy.

The HSE Managers Meeting² and the Annual HSE Meeting³ were held in February and March 2009, respectively. At both meetings, senior management from headquarters and the Operational Organization Representatives met to develop a greater awareness and knowledge of HSE management, and to ensure that HSE Objectives for fiscal 2009 were understood in all Operational Organizations. At the Annual HSE Meeting, representatives of Operational Organizations in Japan, Australia, Egypt, Indonesia, Suriname and Venezuela met to give progress reports on HSE Programs and HSE systems in their respective regions as well as to determine courses of action to deal with company-wide problems and issues.

- 1 Operator: a company that takes primary responsibility for operations for exploration, development and production in a block
- 2 HSE Managers Meeting: A meeting attended by managers of Operational
- 3 HSE Meeting: A meeting attended by Operational Organization Representatives.

Diagram of Framework for Implementing HSE Management System



Document Architecture for HSE Management System

The mission and binding principle described in our Group Mission and Corporate Social Responsibility Policy encompass a broad range of aspects. With regard to health, safety and environment practices, in particular, we have the HSE Policy, the administrative framework of which is detailed in the HSE Management System Manual and sets of Corporate HSE Procedures to ensure their systematic implementation. Each Operational Organization develops its own HSE manuals and action plans based on these Corporate-level documents. The administrative framework defined in these documents enables headquarters and Operational Organizations to take concerted action in HSE efforts.

Document Architecture for HSE Management System



HSE Auditing

During and prior to fiscal 2007, each Operational Organization followed its own procedure for conducting an HSE audit. In fiscal 2008, we established the Corporate HSE Procedure for HSE Audit at the corporate level, which every Operational Organization is required to follow when it conducts an HSE audit. The standardized procedure requires each Operational Organization to receive a corporate-level HSE audit once every two years. In fiscal 2008, such HSE audits were conducted in the Domestic Project Division, the Pipeline Construction Division, the Venezuela Project Site and the Egypt Project Site. Corporate audit teams assessed the HSE performance of these organizations and determined if it met each evaluation criterion, and offered comments on each item, even on those which scored high. Audited organizations then developed and implemented plans for corrective and preventive measures for items judged to be either substandard or potential risks.

In fiscal 2009, corporate-level HSE audits are scheduled in

the Domestic Project Division and three overseas Operational Organizations.

In addition to a corporate-level HSE audit, each Operational Organization and operational site is responsible for conducting its own HSE audit.



HSE audit conducted at Venezuela Project Site

HSE Training

Based on the HSE Policy, we made it one of our HSE Objectives for fiscal 2008 to raise employees' awareness of HSE. We devised HSE training programs under the Corporate HSE Procedures for Competence and Training to provide a training framework for global Operational Organizations when carrying out sitespecific training programs for operational safety, environmental management and emergency response.

Corporate-sponsored HSE training programs covered 27 subject matters in fiscal 2008, including seminars given by speakers from inside and outside the Company and external emergency drills, which were attended by 464 employees.

Seventy-two employees participated in e-learning courses on HSE, and several regional Operational Organizations requested for HSE seminars—an indication of employees' growing interest in HSE training programs.

In fiscal 2009, we plan to offer upgraded training programs to employees by adding most frequently requested items to the curriculum based on employee feedback. We are also scheduled to conduct an HSE awareness survey to gauge employees' awareness level of HSE. The result of the survey will be used to improve the HSE training programs and enhance employees' awareness of HSE.

Corporate HSE Objectives



We develop our Corporate HSE Objectives and Programs each year against which performance is reviewed for continuous improvement

Corporate HSE Objectives and Programs for the year from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009

Corporate HSE Objectives	HSE Programs and Targets	Description	Frequency and Program Period
		Report to the Board of Directors and Management Committee on HSE activities on a regular basis	Once a month
	Update management on HSE activities	Report to the Board of Directors and Management Committee on results and analyses of environmental, health and safety activities on a regular basis	Once every six months
Raise HSE awareness	Top management to visit operational sites	The Representative Director and the Director for HSE to visit operational sites	Twice a year per person
	Establish and implement HSE Award System	Establish the HSE Award System and present awards at the Annual HSE Meeting	Once a year (between April and September)
	Conduct HSE training	Provide HSE training for line managers and staffers	From April to July 2008
	Produce Corporate HSEMS documents	Review and approve documents under the Corporate HSE Management System in the Corporate HSE Committee	Throughout the year
Establish HSE Management System	Conduct HSE audits	Conduct HSE audits of the Corporate and Operational Organizations	Once a year
	Hold HSE Managers Meeting and Annual HSE Meeting	Hold an HSE Managers Meeting and an Annual HSE Meeting on a regular basis	Once a year
Reduce environmental	Collect and analyze environmental data	Establish an administrative database and hold briefing sessions on environmental data management	April and May 2008
impact	Evaluate Operational Organizations' achievement of environmental performance indicators against numerical targets	Report on evaluation results of Operational Organizations' achievement of environmental performance indicators at Corporate HSE Committee meetings on a regular basis	Once every six months
	Establish system to manage health and safety data	Establish administrative database and hold briefing sessions on safety and health data management	April and May 2008
	Evaluate Operational Organizations' achievement of health and safety performance indicators against numerical targets	Report on evaluation results of Operational Organizations' achievement of safety and health performance indicators at Corporate HSE Committee meetings on a regular basis	Once every six months
Improve health and safety performance	Assist Operational Organizations in their efforts to reduce human errors	Conduct training on human error prevention	From July to September 2008
	Assist Operational Organizations in their efforts to prevent traffic accidents	Conduct training on traffic safety	Throughout the year
	Assist Operational Organizations in their health management activities	Conduct training on mental health	From October to December 2008

Capital Expenditures for Environmental Control Projects and their Returns for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2009

Objectives	Description
	Upgrade heating furnaces to improve heat efficiency
Curb global warming and to save energy	Install a residual gas collection line from idle wells
	Upgrade strippers for burning methane contained in natural gas to curb emissions of methane directly into the atmosphere
Such anticipate of human and MOS	Install internal floating roofs to oil tanks to curb emission of benzene
Curb emissions of benzene and VOCs	Upgrade filling stations for tanker trucks to curb emission of VOCs
Remove impurities from natural gas	Replace adsorption agent used in purifiers that remove impurities from natural gas for sale
Other	Reduce industrial waste and waste water, maintain water quality, curb NOx-emissions, control noise, and carry out greening projects for plant sites

During fiscal 2008, we spent ¥557 million in capital expenditures for environmental control at facilities in Japan. These investments resulted in a reduction of emissions amounting to 8,300 tons of GHGs, 107 tons of VOCs, and 3.9 tons of benzene.

We set four Corporate HSE Objectives for fiscal 2008: to raise HSE awareness; to establish the HSE Management System; to reduce environmental impact; and to improve health and safety performance. To achieve these objectives, the Corporate and each Operational Organization developed and implemented action programs for the year.

Rating: : Implemented as planned in fiscal 2008	: Parti	ally implemented in fiscal 2008, to be continued in fiscal 2009 😂 : Not implemented in fiscal 2008, to be carried over to fiscal 2009
Result	Rating	Performance Evaluation and Issues to be Resolved
Implemented as planned	÷	
Implemented as planned		Although the HSE Award presentation was carried over to fiscal 2009, we began making more frequent and detailed reports on HSE activities. While we heard many comments made at the HSE Managers Meeting about employee's greater
Implemented	C	awareness of HSE, we still have a long way to go toward establishing a corporate culture that highly values HSE among employees. We will continue to carry out these programs to raise employees' awareness of HSE in fiscal 2009, and will conduct a
The system was in place, but the award presentation was carried over to fiscal 2009.	C	questionnaire survey of employees' HSE awareness and analyze results. We also plan to establish an HSE information sharing system among Operational Organizations.
 18 training programs were completed out of the 27 planned for 5 months.	C	
12 Corporate HSE Procedures out of the planned 13 were produced, reviewed and approved. (92% completion rate)	C	We worked to establish the HSE Management System, which involved producing documents, conducting HSE audits, and improving training based on the 2008 HSE Programs. To be more specific, we completed preparing 12 out of
4 Operational Organizations out of the planned 5 received audits, and their results were reported to the Management Committee	C	13 Corporate HSE Procedures; conducted HSE audits of 4 Operational Organizations and reported their results to the Management Committee; and provided a total of 155 hours of HSE training in addition to introducing e-leaning programs. In fiscal 2009, we plan to devise a mid-term plan for establishing the HSE Management System, as well as to draw up HSE Guidelines to put HSE Corporate Procedures in practice, to continue to provide employees with training to enhance their
Implemented as planned	\odot	HSE competence, and to add HSE staff.
Implemented as planned	·	We began developing databases that will enable us to manage environmental and safety data in a unified manner. In Japan, the data-collection system became fully operational and each Operational Organization began to set its own environmental targets and to work toward achieving them. In project sites outside Japan, however, data collection was found not to be sufficient or accurate enough.
Implemented as planned	·	In fiscal 2010, we plan to develop the data collection and analysis system as part of an attempt to set mid- to long-term numerical targets on the Corporate level, and also plan to provide Operational Organizations with technical assistance in their environmental activities.
Implemented as planned		
Implemented as planned	·	We began collecting and analyzing safety and health data in conjunction with establishing the required database. However, we fell short of establishing numerical targets, unlike the case with environmental data. We did not implement
Not implemented. To be carried over to fiscal 2009.	~	sufficient countermeasures against human errors in fiscal 2008. In fiscal 2009, we plan to develop and begin to use a safety and health information collection and analysis system; to assess numerical targets; to develop countermeasures against human errors based on human factor engineering; and to
Not implemented. To be carried over to fiscal 2009.	77	enhance health management measures including those against 2009 H1N1 Flu.
Implemented as planned	·	

	Lacatio	on /Fo cility	Investment Amount	Sub-total	Amount of Emissions Reduced				
	Locatio	on/Facility	(Thousand yen)	(Thousand yen)	GHG (tons-CO ₂)	VOC (tons)	Benzene (kilograms)		
	TTP1	Kubiki Refinery	72,500		1,600				
	Nagaoka	Koshijihara Plant	5,170	77,970					
	Kashiwazaki	Hirai Gas Recovery Facility	300		6,700	84	180		
	TTP1	Kubiki Refinery	35,400	412.400			2,700		
	Nagaoka	Koshijihara/Oyazawa Plant	378,000	413,400		23	1,050		
	Nagaoka Koshijihara Plant TR-C		11,080	11,080					
			54,065	54,065					
			Total	556,515					

1 Teiseki Topping Plant Co., Ltd.



The INPEX Group monitors how business activities in each process impact the natural environment as a basis for its efforts to reduce adverse environmental impacts

N P UT 2008 Fuel Water 508.777KI **Purchased gas** Purchased 28.814BBL raw materials 2007 2008 Fuel 898,631KL Purchased gas 2,351,160k SCF 2,183,220k SCF

Exploration and Development

We search for underground structures that may contain oil and natural gas, and drill exploratory wells in promising locations. If the existence of sufficient reserves is confirmed, we develop oil and natural gas fields by drilling production wells, constructing production facilities, and laying pipelines.

