Environmental Accounting (Data for Business Sites in Japan)

Environmental accounting is employed in order to reflect back into our business activities as much as possible the quantitative comprehension and analysis of the costs of environmental conservation and the effects that are obtained from those activities, and to promote a wider understanding of KUBOTA's participation in environmental conservation activities by disclosing information to internal and external stakeholders.

Environmental conservation costs

Investment in environmental conservation amounted to 1,100 million yen, which is almost unchanged from the previous year. Environmental costs decreased by 1,100 million yen from the previous year to 8,040 million yen. Research and development cost totaled 5,010 million yen, which accounts for about 62% of all the expenditures for the year.

(¥ millions)

			FY2009		FY2010		
Classifications		Main activities	Investment	Expenses	Investment	Expenses	
Within the business area			557	1,997	724	1,514	
	Local environmental conservation	Prevention of air and water pollution, soil contamination, noise, vibration, etc.	370	591	517	379	
	Global environmental conservation	Prevention of climate change	166	280	122	244	
	Resource recycling	Minimizing waste production, reducing quantity of waste, and recycling	22	1,126	85	891	
	ostream and wnstream costs	Collection of used products and commercialization of recycled products	0	28	0	23	
Management activities		Environmental management personnel, ISO maintenance and implementation, environmental information dissemination	0	1,252	0	1,235	
R&D		R&D for reducing of product environmental load and developing environment conservation equipment	544	5,646	373	5,005	
Sc	ocial activities	Local cleanup activities and membership fees and contributions to environmental groups, etc.	0	7	0	1	
	vironmental mediation	Contributions and assessments, etc.	0	212	0	260	
Total 1,101 9,		9,141	1,096	8,038			
Total capital investment (including land) for the corresponding period (consolidated data)						26,000	
Total R&D costs for the corresponding period						25,241	

Environmental accounting principles

- 1) The period covered spans from April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010.
- 2) The data of business sites in Japan are considered in the calculation.
- Data was calculated in accordance with the Environmental Accounting Guidelines 2005, published by Japan's Ministry of the Environment.
- 4) "Expenses" includes depreciation costs.
- Depreciation cost was calculated based on the standards applied to KUBOTA's financial accounting, and assets acquired in and after 1998 were considered in the calculation.
- "Management activities" and "R&D" costs include personnel expenses.
- "Resource recycling" costs do not include costs incurred during disposal of construction waste at construction sites.
- The cost of "R&D" represents that which was spent on environmental purposes, calculated on a pro-rate basis.
- "Economic effects" are obtained only by adding up tangible results and do not include estimated effects.

Environmental conservation effects

Declines in production led to across-the-board reduction in both consumption and emissions. Especially, waste disposal at landfill sites showed marked reduction because we contracted with new steel slag recycling companies.

Effects	Items	FY2009	FY2010	Increase/ Decrease	Ratio to the previous FY (%)
Environmental effect related to	Energy consumption [units of heat; in petajoules (PJ)]	8.60	7.25	-1.35	84
resources input into business activities	Water consumption (million m³)	4.61	4.26	-0.35	92
	CO ₂ emissions (kiloton-CO ₂)	493	406	-87	82
	SOx emissions (tons)	3.8	3.8	0	100
Environmental effect	NOx emissions (tons)	69.0	49.5	-19.5	72
related to waste or environmental impact originating from	Soot and dust emissions (tons)	4.0	3.8	-0.2	95
business activities	Releases and transfers of PRTR-designated substances (tons)	794	664	-130	84
	Waste discharge (kilotons)	90	64	-26	71
	Waste to landfills (kilotons)	8.2	1	-7.2	12

Economic effects

Our environmental conservation activities resulted in economic effects worth 1,400 million yen.

(¥ millions)

Classifications	Details			
Energy conservation	Efficient operation of compressors and the introduction of highly effective equipment at the time of installing and updating equipment, etc.	442		
measures	Improvements in load efficiency and a reduction of transportation distances in physical distribution	5		
_	Reducing the quantity of, and resource recycling of industrial waste	380		
Zero-emissions measures	Sales of valuable resources	573		
Total				

Effects of cost reduction through zero-emission (Data for business sites in Japan)

The reduction, reuse and resource recycling associated with waste contributed to lowered outsourcing fees for waste processing and generated an effect of 380 million yen in cost reductions for the year.

