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Reporting Principles

This report was prepared in accordance with the ESG quantitative indicators : indicator definition book(included in the ESG Factbook appendix), which were referenced from global disclosure standards by POSCO.

Reporting Period

This report contains quantitative performance from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, and includes three years of data from 2021 to 2023 to enable trend analysis.

Reporting Scope

This report includes all domestic worksites(Pohang, Gwangyang, Seoul, Songdo) and some overseas production subsidiaries(PT KRAKATAU POSCO in Indonesia, POSCO YAMATO VINA in Vietnam, POSCO-Thainox in Thailand), as well as POSCO Zhangjiagang Stainless Steel in China and POSCO-Maharashtra in India, which are under entrusted management. Only information from 2023 is included for POSCO-Thainox and POSCO-Maharashtra.

Assurance

To ensure credibility of the reporting, this report was assured in accordance with ISAE 3000 by Samil PricewaterhouseCoopers, an independent assurance provider.

ESG DATA

Domestic Worksites

E (Environmental)

GHG Emissions

| GHG Emissions | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Direct/indirect emissions (Scope 1&2)¹⁾ | tCO ₂ e | 78,490,212 | 70,185,623 | 71,971,900 |
| Direct emissions (Scope1) | tCO ₂ e | 77,101,095 | 68,305,993 | 70,588,012 |
| Indirect emissions (Scope2) | tCO ₂ e | 1,389,117 | 1,879,630 | 1,383,895 |
| Direct/indirect emissions intensity (based on crude steel production, Scope 1&2) | tCO ₂ e/ton | 2.05 | 2.05 | 2.02 |
| Other indirect emissions (Scope 3)²⁾ | tCO ₂ e | 12,872,905 | 7,107,502 | 7,419,787 |
| Other indirect emissions (Scope 3, upstream) | tCO ₂ e | 5,038,027 | 4,570,474 | 5,229,508 |
| Purchased goods & services ^① | tCO ₂ e | 3,422,572 | 2,583,823 | 2,764,127 |
| Capital goods ^② | tCO ₂ e | - | 857 | 563 |
| Fuel and energy-related activities not included in Scope 1&2 ^③ | tCO ₂ e | - | 298,540 | 334,942 |
| Transportation of raw and subsidiary materials ^④ | tCO ₂ e | 1,605,907 | 1,537,143 | 1,926,052 |
| Waste generated in operations ^⑤ | tCO ₂ e | - | 141,520 | 195,608 |
| Business travel ^⑥ | tCO ₂ e | 174 | 346 | 486 |
| Employee commuting ^⑦ | tCO ₂ e | 9,374 | 8,245 | 7,730 |
| Other indirect emissions (Scope 3, downstream) | tCO ₂ e | 7,834,878 | 2,537,028 | 2,190,279 |
| Downstream transportation & distribution ^⑧ | tCO ₂ e | - | 489,786 | 26,936 |
| Downstream leased assets ^⑨ | tCO ₂ e | 2,087,193 | 1,888,240 | 1,974,893 |
| Downstream investments ^⑩ | tCO ₂ e | 5,747,685 | 159,002 | 188,450 |

1) The total of direct and indirect emissions is derived by truncating decimal points from each worksite's direct and indirect emissions (Scope 1 & 2), which may result in discrepancies

2) The calculation boundaries for all categories are restricted to Pohang and Gwangyang Steelworks

① This is limited to purchased raw materials that have the most direct impact on steel production among purchased products (including iron ore, coal, and limestone, which together account for over 90% of usage).

② Calculated based on assets acquired by POSCO in 2023, including steel mill equipment and vehicles

③ Emissions are calculated using the carbon footprint from the energy used by the steelworks

④ ⑧ Emissions from transportation of certain sold products, based on the terms of delivery (cost of freight), have been reclassified (downstream → upstream)

⑤ Calculated based on commissioned waste from worksites, utilizing data from the government's waste management system 'Allbaro Sys.'

⑥ ⑦ Calculated from the business travel and commuting data of employees at Pohang and Gwangyang Steelworks

⑨ Calculated from the Scope 1 & 2 emissions of the lime calcination plant leased by POSCO FUTURE M among leased assets

⑩ Increase compared to the previous year is due to the inclusion of emissions data from other investment companies

Energy

| Energy ¹⁾ | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total energy consumed | GJ | 380,052,800 | 333,781,599 | 354,002,733 |
| Energy directly consumed | GJ | 369,264,360 | 319,078,303 | 342,940,165 |
| Natural gas | GJ | 41,270,222 | 30,750,384 | 45,697,279 |
| Renewable fuel | GJ | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kerosene | GJ | 0 | 0 | 2,643 |
| Gasoline (total) | GJ | 4,587 | 6,249 | 5,569 |
| Gasoline (for vehicles) | GJ | 4,587 | 6,249 | 5,569 |
| Diesel (total) | GJ | 189,168 | 218,348 | 189,682 |
| Diesel (for vehicles) | GJ | 185,423 | 195,695 | 184,969 |
| LPG (total) | GJ | 34 | 30 | 0 |
| LPG (for vehicles) | GJ | 34 | 30 | 0 |
| Off-gas | GJ | 327,800,350 | 288,103,292 | 294,493,858 |
| Propane | GJ | 0 | 0 | 5,377 |
| Other fuels | GJ | 0 | 0 | 2,545,757 |
| Energy indirectly consumed | GJ | 10,788,169 | 14,703,073 | 11,058,453 |
| Electricity | GJ | 10,746,994 | 14,618,973 | 10,834,095 |
| Steam | GJ | 41,175 | 84,100 | 224,358 |
| Percentage of electricity consumed | % | 2.8 | 4.4 | 3.1 |
| Renewable energy consumed ²⁾ | GJ | 270 | 223 | 4,116 |
| Percentage of renewable energy consumed | % | 0.00007 | 0.00007 | 0.00116 |
| Total energy intensity (based on crude steel production) | GJ/ton | 9.9 | 9.8 | 9.9 |
| Electricity sold ³⁾ | GJ | 13,840 | 8,671 | 4,338 |

1) The energy consumption for 2021 and 2022 is limited to the Pohang/Gwangyang Steelworks, while the energy consumption for 2023 is on a company-wide basis. Total energy consumption includes K-ETS-based energy consumption and self-generated renewable energy consumption.

2) For 2021 and 2022, renewable energy consumption is limited to self-generated renewable energy consumption. For 2023, renewable energy consumption includes certified renewable energy consumption (purchased renewable energy and self-generated renewable energy consumption).

3) Applies only to renewable energy sales.

Water (Overall)

| Water (Overall) | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total water withdrawal | ton | 143,218,271 | 145,115,608 | 153,645,403 |
| Municipal water supply | ton | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Surface water | ton | 100,116,109 | 108,957,548 | 115,497,855 |
| Groundwater | ton | 6,298,260 | 3,451,420 | 4,154,290 |
| Desalinated water | ton | 7,390,041 | 3,608,003 | 5,044,618 |
| Treated municipal wastewater | ton | 29,413,861 | 29,098,637 | 28,948,640 |
| Total water withdrawn from regions with 'High' baseline water stress | ton | 0 | 0 | 79,009,396 |
| Total water withdrawn from regions with 'Extremely High' baseline water stress | ton | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Percentage of water withdrawn from regions with 'High' and 'Extremely High' baseline water stress | % | 0 | 0 | 51.42 |
| Total water withdrawn intensity (based on crude steel production) | ton/ton | 3.7 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| Total water consumed | ton | 68,353,529 | 73,375,512 | 72,416,383 |
| Total water withdrawn from regions with 'High' baseline water stress | ton | 0 | 0 | 35,888,873 |
| Total water withdrawn from regions with 'Extremely High' baseline water stress | ton | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Percentage of water withdrawn from regions with 'High' and 'Extremely High' baseline water stress | % | 0 | 0 | 49.56 |
| Total wastewater discharge | ton | 74,864,742 | 71,740,096 | 81,229,020 |
| Reused wastewater | ton | 47,804,712 | 44,625,210 | 40,390,660 |
| Percentage of reused wastewater¹⁾ | % | 25.0 | 23.5 | 20.8 |
| Number of worksites using recycled water | Count | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| TOC (Total Organic Carbon)²⁾ | ton | - | 96 | 291 |
| T-N | ton | 948 | 685 | 671 |
| SS | ton | 169 | 135 | 137 |

1) Data adjustment for 2021 and 2022 due to formula change

2) Measurements began in 2022, following the transition of the Ministry of Environment's metric for measuring organic substances in water pollutants to TOC. The 2022 performance data is limited to Gwangyang.

Water (Pohang)

| Water (Pohang) | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|---------|------|------|------------|
| Total water withdrawal | ton | - | - | 69,591,389 |
| Municipal water supply | ton | - | - | - |
| Surface water | ton | - | - | 36,488,459 |
| Groundwater | ton | - | - | 4,154,290 |
| Desalinated water | ton | - | - | - |
| Treated municipal wastewater | ton | - | - | 28,948,640 |
| Total water withdrawn from regions with 'High' baseline water stress | ton | - | - | - |
| Total water withdrawn from regions with 'Extremely High' baseline water stress | ton | - | - | - |
| Percentage of water withdrawn from regions with 'High' and 'Extremely High' baseline water stress | % | - | - | - |
| Total water withdrawn intensity (based on crude steel production) | ton/ton | - | - | 4.8 |
| Total water consumed | ton | - | - | 34,235,266 |
| Total water withdrawn from regions with 'High' baseline water stress | ton | - | - | - |
| Total water withdrawn from regions with 'Extremely High' baseline water stress | ton | - | - | - |
| Percentage of water withdrawn from regions with 'High' and 'Extremely High' baseline water stress | % | - | - | - |
| Reused wastewater | ton | - | - | 19,516,566 |
| Percentage of reused wastewater | % | - | - | 21.9 |