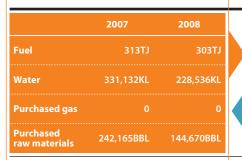
•Inpex CORPORATION •INPEX Browse, Ltd. •INPEX Masela, Ltd. •INPEX Libya, Ltd. •Teikoku Oil Libya U.K. Ltd.

Production and Power Generation

When crude oil and natural gas are extracted from underground at our oil and gas fields, impurities such as moisture and carbon dioxide are removed from them to make them ready for transportation by tanker trucks or pipelines. Electricity is generated at a power plant powered by natural gas and condensate—hydrocarbon

•Inpex CORPORATION •Offshore Iwaki Petroleum Co., Ltd.

•Gas Guarico, S.A. •West Bakr Petroleum Co.



Refining and **Transportation**

Crude oil is transported to a refinery, where it is refined into petroleum products such as gasoline and fuel oil for sale. Natural gas is transported directly from plants to customers via pipelines. The Naruto Gas Field in Chiba Prefecture processes and sells iodine—a byproduct of natural gas.

•Teiseki Topping Plant Co., Ltd. •Teiseki Pipeline Co., Ltd.

raw materials

	2007	2008			
Fuel	4,070TJ	3,674TJ			
Water	1,817,414KL	1,248,243KL			
Purchased gas	2,351,160k SCF	2,183,220k SCF			
Purchased raw materials	270,979BBL	144,670BBL			

Environmental Impact Resulting from our Business Activities in 2008

We were successful in reducing the amount of adverse environmental impact, such as the emission of GHGs, VOCs and PRTR-controlled substances in our business activities in 2008. This was achieved as a result of our increased efforts to burn vented natural gas, recover or burn VOCs contained in exhaust emissions, install VOC-recovery

Consumption

Petroleum products and natural gas are sold to and utilized by factories, gas stations, power plants, utility gas companies, hospitals, offices and homes.

The electricity we generate is wholesaled to PPSs1.

1 PPS: Power Producer and Supplier. A non-utility private company that sells

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	2007	2008
GHGs	84,274 ton	57,032 ton
PRTR substances ³	0	1 ton
VOC		39 ton
NOx		455 ton
SOx		127 ton
Wastewater discharged into public water bodies	20,475KL	330KL
Disposed waste	41,062 ton	31,922 ton

Seismic survey

Exploratory well







Pumping units at the Yabase Oil Field



Gas-processing facility at the Koshijihara Plant

	2007	2008
GHGs	500,002 ton	391,045ton
PRTR substances ³	23 ton	14 ton
VOC		511 ton
NOx		42 ton
SOx		109 ton
Wastewater discharged into public water bodies	140,757KL	798,768KL
Disposed waste	2,219 ton	4,738 ton



Naoetsu Oil Terminal



Natural gas pipeline operated by Teiseki Pipeline

	2007	2008
GHGs	26,324 ton	25,140 ton
PRTR substances ³	14 ton	10 ton
VOC		360 ton
NOx		53 ton
SOx		75 ton
Wastewater discharged into public water bodies	488,471KL	367,456KL
Disposed waste	557 ton	320 ton

2007

610,601ton 473,216ton

649,703KL 1,166,554KL

43,838 ton 36,980 ton

2008

25 ton

911 ton 549 ton

TOTAL

stances³

Wastewater discharged into public water bodies

Disposed waste

	drids
	PRTR sub
devices at filling stations for tank trucks, and add internal floating roofs to oil tanks—	VOC
all of which were in our action plan for 2008.	NOx
We will redouble our efforts in these areas, and even consider taking additional	SOx



Natural gas cogeneration system

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measures to mitigate the environmental impact of our activities.

Sales

2	The INPUT and OUTPUT data for 2008 shown on this page
	constitute the sum of all the HSE data collected from our
	domestic and overseas operations

- 3 PRTR substance data in OUTPUT came from our domestic operations only.
- 4 Numbers in tables are rounded off to the nearest whole number.



2007 2008 Natural gas Crude oil (amount sold) 2,299,778BBL Petroleum products 1,402,125BBL 1,421,784BBL LPG 105,736,400kWh 108,853,000kWh



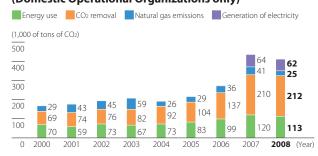
Cutting greenhouse gas emissions while increasing production of natural gas to meet rising demand

Reducing CO₂ Emissions Based on Assessments of GHG-Emission Status

In fiscal 2008, we started collecting environmental data in Operational Organizations and setting annual environmental goals to be achieved by each Operational Organization. The Domestic Project Division established numerical goals for fiscal 2008, which were to bring GHG1 emissions below the previous year's level and to develop measures to prevent dispersioninduced emissions of GHG on an ongoing basis.

The result was that the Domestic Project Division reduced total CO₂ emissions by 23,000 tons to 411, 900 tons from a year earlier. The breakdown of the reduction is as follows: 6,700 tons by burning dispersed natural gas; 1,600 tons by saving energy at

Total GHG Emissions by Sources (Domestic Operational Organizations only)

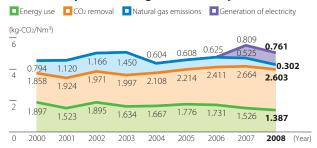


the Kubiki Refinery; 1,600 tons by switching fuel to natural gas at the Koshijihara Power Plant; and 5,900 tons by shutting down the Offshore Iwaki Field and through efforts made at all field offices.

We also achieved the fiscal 2008 goal of reducing GHG emissions per unit of production² to below the 2007 level; perunit emissions due to energy use were down by 0.138 kg/GJ to 1.387 kg/GJ from a year earlier; and those caused by natural gas emissions were down by 0.224 kg/GJ to 0.302 kg/GJ.

- GHG: Greenhouse gas. A gas that traps heat in the atmosphere, including CO₂, methane, nitrous oxide and chlorofluorocarbon. The Group emits CO2 through energy use, and CO2 and methane associated with its operations.
- Per unit of production: GHG emissions divided by oil and natural gas production

GHG Emissions per Unit of Production (Domestic Operational Organizations only)



Nippon Keidanren Voluntary Action Plan on the Environment

We participate in the Nippon Keidanren Voluntary Action Plan on the Environment through the Japan Petroleum Development Association (JPDA). The JPDA has set a target of reducing the average GHG emissions per unit of production at oil and natural gas development facilities in Japan from 2008 through 2012 by 20% below the 1990 level. Our GHG emissions per unit of production increased in fiscal 2007 from the previous year due

both to damage caused to facilities by the Niigataken Chuetsuoki Earthquake, and the increased production volume of natural gas. With the restoration of damaged facilities, installation of additional emission-reducing equipment, and streamlining of facilities completed, we are expected to meet the goal set in the voluntary action plan of bringing GHG emissions 20% below the 1990 level.

Cargo Transportation Reporting

Under the provisions of Japan's amended Energy Conservation Law, enacted in April 2006, consigners of cargoes transported in volumes exceeding 30 million ton-kilometers per year are obligated to report the volume of their transported cargoes, to develop energy conservation plans, and to report quantities of consumed energy. As we are designated as a specified consigner¹ of cargoes transported in volumes exceeding 200 million ton-kilometers, we have been measuring and reporting quantities of consumed energy since fiscal 2006.

We transport around 90% of our produced oil and natural gas by sea. Of the remaining 10%, that transported long distance overland, increased sharply in fiscal 2007, necessitating us to develop a more meticulous management plan. For this reason, we set up a working group tasked with developing a policy on controlling company-wide transportation and submitting a proposal to the Corporate HSE Committee.

1 A consigner of cargoes transported in volumes exceeding 30 million ton-kilometers per year is designated as a specified consigner.

Reducing GHG Emissions in Oil and Natural Gas Business

CO₂ Emissions from Energy Use

At our oil- and natural gas-processing plants and field offices, we rely as much as possible on natural gas we produce, which generates less CO₂ than coal or oil when burned, for our energy needs. In addition, greater use of energy-saving systems powered by natural gas and improved energy efficiency have helped us

reduce CO₂ emission. In fiscal 2008, increased thermal efficiency was achieved at oil refineries of one of our Group companies through the modification of its heating furnace, which resulted in a reduction of 1,600 tons of CO₂ emissions.

CO₂ Removal during Natural Gas Processing

At the Minami Nagaoka Gas Field in Nagaoka, Niigata Prefecture, our major gas production base in Japan, CO₂ that makes up approximately 6% of natural gas is separated and removed by a process using an amine solution and then dispersed into the atmosphere.

While no effective methods are currently available for processing the separated CO₂, the oil and natural gas industry has been studying the commercial feasibility of a method called carbon capture and storage (CCS), by which separated CO2 is injected into a deep underground aquifer or a depleted oil or natural gas field, and another method called enhanced oil-recovery (EOR), by which CO2 is injected into an oil field to improve crude oil recovery.

Reducing Unwanted Natural Gas Emissions during Operations

In the oil and natural gas business, it is inevitable to temporarily discharge a small amount of natural gas into the air when relocating pipelines or when conducting routine inspections of equipment. As the greenhouse effect of methane—the principal component of natural gas—is 21 times greater than that of CO₂, we do everything we can to disperse as little natural gas

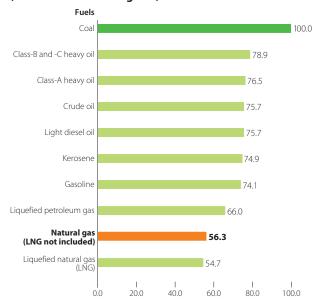
as possible, such as by lowering pressure in pipelines prior to relocating them, burning dispersed natural gas into CO2, and recovering as much dispersed natural gas as possible. As a result, we managed to reduce CO₂ emissions by more than 17,000 tons in fiscal 2008 from a year earlier.

Stable Supply of Natural Gas with Low Environmental Load

The Domestic Project Division of the Group, which pioneered E&P operations for oil and natural gas in Japan, has been engaged in developing and supplying high-quality, domestically produced sources of energy. Natural gas—our primary product in the Japanese market—is known for generating less CO₂, a primary GHG, when burned than the other fossil fuels such as oil and coal and is therefore environmentally friendly. It is considered a clean source of energy as it generates little NOx and SOx when burned, which can cause air pollution and acid rain, and it contains almost no volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in it, which can cause photochemical smog and suspended particle matters.

The Domestic Project Division has taken it upon itself to provide a stable and efficient supply of energy for society and has been building a pipeline network in Japan for more than 40 years. This well-developed pipeline network enables us to transport environmentally friendly natural gas to our customers safely and securely by means with a low environmental impact.

Amount of CO2 Generated by Fossil Fuels when Burned (with that of coal being 100)



Note: This chart derives numbers from the "List of Methods of Calculation and Emission Coefficients Used for Calculation, Reporting and Disclosure Systems" published by the Ministry of the Environment

Studying the Commercial Feasibility of Carbon Capture and Storage Technology

Feasibility Studies of CCS Underway around the World

Under growing pressure to reduce emissions of CO₂ that can cause global warming, researchers around the world have been working on carbon dioxide capture and storage (CCS) technology to capture CO₂ emitted from major sources such as thermal power plants, and to inject it into a deep underground aguifer or the ocean. In 2006, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) endorsed this technology as an effective means to reduce CO₂.

