

Respect for Human Rights

The Hitachi Metals Group stipulates respect for human rights in the Hitachi Metals Group Code of Conduct and the supplementary Hitachi Metals Group Human Rights Policy. Our basic stance is to respect and work to refrain from infringing on the rights of all persons involved in our business operations.

The Hitachi Metals Group Human Rights Policy in Practice

We formulated the Hitachi Metals Group Human Rights Policy in December 2013. This policy recognizes the human rights stated in the International Declaration of Human Rights and in the ILO (International Labour Organization) Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work as the minimum levels of those rights. It clearly states that the Hitachi Metals Group pursues measures to observe the international principles of human rights. Specifically, we will implement human rights due diligence and appropriate education on the basis of the

UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, together with strictly observing the laws of the regions and countries in which we do business.

We put the Hitachi Metals Group Human Rights Policy in practice, and are continuously working on initiatives such as raising the awareness of Directors and employees, and establishing hotlines to promote the creation of a corporate culture in which human rights abuses do not occur.

Initiatives on Human Rights Due Diligence

Human rights due diligence refers to defining and assessing impacts on human rights, taking action to prevent and redress negative impacts, and continually validating the effects of that action. The Hitachi Metals Group will assess the actual and potential impact on human rights resulting from the business activities of the Company, our value chain, and develop countermeasures based on ranking human rights risks in terms

of “seriousness” and the “likelihood of occurring.”

We participate in human rights due diligence centered on Hitachi, Ltd. We study priorities and countermeasures, including assessments by the procurement division regarding the impact on human rights in our supply chain, and assessments by the human resources division regarding the impact on human rights of employees.

Human Rights Educational Activities and Harassment Prevention Efforts

We regularly use e-learning to conduct human rights education and training for each level of employee to systematically raise awareness of human rights (with 6,031 employees, on a consolidated basis, receiving human rights-related training in fiscal 2017). In addition, we established various harassment hotlines to incorporate the Hitachi Metals Group Human Rights Policy into all of our activities.

As our business activities expand rapidly on a global basis, we will enhance human rights awareness and support measures to prevent abuses of human rights based on differences of religion or nationality, the presence or absence of disabilities, gender, or other factors.