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Overview

KT&G Corporation(hereafter “KT&G”) pursues shared growth, which aspires a life closer to perfection with society at large and sustainable future. Based on sustainable agricultural policy, we aim to fulfil social responsibilities towards building a sustainable industrial ecosystem in running our day-to-day business and commit to drive shared growth with farmhouses who supply raw materials to the Company.

Objective of Policy Establishment

KT&G places best efforts to comply with all related laws and regulations, treat employees with respect, guarantee safe work environment and engage in business activities in an ethical manner. KT&G also expects all raw material farmhouses included in the Company’s supply chain and their partners to take their social, environmental and ethical responsibilities to the fullest. It is to this end the Company established sustainable agricultural policy(hereinafter “the policy”).

Scope of Application

The policy applies to Farmhouses and secondary suppliers(hereinafter referred to as “supply chains”) that supply raw materials to KT&G and affiliates including the Company’s domestic and overseas subsidiaries. We expect all farmhouses to cooperate with us on a sustainable basis so that they can uphold policy principles and implement farmhouse management program in good faith. The policy has been established upon approval by the Sustainability Committee, which is the sub-committee of the Board of Directors and need for revision is reported to ESG Committee for approval.

Basic Principles

KT&G observes and executes the followings in good faith in order to build a sustainable industrial ecosystem and maintain collaborative relations with supply chains that supply raw materials to the Company.

① Minimization of Environmental Impact and Support for Greenhouse Gas Reduction

Strongly recommend supply chains to minimize environmental impact in the farming and cultivation stages of raw materials such as leaf tobacco and ginseng and provide support to reducing greenhouse gas emissions based on savings in energy consumption.

② Efficient Use of Water

Expand water saving technologies or financial support to farmlands exposed to high water risk, thereby contribute to creating an environment conducive to efficient use of water for all supply chains.

③ Biodiversity Management

Share information on biodiversity with our supply chains growing raw materials to help them understand impact of KT&G’s supply chain on the ecosystem and manage it.

④ Protection of Soil Health

Provide guidance on cultivation throughout the year including soil management to support clean growth and cultivation of raw materials.

⑤ Others

- KT&G will provide guidelines(STP*, SGP** etc.) to secure the foundation for sustainable raw material sourcing, thereby ensure sustainability of raw material cultivation.
- KT&G will respect all farmers producing raw materials and will make efforts to prevent any act that infringes human rights.
- KT&G will introduce rigorous standards from the stage of soil management prior to cultivation to the stage of raw material procurement that is beyond what is required by government regulations. This will serve as the basis for the Company to assess safety of raw materials and to improve their quality on a sustainable basis.
- KT&G will go after shared growth with supply chains by engaging in healthy and collaborative relations and by supporting them to produce high-quality raw materials in abundance.

* Sustainable Tobacco Program

** Sustainable Ginseng Program

Any revision in the policy will be uploaded on KT&G’s official website for access to all. As always, KT&G will keep taking the lead in observing sustainable agricultural policy as a company that fulfills its social responsibilities and pursues sustainable growth and ESG management.