

A Third-Party Perspective

The ROHM Group believes that it is important to include the perspective of a third party regarding its social and environmental activities in its 2006 Social and Environmental Report. We received the comments of the Tohmatsu Environmental Research Institute Ltd., which is a member of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.

A third-party perspective on the ROHM Group's "Social and Environmental Report 2006."

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I have looked over the ROHM Group's "Social and Environmental Report 2006" (hereafter referred to as the Report) and I would like to give my view, as a third party representative, on the ROHM Group's initiatives toward Corporate Social Responsibility (hereafter referred to as CSR) as well as other contents of the Report. Note that these comments, which are a declaration of a third party examination, are conclusions based on the information contained in the Report.

1. Improvements to last year's criticisms

I spoke last year regarding improvements for items listed under "Future Issues." With respect to the statement, "Domestic activities are the focus of the Social and Environmental Report for this period. Overseas environmental activities are not included," information that included the nine overseas production sites has been disclosed under "FY 2005 Environmental Activity Objectives and Achievements" and the status of environmental initiatives of the entire Group, including overseas sites, has been made easier to understand. In addition, "The current activities focus on protecting the environment at these manufacturing sites. I hope that in the future this will gradually include activities related to indirect environmental effects regarding distribution and the environmental burden during the entire life cycle of the product." Physical distribution, green procurement and eco-design have been newly addressed under the environmental activity objectives. "Predicted market power consumption reduction from new energy-saving products for fiscal 2005," section of the Report outlines the results of ROHM's initiatives including the calculated degree of contribution toward environmentally-friendly products. Information for the entire Group-including overseas sites-on environmental initiatives and information on the product life cycles have been disclosed. I hope that in the future they will reveal their mid- and long-term achievement objectives with regard to

their contribution toward preserving the environment as a group and disclose their individual annual goals for the following year. Their action plan on how to achieve these goals should also be included.

2. CSR management system

The purpose of ROHM Group's CSR is, "Steady growth as a company while simultaneously considering the balance among three aspects-economics, environment and society-is directly related to maintaining a sustainable society," and, "In the future, we intend to conduct more appropriate interchanges with our constituents in order to fulfill our social responsibilities as well as work on developing a variety of proactive measures." In order to attain this commitment effectively and efficiently, I believe that it is necessary for ROHM to disclose their mid- and long-term achievement objectives regarding social aspects as they have done for environmental preservation while including an action plan on how to achieve these objectives. By making the objectives clear, disclosing information on the results, and by facilitating communication and responding precisely to the needs of the stakeholders, I believe that they can acquire a higher appreciation for their efforts.

3. Final comments

This Report centers on the ROHM Group's approach to CSR and current state of initiatives. The Report is an important tool for disclosing information to stakeholders such as details of when, what and how the company addresses these environmental and social issues. The Report can be used to gain a better understanding of ROHM's cooperation and commitment to maintaining a sustainable society. It is my hope that mid- and long-term objectives will be addressed regarding CSR along with a plan of action for achieving these goals.

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