Basic Management Policy and Priority Measures

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In 2018, we detected improper conduct in the inspection of rolling mill rolls used in some of the production equipment for and cylinder liners used in compressors. We sincerely apologize for causing concern and inconvenience to all our customers and concerned parties again. We have already implemented measures to prevent recurrence, and KUBOTA Group as a whole will make every effort to prevent recurrence and retrieve confidence.

Revenue steadily increased mainly in overseas Farm & Industrial Machinery.

In domestic market, revenue in Water & Environment decreased slightly mainly due to sluggish demand for ductile iron pipes. However, revenue from farm equipment, construction machinery (hereinafter, CE), and engines increased in Farm & Industrial Machinery.

In overseas market, revenue in Farm & Industrial Machinery increased significantly. In addition, revenue from industrial castings for petrochemical plants and ductile iron pipes increased in Water & Environment.

Amid continuous global expansion of demand for construction, sales of CE significantly increased in all of our major regions such as North America, Europe, and China, because the development of scope of new product, in which we have been expanding, has borne fruit and our market share of existing products increased.

Furthermore, we also have promoted to strengthen business structure through collaboration with Great Plains Manufacturing, Inc. (hereinafter, GPM ), which we acquired, and the business has grown into a global presence.

With respect to engines business, we have steadily responded to the exhaust emission regulations of each country, and have expanded the business by leveraging our strengths in providing an extensive products lineup that meets the various requests from our customers.

With respect to overseas farm equipment business, sales in Asia outside Japan decreased from the prior year due to a harsh business environment in China, which is our important market, resulting from a significant shrink in demand.

On the other hand, sales in North America significantly increased mainly due to expanded demand along with the economic recovery and the positive effect from newly introduced model of utility vehicles.

In Asia outside Japan excluding China, sales of tractors in Thailand increased mainly due to a rise in prices mainly of rice and cassava and generally favorable weather during the rainy seasons. In addition, sales of multi-purpose tractors in India also expanded steadily.
Revenue hits the record high.

In terms of profit, amidst severe sales competition, we faced more difficulties than anticipated mainly due to soaring material prices, a rise in interest rate in North America, and the negative impacts of natural disasters which frequently occurred in Japan.

In addition, profit was pushed down by upfront investment aimed at medium-to-long-term growth, such as R&D expenses, capital expenditures, and an increase in the number of personnel in overseas subsidiaries.

As a result, operating profit decreased from the prior year.

Profit attributable to owners of the parent increased because income tax expenses significantly decreased mainly due to the federal corporate tax rate cut in the U.S.

I explained our basic policies for the three years (2017-2019) in February 2017, and Expansion in Business Area, which is one of the core policy, has progressed well.

We have reached range of achieving the target of 2 trillion yen of revenue in 2019. We can achieve this target if exchange rates remain at the same level as 2018.

However, the policy of Maximize Income has been extremely unwilling results because we were unable to secure sufficient returns in response to the deterioration of business environment.

Taking this seriously, we will thoroughly promote to implement Priority Onsite and Customer-First Principle so that we can secure sufficient returns by responding appropriately and timely to changes in business environment.
In domestic market, sales of both farm equipment and CE are expected to increase moderately.

Sales of farm equipment to large farmers are expected to increase mainly due to recovery of rice prices and support by agricultural administration, while sales to small- and medium-sized farmers are expected to decrease gradually due to the aging of farmers.

In the CE business, demand is expected to remain flat. However, sales are expected to increase due to sales measures designed for each market or each model and introduction of redesigned models.

In overseas market

North America: Sales of CE are expected to increase significantly because new CTL will be introduced. Sales of tractors and engines are expected to increase as well.

Europe: Revenue is expected to decrease due to the yen appreciation, while sales are expected to increase moderately.

Asia: High growth is expected in Thailand and neighboring countries, and in India. In China, sales of farm equipment are expected to decrease, while sales of engines and CE are expected to increase.

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• In overseas market, we expect to increase sales in major markets excluding China and Europe.
• In North America, we particularly expect an increase in sales of CE, where we will introduce new CTL. In addition, sales of tractors and engines are expected to increase as well.
• In Europe, modest growth of business is expected to continue. However, revenue translated into yen is expected to decrease due to the yen appreciation.
• In Asia outside Japan, high growth is expected in Thailand and neighboring countries. In addition, sales of multi-purpose tractors are expected to increase in India as well.
• In China, revenue as a whole is expected to decrease due to continuously sluggish demand for farm equipment while sales of engines and CE are expected to expand.
Revenue, operating profit, and profit attributable to owners of the parent are expected to increase.