Water (Gwangyang)

| Water (Gwangyang) | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|---------|------|------|------------|
| Total water withdrawal | ton | - | - | 84,054,014 |
| Municipal water supply | ton | - | - | - |
| Surface water | ton | - | - | 79,009,396 |
| Groundwater | ton | - | - | - |
| Desalinated water | ton | - | - | 5,044,618 |
| Treated municipal wastewater | ton | - | - | - |
| Total water withdrawn from regions with 'High' baseline water stress | ton | - | - | 84,054,014 |
| Total water withdrawn from regions with 'Extremely High' baseline water stress | ton | - | - | - |
| Percentage of water withdrawn from regions with 'High' and 'Extremely High' baseline water stress | % | - | - | 100 |
| Total water withdrawn intensity (based on crude steel production) | ton/ton | - | - | 4.0 |
| Total water consumed | ton | - | - | 38,181,117 |
| Total water withdrawn from regions with 'High' baseline water stress | ton | - | - | 35,888,873 |
| Total water withdrawn from regions with 'Extremely High' baseline water stress | ton | - | - | - |
| Percentage of water withdrawn from regions with 'High' and 'Extremely High' baseline water stress | % | - | - | 94.0 |
| Reused wastewater | ton | - | - | 20,874,094 |
| Percentage of reused wastewater | % | - | - | 19.9 |

Waste

| Waste | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|--|---------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total waste generated | ton | 21,806,614 | 19,116,670 | 19,523,945 |
| Recycled | ton | 21,509,991 | 18,787,137 | 19,242,974 |
| Incinerated | ton | 60,302 | 62,031 | 52,034 |
| Landfilled | ton | 236,196 | 267,470 | 228,633 |
| Disposed in other ways | ton | 125 | 32 | 304 |
| General waste generated | ton | 21,712,129 | 19,020,091 | 19,415,454 |
| Recycled | ton | 21,433,251 | 18,727,793 | 19,184,667 |
| Incinerated | ton | 49,900 | 45,485 | 43,342 |
| Landfilled | ton | 228,978 | 246,813 | 187,445 |
| Disposed in other ways | ton | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Designated waste generated | ton | 94,485 | 96,579 | 108,491 |
| Recycled | ton | 76,740 | 59,344 | 58,307 |
| Incinerated | ton | 10,401 | 16,546 | 8,691 |
| Landfilled | ton | 7,219 | 20,657 | 41,188 |
| Disposed in other ways | ton | 125 | 32 | 304 |
| Total waste generated intensity (based on crude steel production) | ton/ton | 0.57 | 0.56 | 0.55 |
| Percentage of total waste recycled | % | 98.6 | 98.3 | 98.56 |

Resource recycling

| Resource recycling | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|--|------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total Blast furnace slag recycled | ton | 12,441,549 | 10,283,369 | 10,441,336 |
| Granulated slag recycled | ton | 11,454,700 | 9,422,994 | 8,902,915 |
| For cement industry | ton | 11,243,762 | 9,210,120 | 8,737,012 |
| For other uses, including fertilizer | ton | 210,938 | 212,874 | 165,903 |
| Air-cooled slag recycled | ton | 986,849 | 860,375 | 1,538,421 |

Air Pollutants

| Air Pollutants | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|--|------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total emissions of air pollutants | ton | 61,445 | 51,806 | 51,707 |
| NOx | ton | 35,755 | 27,877 | 27,796 |
| SOx | ton | 25,474 | 23,750 | 23,764 |
| Dust | ton | 216 | 180 | 147 |

Other Environmental Metrics

| Other Environmental Metrics | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|--|-------|------|------|------|
| Number of environmental regulation violations | Case | 12 | 9 | 12 |
| Number of water quality-related regulation violations | Case | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Number of administrative actions due to violations of environmental regulations and rules | Case | 11 | 9 | 12 |
| Administrative fines | Case | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Non-monetary penalties (improvement orders, etc.) | Case | 8 | 8 | 2 |
| Number of wastewater-related incidents | Case | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Percentage of zero-emission vehicles owned | % | 12 | 21 | 16 |
| Number of zero-emission vehicles owned | Count | 71 | 156 | 121 |
| Total number of vehicles owned | Count | 590 | 751 | 757 |

Environmental and Energy Management System

| Environmental and Energy Management System | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|--|-------|------|------|------|
| Environmental management system (ISO 14001) certification | | | | |
| Target worksites for certification | Count | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Worksites with certification | Count | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Certification rate | % | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Energy management system (ISO 50001) certification | | | | |
| Target worksites for certification | Count | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Worksites with certification | Count | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Certification rate | % | 100 | 100 | 100 |

S (Social)

Human Resources

| Human Resources | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total number of employees | Persons | 18,259 | 18,122 | 17,985 |
| Number of executives | Persons | 86 | 67 | 67 |
| By Gender | | | | |
| Males | Persons | 84 | 66 | 63 |
| Females | Persons | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Percentage of females | % | 2.3 | 1.5 | 6.0 |
| By Age | | | | |
| Under 30 years old | Persons | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 30-50 years old | Persons | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Over 50 years old | Persons | 84 | 67 | 67 |
| Number of employees excluding executives | Persons | 18,173 | 18,055 | 17,918 |
| By Gender | | | | |
| Males | Persons | 17,126 | 17,046 | 16,918 |
| Females | Persons | 1,047 | 1,009 | 1,000 |
| Percentage of females | % | 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.6 |
| By Age | | | | |
| Under 30 years old | Persons | 2,921 | 3,035 | 3,241 |
| 30-50 years old | Persons | 7,365 | 7,353 | 7,472 |
| Over 50 years old | Persons | 7,887 | 7,667 | 7,205 |
| Number of management employees ¹⁾ | Persons | 4,030 | 4,068 | 4,041 |
| By Gender | | | | |
| Males | Persons | 3,974 | 3,997 | 3,970 |
| Females | Persons | 56 | 71 | 71 |
| Percentage of females | % | 1.39 | 1.75 | 1.76 |
| By Age | | | | |
| Under 30 years old | Persons | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 30-50 years old | Persons | 1,088 | 1,193 | 1,363 |
| Over 50 years old | Persons | 2,942 | 2,874 | 2,676 |
| Number of regular employees (permanent) | Persons | 17,559 | 17,107 | 16,926 |
| By Gender | | | | |
| Males | Persons | 16,561 | 16,147 | 15,970 |
| Females | Persons | 998 | 960 | 956 |

| | | | | |
|---|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Percentage of females | % | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.65 |
| Percentage of regular employees (permanent) | % | 96.2 | 94.4 | 94.1 |
| Number of contingent employees (contractors) | Persons | 685 | 1,007 | 1,052 |
| By Gender | | | | |
| Males | Persons | 635 | 957 | 1,004 |
| Females | Persons | 50 | 50 | 48 |
| Percentage of females | % | 7.3 | 5.0 | 4.6 |
| Percentage of contingent employees (contractors) | % | 3.8 | 5.6 | 5.9 |
| Total new hires | Persons | 1,192 | 1,336 | 1,512 |
| By Gender | | | | |
| Males | Persons | 1,114 | 1,276 | 1,467 |
| Females | Persons | 78 | 60 | 45 |
| Percentage of females | % | 6.5 | 4.5 | 3.0 |
| By Age | | | | |
| Under 30 years old | Persons | 681 | 882 | 974 |
| 30-50 years old | Persons | 78 | 103 | 119 |
| Over 50 years old | Persons | 433 | 351 | 419 |
| Total employee turnover | Persons | 1,070 | 1,180 | 962 |
| Turnover rate | % | 5.6 | 6.5 | 5.3 |
| Number of voluntary departures | Persons | 359 | 568 | 424 |
| Voluntary departure rate | % | 2 | 3.1 | 2.3 |
| Number of involuntary departures | Persons | 711 | 612 | 538 |
| Retirements at mandatory age | Persons | 691 | 588 | 519 |
| Layoffs | Persons | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other reasons for departure | Persons | 20 | 24 | 19 |
| Number of employees subjected to regular performance evaluations ²⁾ | Persons | 15,819 | 15,300 | 15,663 |
| By Gender | | | | |
| Males | Persons | 14,952 | 14,464 | 14,795 |
| Females | Persons | 867 | 836 | 868 |
| By employment type | | | | |
| Non fixed-term employees (permanent) | Persons | 15,663 | 15,137 | 15,492 |
| Fixed-term employees (contract-based) | Persons | 156 | 163 | 171 |
| Number of employees with disabilities | Persons | 588 | 565 | 580 |
| Number of employed veterans | Persons | 711 | 738 | 705 |

1) Data adjustment for 2021 and 2022 due to changes in internal management criteria.

2) Data adjustment for 2021 and 2022 due to aggregation errors in some metric data.

Work-Life Balance

| Work-life balance | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|--|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| Number of employees using flexible work arrangements | Persons | 4,935 | 5,316 | 8,185 |
| Number of employees using infertility vacation | Persons | 85 | 81 | 111 |
| Parental leave | | | | |
| Total parental leave-takers | Persons | 106 | 152 | 260 |
| Males | Persons | 57 | 96 | 156 |
| Females | Persons | 49 | 56 | 104 |
| Employees returning from parental leave | Persons | 121 | 141 | 249 |
| Males | Persons | 46 | 79 | 149 |
| Females | Persons | 75 | 62 | 100 |

Training

| Training | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total training hours | Hours | 1,332,271 | 1,769,947 | 1,808,072 |
| Average training hours per person | Hours/Person | 73 | 98 | 100.53 |
| Total training cost | KRW million | 26,954 | 22,938 | 31,934 |
| Average training cost per person | KRW million/ Person | 1.48 | 1.27 | 1.78 |
| Occupational safety training | | | | |
| Number of employees who completed compulsory occupational safety training ¹⁾ | Persons | - | 73,964 | 82,366 |
| Information security training | | | | |
| Total training hours | Hours | 31,953 | 24,338 | 14,228 |
| Number of employees who completed compulsory information security training | Persons | 17,589 | 17,180 | 17,073 |
| Non fixed-term employees (permanent) | Persons | 16,795 | 16,158 | 15,980 |
| Fixed-term employees (contract-based) | Persons | 794 | 1,022 | 1,093 |

¹⁾ Duplicate calculation of completers based on mandatory training completion criteria

