

## Housing Materials and Utilities Consolidated Division

### New “Colorbestos”

Flat slate roofing materials “Colorbestos”, our main products, will shift to entirely asbestos-free in January 2002.

We are going to use pulp in alternative to asbestos in order to reinforce main raw material, cement and silica sand.

We are going to meet “Coexistence with environment” in both hardware and software, promoting “weather resistance improvement by inorganic painting”, “coping with recycling”, “reform technology development” and so on.



### Recycling flat roofing materials

We at Kubota are promoting a nationwide system of residue material collection, generating at construction sites, of cement type roofing material “Colorbestos”. Collected materials are reused as raw material in Odawara and Shiga plants (totally 600 tons per month).

This system reduces wastes treatment costs in roofing construction companies. This system adopts some forms such as “use of returning truck which delivered products”, “use of financing companies”, “IT promotion in books and slips” and so on in order to reduce collection cost, being useful for many roofing construction companies.

(Approximately main 150 roofing construction companies take part in this system nationwide.)

### System flow sheet