World economy is becoming increasingly uncertain, and we expect business environment to be challenging. However, we promote to respond appropriately and timely in anticipation of changes, in addition to expanding and enhancing business structure continuously.
We will maintain our basic management policy and work to instill and deepen the policy with a sense of speed through promoting the priority measures thoroughly.

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Achievement of 2 trillion yen of revenue is only a stepping stone to realize long-term goals, Global Major Brand (hereinafter, GMB), or in other words a brand that can make the greatest social contribution as a result of being trusted by the largest number of customers. In order to make the 130th anniversary of our founding in 2020 more meaningful, we will make full-speed efforts ahead realizing the long-term goals.

In order to accelerate decision-making and actions by business unit, we will revive consolidated division system from this year. We will make efforts to foster challenging mind that is not confined to individual business from the perspective of optimizing the entire division, in addition to clarifying authority and responsibility.

We began implementing action plans to achieve long-term goals from the prior year. However, there is a gap compared to the plan in profitability, while we have made steady progress of expansion in revenue. In order to rectify this situation, we will identify the nature of changes, implement necessary correction of action plan immediately, and optimize priorities and resource allocation.

From the prior year, we began setting SDGs as the milestone of our various activities to build GMB. We believe that it is extremely important for becoming GMB, which is appreciated by winning the trust of society and customers, to contribute to the resolution of issues, such as global food shortages, water and environmental pollution, and improving the urban environment, through providing solutions, and it is also indispensable for the sustainable development of our business. In this year, we will further accelerate integration of SDGs with our business and expansion of them in order to realize the policies.

We have transmitted our approach and initiatives mainly through integrated reports (Kubota Report), websites, and advertisements. In addition, we will also transmit them more powerfully from now on.
• In order to achieve long-term goals, it is essential to generate sufficient returns commensurate with business expansion, generate superior products, technologies, and services by using the returns, and contribute to society at a higher level. Through those efforts, we need to fulfill the cycle of growth that leads winning the trust of customers and expansion of business further.

• It is inevitable that upfront investment, which focused on core businesses and core markets in the future, leads to lower returns. However, in order to create capital resources for upfront investment from existing businesses, we will make efforts to strengthen our earnings base by strengthening non-price competitiveness and drastically curbing all business costs.
Establishing a management base to achieve long-term goals is an urgent task, and we will work to promptly expand our R&D structure, production and procurement structure, and IT system.

With respect to our R&D structure, we will continue to strengthen and expand R&D resources and to build structure which is able to create the highest output with limited resources. We aim to shorten the development period and improve quality.

In Japan, we acquired approximately 330 thousand square meters of land in Sakai City and started establishment of new R&D base as the core of global R&D bases.

We will promote to integrate and streamline dispersed bases, and strengthen capabilities to develop growth businesses and advanced technologies.

Overseas, we will build local-based R&D structure by launching full-scale operation of new R&D base in Europe, which aims at accelerating development of upland farming tractors through joint development between Japan and Europe, and promoting development and expansion of each global R&D base continuously.
With respect to production and procurement structure, we will promote initiatives toward establishment of the most efficient production system for each business.

Especially in overseas markets, where business is expected to expand over the medium- to long-term, we will promote restructuring mainly by expanding production volume and reforming logistics.

In response to tight supply-demand conditions for CE and engines, we will make efforts to improve the level of procurement and stabilize supply, which are urgent issues, by working together with our suppliers to improve quality, reduce costs, and shorten lead times, in addition to promotion of increasing production capacity at each of our plants.

In the prior year, we had difficulty in supplying products because a sharp increase in demand coincided with the problem of delays in production caused by typhoons. We will make efforts to normalize product supply promptly.

In response to future risks, such as natural disasters that occur frequently and major earthquakes that are expected to occur, we will make efforts to thoroughly review our business continuity plans and implement measures which target not only for plants, but also for employees, their families, and suppliers, and we aim to complete countermeasures promptly.