Retirement Pension Plans

| Retirement Pension Plans | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Defined Benefit (DB) Retirement Pension | | | | |
| Current value of defined benefit liabilities | KRW million | 1,330,938 | 1,193,500 | 1,259,340 |
| Fair value of plan assets | KRW million | 1,543,469 | 1,475,606 | 1,557,782 |
| Recognition of net asset amount under defined benefit plans | KRW million | 212,531 | 282,106 | 298,442 |

Labor-Management Relations

| Labor-Management relations | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|--|-------|------|------|------|
| Percentage of employees under collective bargaining agreements | % | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Number of strikes causing work stoppages | Count | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Safety

| Safety | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------|------|------|
| LTIR | Person/200,000 hours | 0.10 | 0.19 | 0.07 |
| Employee LTIR | Person/200,000 hours | 0.10 | 0.11 | 0.03 |
| Contractor LTIR | Person/200,000 hours | 0.10 | 0.25 | 0.10 |
| LTIFR | Person/1 million hours | 0.51 | 0.93 | 0.35 |
| Employee LTIFR | Person/1 million hours | 0.52 | 0.56 | 0.17 |
| Contractor LTIFR | Person/1 million hours | 0.51 | 1.26 | 0.50 |
| TRIR ¹⁾ | Person/200,000 hours | - | 0.35 | 0.34 |
| Employee TRIR | Person/200,000 hours | - | 0.27 | 0.35 |
| Contractor TRIR | Person/200,000 hours | - | 0.41 | 0.32 |
| TRIFR ¹⁾ | Person/1 million hours | - | 1.73 | 1.67 |
| Employee TRIFR | Person/1 million hours | - | 1.37 | 1.76 |
| Contractor TRIFR | Person/1 million hours | - | 2.06 | 1.60 |
| Accident rate | % | 0.06 | 0.13 | 0.07 |
| Employee accident rate | % | 0.04 | 0.08 | 0.02 |
| Contractor accident rate | % | 0.09 | 0.19 | 0.13 |
| Fatality rate | ‰ | 0.29 | 0.30 | 0 |
| Employee fatality rate | ‰ | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Contractor fatality rate | ‰ | 0.60 | 0.63 | 0 |

| Employees | | | | |
|--|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| Number of employee LTIs | Persons | 19 | 20 | 6 |
| Number of employee TRIs ¹⁾ | Persons | - | 49 | 62 |
| Number of employee fatalities | Persons | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Number of employees injured in accidents | Persons | 7 | 14 | 4 |
| Number of employee near-miss accidents | Cases | 5,149 | 6,391 | 5,987 |
| Contractors | | | | |
| Number of Contractor LTIs | Persons | 20 | 50 | 20 |
| Number of Contractor TRIs ¹⁾ | Persons | - | 82 | 64 |
| Number of Contractor fatalities | Persons | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Number of Contractor employees injured in accidents | Persons | 15 | 30 | 16 |
| Number of Contractor near-miss accidents | Cases | 362 | 289 | 1,909 |
| Safety and Health Management System (ISO 45001/OHSAS 18001/KOSHA-MS) Certification | | | | |
| Target worksites for certification | Count | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Worksites with certification | Count | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Certification rate | % | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Quality Management System (ISO 9001 or IATF 16949) Certification | | | | |
| Target worksites for certification | Count | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Worksites with certification | Count | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Certification rate | % | 100 | 100 | 100 |

¹⁾ By identifying and addressing even minor incidents, preventive metrics have been introduced and managed to prevent major accidents (since 2022).

CSR Activity Achievements

| CSR Activity Achievements | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|--|--------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Employee volunteering | | | | |
| Hours volunteered | Hours | 296,729 | 346,855 | 402,945 |
| Number of volunteers | Persons | 12,024 | 13,096 | 13,589 |
| Volunteer hours per person | Hours/Person | 16 | 19 | 21.8 |
| Employee volunteering participation rate | % | 67 | 73 | 73.6 |
| CSR expenses | KRW million | 49,115 | 54,257 | 52,171 |
| Donations ¹⁾ | KRW million | 38,891 | 47,970 | 47,129 |
| Investment in local communities | KRW million | 9,323 | 5,306 | 4,788 |
| Other | KRW million | 901 | 982 | 254 |

¹⁾ CSR expenses in 2021, excluding expenses related to the GEM matching fund, has been revised from KRW 49.45 billion to KRW 49.11 billion.

Supply Chain Management

| Supply Chain Management | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Supplier Relationship Management (SRM) assessments | | | | |
| Total number of suppliers | Count | 1,469 | 1,408 | 1,380 |
| Number of assessed suppliers | Count | 1,159 | 1,182 | 1,132 |
| Percentage of assessed suppliers | % | 78.9 | 83.9 | 82.02 |

G(Governance)

Production Information

| Production Information | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|------|--------|--------|--------|
| Crude steel produced | kt | 38,263 | 34,219 | 35,682 |
| Blast furnace/converter | kt | 36,907 | 33,255 | 34,625 |
| Electric arc furnace | kt | 1,356 | 964 | 1,057 |
| Percentage from blast furnace/converter | % | 96.5 | 97.2 | 97.03 |
| Percentage from electric arc furnace | % | 3.5 | 2.8 | 2.96 |
| Main raw material consumed | | | | |
| Iron ore | Mt | 55.6 | 49.1 | 50.3 |
| Metallurgical coal | Mt | 25.4 | 22.7 | 23.2 |
| Limestone | Mt | 6.9 | 5.5 | 5.5 |

Fair Trade/Anti-Corruption

| Fair Trade/Anti-Corruption | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| Number of employees who completed fair trade training ¹⁾ | Persons | 3,136 | 3,783 | 3,836 |
| Fair trade law violations | | | | |
| Total number of instances for which fines were incurred for unfair competition and violation of the fair trade compliance | Cases | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Number of ongoing cases | Cases | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Number of resolved cases | Cases | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total number of instances for which non-monetary sanctions were incurred | Cases | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Number of ongoing cases | Cases | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Number of resolved cases | Cases | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total monetary value of fines for instances of unfair competition and violation of the fair trade compliance | KRW | 0 | 0 | 0 |

¹⁾ Based on the individual completion of training programs, which may result in double counting the same individuals

Ethics

| Ethics | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Number of ethics reports filed | Cases | 322 | 403 | 420 |
| Corruption | Cases | 107 | 165 | 124 |
| Violations of human rights | Cases | 34 | 46 | 68 |
| Abuse of power | Cases | 19 | 16 | 23 |
| Other | Cases | 162 | 176 | 205 |
| Number of resolved ethics reports | Cases | 322 | 403 | 420 |
| Ethics training | | | | |
| Total training hours | Hours | 36,444 | 35,198 | 23,320 |
| Number of participants who completed compulsory ethics training | Persons | 18,222 | 17,599 | 17,490 |

Domestic and International Subsidiaries

E (Environmental)

GHG Emissions

| GHG Emissions ¹⁾ | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Direct/indirect emissions (Scope 1&2) | tCO ₂ e | 86,839,473 | 78,597,749 | 80,670,542 |
| Direct emissions (Scope 1) | tCO ₂ e | 84,175,763 | 75,459,988 | 77,733,232 |
| Indirect emissions (Scope 2) | tCO ₂ e | 2,663,710 | 3,137,761 | 2,937,316 |
| Direct/indirect emissions intensity ²⁾ (Based on crude steel production, Scope 1&2) | tCO ₂ e/ton | 2.02 | 2.03 | 2.02 |

1) The 2023 emissions of overseas subsidiaries have not been subject to third-party verification by a GHG verification agency.

2) Rolling mills that do not produce crude steel (POSCO Maharashtra, POSCO Thainox) are excluded.

Energy

| Energy | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total energy consumed | GJ | 421,703,663 | 375,227,502 | 399,524,674 |
| Energy directly consumed | GJ | 400,355,301 | 350,246,630 | 376,575,153 |
| Coal | GJ | 481,616 | 455,618 | 578,042 |
| Natural gas | GJ | 46,499,182 | 35,806,533 | 53,490,729 |
| Gasoline (total) | GJ | 4,587 | 6,249 | 7,234 |
| Diesel (total) | GJ | 350,923 | 395,479 | 380,995 |
| LPG (total) | GJ | 34 | 30 | 2,837 |
| Off-gas | GJ | 353,018,961 | 313,582,720 | 319,561,539 |
| Others | GJ | 0 | 0 | 2,553,777 |
| Energy indirectly consumed | GJ | 21,341,433 | 24,973,020 | 22,716,209 |
| Electricity | GJ | 19,549,609 | 23,178,662 | 20,847,918 |
| Steam | GJ | 1,791,824 | 1,794,358 | 1,868,291 |
| Renewable energy consumed | GJ | 6,928 | 7,852 | 233,314 |
| Total energy intensity (based on crude steel production) ¹⁾ | GJ/ton | 9.8 | 9.7 | 10.0 |
| Electricity sold | GJ | 2,910,784 | 2,925,795 | 2,914,377 |

1) Rolling mills that do not produce crude steel (POSCO Maharashtra, POSCO Thainox) are excluded.

Water

| Water | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|--|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total water withdrawal ¹⁾ | ton | 157,593,396 | 158,824,531 | 170,812,894 |
| Municipal water supply | ton | 9,947,095 | 9,536,820 | 12,877,787 |
| Surface water | ton | 104,544,139 | 113,129,651 | 119,787,559 |
| Groundwater | ton | 6,298,260 | 3,451,420 | 4,154,290 |
| Desalinated water | ton | 7,390,041 | 3,608,003 | 5,044,618 |
| Treated municipal wastewater | ton | 29,413,861 | 29,098,637 | 28,948,640 |
| Total water withdrawn from regions with 'High' baseline water stress | ton | - | - | 89,212,884 |
| Total water withdrawn from regions with 'Extremely High' baseline water stress | ton | - | - | 0 |
| Total water withdrawn intensity ²⁾ (based on crude steel production) | ton/ton | 3.7 | 4.1 | 4.3 |
| Total water consumed | ton | 79,035,722 | 83,411,991 | 85,469,418 |
| Total water withdrawn from regions with 'High' baseline water stress | ton | - | - | 43,323,450 |
| Total water withdrawn from regions with 'Extremely High' baseline water stress | ton | - | - | 0 |
| Total wastewater discharge | ton | 78,557,674 | 75,412,540 | 85,343,476 |
| Reused wastewater | ton | 49,740,878 | 46,422,080 | 42,810,429 |
| Percentage of reused wastewater ³⁾ | % | 24.0 | 22.6 | 20.0 |
| Number of worksites using recycled water | Count | 5 | 5 | 6 |

1) Data update for 2021 and 2022 (Management criteria change)

2) Rolling mills that do not produce crude steel (POSCO Maharashtra, POSCO Thainox) are excluded.