Commercial CCS projects are already underway in Algeria, Canada and Norway, capturing and storing CO₂ in the range of 1 million tons per year. The EU has proposed an initiative to financially support the building of 12 CCS pilot plants in the region by 2015. Australia has established the Global CCS Initiatives (GCCSI, see article on the following page, "A Founding Member of the Global CCS Initiatives") to accelerate research into CCS on a global basis, and we are one of the founding members of the GCCSI. Large-scale tests on CCS are being either conducted or planned in Germany and the United States.

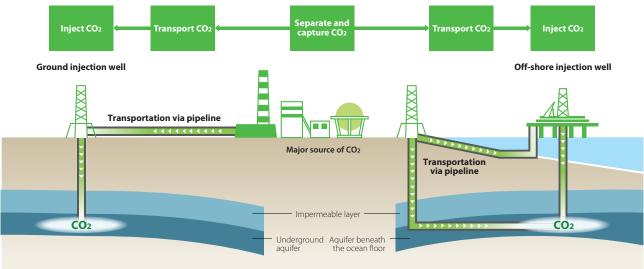
Japanese researchers have developed one of the most advanced technologies in the world in the form of a chemicalabsorption technique¹ for CO₂ removal, and are working on high-efficiency CO₂ separation membranes that enable low-cost separation and capture of CO₂.

In May 2007, then Prime Minister Shinzo Abe proposed a long-term goal of reducing GHG by 50% from the then current level on a global basis by 2050. To achieve this goal, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) unveiled the "Cool Earth—Innovative Energy Technology Program" in March 2008, in which CCS was listed among 21 innovative energy technologies. Furthermore, the declaration by leaders announced at the G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit Meeting in July 2008 referred to the importance of accelerating the commercialization of CCS. Immediately after this, the Japanese cabinet approved the Action Plan to Build a Low-Carbon Society, which includes a plan to start large-scale testing of the CCS technology in fiscal 2009 or later with the goal of deploying CCS on a commercial basis by 2020.

We have been working with the Research Institute of Innovative Technology for the Earth (RITE) since 2003 to test the CCS technology at our Iwanohara Site located in the Minami Nagaoka Gas Field in Nagaoka, Niigata Prefecture. We also provided technical expertise gained from our experience in the underground storage of natural gas and enhanced oil-recovery techniques². The injection of CO₂ into the aguifer at the testing site was carried out from July 2003 to January 2005, during which we monitored the behavior of injected CO2 in the aquifer for possible leakage. We have continued the monitoring even after the RITE project was completed at the end of 2007.

- 1 Chemical-absorption technique: A technique to extract and recover CO2 using an alkaline solution such as amine solution or potassium carbonate solution
- 2 Enhanced oil-recovery technique: A generic term given to the technologies that apply to mature oil fields to increase their recovery of oil.

Conceptual Diagram of CCS



A Founding Member of the Global CCS Initiatives

Responding to Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's proposal in September 2008 that Australia should lead other nations in CCS research and development, the GCCSI was established to accelerate the commercialization of CCS technology. We responded to the call of the Australian government by becoming one of the founding members of the GCCSI on February 15, 2009. The GCCSI aims to launch 20 commercial CCS projects by 2020, and held its inaugural Foundation Members Meeting in April 2009. Its immediate activities include defining areas in which to conduct the CCS business, calling for legislative support to legalize the CCS business, and raising awareness of CCS in the international community.

Helped to Establish Japan CCS Co., Ltd.

Thirty-one leading Japanese companies in the electricity, petroleum refining, oil and natural gas development and engineering industries joined forces to establish Japan CCS Co., Ltd. in May 2008. Its mission is to carry out research and development projects for CCS technology, and to conduct a feasibility study on its commercialization in an effort to achieve Japan's stated goal of beginning large-scale testing of CCS technology at the earliest time, and of deploying CCS on a commercial basis by 2020. Among the major shareholders besides ourselves are Japan Petroleum Exploration Co., Ltd., Tokyo Electric Power Company, Kansai Electric Power Company, Nippon Oil Company, Idemitsu Kosan, and JGC Corporation. Under the contract with Japan's New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization, Japan CCS has been

working on a three-year feasibility study on a total CCS system¹ since fiscal 2008, using testing equipment for an integrated coal gasification combined cycle located in Iwaki City in Fukushima Prefecture and our old Offshore Iwaki Gas Field. In addition, with the support of and under the contract with the METI, Japan CCS has also been performing a technical assessment of a number of proposed testing sites for CCS in Japan to narrow them down to a couple, for which to prepare conceptual design and conduct on-site inspections, while working with research institutions and universities to assess CCS technology in terms of safety, environmental impact and economic viability.

1 Feasibility study on the total CCS system: A study to evaluate the feasibility of the reasionly study of the total access year. A study to evaluate the leasibility of the entire system that ranges from separating and recovering CO₂ to transporting pressurized CO₂ to injecting and storing CO₂ underground.

Achieved our Target in a Prototype Project for Voluntary Domestic Emissions **Trading Scheme**

We are in agreement with the Japanese government's goal of establishing a policy and system for helping to prevent global warming, and participated in the government-backed Prototype Project of Voluntary Domestic Emissions Trading Scheme¹. In an application of the project, we set our own target of reducing the average emissions of CO₂ and other GHGs per unit of production on a calorie basis from fiscal 2008 through 2012 by 30% below the fiscal 1990 level. This is in line with the target that the JPDA, of which we are a member, has set in its voluntary action plan. In

fiscal 2008, we succeeded in meeting this target. We will strive to reduce emissions of CO₂ and other GHGs in fiscal 2009 through the use of natural gas we produce as fuel in our domestic project sites, the installment of energy-saving systems powered by natural gas for greater energy efficiency, and better operational control at oil and natural gas fields.

1 Prototype Project of Voluntary Domestic Emissions Trading Scheme: A trial program initiated by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and the Ministry of the Environment in 2008 for emissions trading among businesses to reduce CO2

Topics

Forestation Project in Australia

Through INPEX Browse, Ltd., an INPEX Group company, we have been running a five-year test forestation project in Australia since April 2008. We signed a contract with CO₂ Australia Ltd. and acquired land in June 2008, in which we planted mallee eucalypts. We plan to check the growth of the mallees in 2009 and will decide whether to launch a largescale forestation project to offset GHG emissions in Australia.



Test forestation site



Protecting ecosystems to ensure coexistence with the natural environment around project sites

Our Ecological Conservation Initiatives

Before we start to develop project sites or construct pipelines, we conduct environmental impact assessments of those projects to ensure that the ecosystems where we operate are preserved.

We also provide financial and material assistance to research institutions and international organizations in their surveys of the environment in the surrounding areas.

Ecological Approaches in the Shin Oumi Pipeline Construction Project

We contracted with a consulting firm to perform an environmental impact assessment before starting the construction of the Shin Oumi Pipeline.

The assessment determined that runoff from the construction site might slightly affect the river-water quality in the area and that construction noise might be of minor disturbance to birds of prey, such as oriental honey buzzards, golden eagles, and falcons. Since the construction began, we have been carrying out stringent quality management of the runoff from the site to ensure that it is well within quality standards; and we have been monitoring the noise level at and near the site, ready to take action to reduce noise immediately if it is found to be too annoying to birds of prey.



Fish habitat survey

We have also been closely monitoring the river-water quality and the ecosystem in the surrounding area to ensure that the construction has a minimal effect on them.

We plan to conduct a post-construction assessment when the project is completed.

Small animals found near the pipeline construction site



Jananese White-eve



Black-spotted Pond Frog



Biodiversity Protection in Kazakhstan

INPEX North Caspian Sea, Ltd., an INPEX Group company, has been working as a member of an international consortium in the development of the Offshore North Caspian Sea Block discovered in the North Caspian Sea PSA contract Area in Kazakhstan—with the goal of beginning production in 2012 or 2013.

In this project, co-ventures developed an action plan in September 2007, based on the country's biodiversity strategy. Since then, we have been monitoring the breeding habits of seals and the habits of sturgeon in the Ural River through ID tags attached to them, and conducting regular surveys of wild birds.

The project will continue to conduct surveys to efficiently and effectively protect and preserve biodiversity in the area.



Attaching an ID tag to a sturgeon



We strive to reduce industrial waste, including drilling and waste mud

Recycling Drilling and Waste Mud Generated in Domestic Operations

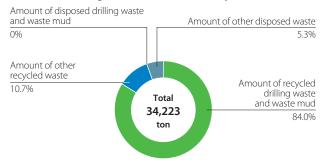
The industrial waste we generate is composed primarily of welldrilling and waste mud. In fiscal 2008, drilling and waste mud accounted for 88% of the total amount of industrial waste we generated globally.

The drilling and waste mud we generate in Japan is treated as sludge; if it is found to contain more heavy metals than permitted by the standards, it is disposed of as landfill; if heavy metals are found to be below the permissible level, the sludge is recycled as material for roadbeds. 29,000 tons of drilling and waste mud—or 84% of the total amount of industrial waste we generated—was recycled in 2008.

Mud fluids used for drilling contain varying concentrations of heavy metals, depending on where the mud fluids are collected. We have taken a precautionary step against potential soil contamination by working with a supplier of drilling fluids to analyze and control the concentration of heavy metals in the fluids.

Other industrial waste in Japan, such as waste oil and metal scrap, amounted to 5,500 tons in fiscal 2008, of which 67%, or 3,700 tons, was recycled. Globally, 88% of all industrial waste, amounting to 32,000 tons, was recycled.

Industrial waste generated in domestic operations in 2008



Soil Surveys to Determine Measures against Soil Contamination by Heavy Metals and Benzene

Under the policy we have on voluntary soil surveys, we conduct a soil survey when we return a closed project site to its landowner or sell our land property.

In fiscal 2008, we conducted soil surveys when we returned the oil production base in Akita City to its landowner, and when we sold the land and the building of one of our employee welfare facilities in Shibuya-ku, Tokyo. When the survey found no soil contamination in either case, we returned and sold the land with the survey results disclosed.

As a follow-up to an incident that occurred in December 2005 where heavy naphtha leaked at Teiseki Topping Plant (TTP)1, contaminated soil was removed and replaced with clean soil in 2008. The contaminated soil is stored on TTP's premises and is

being sanitized by a bioremediation process². In May 2008, the contaminated area was cleaned and converted into a park at the request of local residents.

An HSE audit conducted in the West Bakr Oil Field in Egypt discovered in January 2009 the presence of a large amount of sand contaminated with crude oil produced in a drilling test performed more than 20 years ago. We have separated the contaminated sand and have temporarily stored it while working out the optimum treatment process for sand contaminated with

- 1 At TTP's oil refinery in Joetsu Niiigata Prefecure, heavy naphtha leaked from a tank and contaminated the soil in a riverside park near the site and groundwater
- 2 Bioremediation process: A process that uses microorganisms to clean up pollution.

Measures against an Environmental Incident Taken as Part of HSE Enhancement

In fiscal 2008, human error and aging pipelines caused a series of oil leaks in the West Bakr Oil Field in Egypt. In March 2009, 30 barrels of crude oil leaked from a loosely closed, clogged valve. We took emergency measures as specified in the HSEMS, while investigating the cause of the incident and working out measures for preventing a recurrence. We replaced old pipelines

and covered the affected area with plastic sheets to prevent the leaked oil from spreading. Additional steps are being taken to upgrade HSE activities at the site.



