# KT&G TCFD Alignment & Plan

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Alignment & Plan



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# **TCFD Alignment Approach**

After becoming TCFD supporter in 2020, we aim to fully engage in disclosing actual and potential financial impact caused by climate change, complying with regulations, and setting mitigation targets.

#### **TCFD Recommendations**



KT&G Environmental Management Vision & Strategy

TCFD is an organization established by the International Financial Stability Board (FSB) that recommends companies to identify risks and opportunities related to climate change and disclose their financial impact.

# **KT&G Alignment Approach**

#### 01 Governance

- Improve governance for managing and supervising climate change-related risks and opportunities.
- Strengthen the roles of the BOD, management and working-level organizations that manage climate change and ESG issues.

#### 04 Targets & Metrics

- Disclose quantitative indicators to manage climate change-related risks/ opportunities.
- Set the target of mitigating climate change and monitor performance to tackle climate change.

### 02 Strategy

- Demonstrate climate change-related risks and opportunities.
- Analyze the impacts of climate changerelated risks and opportunities over businesses, strategies and finance.
- Analyze resilience of enterprise strategies according to climate change scenarios (below 2°C, 1.5°C).

#### 03 Risk Management

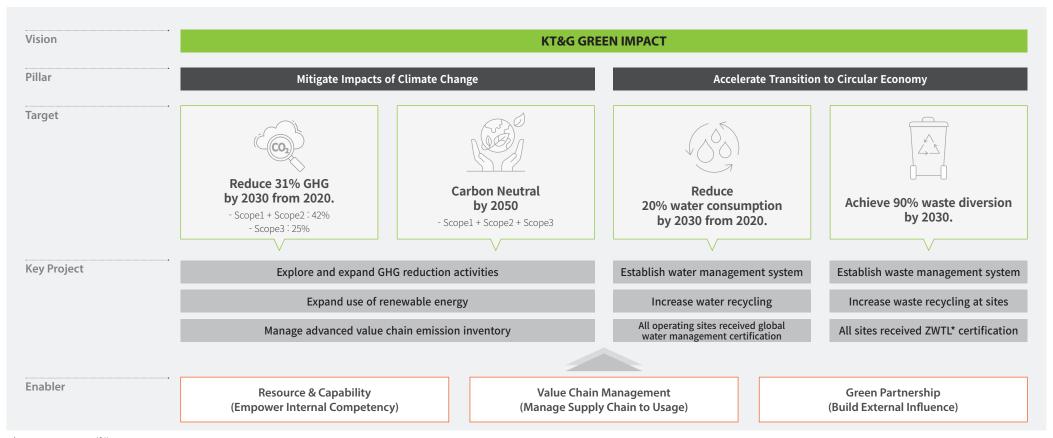
- Establish the process for identifying and managing physical/transition risks and opportunities due to climate change.
- Integrate the process of managing climate change-related risks and opportunities with enterprise risk management framework.

To respond to the growing demand of international stakeholders, KT&G is actively participating in tackling climate change. Also, we are committed to increasing disclosure on how we are addressing the effects of climate change by establishing a management system that complies with TCFD recommendations. We will continue updating the TCFD alignment status to effectively communicate with internal and external stakeholders.

# **KT&G Environmental Management Vision & Strategy**

KT&G has established our Environmental Management Vision & Strategy that includes commitment to our mid- and long-term environmental strategy to tackle climate change and transit to the circular economy and also to promoting our "Green Impact."

### Mid- to Long-term Environmental Management Vision & Strategy



1) Zero Waste to Landfill

KT&G has established sustainable environmental management strategies to create shared values for our own and stakeholders. We aim to minimize the environmental impact and accelerate transition to circular economy across our operations and overall value chain. In particular, we have set mid- to long-term targets and have derived key projects in the field of tackling climate change, mitigating GHG emissions, and water and waste management. We will build our internal competence, manage the value chain and build external partnerships to systematically implement the projects to achieve our targets and goals.

# Governance

KT&G has reorganized the governance to take actions against mid- and long-term climate change-related risks and has the ESG Planning Team under the Strategy & Planning Division as a Control Tower to discuss ESG issues comprehensively within the company.