3) Data adjustment for 2021 and 2022 due to formula change

Air Pollutants

| Air Pollutants | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|--|------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total emissions of air pollutants ¹⁾ | ton | 76,865 | 64,887 | 65,083 |
| NOx | ton | 43,121 | 34,416 | 34,403 |
| SOx | ton | 30,974 | 28,298 | 28,500 |
| Dust | ton | 2,770 | 2,174 | 2,178 |

1) POSCO Maharashtra and POSCO Thainox comply with country-specific regulations, but their emissions are measured using concentration standards (ppm) and are therefore not included in the total air pollutant emissions.

Environmental and Energy Management System

| Environmental and Energy Management System | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|--|-------|------|------|------|
| Environmental management system (ISO 14001) certification | | | | |
| Target worksites for certification | Count | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| Worksites with certification | Count | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| Certification rate | % | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Waste

| Waste ¹⁾ | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|--|---------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total waste generated | ton | 23,969,604 | 21,434,230 | 21,850,026 |
| Recycled | ton | 23,654,146 | 21,085,401 | 21,529,069 |
| Incinerated | ton | 64,944 | 66,795 | 57,401 |
| Landfilled | ton | 236,469 | 267,486 | 231,224 |
| Disposed in other ways | ton | 14,045 | 14,548 | 32,332 |
| General waste generated | ton | 23,412,389 | 20,903,291 | 21,211,451 |
| Recycled | ton | 23,130,060 | 20,607,298 | 20,965,635 |
| Incinerated | ton | 53,351 | 49,180 | 47,357 |
| Landfilled | ton | 228,978 | 246,813 | 187,480 |
| Disposed in other ways | ton | - | - | 10,979 |
| Designated waste generated | ton | 557,215 | 530,939 | 638,574 |
| Recycled | ton | 524,086 | 478,103 | 563,434 |
| Incinerated | ton | 11,592 | 17,615 | 10,045 |
| Landfilled | ton | 7,492 | 20,673 | 43,743 |
| Disposed in other ways | ton | 14,045 | 14,548 | 21,353 |
| Total waste generated intensity (based on crude steel production) ²⁾ | ton/ton | 0.56 | 0.55 | 0.55 |
| Percentage of total waste recycled ²⁾ | % | 98.68 | 98.37 | 98.53 |

¹⁾ Data adjustments for 2021 and 2022 are due to error correction.

²⁾ Rolling mills that do not produce crude steel (POSCO Maharashtra, POSCO Thainox) are excluded.

S (Social)

Human Resources

| Human Resources ¹⁾ | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total number of employees | Persons | 22,976 | 23,181 | 24,340 |
| Number of executives | Persons | 92 | 76 | 84 |
| By Gender | | | | |
| Males | Persons | 90 | 75 | 80 |
| Females | Persons | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Percentage of females | % | 2.2 | 1.3 | 4.8 |
| By Age | | | | |
| Under 30 years old | Persons | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 30-50 years old | Persons | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| Over 50 years old | Persons | 90 | 76 | 78 |
| Number of employees excluding executives | Persons | 22,884 | 23,105 | 24,256 |
| By Gender | | | | |
| Males | Persons | 21,444 | 21,692 | 22,735 |
| Females | Persons | 1,440 | 1,413 | 1,521 |
| Percentage of females | % | 6.29 | 6.12 | 6.27 |
| By Age | | | | |
| Under 30 years old | Persons | 4,496 | 4,618 | 4,764 |
| 30-50 years old | Persons | 10,295 | 10,581 | 11,854 |
| Over 50 years old | Persons | 8,093 | 7,906 | 7,638 |
| Number of management employees | Persons | 4,388 | 4,472 | 4,640 |
| By Gender | | | | |
| Males | Persons | 4,296 | 4,357 | 4,507 |
| Females | Persons | 92 | 115 | 133 |
| Percentage of females | % | 2.10 | 2.57 | 2.87 |
| By Age | | | | |
| Under 30 years old | Persons | 19 | 13 | 8 |
| 30-50 years old | Persons | 1,383 | 1,541 | 1,849 |
| Over 50 years old | Persons | 2,986 | 2,918 | 2,783 |
| Number of regular employees (permanent) | Persons | 21,914 | 21,793 | 22,869 |
| By Gender | | | | |
| Males | Persons | 20,573 | 20,484 | 21,448 |
| Females | Persons | 1,341 | 1,309 | 1,421 |

| | | | | |
|---|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| Percentage of females | % | 6.12 | 6.01 | 6.21 |
| Percentage of regular employees (permanent) | % | 95.38 | 94.01 | 93.96 |
| Number of contingent employees (contractors) | Persons | 1,047 | 1,380 | 1,464 |
| By Gender | | | | |
| Males | Persons | 947 | 1,276 | 1,360 |
| Females | Persons | 100 | 105 | 104 |
| Percentage of females | % | 9.6 | 7.6 | 7.1 |
| Percentage of contingent employees (contractors) | % | 4.6 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| Total new hires | Persons | 1,502 | 1,663 | 1,807 |
| By Gender | | | | |
| Males | Persons | 1,382 | 1,554 | 1,729 |
| Females | Persons | 120 | 109 | 78 |
| Percentage of females | % | 7.99 | 6.55 | 4.32 |
| By Age | | | | |
| Under 30 years old | Persons | 883 | 1,146 | 1,139 |
| 30-50 years old | Persons | 154 | 144 | 215 |
| Over 50 years old | Persons | 465 | 373 | 453 |
| Total employee turnover | Persons | 1,334 | 1,424 | 1,287 |
| Turnover rate ¹⁾ | % | 5.46 | 6.17 | 5.53 |
| Number of voluntary departures | Persons | 609 | 794 | 715 |
| Voluntary departure rate | % | 2.49 | 3.44 | 3.07 |
| Number of involuntary departures | Persons | 725 | 630 | 572 |
| Retirements at mandatory age | Persons | 699 | 598 | 537 |
| Layoffs | Persons | 2 | 4 | 11 |
| Other reasons for departure | Persons | 24 | 28 | 24 |

1) Data adjustments for 2021 and 2022 are due to changes in internal management criteria.

Safety

| Safety | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|-----------------|------------------------|------|------|------|
| LTIR | Person/200,000 hours | 0.08 | 0.14 | 0.06 |
| Employee LTIR | Person/200,000 hours | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.03 |
| Contractor LTIR | Person/200,000 hours | 0.08 | 0.19 | 0.08 |
| LTIFR | Person/1 million hours | 0.41 | 0.72 | 0.28 |
| Employee LTIFR | Person/1 million hours | 0.4 | 0.48 | 0.14 |

| | | | | |
|---|------------------------|------|------|------|
| Contractor LTIFR | Person/1 million hours | 0.42 | 0.94 | 0.39 |
| TRIR ¹⁾ | Person/200,000 hours | - | 0.27 | 0.26 |
| Employee TRIR | Person/200,000 hours | - | 0.23 | 0.28 |
| Contractor TRIR | Person/200,000 hours | - | 0.31 | 0.24 |
| TRIFR ¹⁾ | Person/1 million hours | - | 1.35 | 1.29 |
| Employee TRIFR | Person/1 million hours | - | 1.14 | 1.38 |
| Contractor TRIFR | Person/1 million hours | - | 1.53 | 1.22 |
| Accident rate | % | 0.05 | 0.10 | 0 |
| Employee accident rate | % | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.02 |
| Contractor accident rate | % | 0.07 | 0.14 | 0.09 |
| Fatality rate | ‰ | 0.22 | 0.23 | 0 |
| Employee fatality rate | ‰ | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Contractor fatality rate | ‰ | 0.44 | 0.46 | 0 |
| Employees | | | | |
| Number of employee LTIs | Persons | 19 | 22 | 7 |
| Number of employee TRIs 1) | Persons | - | 53 | 69 |
| Number of employee fatalities | Persons | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Number of employees injured in accidents | Persons | 7 | 14 | 5 |
| Contractors | | | | |
| Number of Contractor LTIs | Persons | 22 | 50 | 23 |
| Number of Contractor TRIs 1) | Persons | 2 | 82 | 71 |
| Number of Contractor fatalities | Persons | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Number of Contractor employees injured in accidents | Persons | 16 | 30 | 19 |
| Safety and Health Management System (ISO 45001/OHSAS 18001/KOSHA-MS) Certification | | | | |
| Target worksites for certification | Count | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| Worksites with certification | Count | 4 | 5 | 7 |
| Certification rate | % | 80 | 100 | 100 |
| Quality Management System (ISO 9001 or IATF 16949) Certification | | | | |
| Target worksites for certification | Count | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| Worksites with certification | Count | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| Certification rate | % | 100 | 100 | 100 |

¹⁾ By identifying and addressing even minor incidents, preventive metrics have been introduced and managed to prevent major accidents (since 2022).

G(Governance)

Production Information

| Production Data | Unit | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|------|--------|--------|--------|
| Crude steel produced | kt | 42,964 | 38,635 | 39,942 |
| Blast furnace/converter | kt | 40,043 | 36,285 | 37,630 |
| Electric arc furnace | kt | 2,921 | 2,350 | 2,312 |
| Percentage from blast furnace/converter | % | 93.2 | 93.9 | 94.2 |
| Percentage from electric arc furnace | % | 6.8 | 6.1 | 5.8 |

Verification Opinion Statement

GHG Emissions

POSCO Corporation

Verification Target

Korean Foundation for Quality (hereinafter 'KFQ') has conducted a verification of Greenhouse Gas Emissions (hereinafter 'GHG Inventory') of POSCO Corporation (hereinafter 'Company') for 2023.