Treating oil leak in Egypt



We control emissions of VOCs and other environmentally harmful substances

Controlling Chemical Substances

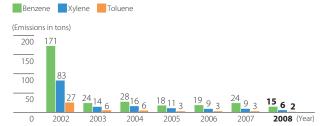
In Australia, Europe, Japan and the United States, controlling chemical substances is required by law, and each one of our Operational Organizations reports and controls its emissions in accordance with the law of the country in which it operates.

Pursuant to Japan's PRTR Act¹, our domestic Operational Organizations report the amount of benzene, toluene, and xylene—contained in crude oil—and trivalent chrome compound used for drilling they emit and transfer. Even after we succeeded in reducing the emissions of benzene by 90% in 2001—the first year for which the PRTR Act mandated reporting, we have continued to monitor the environment surrounding Operational Organizations by measuring the concentration of benzene on a monthly basis. To further reduce benzene emissions, we installed VOC-removal equipment, added internal floating roofs to oil tanks, and controlled the dispersing of natural gas into the atmosphere. In fiscal 2008, we installed a VOC-

recovery device in crude-oil offloading units at the Nagaoka Field Office, and burned or recovered VOCs contained in emissions from dehumidifiers located in other Operational Organizations, which resulted in a reduction of nine tons, or 37%, of benzene emissions in Japan from a year earlier.

1 The PRTR Act requires companies to report the volume of specific chemical substances released into the environment and to improve their management of those substances. This system measures the amount of chemicals potentially harmful to humans or the environment that are released into the air, water or soil, as well as the amount of waste transported from business premises

Amount of Emissions as Reported under PRTR



Curbing Emissions of VOCs

The VOCs that we emit in our business activities are hydrocarbons—methane not included—and our Operational Organizations track them globally.

In fiscal 2008, we emitted 516 tons of VOCs in Japan, a decrease of 150 tons from the previous year. The reduction resulted from burning vented natural gas in the Kashiwazaki district and by operating VOCs recovery equipment when filling tanker trucks with oil in the Nagaoka district. In November 2005, the Japan Natural Gas Association, of which we are a member, formulated a voluntary action plan that sets a target of reducing VOC emissions to 45% below the 2000 level by 2010. We have already reduced our VOC emissions by half from the 2000 level, which is more than enough to meet the industry target.

Monitoring Emissions into the Atmosphere

In fiscal 2008, we began to keep track of the amount of emissions of SOx, NOx and VOCs into the atmosphere in our Operational Organizations.

In Japan, we observe relevant laws that require us to measure the amount of emissions into the air and to meet emission standards. We found, however, that we had unwittingly failed to

designate one of our boiler facilities as a facility that generates industrial smoke as required by the Air Pollution Control Law when the Mine Safety Law was amended. Upon discovery of this oversight, we measured the amount of emissions, verified that they were well within the standards, and so notified the authorities.

Monitoring Wastewater Discharged into Public Water Bodies

Each of our Operational Organizations controls wastewater discharged into public water bodies in accordance with the law of the country in which it operates.

In several Operational Organizations in Japan, where the Water Pollution Control Law requires that the quality of discharged wastewater be measured, we have a measurement certification institution analyze our wastewater periodically to verify that we meet the legal standards. We began to measure the quality of drainage from mines regularly in accordance with the Mine Safety Law, which was amended in April 2005.



We continue R&D efforts to ensure a stable supply of energy and environmental integrity

Developing Technologies for Producing GTL and DME

As the energy industry is under mounting pressure to develop next-generation energy systems, we are gearing up for the development of next-generation fuels with lower environmental loads than coal or oil.

One such approach we are working on is to develop gas-toliquid (GTL)¹ technology to convert natural gas into diesel oil and kerosene. Benefits of GTL oil are that it is made from natural gas whose reserve-to-production ratio is larger than that of crude oil, that it can be stored and transported in its liquid form at normal temperature, and that it generates a cleaner exhaust when burned. In September 2007, construction of a pilot plant began at a demonstration center of the Nippon GTL Technology Research Association, which was established by six companies including us. The pilot plant became operational on April 17, 2009 and began producing 500 barrels of GTL oil per day in June 2009. The plant is scheduled to run for two years to collect data, upon

completion of which the association will go to the next phase of refining the technology for commercial use.

We are also working on dimethyl ether (DME), an alternative clean fuel made from natural gas, which does not generate toxic substances when burned.

1 GTL technology: In a narrow sense, a technology to synthesize liquid fuel using the Fischer-Tropsch process.



GTL demonstraion plant

Producing Methane Using Microbes

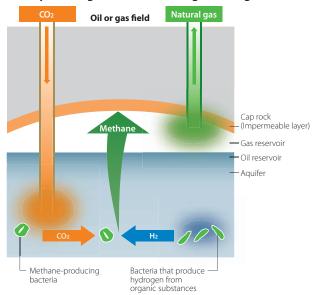
We have been researching technology to produce methane using microbes that live underground in depleted oil fields in an effort to address the challenging issues of global warming and the depletion of fossil energy. This technology is about using methane-producing bacteria to convert hydrogen—which hydrogen-producing bacteria make from residual crude oil left in the reservoir of a depleted oil field—and CO₂, which is injected underground for carbon capture and storage, into methane. If successful, it will be a big step toward building a sustainable carbon-cycle system in which residual oil in depleted oil fields and injected CO₂ will be converted into methane.

In June 2008, in an attempt to step up the research effort, we cosponsored a research program named "Sustainable Carbon-Cycle System Engineering" with the Frontier Research Center for Energy and Resources at the School of Engineering, Tokyo University; both parties share each other's research laboratories to achieve greater efficiency in conducting analysis and experiment.

We have conducted experiments in the Yabase Oil Field we operate in Akita Prefecture, in which we have successfully produced methane by injecting CO2 into the ground where hydrogen-producing and methane-producing bacteria live under high pressure and temperature conditions. We plan to conduct

another experiment in a rock core closer to an oil reservoir, and control the habitat and symbiosis environment of responsible microbes in an attempt to develop a technique to artificially control and stimulate a methane-generating reaction.

Conceptual diagram of a methane-generating reaction





We keep track of our environmental impacts on a global basis by collecting environmental performance data from projects sites around the world

INPEX Group's Environmental Performance Data by Site for Fiscal 2008

	Performance Data by Site to			Australia	Indonesia
	Item		Unit	Ichthys1	Masela ²
	Natural Gas	1,000s of SCF	0	0	
Crude Oil			BBL	0	0
	Petroleum Products		BBL	_	_
Production and Processing Volume	LPG		BBL	_	_
	lodine		ton	_	_
	Electricity				_
	Purchased Gas			0	0
Purchased Volume Purchased Raw Materials			BBL	0	0
Consumed Energy			GJ	216,141	143,026
Consumed Water	Water			15,783	6,277
	CO ₂		ton	19,012	10,524
GHG Emissions	N ₂ O	ton-CO2	337	0	
	CH4	ton-CO2	164	0	
Total GHG Emissions	G Emissions			19,513	10,524
	VOC		ton	34	0
Emissions into the Atmosphere NOx			ton	257	0
	SOx		ton	0	0
Wastewater Discharged into Public Water Bodies			KL	0	0
	Hazardous Waste ⁸		ton	33	0
ndustrial Waste Non-hazardous Waste ⁹		ton	79	0	
	Recycled, Reused and Reclaimed Materia	ton	29	0	
	At Sea	No. of Instances	instance	0	0
		Amount	BBL	0	0
Oil Spills	On Land	No. of Instances	instance	0	0
		Amount	BBL	0	0
	Total Instances of Oil Spills			0	0
Total Oil Spills	Total Amount of Oil Spills		BBL	0	0

- 1 Ichthys: INPEX Browse, Ltd.
- 2 Masela: INPEX Masela, Ltd.
- 3 INPEX Libya: INPEX Libya, Ltd.
- 4 Teikoku Oil Libva: Teikoku Oil U.K., Ltd.
- 5 Gas Guarico: Gas Guarico, S.A.
- 6 West Bakr: West Bakr Petroleum Co.
- 7 The volume the Company consumed in its operations is deducted from domestic production and processing volume.
- 8 Hazardous Waste is equivalent to "specified hazardous waste" as defined under
- 9 Non-hazardous Waste is equivalent to "other waste" as defined under Japanese law.
- 10 Recycled, Reused and Reclaimed Materials are equivalent to "recycled materials" as defined under Japanese law.
- 11 Numbers in the table are rounded off to the nearest whole number. Thus the sum of the numbers in each line may not be the same as the total number.

Total	Japan	Egypt	Venezuela	ya	Lib	
Total	Domestic Operations ⁷	West Bakr ⁶	Gas Guarico ⁵	Teikoku Oil Libya ⁴	INPEX Libya ³	
88,790,607	60,206,607	0	28,584,000	0	0	
2,307,887	1,790,779	517,107	0	0	0	
1,421,784	1,421,784	_	_	_	_	
62,653	62,653	_	_	_	_	
496	496	_	_	_	_	
108,853	108,853	_	_	_	_	
2,183,220	2,183,220	0	0	0	0	
144,670	144,670	0	0	0	0	
3,673,666	2,895,508	226,418	19,069	123,739	49,764	
1,248,243	1,160,646	18,390	7,479	31,028	8,640	
452,616	392,751	14,690	2,701	9,176	3,762	
638	274	4	3	20	0	
19,963	18,833	956	3	7	0	
473,216	411,857	15,650	2,707	9,203	3,762	
911	848	0	24	5	0	
549	58	0	36	196	0	
311	263	24	3	21	0	
1,166,554	526,128	640,426	0	0	0	
133	81	0	8	0	11	
4,337	1,724	38	85	2,358	53	
32,510	32,418	0	56	0	7	
0	0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	0	0	0	
37	0	36	0	0	1	
133	0	133	0	0	0	
37	0	36	0	0	1	
133	0	133	0	0	0	



We ensure safe operations and have an emergency response plan as a company responsible for supplying the energy to our society

Safety Initiatives

We have implemented a wide range of precautionary measures to ensure safe operations at headquarters and in Operational Organizations around the world.

Headquarters has prepared the HSE Management System Manual, which directs our HSE efforts, and Corporate HSE Procedures, which deal with safety management. Each

Operational Organization has translated these materials into its own HSE Management System Manual to meet its specific operational needs, and follows this manual in its safety activities. Moreover, each Operational Organization is preparing to take additional measures to prevent incidents induced by human

Near-miss Prevention Activities to Raise Employees' Level of Alertness

Our Operational Organizations in Japan have identified highrisk factors associated with their operations and their possible consequences through near-miss prevention activities1. Some Operational Organizations upload reports on to a shared database so that others will have access to the information.

These Operational Organizations also create their own nearmiss maps, which aptly illustrate high-risk elements of operations with graphics and photographs on a single sheet of paper for

each equipment and location, created from submitted near-miss reports, internal rules, and case studies on incidents. We encourage employees to refer to these maps in meetings both before and during operations so as to raise their safety awareness and alertness, as well as to share recognition of potential safety risks.

Near-miss prevention activity: Employees are encouraged to record small incidents that do not involve human and material damage, but scare or startle them at project sites to share their experiences with fellow workers so as to prevent a small incident from become a serious one.

