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JT Group recognized as a global leader in sustainable water management

Company listed on CDP's 'A List' for water security for the first time

Japan Tobacco (JT) (TSE: 2914) is recognized as a global leader in sustainable water management, achieving a place on global environmental impact non-profit CDP's prestigious 'A List'¹ for water security for the first time. This follows last month's announcement² that the JT Group had been recognized in CDP's 'A List' for climate change.



"We are honored to be included in CDP's Water Security 'A List' for the first time, following our recognition in CDP's 'A List' for climate change in the same period. This clearly reflects our continued holistic approach to address environmental issues particularly water risks that can have a major impact on society and our business," said Kazuhito Yamashita, Senior Vice President, Chief Sustainability Officer, Compliance and General Affairs. "We will continue our work to tackle environmental challenges and thus fulfill our social responsibility to help achieve a sustainable society."

The Company launched its "[JT Group Environment Plan 2030](#)" last year, reflecting changes in its business and societal expectations, which sets key targets including reducing water withdrawal associated with its tobacco business by 15%.

The JT Group plans to achieve the target by using less freshwater for factory site irrigation, reducing water use in its processes, improving leak control, using more recycled water, and improving cleaning practices. This target was calculated taking into account the estimates of future water stress in the communities we operate in.

In addition, the JT Group is also progressing well in understanding water risk and use in its supply chain. It will implement a water risk management process in its manufacturing supply chain by 2022. With the plan, the JT Group will support global water stewardship by reducing its water

¹ CDP scores businesses from D- to A while recognizing companies on their environmental performance journey through disclosure to awareness, management, and finally to leadership. CDP's A List recognizes the world's businesses leading on environmental performance.

² Please refer to https://www.jt.com/media/news/2020/pdf/20200121_E01.pdf for more details.

withdrawal and by encouraging water risk management in the supply chain.

About CDP

CDP (HQ: London) is the leading international non-profit organization that accelerates action to achieve sustainable economies, assessing disclosure and actions by corporations from around the world. Representing over 500 investors with assets of US\$96 trillion, CDP sends out questionnaires to companies listed on stock exchanges worldwide, asking them about their activities for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and then evaluates the answers and publishes the scores.

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Japan Tobacco Inc. is a leading international tobacco company with operations in more than 130 countries. With over 63,000 employees, it manufactures and sells some of the world's best-known brands including Winston, Camel, MEVIUS and LD. The JT Group is committed to investing in Reduced-Risk Products (RRP) and currently markets its tobacco vapor products under the Ploom brand and various e-cigarette products under the Logic brand. The Group is also present in the pharmaceutical and processed food businesses. For more information, visit <https://www.jt.com/>.

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