Verification Scope

KFQ's verification covered on all facilities and emission sources under the operational control and organizational boundary of Company during 2023.

Verification Criteria

The verification process was based on [Rule for emission reporting and certification of greenhouse gas emission trading Scheme¹⁾], [Rules for verification of operating the greenhouse gas emission trading scheme²⁾] and 'ISO14064-3' for every applicable part.

1) Notification No. 2023-221 of Ministry of Environment 2) Notification No. 2021-112 of Ministry of Environment

Level of Assurance

The Verification has been planned and conducted as the 'Rules for verification of operating the greenhouse gas emission trading scheme', and the level of assurance for verification shall be satisfied as reasonable level of assurance. And it was confirmed through an internal review whether the process before the verification was conducted effectively.

Verification Limitation

The verification shall contain the potential inherent limitation in the process of application of the verification criteria and methodology.

Verification Opinions

Regarding to the data of the Greenhouse Gas Emission Consumption from the report through the verification, KFQ provides our verification opinions as below;

- 1) The Inventory Report has been stated in accordance with "Rule for emission reporting and certification of greenhouse gas emission trading Scheme" and "ISO 14064-1".
- 2) The materiality assessment result of GHG emissions has satisfied the criteria for an organization that emits more than 5,000,000tCO₂-eq by meeting less than 2% of the total emissions, as per "Rules for verification of operating the greenhouse gas emission trading scheme".
- 3) Thus, KFQ concludes that the Greenhouse Gas Emissions of Company in 2023 is correctly calculated and stated in accordance with "Rule for emission reporting and certification of greenhouse gas emission trading Scheme".

Unit : tCO₂eq

| Scope 1 | Scope 2 | Total |
|----------------|---------------|------------|
| 70,588,011.591 | 1,383,894.847 | 71,971,900 |

* The totals in this verification statement do not match the totals in emission trading scheme because the total emissions of each facility are calculated by truncating to integer units

June 19th, 2024

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Verification Opinion Statement

GHG Emissions

POSCO Corporation

Verification Target

Korean Foundation for Quality (hereinafter "KFQ") was engaged to conduct an independent verification for "2023 Quantity of GHG emission (Scope3) and Avoided GHG Emissions" reported by POSCO Corporation(hereinafter 'the Company').

Verification Scope & Purpose

This verification provides limited assurance that GHG emission (Scope3) and Avoided GHG Emissions are reported without not significant errors and distortions.

The scope of verification under the Company's operational control is as follows:

- GHG emission (Scope3) : Purchased goods and services, Upstream transportation and distribution, Business travel, Employee commuting, Investments, Downstream leased assets
- Avoided GHG Emissions : High-strength automotive steel sheets, Low core loss electrical steel, Blast furnace slag

Verification Criteria

his verification was conducted based on the following criteria:

- GHG emission (Scope3)
 - WBCSD/WRI, Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Accounting and Reporting Standard
 - ISO14064-1:2018
 - GHG Protocol Corporate Standard
 - ISO14064-3:2019
- Emission factor
 - Upstream emissions information disclosed by raw material suppliers
 - LCA information for 'Environmental Product Declaration' products
 - Environmental Product Declaration evaluation coefficient (2021)
 - GHG emission calculator tool (UNFCCC)
 - ICAO calculator
- Avoided GHG Emissions
 - Internal calculation criteria of the Company

Level of Assurance & Responsibility

The assurance level of the verification was performed to satisfy the limited assurance level. The Company is responsible for selecting verification standards, the criteria of the verification & emission calculation and the scope of verification (Scope3) further to calculation of GHG emission and Avoided GHG Emissions.

Verification Process

KFQ performed verification in accordance with ISO14064-3(Specification with guidance for the verification and validation of greenhouse gas statements) and the above verification criteria. To obtain limited confidence that the emission has been properly calculated based on accurate data, KFQ planned and conducted the verification through an identification of the calculation result of GHG emission (Scope 3) and Avoided GHG Emissions which were provided by the Company and a cross-check between them.

Verification Limitation

This verification is not intended to confirm the validity of the calculation criteria itself which was established by the company. Therefore, the verification results contain inherent limitations of uncertainty in the Company's own calculation criteria. Depending on the Company's own calculation criteria, a significant difference can occur in the result of the calculation, and it can affect comparability.

Verification Opinions

Through the verification process, KFQ obtained the following conclusion on the GHG emission (Scope3) and Avoided GHG Emissions results

- 1) The Company's "2023 GHG emission (Scope3) and Avoided GHG Emissions" was appropriately calculated according to the "Technical Guidance for Calculation Scope 3 Emission (Greenhouse Gas Protocol)" and internal standards.
- 2) Critical errors and omissions were not found in The Company's "2023 GHG emission(Scope3) and Avoided GHG Emissions" in the Carbon Reporting. Parts of the activity data in the process of emission calculation are assumed based on conservative principles to prevent underestimation of the emission.
- 3) It was confirmed that the internal criteria of Avoided GHG Emissions maintains consistency and accuracy in its' internal criteria. Parts of activity data and parameters in the process of reduction effects calculation were assumed based on conservative principles to prevent overestimation of the reduction.
- 4) The final calculated "2023 GHG(Scope3) emission and Avoided GHG Emissions" are as follows

Unit : tCO₂eq

| Criteria | | 2023 |
|--------------------------|--|------------|
| GHG Emission (Scope3) | Purchased goods and services | 2,764,127 |
| | Capital goods | 563 |
| | Fuel-and energy-related activities(not included in scope1 or scope2) | 334,942 |
| | Upstream transportation & distribution | 1,926,052 |
| | Waste generated in operations | 195,608 |
| | Business travel | 486 |
| | Employee commuting | 7,730 |
| | Downstream transportation & distribution | 26,936 |
| | Downstream leased assets | 1,974,893 |
| | Franchises | 188,450 |
| | Total | 7,419,787 |
| Avoided GHG Emissions | High-strength automotive steel sheets | 1,799,663 |
| | Low core loss electrical steel | 4,518,715 |
| | Blast furnace slag | 5,803,260 |
| | Total | 12,121,638 |

June 19th, 2024

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**Independent Assurance Report on the Identified Sustainability Information
in POSCO's 2023 ESG Factbook
(English Translation of a Report Originally Issued in Korea)**

To the management of POSCO.

We have undertaken a limited assurance engagement in respect of the selected sustainability information (the 'Identified Sustainability Information') in the POSCO's ESG Factbook for the year ended 31 December 2023 ('ESG Factbook' or the, Report), listed below.

Identified Sustainability Information

The Identified Sustainability Information included in the POSCO's Report for the year ended 31 December 2023 is summarized below:

- 'ESG DATA' within the 'ESG Factbook'

Our assurance was with respect to the year ended 31 December 2023 information only and we have not performed any procedures with respect to earlier periods or any other elements included in the Report and, therefore, do not express any conclusion thereon.

Criteria

The criteria used by POSCO to prepare the Identified Sustainability Information are ESG quantitative indicators: indicator definition book (included in the ESG Factbook appendix).



POSCO's Responsibility for the Identified Sustainability Information

POSCO is responsible for the preparation of the Identified Sustainability Information in accordance with the Criteria. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation of Identified Sustainability Information that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Inherent Limitations

The absence of a significant body of established practice on which to draw to evaluate and measure non-financial information allows for different, but acceptable, measures and measurement techniques and can affect comparability between entities.

Our Independence and Quality Management

We have complied with the ethical requirements of the Republic of Korea, which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behavior.

Our firm applies International Standards on Quality Management 1 and accordingly maintains a comprehensive system of quality management including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards, and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Our Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a limited assurance conclusion on the Identified Sustainability Information based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained. We conducted our limited assurance engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised), Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. These standards require that we plan and perform this engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the Identified Sustainability Information is free from material misstatement.



A limited assurance engagement involves assessing the suitability in the circumstances of POSCO's use of the Criteria as the basis for the preparation of the Identified Sustainability Information, assessing the risks of material misstatement of the Identified Sustainability Information whether due to fraud or error, responding to the assessed risks as necessary in the circumstances, and evaluating the overall presentation of the Identified Sustainability Information. A limited assurance engagement is substantially less in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement in relation to both the risk assessment procedures, including an understanding of internal control, and the procedures performed in response to the assessed risks.

The procedures we performed were based on our professional judgment and included inquiries, observation of processes performed, review of documents, analytical procedures, evaluating the appropriateness of quantification methods and reporting policies, and agreeing or reconciling with underlying records.

Given the circumstances of the engagement, in performing the procedures listed above we:

- Understand the systems and processes in place for managing and reporting the Identified Sustainability Information
- Review documents relevant to the risk assessment process, sustainability-related policies and standards, materiality assessment, engagement activities of the stakeholders and others
- Perform inquiries and analytical reviews on the Identified Sustainability Information

The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had we performed a reasonable assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express a reasonable assurance opinion about whether POSCO's Identified Sustainability Information has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Criteria.

Limited Assurance Conclusion

Based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that POSCO's Identified Sustainability Information for the year ended 31 December 2023 is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Criteria.



Restricted Use

This Report is prepared solely for the management of POSCO to assist in obtaining understanding of POSCO's sustainable management performance and activities. Accordingly, we accept no liability or responsibility to any third party, other than POSCO and its management, who gains access to this report.

Samil PricewaterhouseCoopers

Seoul, Korea

Hoonsoo Yoon, Chief Executive Officer

27 June 2024

This report is effective as of 27 June 2024, the report date. Certain subsequent events or circumstances, which may occur between the report date and the time of reading this report, could have a material impact on the Report on the Identified Sustainability Information. Accordingly, the readers of the report should understand that there is a possibility that the above report may have to be revised to reflect the impact of such subsequent events or circumstances, if any.