Workplace Safety Education and Training

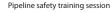
Our Operational Organizations in Japan devise an annual training plan for each of their operational sites and provide OJT-based training for employees to gain not only technical skills but also knowledge and expertise in safety. In addition, they keep records of the training that each employee receives in order to provide additional training that matches the level of understanding and proficiency that they have accumulated.

Staffers at operational sites receive hands-on training with equipment, including simulation training¹, risk prediction training, auditor training for ISO14001 and OHSAS, and off-site

seminars on risk assessment, which are intended to raise their safety awareness and prevent errors in equipment handling.

Simulation training: Training through simulations on procedures for operating equipment and for responding to a variety of situations.







Firefighting drill at Nagaoka Field Office

Volunteer Firefighting Team

In October 2008, when we relocated our headquarters to the Akasaka Biz Tower in Tokyo, we formed a 70-member volunteer firefighting team as required by the Fire Defense Law, to maintain firefighting readiness in the event of a fire, earthquake or other

Members of the team received a briefing on a disasterprevention manual that we prepared for the new headquarters, and on the use of a safety control system from the building's

property maintenance company, all of which helped to raise their awareness and knowledge of disaster-prevention.

In May 2009, we conducted a fire drill at the Akasaka Biz Tower, in which all participants, wearing hard hats, evacuated the building using stairs to a designated evacuation space outside. At the end of the drill, we received a briefing from a Fire Department official and learned how to use fire extinguishers.

Preventing Work-Related Incidents for Greater Safety

In fiscal 2008, we began collecting HSE-related data in accordance with the Corporate HSE Procedure for HSE Performance Data. In reporting our safety performance, we have redefined incidents as shown below to be consistent with the safety performance indicators used by International Association of Oil and Gas Producers, of which we are a member.

Fatal incident: Incident involving a fatality.

Lost workday case: An incident involving a non-fatal injury that results in at least one day off work.

Restricted workday case: Incident involving a non-fatal injury that is not severe enough to prevent a person from performing lighter duties.

Medical treatment case: Incident involving a non-fatal injury that requires a treatment by a medical professional.

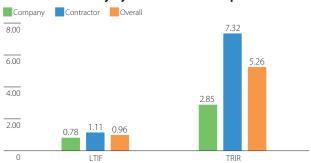
In fiscal 2008, 11 incidents occurred that involved non-fatal injuries to our employees during our global operations: three lost workday cases, one restricted workday case and seven medical treatment cases. In addition, 32 incidents occurred that involved contractor employees: one fatal case, four lost workday cases, five restricted workday cases and 23 medical treatment cases.

In the early hours of July 15, 2008, a fatal incident occurred at a construction site where one of our contractors had been building natural-gas pipelines for our Shin Oumi Line in Joetsu City, Niigata Prefecture since 2007; an explosion killed two contractor employees during the tunneling. We immediately

met the contractor to work out preventive measures, including adding more safety officers at the site who maintain day-to-day operational safety and provide safety guidance to the workers, and installing additional gas-sensing devices. We also changed drilling methods to one that constructed the tunnel from the other side using an unmanned explosion-resistant excavation machine. With these enhanced safety measures in place, the tunnel got through on March 26, 2009.

We will continue to work closely with our contractors to step up HSE management to prevent work-related incidents based on the Contractors' HSE Management Procedure.

Total Recordable Injury Rate in Domestic Operations



Lost time injury frequency (LTIF): Number of injuries resulting in lost time (cases of fatalities + lost workdays) per million hours worked Total recordable injury rate (TRIR): Number of recordable injuries (cases of fatalities and lost workdays + cases of restricted workdays + cases requiring medical treatment) per million hours worked

Upgrading Contractors' HSE Management

We require all our contractors to manage their HSE practices in accordance with our HSE Policy; we work closely with them in an effort to prevent work-related incidents and reduce environmental loads.

Accordingly, we have asked our contractors to upgrade their HSE management practices. Each Operational Organization has translated the Corporate HSE Procedure for Contractors' HSE Management into its own Contractors' HSE Management Manual that meets regional requirements and specific needs of the project.

In a competitive bid, we evaluate not only contractors' engineering expertise and cost estimates, but also their HSE competence to select a winner. We also ask contractors to develop and implement their own HSE plans and manuals in an effort to share with them HSE risks and management processes

associated with a contract work. Furthermore, we monitor and evaluate contractors' HSE performance against agreed-upon criteria during the course of a contract work, and we ask them to improve performance as necessary.

In fiscal 2009, we will continue to have our contractors conduct better HSE management practices by making sure that they follow the Corporate HSE Procedure for Contractors' HSE Management and working out measures against incidents induced by human error based on analyses of their root causes. In addition, we plan to prepare the Guidelines for HSE Requirements for Contractors—a set of more practical guidelines that are derived from the Corporate HSE Procedure for Contractors' HSE Management and are intended to standardize HSE requirements for contractors.



We have an emergency response system in place to ensure employee safety in the event of a disaster or emergency

Emergency Response Manual for Earthquakes

In October 2008, when we settled into our new headquarters in Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo, we developed an Emergency Response Manual for Earthquakes, and our employees were familiarized with it through briefings held in February 2009. In the briefings, we provided every employee with an emergency response card that contains information on an evacuation route, safety precautions during evacuation, the name and address of the company, and personal information of the cardholder, which can be referred to in the event of an emergency.



A briefing session on the Emergency Response Manual

Emergency Response System to Deal with Deteriorating Security Situations and Fires

In an effort to maintain preparedness for an emergency that could impact our operations, we have developed the Corporate Emergency Response Procedure that outlines action to be taken by headquarters and Operational Organizations in the event of an emergency.

We conducted two emergency response drills under mock emergency situations in fiscal 2008.

The first exercise was conducted on November 4, 2008, in which 14 members of the Corporate Crisis Management Team participated under the direction of the Director in charge of HSE, assuming that a riot had broken out in an overseas city in which we operate. This drill provided the Team with an opportunity to walk through the procedures described in the Corporate Emergency Response Manual.

In the second drill, conducted on March 5, 2009, 25 members of the Corporate Crisis Management Team and members of the Crisis Management Team—set up within the Domestic Project Division—participated on the assumption that an oil tank had caught fire at one of the refineries managed by the Domestic Project Division. In this drill, the team members followed the procedures for notifying the news media, local residents, and regulatory authorities of an incident, confirmed what assistance headquarters would provide to an Operational Organization in an emergency, and prepared a list of equipment necessary for the Corporate Crisis Management Team.

We plan to conduct three emergency response drills in fiscal 2009.

Employee Safety Confirmation System Introduced in Japan for Use in a Devastating Disaster

In 2007, we introduced a texting-based safety confirmation system designed to ascertain the safety of employees and assist the quick recovery of business operations in the event of a largescale disaster in Japan.

In this system, if an earthquake with an intensity of greater than 5 strikes, a text message will be automatically sent to all employees in the affected area; a text message will be sent to all employees around the country to ask for the verification of

their safety if such a major crisis as pandemic flu erupts. Upon receipt of such a message, employees are required to report their status via email. The system enables managers to keep check on whether employees and their families are safe via a dedicated web page.

Since its introduction, we have conducted an exercise once every quarter, and the response rate in the May 2009 exercise reached 96%.



We care about the physical and mental well-being of employees working in various environments

Health and Welfare

Health Management for Employees Working in Project Sites

In some cases, our employees are posted to project sites in remote locations or where a supporting infrastructure is not fully developed. We ensure that such sites are staffed with doctors and medical personnel, who provide medical care for employees involved in a work-related incident, regularly monitor their health, and maintain good hygienic management to prevent food poisoning and the outbreak of infectious diseases.

In the event of an emergency, we place the highest priority on saving human lives. As a contingency for employees' illness or injuries on site, we have contracted a 24-hour emergency medical service provider to transport emergency cases by

helicopter to the nearest available medical facility to provide appropriate treatment.



Helicopter landing at an offshore operation site

Operator's Health Management

Health Management Plan for 2008	Review of Health Management Performance in 2008	Health Management Policy for 2009
Provide employees with health check-ups Give flu shots to employees Provide employees with mental health care through seminars and stress checks Raise preparedness for avian flu Establish an emergency medical transportation system at project sites Conduct regular hygiene inspections of dining and housing facilities Monitor contractors' health management practices and recommend improvements	Every Operational Organization executed almost all health management items as planned for 2008. Items that were insufficiently implemented in 2008, such as providing employees with mental health care, and measures against pandemic flu need to be addressed and dealt with in a stepped-up manner in 2009.	Prepare or update a health management manual More closely monitor contractors' health management practices Upgrade the existing emergency medical transportation system Provide employees in overseas assignments with better mental health care Raise preparedness against pandemic flu: Establish a response system, prepare a manual, provide employees with training, and stock up on necessary peripheral items

Raising Preparedness against Pandemic Flu

Since 2007, we have been collecting information about pandemic flu (H1N5) through multiple sources including information service providers, to raise our preparedness against the epidemic.

In fiscal 2008, all employees received a briefing on the flu to better understand protective measures, and were given a protective kit including masks. In addition, we began devising a contingency plan for each pandemic phase¹ that the World Health Organization defined in an attempt to ensure employee safety and business continuity.

Immediately after Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 broke out, we mobilized the Corporate Crisis Management Team at headquarters and began collecting information on the spread of the flu and on the measures taken by other Japanese companies operating overseas, other E&P companies, the governments and health and medical organizations in the affected countries.

In due consideration of the information obtained, the Team worked out a policy and countermeasures that apply to domestic and international business travels and employees posted to overseas project sites and their families, as well as the prevention of infection or the spread of the flu.

We will continue to closely monitor the spread of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 and obtain the most up-to-date information on measures taken by other businesses, government authorities, and health and medical organizations as we attempt to prevent our employees from contracting the flu.

1 Pandemic phase: A pandemic is a worldwide epidemic of an infectious disease. The pandemic phase is based on a scale of 1 to 6, with Phase 6 being the pandemic



To build a company capable of competing in the global arena, we evaluate and reward employees fairly and train them proactively

Basic Policy on Human Resources Management System

It is imperative to create an environment in which employees are encouraged to reach their fullest potential, especially when two companies with different histories and policies are merged. We have established the following basic policy based on a human resources management system that contributes to a sustainable development of the company in an attempt to create an organization capable of competing in the global arena.

Basic Policy on Human Resources Management System

- 1. A system that encourages all employees to play their part and work as a team to achieve higher organizational goals, contributing to the growth of the company.
- 2. A system that encourages all employees to gain a broader perspective on work duties so as to identify issues, come up with solutions on their own initiatives, and act responsibly.
- 3. A system that assists all employees in their determined efforts to continue to pursue self-development through work over an extended period of time.
- 4. A system that is transparent and straightforward in recognizing the individual contribution of employees to achieving corporate objectives and in making them feel that they are rewarded fairly.

Fair and Accurate Employee Evaluation

It is important to establish a credible employee evaluation system in order to reward employees fairly based upon the basic policy on human resources management system.

