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MARUI GROUP selected for CDP Climate Change “A List”, the Highest Rating, for the fifth time.

MARUI GROUP CO., LTD., announces that it has been included in the Climate A List, which represents the highest evaluation offered by the international NPO CDP. This will be the fifth time the company has been certified.

■ Overview of CDP

CDP (Carbon Disclosure Project) is an international NPO endorsed by institutional investors from around the world. One of the most trusted evaluation institutions by investors, CDP investigates the initiatives of companies and cities around the world for addressing climate change, water, forest, and other environmental issues and discloses the results of its analyses and evaluations.

■ Climate A List

CDP's Climate A List is a list of companies that have incorporated superior climate change response initiatives into their climate change response plans and strategies.

In 2023, approximately 23,000 companies from around the world (124% over the previous year) were investigated during the process of compiling the A List.

MARUI GROUP obtained "Net-Zero Certification" under the "Science Based Targets (SBT) Initiative*1" in recognition of its "Carbon Neutral" declaration to achieve net-zero and its strategy to link decarbonization to business growth, and developed and disclosed a "Transition Plan"*2 to enhance its viability. MARUI GROUP's inclusion in the A List is thought to be a reflection of the evaluation that such climate change response and information disclosure initiatives are of a high level even on the international stage.



*1 The Science Based Targets initiative was jointly established by CDP, the United Nations Global Compact, the World Resources Institute, and WWF. This initiative is tasked with encouraging companies to set science-based greenhouse gas reduction targets.

For more information, please refer to the following for the "Net Zero Certification" news release.
→https://www.0101maruigroup.co.jp/pdf/settlement/23_0815/en_23_0815_1.pdf

*2 We disclosed our "Transition Plan" (first edition) for climate change, which is essential to achieve SBT net-zero, in the ESG Databook 2023.

For more information, please refer to the following for the "Transition Plan" (first edition) (pages 22-25).
 →https://www.0101maruigroup.co.jp/en/sustainability/pdf/esg/esg2023_en.pdf

■ Contributions to a Decarbonized Society

Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions

MARUI GROUP calculates, receives third-party verification of, and discloses information on its amounts of emissions of CO₂ and other greenhouse gas emissions, including information on emissions from the Company (Scope 1 and Scope 2) and from other areas of its value chain (Scope 3). The amount of CO₂ emitted across MARUI GROUP's value chain has declined for ninth consecutive years.

Introduction of Renewable Energy

Approximately 80% of CO₂ emissions from MARUI GROUP is attributable to electricity use. To address these emissions, the Company became a member of the international initiative RE100 and announced its target of sourcing 100% of its electricity consumption from renewable energy by the fiscal year ending March 31, 2031. In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, MARUI GROUP sourced 68% of its electricity from renewable energy.

RE100

In addition, we are engaging in renewable energy procurement activities through co-creation with new power suppliers. We are in the process of owning and signing long-term contracts for new power plants, and by September 2024, we aim to own a total of eight solar power plants, which will generate approximately 10 million kWh of electricity annually, in order to achieve RE100.

Reduction of Society's CO₂ Emissions Together with Customers

MARUI GROUP is working to forge a sustainable future in harmony with the global environment for future generations through co-creation with stakeholders. As one such effort, we launched a project for encouraging customers to use renewable energy together with UPDATER, Inc., in September 2020. This project included the launch of a service offering EPOS cardholders a simple process for applying for renewable energy, and has also issued the Minna-denryoku EPOS Card. In addition, this month we have decided to issue digital bonds for the acquisition of a renewable energy power plant as a green bond. The clean electricity generated by the acquired power plant will be delivered to the homes of EPOS cardholders and other contractors through UPDATER, Inc. Through these efforts. Going forward, MARUI GROUP will continue to join hands with customers in its quest to reduce CO₂ emissions and help build a sustainable society.

【Related Documents】

IMPACT BOOK 2023 (Marui Group's "Impact" Initiatives Posted)

→<https://www.0101maruigroup.co.jp/en/ir/lib/impactbook.html>

Co-Creation Management Report 2023

→<https://www.0101maruigroup.co.jp/en/ir/lib/i-report.html>

■ Company Overview

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