Natural disasters caused a major hindrance to production activities in the prior year. However, we will build a system that will minimize the impact of natural disasters and enable us to resume operations as soon as possible.
With respect to IT system, we will establish an ICT promotion structure and promote development of systems steadily to advance and upgrade mission-critical system that contributes to strengthening business structure and competitiveness and improving customer satisfaction. In addition, we will work to strengthen governance of IT-related organization.

Furthermore, we aim to upgrade the level of data utilization and improve precision and speed of decision-making through the promotion of digital transformation.
• In farm equipment business, we will make efforts to strengthen business infrastructure by developing new products of large-sized tractors for upland farming and enhancing the competitiveness and profitability of existing products.

• In order to create growth resources, we will focus on expanding sales and maximizing profits of small- and medium-sized tractors, which have high profitability. In addition, we will make efforts to expand products lineup of turf-related equipment and utility vehicles, which are high-growth products.

• We will also work to begin full-fledged start of operations in India, where we have decided to manufacture products locally by establishing a joint venture with Indian tractor manufacturer, Escorts Limited. In addition, we will work to expand products lineup of tractors for emerging countries as well.

• With respect to combine harvesters and rice transplanters, we will concentrate on rebuilding business in China for the time being. Even if demand does not recover, we will secure returns by eliminating needless works and reducing costs thoroughly.

• At the same time, we will raise the trust of customers by developing new products that meet rapidly changing market needs and KUBOTA-style services amid changing market structures, such as an increase in demand for equipment with higher horsepower and higher processing capacity and in group farming such as cooperatives. As a result, we aim to strengthen business infrastructure for medium- to long-term growth.
In Japan, we aim to significantly improve profitability by increasing market share and reinforcing the business structure thoroughly.

Amid an advance of labor shortage in agricultural sector, we will not only sell farm equipment, but also cover peripheral equipment, maintenance and services, and solutions, and will accelerate evolution to the business which provides comprehensive value to support Japanese agriculture industry.

As a part of these initiatives, in order to establish a leading position in the field of ICT farming, we will promote to develop industry-leading advanced technologies, upgrade level of farm supporting system (Kubota Smart Agri. System) by using ICT, develop global precision farming technology, and build a next-generation integrated control system between equipment and implement.

The demonstration project for social implementation of smart agriculture will be begun by government from 2019, and it is expected that expectations and needs for automatic driving farm equipment will increase.

We have started pilot sales of agri-robot tractors in 2017 earlier than other companies, and we also have started full-scale sales of agri-robot combine harvesters, which are automatic driving, in 2018.

In addition, we also have begun sales of compact tractors with a straight-forward assist function, which are highly appreciated for rice transplanters. In this year, we plan to sell 100 horsepower agri-robot tractors and agri-robot combine harvesters.

We will further strengthen initiatives that anticipate these market needs from now on.
In CE business, we have made significant strides in major markets around the world in the prior year. We will also continue to invest resources aggressively in CE business with high growth potential in the future.

- We will introduce new CTL model in the North American market in this year.
- We will continue to promote to expand products lineup and steadily introduce redesigned models which meet market needs. In addition, we will accelerate R&D for that.
- We will promote to strengthen the dealer network that handles our products, and cultivate rental companies in conjunction with expanding products lineup, and we aim to maximize the effects of expanding products lineup.
- We will increase synergy with GPM, which we acquired, and further strengthen our attachment businesses.
In engine business, we built a new R&D center in the prior year and will strengthen our development capabilities for electronic control systems and exhaust-gas treatment devices, which are becoming increasingly sophisticated.

We have doubled the capacity for certification testing and sampling inspection for engines produced by building a new exhaust gas test center, and have significantly improved our ability of designing in response to the new regulations required by large-sized engines and Stage V in Europe.

We steady promote preparations for the introduction of large-sized engines with the timing of exhaust emission regulations in each country, including the development of large-sized diesel engines for Chinese market.

We will further accelerate to develop large-sized engines and develop cleaner and more eco-friendly engines.

In response to tight supply-demand conditions, we have strengthened production structure and increased production capacity at domestic plants in the prior year and we will continue efforts to build an industry-leading production structure which can respond increasing demand over the medium- to long-term.
• In Water & Environment Business, we redesigned organizational and established two divisions: Pipe Systems and Infrastructure Division, and Environmental Solutions Division, and will focus on securing operating results by thoroughly strengthening business structure.