Therefore, in our human resources management system, we evaluate employees from the following three perspectives: (1) Performance evaluation to evaluate an employee's goal achievement, including the means and methods used, and the time spent; (2) Competency evaluation to evaluate an employee's utilization of her/his ability in setting out and achieving individual performance objectives; and (3) Value evaluation to evaluate an employee's behavior and attitude toward the values that the Company strives to instill. In fiscal 2008, we added business ethics to the criteria for value evaluation, and stated that an employee has a moral obligation to carry out the Company's Corporate Social Responsibility Policy and HSE Policy, and to have high moral standards as a member of the Company that contributes to society. This, coupled with the Compliance Manual, is intended to foster greater awareness and appreciation of CSR among our employees.

The three-tiered evaluation is not simply something that supervisors perform on subordinates; it is a self-evaluation by an employee that constitutes an integral part of the system. At an

evaluation meeting, a supervisor shares with a subordinate how the former evaluates the latter, and the employee discusses how he or she evaluates himself/herself; through this process, both parties can identify any gap between the two evaluations so that they can work out a plan to develop and improve the employee's skills and knowledge.

Under this employee evaluation system, employees can submit requests for new assignments and transfers. Although we cannot accommodate all requests, this gives the company a better understanding as to what extent employees think they are fit for their current assignments, and what career path they wish to pursue, both of which are helpful for the company in developing plans for recruiting and allocating human resources.

To ensure that these systems perform as intended within the company, we first provided line managers with training on corporate standards of value in September 2008, immediately preceding the inception of the new company; managers with evaluation roles received practical training on the evaluation process in January 2009, immediately prior to its implementation. Finally, all employees received a briefing on how the new evaluation system works in February 2009.

Labor-Management Council

Company management meets regularly with representatives of the INPEX Labor Union to exchange views and ideas on a broad range of issues including the challenges that the Company faces and the business outlook.

In December 2008, the new Company held the first labor-

management council, during which both sides went over the Company's financial performance and an overview of each project, and discussed what could be done to curb excessive overtime.

Employee Training and Development

We provide a variety of training programs to employees with leadership potential to develop global perspectives and learn to contribute to greater corporate values as well as to employees on the whole, to improve their competency.

The training programs are tailored to each rank of employees within the company—senior management, middle management and new employees. For instance, we have a mentor system for new employees, where a senior member of a section is assigned to provide one-on-one, on-the-job training and mental support to a new employee for the first 12 months of employment. We also provide employees with compliance training to foster higher business ethics among them. In addition, to enable employees to improve their international communication skills, we provide them with opportunities to study English in Great Britain to

participate in on-the-job training programs at our overseas offices such as those in Perth and Libya, and to continue higher education abroad. We also encourage employees to pursue selflearning through correspondence courses.

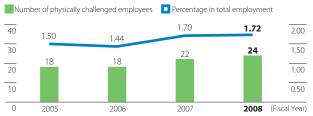


Employee training program

Employment Opportunities for the Physically Challenged

As our CSR policy states, we strive to provide our employees with a worker-friendly work environment and opportunities for them to develop competencies as we value the diversity of employees, their individualities, and their personal qualities Accordingly, we have been proactive in hiring the physically challenged. As of March 31, 2009, 24 physically challenged employees, which represents 1.72% of the total number of employees, are engaged in clerical and support work.

Percentage of Physically Challenged Employees in Total **Employment**



Providing Generous Childcare Support

We have instituted more generous childcare-leave programs than required by law, in an ongoing effort to provide childcare assistance to our employees. In addition to allowing employees to take childcare leave until their children are 18 months old, we partially exempt employees with small children from overtime and night shifts. We also pay employees on childcare leave 20% of their salaries on top of the statutory childcare leave benefit.

Furthermore, we have the following programs to accommodate employees who have childcare challenges: Reduced work hours that permit them to work two hours less per day until their children reach the fourth grade; a program to subsidize such employees with some of the expenses for nurseries, day-care centers and babysitters; and a flextime arrangement that allows them to set their own schedule until their children reach school age. We will develop a general action plan as an employer as required by Japan's Law for Measures to Support the Development of the Next Generation in an effort to help employees maintain a balance between their work and childcare.



We are upgrading our natural-gas production and supply system to meet growing demand, while meeting safety and environmental requirements

Keeping Pipelines in Good Condition

Keeping our pipelines--which run for a total length of more than 1,300 kilometers in Japan—in good working condition is a critical duty we have to fulfill in order to supply natural gas to our customers safely and securely. To accomplish this, Teiseki Pipeline, an INPEX Group company, conducts visual inspections of the pipelines twice a week or more, and carries out routine physical diagnostics to look for leaks or signs of corrosion.

In addition, to prevent incidents during construction projects that the Company and its affiliates undertake, we brief all staffers and workers at construction sites on safety precautions and case

studies on incidents that have occurred at other exploration sites. We also compile case studies on past troubles to learn from them.

In fiscal 2008, we began to apply the Manual for Contractors' HSE Management to contractors working on our pipeline construction projects. The manual discusses our role and responsibilities, our HSE requirements for contractors, and criteria for evaluating contractors' HSE performance, and is based on our HSE Policy, Guidance on HSE Policy, HSE Management System Manual, and Corporate Procedure for Contractors HSE Management.

A Reliable and Flexible Supply of Gas Using an Underground Storage System

Natural gas can be injected into a depleted gas or oil reservoir for storage. The advantages of storing natural gas underground compared to storage in an artificial subsurface facility are that it has higher survivability when earthquakes occur, and is simple to operate for long-term storage. This method also makes it easier to respond to seasonal fluctuations or a spike in demand.

Our Domestic Project Division has been storing natural gas underground in the Sekihara Gas Field in Nagaoka, Niigata Prefecture, since July 1968 to better respond to seasonal fluctuations in demand. We upgraded the facility at the Sekihara Plant in January 2008 to increase the daily output of gas from 1.6 million normal cubic meters to 2.4 million normal cubic meters.

Our pipeline network expanded when an extension to the Shin Nagaoka Line was completed in December 2007, connecting the Sekihara Plant and the Oyazawa Plant. This has strengthened the function of the Sekihara Plant as a backup

when either the Koshijihara Plant or the Oyazawa Plant is closed, or during the peak demand period, allowing us to provide an uninterrupted and flexible supply of gas. As of March 2009, we had 230 million normal cubic meters of gas stored underground.



Gas injection/ejection well at Sekihara Plant

Publishing GHS-Compliant MSDSs

In accordance with United Nations' recommendations concerning GHS1, we will complete the revision and update of our MSDSs² for natural gas, crude oil, petroleum products and iodine products by December 31, 2010.

When we began increasing production of natural gas in the Minami Nagaoka Gas Field in 2007, emissions of benzene exceeded the reporting requirements specified in the PRTR Law and the Industrial Safety and Health Law; we provided updated

MSDSs to our customers in July 2008. We will also incorporate into an MSDS the results of new component analyses of our crude oil and petroleum products.

- 1 GHS: Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals, A system for standardizing the classification of hazardous chemicals.
- 2 MSDS: Material Safety Data Sheet. A document providing information regarding chemical substances contained in a product.
 The PRTR (Pollutant Release and Transfer Register, see p.32) Law comprises the PRTR system for measuring, tabulating and reporting the amount of regulated chemicals emitted into the environment, and the MSDS system mentioned above.

We seek increased production capacity and diversified sources of natural gas, while striving to offer better customer service

Increasing Production and Supply of Natural Gas

Establishing a More Stable Supply System of Natural Gas and LNG

The Minami Nagaoka Gas Field, our primary gas field located in Nagaoka, Niigata Prefecture, has been increasing its production capacity to meet the growing demand for natural gas since the Koshijihara Plant became operational in 1984. The Oyazawa Plant, the second plant in the gas field, began production in 1994, and additional capacity has since been added to both plants, resulting in a combined daily output of more than 5 million normal cubic meters.

We have also been seeking diversified sources of natural gas, and will begin sourcing LNG from Shizuoka Gas Company in January 2010. In July 2009, we began construction of the Naoetsu LNG Receiving Terminal in Naoetsu, Niigata Prefecture. Upon completion of the terminal in 2014, we will begin receiving LNG on the Sea of Japan side, which, coupled with LNG coming through the Pacific coast and domestic natural gas production sites, will give us secure and expanded sources of natural gas.

Expanding the Natural Gas Pipeline Network

Since we began operating the Tokyo Line—the first longdistance high-pressure pipeline built in Japan—between Niigata and Tokyo in 1962, we have applied a series of extensions and upgrades to the pipeline network, which now boasts a total length of more than 1,300 kilometers running from the Sea of Japan to the Pacific coast.

More recently, we completed the Shizuoka Line, connecting Kofu and Gotenba, in 2006; the Minamifuji Pipeline, a joint

venture project among Shizuoka Gas Company, Tokyo Gas Company and us, connecting Gotenba and Fuji, also in 2006; and finally the third phase of the Shin Tokyo Line, connecting Karuizawa and Tomioka, in 2007. Looking ahead, the Shin Oumi Line, connecting Joetsu and Itoigawa, is scheduled to become operational in autumn 2009. We will continue to expand our pipeline network to meet the growing demand for natural gas.

Educational Seminar for Gas Station Managers

We have held an annual educational seminar for managers of our gas stations since 2002. The seminar is held in Joetsu, Niigata Prefecture, and is attended by 15 gas station managers every year, who learn about the latest on the retail gas station industry and about workplace improvement.

At this seminar, a speaker from outside the company gives a

presentation, and participants engage in a free discussion about subjects related to the gas station business. This event gives a good opportunity for gas station managers to interact with each other and exchange ideas, which leads to better operations at gas stations. We incorporate feedback from participants into the planning of future seminars.

Listening to Customers

Our gas stations have been running a summer campaign every year since 2005. In this campaign, we ask customers to fill in questionnaires in exchange for a chance to win awards, in an effort to raise the brand awareness among drivers, attract new customers, and retain repeat customers for increased sales of petroleum products.

In 2008, we ran a campaign from mid-July through August. Information and feedback that participating customers provided—about themselves, how often and why they used

the station, their thoughts on prices of petroleum products, and requests for services we offered—were collected and analyzed. By sharing the findings with our franchisees and relevant departments within the Company, each gas station was able to understand what attracted customers the most and we were able to upgrade our customer service and provide better management assistance to our franchise partners.

We will continue to run this campaign to learn what customers look for and deliver effective sales strategies.



Our procurement policy is to do business with our suppliers in a fair, responsible and compliant manner

Procurement Policy for all Purchases from Suppliers

Our procurement policy is to conduct business with our suppliers in a transparent, fair and responsible manner. The Domestic Project Division established the Guidelines for Fair Business Conducts with Suppliers and Contractors in April 2006. The guidelines prohibit practices that would unlawfully impede fair and free competition, abuse dominant bargaining positions, or inappropriately bestow or receive benefits; in addition, they stipulate respecting intellectual properties owned by suppliers





Material storage

and contractors, and protecting the confidentiality of information and technologies owned by suppliers and contractors.

In April 2009, we formulated the Procedure for Handling Procurement, which defines the procurement process and procedures, and documents to be prepared, as well as delegation of authority in the procurement process, to ensure that procurement practices are strictly enforced.