Appendix. Definition of Indicators in ESG Factbook

| Category | Indicators | Definition | Formula |
|---------------|---|--|---|
| GHG Emissions | Direct/indirect emissions (Scope 1&2) | The sum of direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions | Direct emissions + Indirect emissions (Scope1+2) |
| | Direct emissions (Scope1) | <p>Scope 1 emissions are those from sources owned or controlled by the company</p> <p>- Detailed standards: Same as direct emissions (Scope 1) standards of 「Greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption statement」 ("Overall greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption of companies (subsidiaries)") as direct greenhouse gas emissions through fuel combustion</p> <p>- Disclosure coverage: Gross global Scope 1 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to the atmosphere of the seven GHGs covered under the Kyoto Protocol—carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆), and nitrogen trifluoride (NF₃)</p> <p>- Gross emissions are GHGs emitted into the atmosphere before accounting for offsets, credits, or other similar mechanisms that have reduced or compensated for emissions.</p> | Σ[Stationary combustion, Mobile combustion, Process-related emissions, Fugitive emissions, Waste processing] |
| | Indirect emissions (Scope2) | <p>Scope 2: Indirect GHG emissions from sources owned and controlled by other organizations, even though they are generated as a result of the company's activities</p> <p>- Detailed standard: Same as the standards for preparing indirect GHG emissions (Scope 2) of 「Quantity of Greenhouse Gases Emitted and Quantity of Energy Consumed Statement」(The "Company's (Corporate's) Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Energy Usage")</p> | Σ[Purchased electricity, Purchased heat(warm water, steam, etc.)] |
| | Direct/indirect emissions intensity (based on crude steel production, Scope 1&2) | The value of greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 1+2) divided by crude steel production | GHG emissions(Scope1+2) ÷ Crude steel produced |
| | Other indirect emissions (Scope 3) | <p>Indirect greenhouse gas emissions from value chains other than business sites owned and managed by the organization (boundary)</p> <p>- Upstream: Purchase of raw materials and services, investment and purchase of capital goods, fuel and energy related that do not fall into the first two categories, transportation of raw materials, waste generated from worksites, employees' business travels, employee commutes, rental assets</p> <p>- Downstream: Transportation and distribution, processing of sales products, use of sales products, disposal of sales products, leased assets, franchise goodwill, investment</p> | Σ[Indirect greenhouse gas emissions from upstream and downstream within the value chain] |
| Energy | Total energy consumed | The sum of direct energy usage, indirect energy usage, and renewable energy usage | Energy directly consumed + Energy indirectly consumed + Renewable energy consumed |
| | Energy directly consumed | <p>Total direct energy consumption within the organization</p> <p>- Direct energy: use fuel such as gasoline, diesel, kerosene, LNG, LPG</p> <p>- Energy obtained by burning fuel such as coal and gas inside a building/facility is classified as direct energy</p> <p>* Refers to biofuel or biomass, and broadly includes fuels derived from the natural environment, such as sunlight, solar heat, wind power, hydropower, ocean, waste, and geothermal heat.</p> | Σ[Natural gas, Renewable fuel, Kerosene, Gasoline(total), Diesel(total), LPG(total), Off-gas, Propane, Other fuels] |
| | Energy indirectly consumed | <p>Total indirect energy consumption in the organization</p> <p>- Indirect energy: electricity, steam</p> <p>- Energy (electricity, thermal energy (regional heating, etc.)) converted from primary energy (unprocessed energy in its natural state) is classified as indirect energy</p> | Σ[Electricity, Steam] |
| | Percentage of electricity consumed | The value of electricity usage divided by total energy usage | Electricity consumed ÷ Total energy consumed |
| | Renewable energy consumed | The amount of electricity consumed by self-generation (converting/producing renewable resources such as solar and wind power into energy) or externally procured renewable energy sources | Renewable energy consumed + Renewable energy self-generation consumed |
| | Percentage of renewable energy consumed | The value of renewable energy usage divided by total energy usage | Renewable energy consumed ÷ Total energy consumed |
| | Total energy intensity (based on crude steel production) | The value of total energy usage divided by crude steel production | Total energy usage ÷ Crude steel production |
| | Electricity sold | Limited to the amount of renewable energy sold as electricity sold externally | - |

| Category | Indicators | Definition | Formula |
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| Water | Total water withdrawal | The total amount of water entering the organization's boundaries for irrigation from all types of water sources, including surface water, groundwater, stormwater and municipal water supplies, during the reporting period. - Includes surface water (including surface water from wetlands, rivers, lakes and seas) taken directly, groundwater, rainwater and water obtained from municipal suppliers or other organizations. | $\sum[\text{Freshwater}, \text{surface water}, \text{groundwater}, \text{Desalinated water}, \text{Others}]$ |
| | Municipal water supply | Water resources supplied by local government water suppliers (including municipal sewage treatment water) | - |
| | Surface water | Water that occurs naturally on the Earth's surface in ice sheets, ice caps, glaciers, icebergs, bogs, ponds, lakes, rivers, and streams | - |
| | Groundwater | Water that is being held in, and that can be recovered from, an underground formation | - |
| | Desalinated water | Water produced by removing salt from seawater | - |
| | Treated municipal wastewater | Reprocessed water for recycling instead of discharging sewage and other wastewater generated in the area where the worksite is located | - |
| | Total water withdrawn from regions with 'High' baseline water stress | Total water withdrawals in areas with high water stress index from the World Resources Institute (WRI) (High: 40–80%) | - |
| | Total water withdrawn from regions with 'Extremely High' baseline water stress | Total water withdrawals in areas with extremely high water stress index from the World Resources Institute (WRI) (Extremely High: > 80%) | - |
| | Percentage of water withdrawn from regions with 'High' and 'Extremely High' baseline water stress | Ratio of total water withdrawals from areas with high or extremely high water stress index according to the World Resources Institute (WRI) | Water withdrawals in areas with 'High' and 'Extremely High' ÷ Total water withdrawal |
| | Total water withdrawn intensity (based on crude steel production) | The total amount of water withdrawn divided by the crude steel production | Total water withdrawal ÷ Crude steel production |
| | Total water consumed | The value obtained by subtracting the wastewater discharge from the total water withdrawal | Total water withdrawal - Wastewater discharge |
| | Total water consumed from regions with 'High' baseline water stress | Total water withdrawal in areas with high water stress indices of the World Resources Institute (WRI) (High : water stress 40-80%) | - |
| | Total water consumed from regions with 'Extremely High' baseline water stress | Total water withdrawal in areas with extremely high water stress indices of the World Resources Institute (WRI) (Extremely high : water stress > 80%) | - |
| | Percentage of water consumed from regions with 'High' and 'Extremely High' baseline water stress | Ratio of total water consume from areas with high or extremely high water stress index according to the World Resources Institute (WRI) | Water consume in areas with 'High' and 'Extremely High' ÷ Total water withdrawal |
| | Total wastewater discharge | The total amount of wastewater discharged into the sea after being finally treated at the business site during the reporting period * Wastewater: Water that is mixed with liquid and solid contaminants and cannot be used for business activities in that state. | Total water withdrawal - total water consumed |
| | Reused wastewater | Water recycling: water that has been used more than once in the organization and is recycled within the process; instead of indirect reuse where recycled wastewater is discharged and then taken back, direct reuse where recycled wastewater is reused for the business and business activities of an organization without being discharged. | - |
| | Percentage of reused wastewater 1) | The value obtained by dividing the Reused wastewater by the sum of the Total water withdrawal and the Reused wastewater. | Reused wastewater ÷ (Total water withdrawal + Reused wastewater) |
| | Number of worksites using recycled water | The number of worksites recycling water | - |
| | TOC (Total Organic Carbon) 2) | Total amount of carbon in organic pollutants in water | - |
| | T-N | Amount of Nitrogen in water | - |
| | SS | The amount of suspended solids with a particle diameter of 2mm or less that do not dissolve in water. | - |

| Category | Indicators | Definition | Formula |
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| Waste | Total waste generated | The amount of waste generated related to the activities of the organization itself and it is sum of General waste and Designated waste | Subtotal = \sum (by treatment type) = \sum (by treatment method) |
| | Recycled | Waste reused and recycled through various recovery/conversion methods among designated wastes that are landfilled or incinerated 1) Material Recovery: A method of recovering and recycling specific secondary materials such as valuable metals, iron scraps, paper, and wood by treating waste or by-products 2) Chemical recovery: A method of transforming the molecular structure of waste or by-products so that previously unrecyclable materials can be recycled. 3) Energy conversion: A method of recovering solid fuel, methane gas, or other energy sources from waste or by-products and converting them into new energy sources | - |
| | Incinerated | Controlled burning of waste at high temperatures. Incineration of waste can be carried out with or without energy recovery. | - |
| | Landfilled | Final depositing of solid waste at, below, or above ground level at engineered disposal sites. In the context of waste reporting, landfilling refers to depositing of solid waste in sanitary landfills, and excludes uncontrolled waste disposal such as open burning and dumping. | - |
| | Disposed in other ways | Waste which is disposed except recycling/incinerating/landfilling, disposed such as dumping, furnace incineration, deep well injection, etc. | - |
| | General waste generated | Sum of general waste | Subtotal = \sum (by treatment type) = \sum (by treatment method) |
| | Recycled | Waste reused and recycled through various recovery/conversion methods among designated wastes that are landfilled or incinerated 1) Material Recovery: A method of recovering and recycling specific secondary materials such as valuable metals, iron scraps, paper, and wood by treating waste or by-products 2) Chemical recovery: A method of transforming the molecular structure of waste or by-products so that previously unrecyclable materials can be recycled. 3) Energy conversion: A method of recovering solid fuel, methane gas, or other energy sources from waste or by-products and converting them into new energy sources | - |
| | Incinerated | Controlled burning of waste at high temperatures. Incineration of waste can be carried out with or without energy recovery. | - |
| | Landfilled | Final depositing of solid waste at, below, or above ground level at engineered disposal sites. In the context of waste reporting, landfilling refers to depositing of solid waste in sanitary landfills, and excludes uncontrolled waste disposal such as open burning and dumping. | - |
| | Disposed in other ways | Waste which is disposed except recycling/incinerating/landfilling, disposed such as dumping, furnace incineration, deep well injection, etc. | - |
| | Designated waste generated | Sum of designated waste | Subtotal = \sum (by treatment type) = \sum (by treatment method) |
| | Recycled | Waste reused and recycled through various recovery/conversion methods among designated wastes that are landfilled or incinerated 1) Material Recovery: A method of recovering and recycling specific secondary materials such as valuable metals, iron scraps, paper, and wood by treating waste or by-products 2) Chemical recovery: A method of transforming the molecular structure of waste or by-products so that previously unrecyclable materials can be recycled. 3) Energy conversion: A method of recovering solid fuel, methane gas, or other energy sources from waste or by-products and converting them into new energy sources | - |
| | Incinerated | Controlled burning of waste at high temperatures. Incineration of waste can be carried out with or without energy recovery. | - |
| | Landfilled | Final depositing of solid waste at, below, or above ground level at engineered disposal sites. In the context of waste reporting, landfilling refers to depositing of solid waste in sanitary landfills, and excludes uncontrolled waste disposal such as open burning and dumping. | - |
| | Disposed in other ways | Waste which is disposed except recycling/incinerating/landfilling, disposed such as dumping, furnace incineration, deep well injection, etc. | - |
| | Total waste generated intensity (based on crude steel production) | The value obtained by dividing the total waste generated by the crude steel production. | Total waste generated ÷ Total crude steel produced |
| | Percentage of total waste recycled | The value obtained by dividing the total waste recycled by the total waste generated. | Total waste recycled ÷ Total waste generated |