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# **Climate Change Organization and R&R**



#### **ESG Committee**

Since September 2020, KT&G has discussed the ESG issues at the Board of Directors (BOD). For more in-depth discussion, KT&G established the ESG Committee in the BOD in February 2022. The ESG Committee examines the direction of the mid- and long-term strategy for tackling climate change depending on the enterprise ESG approach and manages and supervises the approval and implementation of major tasks every year.

### **ESG Steering Committee**

As an organization supporting chief officers to make decisions by consisting of directors from all business divisions, it discusses issues to reinforced climate change response from the aspects of enterprise integration.

### **ESG Planning Team**

As the ESG control tower directly under the CFO, the team is responsible for establishing an ESG/environmental management system that meets global standards.

#### **ESG/Environment Task Force**

The Task Force, which is composed of a working-level consultative body from all business fields, holds meetings for major ESG issues to establish and implement detailed strategic tasks and future plans depending on the ESG targets.

KT&G identifies the impacts of climate change over us by analyzing climate scenarios. We are establishing a strategic alignment plan against climate change and reinforcing the management system of risks and opportunity factors.

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#### **KT&G Climate Scenarios**

	1 1.5°C Scenario	2 +2.0°C Scenario		
Overview	• The immediate transition to a carbon-neutral economy begins to limit global warming to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels under the Paris Agreement as a global measure.	<ul> <li>Currently, no policy measures above the levels disclosed in each country are implemented, so a temperature increase above 2.6°C is applied.</li> </ul>		
Main assumptions	<ul> <li>The world is working together to achieve carbon neutrality, and various initiatives and key measures are implemented to reduce emissions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Although the transition risks are relatively low because climate change-related policy measures that cause transition risks are not implemented, the physical risks caused by climate change occur more frequently and extremely.</li> </ul>		
Rising temperature compared to pre-industrial levels	<ul> <li>Rising the temperature by 1.5°C-2.0°C compared to pre-industrial levels</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Rising temperature by more than 2.6°C compared pre-industrial levels</li> </ul>		
Risk-taking tendency	More transition risks	■ More physical risk		
Applied climate scenario models	Transition risks-based scenario model IEA Net Zero Emissions by 2050 Scenario (NZE) Physical risk scenario model IPCC WG2 AR5 CMIP5 mean model - RCP 2.6	Transition risks-based scenario model IEA Stated Policies Scenario (STEPS) Physical risk scenario model IPCC WG2 AR5 CMIP5 mean model - RCP 4.5		

### **Analysis of Climate Change Scenarios**

The analysis of climate change-related scenarios makes clearer the impacts of climate change over us in uncertain future, and helps resilience to cope with such issues depending on scenarios.

KT&G's climate change scenarios include climate changerelated physical and transition scenarios to meet the TCFD recommendations and evaluate risks, opportunities, and resilience in various climatic and environmental conditions. Our climate change scenarios were modeled for a longerterm situation by 2050 including by 2030 as corporate long-term point, and they were analyzed by referring to the scenarios disclosed through the International Energy Agency (IEA) and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

As the carbon-dependent economy moves toward a low-carbon economy, this leads various changes in policy, technology, market, and reputation, and accordingly, changes in KT&G's business environment can lead to various transition risks.

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### **Climate Change Transition Risks**

### Analysis of Impacts of KT&G's Transition Risks Depending on Climate Scenarios

Risk Classification		Risk	Connerios -	Planning Period				
			Scenarios	2025	2027	2030	2050	
Transition risks	Regulation	Carbon pricing	1					
			2					
		Strengthening the obligation to report GHG emissions	1					
			2					
		Obligations and regulations of the existing products and services	1					
			2					
	Technology	Introduction of lower carbon alternatives to existing	1					
		products and services	2					
		Low-carbon transition	1					
			2					
	Market	Changes in consumer behavior	1					
			2					
		Rising raw material costs	1					
			2					
	Reputation	Changes in consumer preferences	1					
			2					
		Prejudice against business field	1					
			2					
		Increase in stakeholders' concerns or negative views	1					
			2					

1	1.5°C Scenario

2 +2.0°C Scenario

Low Medium High Risk impact level

#### **Transition risks**

In order to evaluate the transition risks due to climate change, KT&G analyzed climate scenarios by setting assumptions for policies, carbon prices, and energy mixes suggested by the IEA as key variables.