(適用範囲)

第1条 調達活動とは、購買(資材の購入、役務、工事)、借用(資材のレンタル・リース)等の契

2 この指針は資材部門の調達活動に従事する者に適用する。

(淵漆活動の基本姿勢)

第2条 透明性を確保し、公正かつ公平な調違活動を実現する。

- 2 当社と取引先とは、対等な立場で、相互信頼に基づく共存共栄の関係を目指す。
- 調達活動に関連する法律及び「国際石油開発帝石企業行動憲章」を遵守・実践する。
- 4 資源保護、環境保全に配慮し、調達活動を実施する。

高速管理指针 相印 (課金別等の基本投物) 窓2条 透明性を確保し、公正3・つかすな異連別動を実現する。 2 当社と毎刊先とは、対等な立場で、超互回報に基づく共存決定な 3 調達活動に関連する旧律及び「国際石原開発寺石を無行動連撃」 4 質解保護、環境保全に配慮し、調達活動を実施する。

Guidelines for Fair Business Conduct with Suppliers

Ensuring Fair Trade Practices

We publish via intranet a rulebook that contains the Guidelines for Fair Business Conduct with Suppliers and Contractors, and the Procedure for Handling Procurement to familiarize every employee with our fair trade practices. In the Logistics & IT System Division, which is directly responsible for sourcing materials and equipment, all employees refer to the guidelines and the procedure along with a compliance manual to refresh their understanding of these rules, which call for transparent, fair and responsible procurement practices.

The Guidelines for Fair Business Conduct with Suppliers and Contractors, and the Procedure for Handling Procurement serve as the primary binding principle for our procurement practices. The Logistics Groups in the Domestic Project Division, the Construction & Service Contract Group, the Material Control & Purchasing Group, and the Project Services & Insurance Group at headquarters all hold internal meetings regularly to ensure that fair trade practices are followed in their sections.

We will continue to promote fair trade practices by inviting more vendors to take part in large bids to ensure greater competition and to reduce the number of discretionary



We keep shareholders and investors informed of our business to enable them to make an objective assessment of our corporate value

Keeping Shareholders and Investors Informed

The Company discloses corporate information in a timely and appropriate manner through investor relations activities, general shareholders meetings, the company Web site, and public relations outreach. This practice enables us to look at our company from the perspective of our shareholders and

investors, thus further ensuring transparency, fairness and continuity.

We have formulated the **Rules for Corporate** Information



Disclosure as a basis for establishing an internal system for disclosing information, and the rules define the Groupwide management of information and the process of communicating and disclosing information. We post our disclosure policy derived from these rules on our Web site.



Investor Relations Activities

We are proactive in maintaining a dialogue with shareholders and investors, by which we ensure greater transparency in management and incorporate their feedback into decisionmaking.

In fiscal 2008, we gave two briefing sessions to financial analysts and institutional investors to report financial results; held 624 investor relations (IR) meetings for them; and offered them two tours to project sites. In addition, we held briefing sessions for individual investors in eight cities in Japan, and participated in two IR exhibitions.

We have conducted a shareholder survey once a year since 2006 to collect feedback from shareholders and incorporate it into management and IR activities. In fiscal 2008, we conducted a CSR-incentive questionnaire survey; the number of responses from shareholders determined how much we would donate to a nature conservation group. This project yielded 295,700 yen, which we donated to the Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund.



INPEX booth at an IR exhibition



Through a wide range of activities, we play a part in the sustainable development of the local communities where we operate

Contributing Economically and Socially to Regional Development along the BTC **Pipeline Route**

The Group has participated in the BTC (Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan) Pipeline Project; a 1,768-kilometer-long pipeline that transports crude oil from the Caspian Sea city of Baku in Azerbaijan, via Tbilisi in Georgia, to the Mediterranean Sea port of Ceyhan in Turkey.

As part of this project, we and our partners are engaged in community investment programs to improve living standards in the communities through which the pipeline passes, and we are implementing a regional development initiative for long-



Textile mill run by female workers

term economic and social development in a wider geographical area. In 2008, project members contributed U.S. \$6.09 million to activities undertaken in Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey.

Our financial assistance is intended to: (1) improve living standards and create business opportunities; (2) provide better access to the social infrastructure; (3) provide better education

and medical care; and (4) revive agriculture in the region. We liaise with state and local governments and NGOs in working out the details of implementing these programs.



Dredging Project in Venezuelan Harbor

In Zazarida, near the Moruy II Block in Venezuela, the great majority of residents live by fishing. For years, a steady stream of sand flowing from the Zazarida River to the northeast of the city has been deposited on the bottom of Zazarida Harbor, which is so silted up that only small fishing boats can leave it for the ocean. Residents have attempted to dredge the harbor several times without much success, and so much sand flows into the harbor that it becomes unusable again only a few years after this limited dredging is carried out.

To solve this problem, we are planning to conduct a largescale dredging operation in the harbor through PT Moruy II, an operating company we partially own. The project will construct a 40-meter-wide, 2-kilometer-long canal that will connect the

harbor and the outer sea, along which a dike will be constructed to prevent sand from flowing into the canal, and to ensure the unobstructed passage of fishing boats through the canal. In the planning



Location of the Moruy II Block

phase of the project, we interviewed residents and met with the mayor of the city and with local administrative authorities to ensure that the project will meet their needs. We also conducted an environmental impact assessment and consulted with the Venezuelan Ministry of Environment to ensure that the project would not damage the environment in the area.

We have developed a basic plan for the project and will work out details with dredging contractors. We will begin construction in 2009, and the canal and dike are expected to become operational in 2010.



Briefing session for residents



We maintain constant communication with local communities and participate in social action programs in the international community

Maintaining Open Dialogue with Communities

We are building an LNG receiving terminal at Arahama Wharf at Naoetsu Port in Joetsu, Niigata Prefecture, to respond to the growing demand for natural gas in Japan and to secure a sufficient supply over an extended term. When completed in 2014, the 25-hectare (62-acre) terminal will have two 180,000kiloliter tanks with a capacity to add another tank. In March 2008, the Niigata Prefectural Assembly approved the proposal to sell the 18-hectare (44-acre) land developed for the terminal by reclaiming the foreshore under a revised harbor development plan, and we acquired the land in early fiscal 2009.

By February 2008, we had given two briefings to local

residents on the findings of an environmental impact assessment, and on an outline of the construction to begin in fiscal 2009. We will proceed with construction while addressing concerns raised

by residents during the briefings.

When construction begins in 2009, we will provide residents with newsletters periodically to keep them updated on the project's progress.



Public relations newsletter for local residents

Donating Used Uniforms as International Aid Supplies

When we ceased asking female employees to wear companysupplied uniforms in fiscal 2008, we donated the used uniforms to the Republic of Mali in Africa as part of an international aid program through the Motherland Academy. Twenty-four boxes

of used uniforms were sent to the country with freight prepaid by us. As Mali is in serious need of food, clothing and medical supplies, international aid supplies are a great help to its people.

Participating in the Ecocap Movement

The Corporate HSE Committee decided to participate in the Ecocap Movement, and the General Administration Unit has taken the initiative in this activity since June 2009.

In the Ecocap Movement program, we collect PET bottle caps from our offices and employees' homes, and donate them to the Japan Committee of Vaccines for the World's Children, an NPO engaged in selling collected PET bottle caps to recycling contractors and buying vaccines with proceeds from the sales. This innovative program meets the dual purposes of helping prevent children in the world from becoming ill and of recycling resources.

We will raise employees' awareness of and participation in this humanitarian, eco-conscious program.









Pharmacist preparing a vaccine



We contribute to the social development of the areas where we operate through relationship-building efforts, donations, and sponsorship

Inviting a Venezuelan Youth Orchestra to Perform in Japan

Venezuela has a youth-enlightenment program intended to give the country's underprivileged youth opportunities to play classical music. This program was initiated by Dr. Jose Antonio Abreu, the former Minister of Culture, in 1975, and has since organized youth orchestras around the country, some of which took members abroad to give public performances. One 250piece orchestra staged concerts in Tokyo and two other cities in Japan in December 2008 after performing in South Korea and China.

We have been assisting the Venezuelan Embassy in Japan in its cultural events since 1992, when we began operating in Venezuela; this is intended to foster and solidify good relationships between the oil-producing country and the oilimporting country. Sponsoring the orchestra's performances in Japan was part of this long-running relationship-building effort. We received a letter of appreciation from the embassy for the sponsorship.



A performance in Japan

Donating Iodine to Cambodia

The Japan lodine Industry Association, of which we are a member, has joined forces with Chiba Prefecture-known as one of the leading producers of iodine in the world and the center of the iodine industry in Japan—and UNICEF to donate 850 kilograms of potassium iodate to Cambodia on four occasions since 2006.

The donations were part of an international humanitarian aid program and a public health campaign to combat iodine deficiency¹ among people in Cambodia. The donated iodine was added to salt and made available to the Cambodian people. The Cambodian Embassy in Japan expressed its gratitude by saying that the aid would help eradicate iodine deficiency in Cambodia.

1 lodine deficiency: Hypothyroidism caused by the insufficient intake of iodine, which is an essential element for the growth of a human body. Often found in people living in an inland states or regions where iodine-rich marine foods are hard to get.



lodine presentation ceremony

Donations for Communities Devastated by a Massive Wildfire in Australia

A massive wildfire burned through forests the size of Tokyo and killed 200 people in Victoria, Australia, in February 2009.

As a responsible corporate citizen carrying out an operator project in Australia, we donated 200,000 Australian dollars through the Australian Red Cross Society to communities hit by the bushfire. We received a letter of appreciation from the Society and thank-you notes from Australia's Minister of Resources and Energy and the Australian Embassy in Japan.



Raging wildfire in Victoria

| Third-Party Comment

Third-Party Comment on CSR Report 2009



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Management during Rough Ride" (Asahi Shinsho) and "Use CSR to Your Advantage" (Toyo Keizai), to name just a few.

INPEX CORPORATION (hereinafter referred to as "the Company") has a mission statement that expresses its commitment to play its part in supporting the sustainable development of society through a stable and efficient supply of energy, and disclosed what it accomplished toward fulfilling that mission in its CSR Report 2009. I would like to comment on the report from the perspective that combines theoretical and practical implications of CSR, adopted from my own real-world experience in CSR implementation and my ongoing academic interests in CSR.

What I found positive about the Report

The Report discusses in detail how the Company undertook CSR initiatives and activities built around the HSE framework to fulfill its corporate mission—both high-profile, aggressive approaches to CSR and low-profile, behind-the-scenes approaches

What I found positive about the Report upon close examination of the high-profile and low-profile approaches discussed in it is detailed below.

Let me begin with the low-profile, behind-the-scenes approaches to CSR. The Report gives us a clear idea of how the Company—from top management to front-line employees—is committed to CSR based on the distinctive HSE Management System; it discusses how vigorously the Company pursues the "3Ss"—safety, security and stability, three essential ingredients of an energy company—in the areas of corporate governance, environment preservation, human rights and labor. It also gives a detailed account of the Company's oil and gas business that ranges from acquisition of license blocks to development and production to refining, shipment and sales.

With regard to high-profile, aggressive approaches to CSR, the Company discloses in a feature story how it maintains and promotes good community relations in oil- and gas-producing countries. In particular, we can see that the Company is playing its role as a global company in its support of social causes from the

story about cultural exchange programs in which the Company is engaged in many parts of the world, and about social and economic development projects it undertakes in oil- and gasproducing countries. Moreover, I find the report's discussion about the Company's involvement in community relations programs and about its ongoing efforts to keep communities informed of its business to be effective in helping stakeholders see the Company in a positive light.