| Category | Indicators | Definition | Formula |
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| Resource recycling | Total Blast furnace slag recycled | Total amount of blast furnace slag recycled | - |
| | Granulated slag recycled | Amount of slag like sand through high-pressure water | - |
| | For cement industry | Amount of granulated blast furnace slag for cement | - |
| | For other uses, including fertilizer | Amount of granulated blast furnace slag for other uses, including fertilizer | - |
| | Air-cooled slag recycled | Amount of slag cooled slowly by natural cooling and water spray | - |
| Air Pollutants | Total emissions of air pollutants | Gases and particles recognized as causes of air pollution based on the review and evaluation results in accordance with Article 7 of the "Air Quality Preservation Act." | ΣNO _x , SO _x , Dust] |
| | NO _x | A compound of nitrogen and oxygen, a pollutant produced by oxidation of nitrogen in the air at high temperatures during the combustion process. Air pollution is a mixture of nitrogen monoxide (NO) and nitrogen dioxide (NO ₂), usually expressed as NO _x . | - |
| | SO _x | A pollutant created when sulfur in fuel combines with oxygen in the air during combustion. Hydrogen sulfide (H ₂ S) is the most abundant sulfur oxide in the air, and it is expressed as SO _x , including sulfur dioxide (SO ₂) and sulfur trioxide (SO ₃). | - |
| | Dust | Classified as TSP (Total Suspended Particulate) pM10 pM2.5. TSP is the total amount of dust suspended in the air, and pM10 and pM2.5 mean dust smaller than 10/1000 mm and 2.5/1000 mm, respectively. | - |
| Other Environmental Metrics | Number of environmental regulation violations | Needs to match the sanctions/violations related to the environment in the 'Sanctions and Related Matters' section of the business report. | - |
| | Number of water quality-related regulation violations | Needs to match the sanctions/violations related to the water quality violation in the 'Sanctions and Related Matters' section of the business report. | - |
| | Number of administrative actions due to violations of environmental regulations and rules | Needs to match the number of cases subject to administrative action under status of sanctions by administrative agencies in the 'Sanctions and Related Matters' section of the business report. | - |
| | Administrative fines | Needs to match the number of cases subject to fine under status of sanctions by administrative agencies in the 'Sanctions and Related Matters' section of the business report. | - |
| | Non-monetary penalties (improvement orders, etc.) | Needs to match the number of cases subject to non-monetary sanctions such as improvement orders and others under status of sanctions by administrative agencies in the 'Sanctions and Related Matters' section of the business report. | - |
| | Number of wastewater-related incidents | Needs to match the sanctions/violations related to the accidents related to heavy wastewater in the 'Sanctions and Related Matters' section of the business report. | - |
| | Percentage of zero-emission vehicles owned | The value obtained by dividing the number of zero-emission vehicles owned by the total number of vehicles | Number of zero-emission vehicles owned ÷ Number of vehicles owned |
| | Number of zero-emission vehicles owned | Vehicles with no emissions of air pollutants * Includes electric cars and hydrogen cars, excludes hybrid vehicles(includes passenger cars/vans/trucks, excludes heavy equipment) | - |
| | Total number of vehicles owned | Vehicles except for zero-emission vehicles | - |
| Environmental and Energy Management System | Environmental management system (ISO 14001) certification | - | - |
| | Target worksites for certification | The number of worksites that can cause negative environmental impacts during the company's product production process, based on the business registration certificate | - |
| | Worksites with certification | The number of worksites certified with the Environmental management system | - |
| | Certification rate | The ratio of certified worksites subject to the Environmental management system | Worksites with certification ÷ Target worksites for certification |
| | Energy management system (ISO 50001) certification | - | - |
| | Target worksites for certification | The number of workplaces requiring efficient energy management in the company's product production process, based on the business registration certificate | - |
| | Worksites with certification | The number of worksites certified with the Energy Management System | - |
| | Certification rate | The ratio of certified worksites subject to the Energy Management System | Worksites with certification ÷ Target worksites for certification |

| Category | Indicators | Definition | Formula |
|-----------------|---|---|--|
| Human Resources | Total Number of employees | Total number of employees in the company as end of the year(31.Dec) - Classification criteria : By gender(male, female), By age(under 30 years old, 30-50 years old, over 50 years old) | Number of executives + Number of employees excluding executives |
| | Number of executives | Total number of executives* in the company as end of the year(31.Dec) * Including Outside director/non-executive director, Vice President is excluded | - |
| | Percentage of females | The ratio of female executives among the executives | Number of female executives ÷ Number of executives X 100 |
| | Number of employees excluding executives | Total number of employees excluding executives* in the company as end of the year(31.Dec) * Regular(permanent), Contract(including intern), Vice President, Researcher | - |
| | Percentage of females | The ratio of female employees excluding executives among the employees excluding executives | Number of female employees excluding executives ÷ Number of employees excluding executives X 100 |
| | Number of management employees | Total number of management employees* in the company as end of the year(31.Dec) * Employees who are receiving positional allowance(executives are excluded from management employees) | - |
| | Percentage of females | The ratio of female management employees among the management employees | Number of female management employees ÷ Number of management employees X 100 |
| | Number of regular employees(permanent) | Total number of regular employees* in the company as end of the year(31.Dec) * Indefinite contract is included and Vice President is excluded | - |
| | Percentage of females | The ratio of female regular employees among the regular employees | Number of female regular employees ÷ Number of regular employees X 100 |
| | Percentage of regular employees(permanent) | The ratio of regular employees among total employees | Number of regular employees ÷ Total number of employees X 100 |
| | Number of contingent employees(contractors) | Total number of contingent employees* in the company as end of the year(31.Dec) * Executives, Vice President are included | - |
| | Percentage of females | The ratio of female contingent employees among the contingent employees | Number of female contingent employees ÷ Number of contingent employees X 100 |
| | Percentage of contingent employees(contractors) | The ratio of contingent employees among total employees | Number of contingent employees ÷ Total number of employees X 100 |
| | Total New hires | Total number of employees who are hired* in the company during the relevant year(1Jan~31.Dec) * People who hired during the relevant year and retire in the same year are included | - |
| | Percentage of females | The ratio of new female hires among new hires | Number of female employees hired ÷ Number of employees hired |
| | Total employee turnover | Total number of employees who are retired* in the company during the relevant year(1Jan~31.Dec) * Including contract expiration of contingent employees | - |
| | Turnover rate | The ratio of total number of employees retired during the relevant year(1Jan~31.Dec) | Number of total employee turnover ÷ Number of employee as end of the previous year |
| | Number of voluntary departures | Number of employees leaving the organization based on individual judgment regardless of the organization's intention | - |
| | Voluntary departure rate | The ratio of total number of employees retired voluntarily during the relevant year(1Jan~31.Dec) | Number of total voluntary departures ÷ Number of employee as end of the previous year |
| | Number of involuntary departures | Number of employees terminating the employment under organization's initiative | - |
| | Retirements at mandatory age | Retirement upon reaching the retirement at mandatory age as defined by the company | - |
| | Layoffs | Resignation due to business reasons as defined by the company | - |
| | Other reasons for departure | Involuntary departures excluding retirements at mandatory age and layoffs as defined by the company | - |
| | Number of employees subjected to regular performance evaluations | Number of employees who received regular performance evaluations as defined by the company - Evaluation has to be conducted at least once a year with the employee's awareness - It may include evaluation from the employee's manager, colleagues, other employees, and HR department | - |
| | Number of employees with disabilities | Number of employees specified in the disability employment levy report reflecting the severity of disabilities * There may be a difference from the number of current disabled employees | - |
| | Number of employed veterans | Number of sacrifice or contributor* and their bereaved family or relatives, who are eligible for the application of national veterans-related laws and receive respect and support * A person who meets the eligibility requirements prescribed by the national veterans-related laws and regulations (such as those who have contributed to the country's independence from Japanese rule, the protection or security of the nation, the development of South Korea's liberal democracy, or the protection of the lives or property of the people through public service) | - |