The transition to the low-carbon economy increases the possibility of rising carbon prices, new regulations related to GHG emissions, and risks related to market and reputation, and such risks are observed to be relatively higher in the 1.5°C scenario with higher transition risks.

The impacts of technology or litigation risks are limited in both scenarios, but it is necessary to identify the trend and the current status through continuous monitoring because they have less importance as potential risk factors. Accordingly, KT&G has introduced the internal carbon pricing system to mitigate the impacts of risks to prepare against risks arising from carbon regulations and increased carbon prices in the future, and also has responded to relevant risks by setting mid- and long-term goals and making investments to reduce GHG emissions.

The physical risks caused by climate change can affect the loss of capital such as KT&G's production facilities and various infrastructures and deterioration of productivity, and can also affect risks at the step of procurement such as prices of raw materials and supply chains.

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### **Physical Risks from Climate Change**

### Analysis of Impacts of KT&G's Physical Risks Depending on Climate Scenarios

Risk Classification		Risk	Samoria	Planning Period				
			Scenario -	2025	2027	2030	2050	
Physical risks	Acute	Typhoon, hurricane	1					
			2					
		Heavy rain and flooding	1					
			2					
		Wildfire 1	1					
			2					
		Heat wave —	1					
			2					
	Gradual	Change in rainfall ———	1					
			2					
		Change in temperature ———	1					
			2					
		Lack of water —	1					
			2					
		Rising sea level —	1					
			2					

1 1.5°C Scenario

2 +2.0°C Scenario

Low Medium High Risk impact level

# **Physical risks**

To assess physical risks, KT&G identified the impacts of acute risks, including typhoons, hurricanes, heavy rains, and wildfires, and those of gradual risks, such as changes in rainfall or temperature and rising sea level.

Unlike the transition risks, the physical risks were assessed to be higher than those in the +2.0°C scenario, and it was confirmed that the time of expansion of the impact was also earlier than that in the 1.5°C scenario. In addition, it was observed that the physical risks had less effects even under the 1.5°C scenario, but still had the impact.

Accordingly, when major disasters such as typhoons or floods occur, KT&G organizes and operates emergency response action plans for each business site, including disaster recovery, while operating its own risk assessment to identify and assess harmful risk factors for each business site. In addition, we have established and operated the damage recovery manual by each situation at all business sites to rapidly recover from damage upon an event of a disaster.

While climate change is a risk factor, it can also provide opportunity factors that can be used strategically. Climate change-related opportunities have a greater impact in the 1.5°C scenario as they occur primarily in the context of a transition to a low-carbon economy.

### **Opportunity Factors of Climate Change**

### Analysis of KT&G's Opportunity Factors Depending on Climate Scenarios

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Opportunity Classification		Opportunity	Scenario -	Planning Period					
				2025	2027	2030	30	2050	
Opportunity Factors of Climate Change	Products and	Increase in revenue by increased sales of eco-friendly and low-	1		•				
	Services	carbon products	2						
	Resilience	Securing core competitiveness by strengthening the capacity to	1						
		handle climate change-related risks	2						
	Resource	Reduction of operating costs through expansion of low-carbon	1						
	Efficiency	facilities	2						
			1 1.5°C Scenario			Low	Medium	High	
			2 +2.0°C Scenario		Opportunity Impact Level				

### **Opportunity factor**

#### Products & Services (O1)

By enhancing product sustainability expanding sales of low-carbon products and reducing waste, it is expected that we will proactively respond to consumers' needs for eco-friendly products and enhance resource circularity throughout the entire value chain.

#### Resilience (O2)

By participating in global initiatives related to climate change and renewable energy, we can contribute to developing mid- and long-term risk mitigation solutions and strengthening its capabilities.

### Resource Efficiency (O3)

By enhancing production facility performance and improving energy efficiency, we could reduce operation costs and energy costs and contribute to the transition to the low-carbon industry.

### **KT&G's Plan for Realizing Opportunities**

We aim to minimize the environmental load throughout the life-cycle of the product by developing products that meet consumer needs by utilizing eco-friendly materials and recycling returned NGP devices and promoting our sites to receive ZWTL certification.

