

Independent Review

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Ricoh Group Sustainability Report 2001 was published in December 2001.

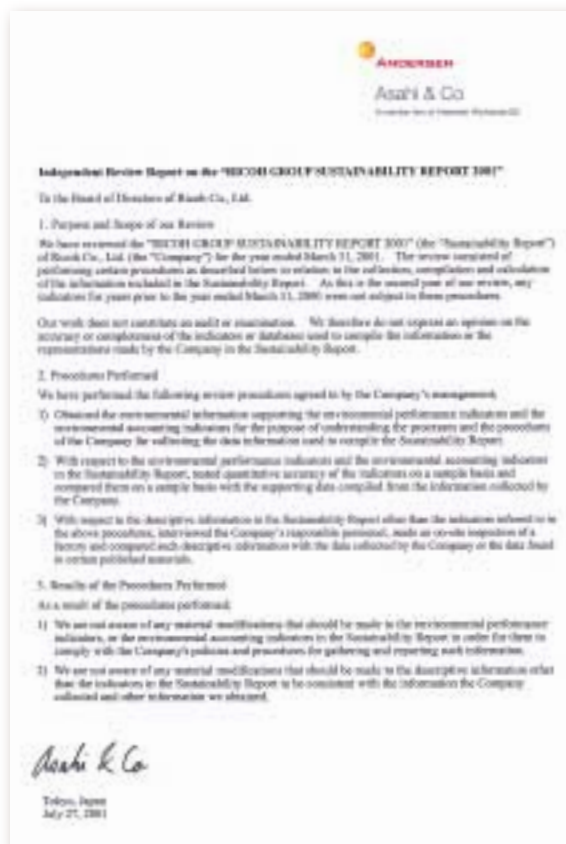
Ricoh Group Sustainability Report 2002 will be published in the autumn of 2002.

Editor's Postscript

The Ricoh Group's 2001 environmental report was based on GRI Guidelines and included new sections on the social and economic effects of the Ricoh Group's environmental conservation activities. Accordingly, the report's title was changed from *Ricoh Group Environmental Report* to *Ricoh Group Sustainability Report*. In addition, descriptions on environmental accounting, the progress of LCA research, and global examples were greatly expanded after carefully examining the necessity of including such information. As a result, the 2001 report contains 74 pages, whereas the 2000 report contained only 60 pages.

In a questionnaire on the 2000 report, 16 respondents commented that the report was useful as a reference while five criticized the report for being too long and technical. In future versions, improvements will be made in the amount of information given and the understandability of the content.

To make the Ricoh Group's environmental report more accurate and more substantial, the Group collected data itself for almost all examples shown in past reports. For the 2001 report, new data was collected directly from overseas affiliates in France, the U.K., the U.S., and Mexico as well as sites where Ricoh Group forest preservation programs were being implemented. Also for future reports, data that is useful to more people in carrying out environmental conservation activities will continue to be collected, and information based on data that the Group carefully collects by itself will be disclosed.



Ricoh Group Sustainability Report 2001 was reviewed by Asahi & Co., an audit firm as per above to ensure the credibility of the environmental performance data and environmental accounting data included in the report. Asahi & Co. was the independent party reviewer of the 2001 report as well as

the 2000 report in the previous year.

Comments from Asahi & Co., apart from its official independent party review, are as follows.



Mr. Ryuta Uozumi, Ms. Naoko Kawahara, and Ms. Noriko Irie of Asahi & Co. inspecting the Fukui Plant

The Ricoh Group has made efforts to promote environmental management and has regarded environmental conservation as an important management principle.

● Reference to GRI Guidelines

The 2001 report is structured based on GRI Guidelines, which includes descriptions on the social and economic effects of the Group's environmental conservation activities.

● Promotion of an environmental action plan throughout the Ricoh Group

An environmental action plan was made for the entire Ricoh Group, including overseas affiliates, and each Group company is sincerely implementing it.

● Sophisticated environmental management

Ricoh made efforts to ensure that all of its affiliates and domestic business sites obtain ISO 14001 certification within fiscal 2001.

● Promotion of environmental accounting and building of environmental information systems

Ricoh promotes environmental accounting and builds environmental information systems at all of its domestic and overseas affiliates and domestic business sites.

● Further contributions to society through environmental conservation activities

The Ricoh Group contributes to the creation of a resource-recirculating society by conducting environmental volunteer activities and holding lectures on environmental issues.

Asahi & Co. expects the Ricoh Group to achieve further improvement of environmental management.