• We will build strategies to define businesses which have potential to grow and the goals of them in domestic and overseas markets for the future, and we aim to Japan's Top Brand at first as laying foundation toward establishment of GMB.
In Pipe Systems and Infrastructure business, in order to respond to shrinking domestic demand mainly for ductile iron pipes, we will promptly complete to reform overall business, including innovation in manufacturing and logistic process and innovation of sales operations and construction work.

We will continue to promote themes that will secure operating results by responding to needs for upgrading aging social infrastructures amid limited budgets and manpower, such as batch orders including both design and building (DB method), pipe renewal work, and so on.

With respect to industrial castings and ceramics business, of which overseas sales are expanding, we will promote drastic reform of overseas production sites.
• In Environmental Solutions business, we will make efforts to create projects in the field of water solutions, environmental conservation, and energy creation by leveraging our strengths, aiming to establish a top brand as a comprehensive environmental infrastructure company.

• We will also steadily promote large-scale projects, such as a project of reducing the volume of radioactive contaminated waste in Futaba Town, Fukushima prefecture, which is expected to utilize technology and expertise cultivated in the waste disposal business of illegal dumping in Teshima, Kagawa prefecture, and will fulfill our social responsibilities.

• With respect to submerged membranes and wastewater treatment plants (Johkasou) business, which are expanding in overseas market, we will focus on building an efficient and effective management system to further expand sales.

• We will re-examine development themes in the Water & Environment R&D center and focus on improving development function to connect to business directly and creating eco-businesses.
As a theme for Water & Environment field as a whole, we will promote to further evolve KSIS (Kubota Smart Infrastructure System, which provides comprehensive solutions in the field of water and environment by making use of IoT technologies) further.

→ Expand sales of plants and equipment by creating new customer value in response to needs such as energy conservation, labor saving, and improvement of convenience, and improve the efficiency of the maintenance business.
• In order to fulfill our responsibilities to all stakeholders through sustainable growth of corporate value, we will further implement our policy of focusing on profit expansion thoroughly.
In order to restore profitability of domestic business, we will appropriately respond to changes in the social structure due to population decline and aging of society, and will promote to develop and provide products and services that anticipate real needs. In addition, we will make efforts to drastically curb all business costs and strengthen the non-price competitiveness.

To cope with a continuous shrink in demand, we will promote to optimize the allocation of human resources by shifting personnel between business divisions or between domestic and overseas businesses.
In development of Kubota Production System (hereinafter, KPS), we will improve overall business process from front-end process, which includes suppliers and parts logistics, to back-end process, which includes delivery to customers, from the viewpoint of total optimization, and accelerate our initiatives to build a global-class highly efficient production system.

In addition, we will promote to build cutting-edge production lines, such as automated or unmanned lines, by utilizing IoT, and make efforts to reform QCD (Quality, Cost, and Delivery).

In deploying KPS throughout the company and all divisions, including administrative division, we will make efforts to maximize value adding operation by thoroughly reducing unnecessary operations and by standardizing and streamlining the efficiency of operations through the projects.

Unfortunately, we were unable to achieve sufficient results in reducing inventories, which we continuously make efforts, as a result of a sharp increase in production at the end of the prior year to offset delays in production mainly caused by typhoons.

We will promote organizational and structural reductions of inventories that are not affected by transient factors.

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4. Priority Measures

(4) Improve profitability and strengthen the business structure thoroughly

- Reinforce business structure through deployment of KPS
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  - Deploy KPS throughout the company and all divisions
    - Reduce unnecessary operations thoroughly and promote standardization and streamline operations
    - Maximize value adding operation
  - Reduce inventory
    - Promote organizational and structural reduction of inventories that are not affected by transient factors

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KUBOTA Corporation (Financial results for the year ended December 31, 2018)
• While world economy continues to grow, it is becoming to destabilizing due to a number of challenges, such as U.S.-China trade frictions and the Brexit.
• Under these circumstances, the future of world economy is becoming increasingly uncertain, and it is anticipated that a new situation will have a major impact on the real economy and corporate activities.

• In this severe business environment, we aim to achieve long-term growth and further increase corporate value by steadily promoting medium- to long-term initiatives to establish GMB Kubota, identifying recent changes in the business environment, and responding to these changes swiftly and decisively.
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