By responding to global initiatives and external rating levels such as CDP Climate Change and CDP Water Security, we have strengthened internal capacity in environmental risk management such as mitigation in GHG emissions and water management.

We intend to reduce operating costs by mitigating GHG emissions through the improvement of energy efficiency and replacement to electric vehicles. Also, we aim to reduce GHG emissions throughout the value chain by distributing high-efficiency devices to tobacco leaf farms.



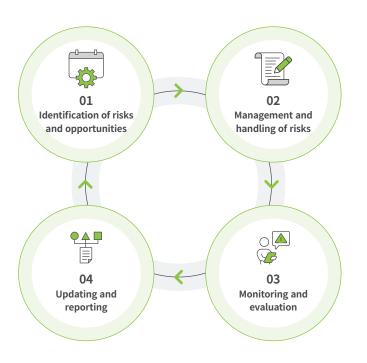


# 3 Risk Management

KT&G has established a climate change risk management process to cope with climate change. We plan to improve the risk management process by integrating it with the enterprise business strategy.

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### **Climate Change Risk Management Process**



Identification of risks and opportunities

**Management and** handling of risks

**Monitoring and** evaluation

**Updating and** reporting

KT&G uses its risk identification system to the level satisfying the TCFD Recommendations to analyze the possibility of physical and transition risks for each climate scenario, and assess risk impacts by considering the point of time in the short, mid and long term. It identifies potential risks and opportunities from climate change by evaluating importance on a quantified scale depending on the possibility and impact of occurrence.

We manage identified risks by setting measures against risks by individual risk types as the possibility and impact of each risk are different. We set the measures against risks as acceptance, avoidance and reduction depending on the characteristic of each assessed risk to reduce the impact of the risk by detailed action plans in connection with such measures.

We monitor the progress of the response activities to ensure that the activities of handing risks are working properly and evaluate their performance to derive progress against the targets and supplements.

We update the management list and materiality assessment on climate change-related risks and opportunity factors by monitoring climate change-related research data, climate, environment, and energy policy directions, and referring to response activities in the same industry, and opinions of engaged divisions, and report them to the ESG Committee.

### **Integrated Management of Enterprise Risks from Climate Change**

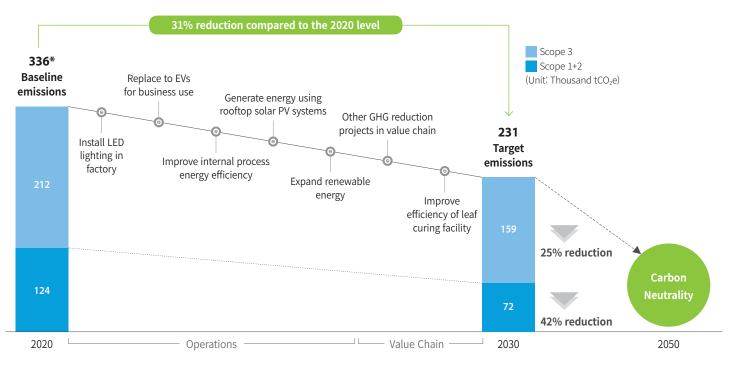
KT&G manages risks from climate change by integrating them into the enterprise risk management system. We divide all risks into financial and non-financial risks, and classify risks from climate change into non-financial risks and manage them. We carry out regular company-wide risk assessment and irregular assessment and management when risks occur or the possibility of such occurrence is changed due to changes in the internal and external environment. Depending on the type of risk, we are responding through an organization dedicated to each field and also reporting risks from climate change to the CFO and the ESG Committee in the BOD through the ESG Planning Team.

# 4 Targets/Metrics

KT&G has made efforts actively to respond to climate change by setting the goals of reducing GHG emissions by 31% (Scope 1+2: 42%, Scope 3: 25%) by 2030 compared to the 2020 level based on SBT<sup>1)</sup> and achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.