| Category | Indicators | Definition | Formula |
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| Work-Life Balance | Number of employees using flexible work arrangements | Number of employees who used flexible working hours at least once during the relevant year(1Jan~31.Dec) | - |
| | Number of employees using infertility vacation | Number of employees who used infertility vacation at least once during the relevant year(1Jan~31.Dec) | - |
| | Parental leave | Number of employees who used parental leave* at least once during the relevant year(1Jan~31.Dec) * Including employees who use company discretionary parental leave(1 year) in addition to statutory parental leave | - |
| | Employees returning from parental leave | The number of employees who returned after the end of the parental leave period (1.1~12.31) for the relevant year. | - |
| Training | Total training hours | Total training hours aggregated and documented for the relevant year(1Jan~31.Dec) | - |
| | Average training hours per person | The value obtained by dividng the total training hours by the total number of employees | Total training hours ÷ Total number of employees |
| | Total training cost | Total training cost* aggregated and documented for the relevant year * Even if the charged account is not 'education expenses', it will be included if the educational purpose is clear and there is supporting evidence. This includes not only in-house education expenses but also external education expenses and commissioned education expenses. | - |
| | Average training cost per person | The value obtained by dividng the total training cost by the total number of employees | Total training cost ÷ Total number of employees |
| Retirement Pension Plans | Defined Benefit(DB) Retirement Pension | A retirement pension system where the level of salary to be received by the employee is determined in advance. | - |
| | Current value of defined benefit liabilities | The present value of the cumulative amount of expected future payment obligations that the company bears as a result of providing service during the current and previous periods. | - |
| | Fair value of plan assets | Assets prepared in advance by a company for future retirement benefit payments | - |
| | Recognition of net asset amount under defined benefit plans | The value obtained by subtracting the fair value of plan assets from the current value of defined benefit liabilities | Current value of defined benefit liabilities - Fair value of plan assets |
| Labor Management Relations | Percentage of employees under collective bargaining agreements | The proportion of employees covered by collective bargaining agreements | Number of employees under collective bargaining agreements ÷ Total number of employees |
| | Number of strikes causing work stoppages | The number of strikes confirmed in the last 3 years | - |
| Safety | LTIR | The number of injured persons who have suffered more than the loss of work that occurred per 200,000 working hours about employees and contractors* (In case of inability to work due to work-related death, permanent disability, or accident that prevents work for more than one day) * A company that has received a contract from POSCO to manufacture products, construct, repair, provide services, or other tasks. | {(Employee LTI + Number of Employee fatalities + Contractor LTI + Number of Contractor fatalities) ÷ (Employee annual working hours + Contractor annual working hours)} X 200,000 |
| | Employee LTIR | The number of injured persons who have suffered more than the loss of work that occurred per 200,000 working hours about employees (In case of inability to work due to work-related death, permanent disability, or accident that prevents work for more than one day) | (Employee LTI + Number of Employee fatalities) ÷ Employee annual working hours X 200,000 |
| | Contractor LTIR | The number of injured persons who have suffered more than the loss of work that occurred per 200,000 working hours about contractors* (In case of inability to work due to work-related death, permanent disability, or accident that prevents work for more than one day) * A company that has received a contract from POSCO to manufacture products, construct, repair, provide services, or other tasks. | (Contractor LTI + Number of Contractor fatalities) ÷ Contractor annual working hours X 200,000 |
| | LTIFR | The number of injured persons who have suffered more than the loss of work that occurred per 1,000,000 working hours about employees and contractors* (In case of inability to work due to work-related death, permanent disability, or accident that prevents work for more than one day) * A company that has received a contract from POSCO to manufacture products, construct, repair, provide services, or other tasks. | {(Employee LTI + Number of Employee fatalities + Contractor LTI + Number of Contractor fatalities) ÷ (Employee annual working hours + Contractor annual working hours)} X 1,000,000 |
| | Employee LTIFR | The number of injured persons who have suffered more than the loss of work that occurred per 1,000,000 working hours about employees (In case of inability to work due to work-related death, permanent disability, or accident that prevents work for more than one day) | (Employee LTI + Number of Employee fatalities) ÷ Employee annual working hours X 1,000,000 |
| | Contractor LTIFR | The number of injured persons who have suffered more than the loss of work that occurred per 1,000,000 working hours about contractors* (In case of inability to work due to work-related death, permanent disability, or accident that prevents work for more than one day) * A company that has received a contract from POSCO to manufacture products, construct, repair, provide services, or other tasks. | (Contractor LTI + Number of Contractor fatalities) ÷ Contractor annual working hours X 1,000,000 |

| Category | Indicators | Definition | Formula |
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| Safety | TRIR | Ratio of the total number of recorded accidents** per 200,000 working hours for employees and contractors* * A company that has received a contract from POSCO to manufacture products, construct, repair, provide services, or other tasks. ** Refers to death, work restrictions or changes, treatment beyond first aid, or loss of consciousness due to work-related injuries or illnesses. This also includes cases where a significant injury or illness is diagnosed by a doctor or a licensed medical professional, even if such reasons do not occur. | $\frac{(\text{Employee TRI} + \text{Contract TRI})}{(\text{Employee annual working hours} + \text{Contractor annual working hours})} \times 200,000$ |
| | Employee TRIR | Ratio of the total number of recorded accidents** per 200,000 working hours for employees ** Refers to death, work restrictions or changes, treatment beyond first aid, or loss of consciousness due to work-related injuries or illnesses. This also includes cases where a significant injury or illness is diagnosed by a doctor or a licensed medical professional, even if such reasons do not occur. | $(\text{Employee TRI} \div \text{Employee annual working hours}) \times 200,000$ |
| | Contractor TRIR | Ratio of the total number of recorded accidents** per 200,000 working hours for contractors* * A company that has received a contract from POSCO to manufacture products, construct, repair, provide services, or other tasks. ** Refers to death, work restrictions or changes, treatment beyond first aid, or loss of consciousness due to work-related injuries or illnesses. This also includes cases where a significant injury or illness is diagnosed by a doctor or a licensed medical professional, even if such reasons do not occur. | $(\text{Contractor TRI} \div \text{Contractor annual working hours}) \times 200,000$ |
| | TRIFR | Ratio of the total number of recorded accidents** per 1,000,000 working hours for employees and contractors* * A company that has received a contract from POSCO to manufacture products, construct, repair, provide services, or other tasks. ** Refers to death, work restrictions or changes, treatment beyond first aid, or loss of consciousness due to work-related injuries or illnesses. This also includes cases where a significant injury or illness is diagnosed by a doctor or a licensed medical professional, even if such reasons do not occur. | $\frac{(\text{Employee TRI} + \text{Contract TRI})}{(\text{Employee annual working hours} + \text{Contractor annual working hours})} \times 1,000,000$ |
| | Employee TRIFR | Ratio of the total number of recorded accidents** per 1,000,000 working hours for employees ** Refers to death, work restrictions or changes, treatment beyond first aid, or loss of consciousness due to work-related injuries or illnesses. This also includes cases where a significant injury or illness is diagnosed by a doctor or a licensed medical professional, even if such reasons do not occur. | $(\text{Employee TRI} \div \text{Employee annual working hours}) \times 1,000,000$ |
| | Contractor TRIFR | Ratio of the total number of recorded accidents** per 1,000,000 working hours for contractors* * A company that has received a contract from POSCO to manufacture products, construct, repair, provide services, or other tasks. ** Refers to death, work restrictions or changes, treatment beyond first aid, or loss of consciousness due to work-related injuries or illnesses. This also includes cases where a significant injury or illness is diagnosed by a doctor or a licensed medical professional, even if such reasons do not occur. | $(\text{Contractor TRI} \div \text{Contractor annual working hours}) \times 1,000,000$ |
| | Accident Rate | Ratio of the total number of persons have suffered more than work-related accidents per 100 workers for employees and contractors* * A company that has received a contract from POSCO to manufacture products, construct, repair, provide services, or other tasks. | $\frac{(\text{Number of employees injured in accidents} + \text{Number of contractors injured in accidents})}{(\text{Total number of employees} + \text{Total number of contractors})} \times 100$ |
| | Employee accident rate | Ratio of the total number of persons have suffered more than work-related accidents per 100 workers for employees | $\text{Number of employees injured in accidents} \div \text{Total number of employees} \times 100$ |
| | Contractor accident rate | Ratio of the total number of persons have suffered more than work-related accidents per 100 workers for contractors* * A company that has received a contract from POSCO to manufacture products, construct, repair, provide services, or other tasks. | $\text{Number of contractors injured in accidents} \div \text{Total number of contractors} \times 100$ |
| | Fatality rate | Ratio of the number of fatality per 10,000 workers for employees and contractors* * A company that has received a contract from POSCO to manufacture products, construct, repair, provide services, or other tasks. | $\frac{(\text{Number of employee fatalities} + \text{Number of contractor fatalities})}{(\text{Total number of employees} + \text{Total number of contractors})} \times 10,000$ |
| | Employee fatality rate | Ratio of the number of fatality per 10,000 workers for employees | $\text{Number of employee fatalities} \div \text{Total number of employees} \times 10,000$ |
| | Contractor fatality rate | Ratio of the number of fatality per 10,000 workers for contractors* * A company that has received a contract from POSCO to manufacture products, construct, repair, provide services, or other tasks. | $\text{Number of contractor fatalities} \div \text{Total number of contractors} \times 10,000$ |
| | Employees returning from parental leave | - | - |
| | Number of employee LTIs | Cases where employees are unable to work due to work-related fatal accidents, accidents involving permanent disability, or accidents that prevent them from working for more than one day | Employees General Accident + Occupational Injury |
| | Number of employee TRIs | Cases above employees' death, work restrictions or changes, treatment beyond first aid, or loss of consciousness due to work-related injuries or illnesses. This also includes cases where a significant injury or illness is diagnosed by a doctor or a licensed medical professional, even if such reasons do not occur. | Number of employee fatalities + LTI + work-related injuries |
| | Number of employee fatalities | The number of fatality for employees | - |
| | Number of employees injured in accidentets | The total number of fatality and injuries resulting from work-related accidents** for employees (closed for more than 3 days) * According to the reporting standards for industrial accidents under the Occupational Safety and Health Act, an incident where a fatality occurs, an injury requiring more than three days of leave, or a person contracts a disease. | - |
| | Number of employee near-miss accidents | An unexpected accident that could have occurred with a slight change in circumstances, even though no actual property or environmental/physical damage occurred to the employees. | - |
| | Contractors | - | - |
| | Number of contractor LTIs | Cases where contractors* are unable to work due to work-related fatal accidents, accidents involving permanent disability, or accidents that prevent them from working for more than one day * A company that has received a contract from POSCO to manufacture products, construct, repair, provide services, or other tasks. | Contractors General Accident + Occupational Injury |
| | Number of contractor TRIs | