

Third-party Verification



CSR Report 2008 Third-party Verification : Statement

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■ Purpose of Verification

The purpose of this Responsible Care report verification is for the Responsible Care Verification Center to publish an assessment by specialists from the chemicals industry of ZEON Corporation's 2008 CSR Report (abbreviated below as "the report") in terms of the following criteria.

- 1) The suitability of the methods used to calculate and collate (quantitative) performance indicators and the accuracy of the figures produced
- 2) The accuracy of non-quantitative report content
- 3) The Responsible Care activities performed
- 4) Features of the report

■ Verification Procedure

- At head office, we evaluated the suitability of the methods used to collate the reported quantitative information from each site (offices and plants) and the accuracy of non-quantitative information. The investigation consisted of questioning the staff in charge of operations and the staff who prepared the report on the content of the report and asking them to provide us with documentary evidence and explanations.
- At the Mizushima Plant, we evaluated the suitability of the methods used to calculate the figures reported at head office, the accuracy of the figures and the accuracy of the information presented. The investigation at Mizushima Plant consisted of questioning the staff in charge of operations and the staff who prepared the report, asking them to provide us with documentary evidence and explanations, and reviewing the consistency of the information against the evidence.
- A sampling technique was used to evaluate the quantitative and other information.

■ Statement

- 1) Suitability of (quantitative) performance indicator calculation and collation methods and accuracy of figures produced
 - Reasonable calculation and collation methods were used to produce the quantitative information at the head office and Mizushima Plant.
 - We also noted that, from this year, data collection from the plants has been upgraded to an automatic system that does not require manual work.
 - Within the scope of our assessment, the performance information was calculated and collated accurately.
- 2) Accuracy of reported information
 - We confirmed the accuracy of the information contained in the report. Although we pointed out some minor problems relating to suitability of expression and ease of understanding in the draft document, these have been corrected in the final report and we cannot find any serious issues in the current document that need to be corrected.
- 3) The Responsible Care activities performed
 - We found that, lead by the President, the management have worked closely with the plants to create a safe and stable workplace, and have shown enthusiasm for introducing an equipment information management system, making progress on foolproofing, and reviewing past accidents to prevent reoccurrence.
 - We found that the company has produced and is implementing a new three-year plan to encourage further energy conservation that has stated a specific target of reducing unit energy consumption to 75% of the 1990 level in 2010. We anticipate the company achieving its targets for each year.
 - We found that the Mizushima Plant is working with local government and ten other companies associated with the industrial complex on resource recycling and reducing the volume of waste being sent to landfill, and is achieving significant results.
 - The Mizushima Plant completed its new Integrated Production Center in November of last year where it was able to consolidate approximately half of its operational departments. In addition to completing this consolidation, we found that the plant is committed to progressing operational standardization and system development to create a safe and stable workplace.
- 4) Features of the report
 - Although we found that the increased use of employee photographs and messages from employees conveyed a more friendly impression, we hope the CSR content of the report can be made more comprehensive in future.