# Mid- and Long-term GHG Reduction Target and Implementation Plans

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\*Calculating external emissions (Scope 3) by additionally analyzing value chain including the steps of procurement of foreign leaf tobacco and transportation in 2022

**Reducing GHG emissions** in business sites and entire value chain by 31% by 2030 compared to the 2020 level and achieving carbon neutrality by 2050



KT&G has set an emissions reduction target based on SBT according to the Paris Agreement, which aims to curb average global temperature increase below 2°C and limit to 1.5°C compared to the pre-industrial level. We aim to reduce emissions by 31% (scope 1+2 42%, scope 3 25%) in the entire value chain by 2030 compared to the 2020 level, and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. To achieve our goals, we comprehensively consider the possibility to promote by item in the short term, the potential for reduction, effectiveness, etc., and we will proactively respond to climate change by improving energy efficiency in our operations and renewable energy power, etc.

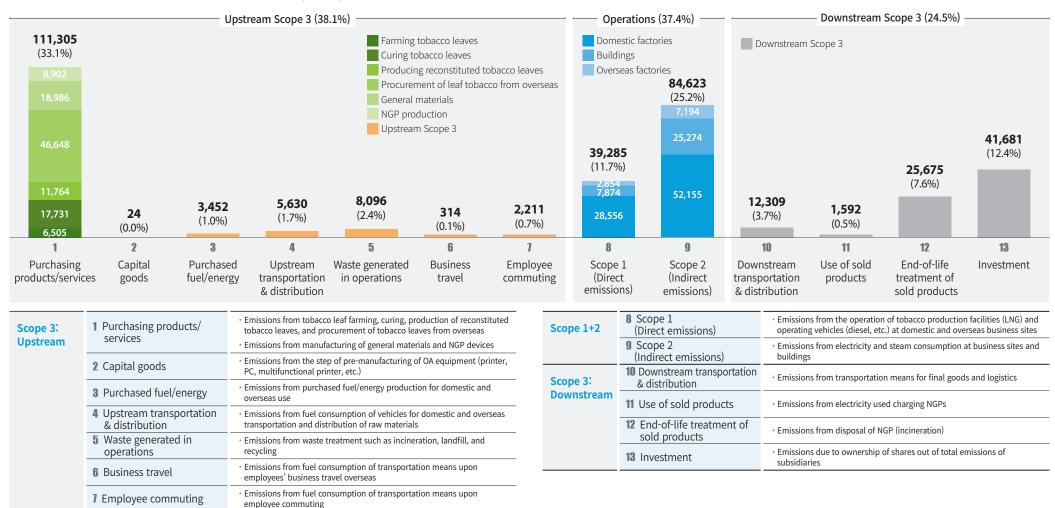
1) SBT: Science Based Target

# 4 Targets/Metrics

KT&G's total GHG emissions in 2020 amounted to 336,197 tons, which was at the ratio of 37% from operations (Scopes 1 and 2) to 63% for the value chain (Scope 3), and advanced inventory and external verification have been conducted to strengthen the management of GHG emissions.



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<sup>\*</sup> In 2020, the emissions in Scope 3 were the figure verified by DNV Business Assurance Korea (DNV) as a third-party verification organization, but may be changed later through advanced data management in the future.

# Policy and stakeholder engagement & Next Step

KT&G will disclose the implementation status for TCFD Recommendations on the KT&G report or official website and update them frequently to communicate with our stakeholders more transparently.

## Policy and stakeholder engagement

"KT&G will actively communicate with stakeholders by publishing annual results of its activities aimed at achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. We will also contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by working with governments and related agencies to achieve the goals consistent with the Paris Agreement, which seeks to limit global average temperature rise to well below 2°C and limit it to less than 1.5°C."

# **Next Step to Enhance TCFD Alignment**



We plan to continuously improve how to monitor climate-related risks by updating and changing data available in the analysis of climate-related scenarios to minimize uncertainty caused by mid- and long-term climate change risks.

We will advance the climate-related risk management process and examine the plan for responding to climate change according thereto to effectively manage and mitigate climate-related risks and identify new climate-related opportunities.



We will make efforts to expand and manage the responsibilities for GHG **emissions** due to our business activities in order to reduce the emissions in the value chain (Scope 3) by actively cooperating with business partners.

We promote an environmental management system that meets stakeholders' expectations by transparently disclosing the performance of the mid- and long-term GHG reduction goal annually.