What I found that needs to be improved

Recruit HSE Point Persons from throughout the company to encourage more active involvement of field personnel in HSE activities for diverse stakeholders

I would suggest that the Company clarify and prioritize approaches to engage each group of stakeholders. This may become a basis for defining HSE Objectives for the following fiscal year. More specifically, identify what needs each group of stakeholders has of the Company and what distinctive competencies the Company has; then compare them against each other to determine which competency can meet which needs. It would also be a good idea to disclose the process of this exercise in a future report.

The key is to encourage employees to become more actively involved in the entire process. This is because employees are not only an important group of stakeholders, but also are key people who keep these programs running. I would suggest that the Company increase HSE Point Persons from each division and organize them into teams that drive grassroots HSE activities. It would be perfect if the Company could take a top-down approach to HSE and a bottom-up approach to HSE with middle managers working as glue to bridge them together. I sincerely hope the Company will continuously improve its CSR initiatives and performances to achieve sustainable growth.

List of Indicators Based on GRI G3 Guidelines

In preparing this report, we referred to the G3 Sustainability Reporting Guidelines published by the GRI in 2006. Below is a list of indicators based on the G3 Guidelines. For each indicator that is covered in this report, we provide the page of the report in which the corresponding information is discussed.

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4.7	Process for determining the qualifications and expertise of the members of the highest governance body for guiding the organization's strategy on economic, environmental, and social topics	Annual Report
4.8	Internally developed statements of mission or values, codes of conduct, and principles relevant to economic, environmental, and social performance and the status of their implementation	4, 5, 6, 19
4.9	Procedures of the highest governance body for overseeing the organization's identification and management of economic, environmental, and social performance, including relevant risks and opportunities, and adherence or compliance with internationally agreed standards, codes of conduct, and principles	20
4.10	Processes for evaluating the highest governance body's own performance, particularly with respect to economic, environmental, and social performance	_

ic repor	t in which the corresponding information is discussed.		
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4.11	Explanation of whether and how the precautionary approach or principle is addressed by the organization	_	
Con	mmitments to External Initiatives		
4.12	Externally developed economic, environmental, and social charters, principles, or other initiatives to which the organization subscribes or endorses	Web site	
4.13	Memberships in associations (such as industry associations) and/or national/international advocacy organizations	37	
Stal	seholder Engagement		
4.14	List of stakeholder groups engaged by the organization		
4.15	Basis for identification and selection of stakeholders with whom to engage	_	
4.16	Approaches to stakeholder engagement, including frequency of engagement by type and by stakeholder group	_	
4.17	Key topics and concerns that have been raised through stakeholder engagement, and how the organization has responded to those key topics and concerns, including through its reporting	_	
5. Mar	agement Approach and Performance Indicators		
Econo	mic		
	losure on Management Approach		
EC	Goals and Performance	_	
EC	Policy	_	
EC	Additional Contextual Information nomic Performance Indicators	_	
ECO	Direct economic value generated and distributed, including revenues,		
EC1	operating costs, employee compensation, donations and other community investments, retained earnings, and payments to capital providers and governments	Annual Report	
EC2	Financial implications and other risks and opportunities for the organization's activities due to climate change	_	
EC3	Coverage of the organization's defined benefit plan obligations	_	
EC4 EC5	Significant financial assistance received from the government Range of ratios of standard entry level wage compared to local		
EC6	minimum wage at significant locations of operation Policy, practices, and proportion of spending on locally-based	44	
EC7	suppliers at significant locations of operation Procedures for local hiring and proportion of senior management	_	
	hired from the local community at locations of significant operation Development and impact of infrastructure investments and services	14 15 45 46	
EC8	provided primarily for public benefit through commercial, in-kind, or pro bono engagement	14, 15, 45, 46, 47, 48	
EC9	Understanding and describing significant indirect economic impacts, including the extent of impacts	_	
	nmental		
EN	Coals and Performance	22, 23	
EN	Policy	19	
EN	Organizational Responsibility	20	
EN	Training and Awareness	20, 21	
EN	Monitoring and Follow-up	21	
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EN1	Materials used by weight or volume	24	
EN2	Percentage of materials used that are recycled input materials	_	
EN3	Direct energy consumption by primary energy source	24	
EN4	Indirect energy consumption by primary source	_	
EN5	Energy saved due to conservation and efficiency improvements	22, 23	
EN6	Initiatives to provide energy-efficient or renewable energy based products and services, and reductions in energy requirements as a result of these initiatives	_	
EN7	Initiatives to reduce indirect energy consumption and reductions achieved	_	
EN8	Total water withdrawal by source	24	
EN9	Water sources significantly affected by withdrawal of water	_	
EN10	Percentage and total volume of water recycled and reused Location and size of land owned, leased, managed in, or adjacent to, protected areas and areas of high biodiversity value outside protected areas		
EN12	Description of significant impacts of activities, products, and services on biodiversity in protected areas and areas of high biodiversity value outside protected areas	30	
EN13	Habitats protected or restored	30	
EN14	Strategies, current actions, and future plans for managing impacts on biodiversity	_	

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EN15	Number of IUCN Red List species and national conservation list species	Report 2009
EN16	with habitats in areas affected by operations, by level of extinction risk Total direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions by weight	26
EN17	Other relevant indirect greenhouse gas emissions by weight	26
EN18	Initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reductions achieved	26-29
EN19	Emissions of ozone-depleting substances by weight	_
EN20	NO, SO, and other significant air emissions by type and weight	32
EN21 EN22	Total water discharge by quality and destination	31
EN22	Total weight of waste by type and disposal method Total number and volume of significant spills	31, 34, 35
EN24	Weight of transported, imported, exported, or treated waste deemed hazardous under the terms of the Basel Convention Annex I, II, III, and VIII, and percentage of transported waste shipped internationally	-
EN25	Identity, size, protected status, and biodiversity value of water bodies and related habitats significantly affected by the reporting organization's discharges of water and runoff	_
EN26	Initiatives to mitigate environmental impacts of products and services, and extent of impact mitigation	26, 27, 28, 29, 33
EN27	Percentage of products sold and their packaging materials that are reclaimed by category	_
EN28	Monetary value of significant fines and total number of non- monetary sanctions for non-compliance with environmental laws and regulations	_
EN29	Significant environmental impacts of transporting products and other goods and materials used for the organization's operations, and transporting members of the workforce	24, 25, 26
EN30	Total environmental protection expenditures and investments by type	22, 23
Labor	Practices and Decent Work	
Disc	losure on Management Approach	
LA	Goals and Performance	_
LA	Policy	40
LA	Organizational Responsibility	40.41
LA	Training and Awareness Monitoring and Follow-up	40, 41
LA	Additional Contextual Information	_
Lab	or Practices and Decent Work Performance Indicators	
LA1	Total workforce by employment type, employment contract, and region	_
LA2	Total number and rate of employee turnover by age group, gender, and region	_
LA3	Benefits provided to full-time employees that are not provided to temporary or part-time employees, by major operations	_
LA4	Percentage of employees covered by collective bargaining agreements	_
LA5	Minimum notice period(s) regarding operational changes, including whether it is specified in collective agreements Percentage of total workforce represented in formal joint	_
LA6	management—worker health and safety committees that help monitor and advise on occupational health and safety programs	_
LA7	Rates of injury, occupational diseases, lost days, and absenteeism, and number of work-related fatalities by region Education, training, counseling, prevention, and risk-control programs	_
LA8	in place to assist workforce members, their families, or community members regarding serious diseases	39
LA9	Health and safety topics covered in formal agreements with trade unions Average hours of training per year per employee by employee	_
LA10	category Programs for skills management and lifelong learning that support the	_
LA11	continued employability of employees and assist them in managing career endings Percentage of employees receiving regular performance and career	_
LA12	development reviews Composition of governance bodies and breakdown of employees per category according to gender, age group, minority group	_
LA14	membership, and other indicators of diversity Ratio of basic salary of men to women by employee category	_
Huma	n Rights	
Disc	losure on Management Approach	
HR	Goals and Performance	_
HR	Policy	_
HR	Organizational Responsibility	_
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HR	Additional Contextual Information	_

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Hun	nan Rights Performance Indicators	
HR1	Percentage and total number of significant investment agreements that include human rights clauses or that have undergone human rights screening	_
HR2	Percentage of significant suppliers and contractors that have undergone screening on human rights and actions taken	_
HR3	Total hours of employee training on policies and procedures concerning aspects of human rights that are relevant to operations, including the percentage of employees trained	_
HR4	Total number of incidents of discrimination and actions taken	_
HR5	Operations identified in which the right to exercise freedom of association and collective bargaining may be at significant risk, and actions taken to support these rights	_
HR6	Operations identified as having significant risk for incidents of child labor, and measures taken to contribute to the elimination of child labor	_
HR7	Operations identified as having significant risk for incidents of forced or compulsory labor, and measures to contribute to the elimination of forced or compulsory labor	_
HR8	Percentage of security personnel trained in the organization's policies or procedures concerning aspects of human rights that are relevant to operations	_
HR9	Total number of incidents of violations involving rights of indigenous people and actions taken	_
Societ		
	losure on Management Approach	
SO	Goals and Performance	_
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SO	Organizational Responsibility	_
SO	Training and Awareness	44
SO	Monitoring and Follow-up	_
SO	Additional Contextual Information	_
Soci	ety Performance Indicators	T
SO1	Nature, scope, and effectiveness of any programs and practices that assess and manage the impacts of operations on communities, including entering, operating, and exiting	_
SO2	Percentage and total number of business units analyzed for risks related to corruption Percentage of employees trained in organization's anti-corruption	_
SO3	policies and procedures	_
SO4	Actions taken in response to incidents of corruption	_
SO5	Public policy positions and participation in public policy development and lobbying	_
SO6	Total value of financial and in-kind contributions to political parties, politicians, and related institutions by country	_
SO7	Total number of legal actions for anti-competitive behavior, anti-trust, and monopoly practices and their outcomes	_
SO8	Monetary value of significant fines and total number of non-monetary sanctions for non-compliance with laws and regulations	_
Produ	ct Responsibility	
	losure on Management Approach	
PR	Goals and Performance	_
PR	Policy	_
PR	Organizational Responsibility	_
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PR	Additional Contextual Information	_
Proc	duct Responsibility Performance Indicators Life cycle stages in which health and safety impacts of products and services are assessed for improvement, and percentage of significant	_
PR2	products and services categories subject to such procedures Total number of incidents of non-compliance with regulations and voluntary codes concerning health and safety impacts of products	_
PR3	and services during their life cycle, by type of outcomes Type of product and service information required by procedures, and percentage of significant products and services subject to such information requirements.	_
PR4	information requirements Total number of incidents of non-compliance with regulations and voluntary codes concerning product and service information and labeling, by type of outcomes	_
PR5	Practices related to customer satisfaction, including results of surveys measuring customer satisfaction	43
PR6	Programs for adherence to laws, standards, and voluntary codes related to marketing communications, including advertising, promotion, and sponsorship	_
PR7	Total number of incidents of non-compliance with regulations and voluntary codes concerning marketing communications, including advertising, promotion, and sponsorship by type of outcomes	_
PR8	Total number of substantiated complaints regarding breaches of customer privacy and losses of customer data	_
PR9	Monetary value of significant fines for non-compliance with laws and	



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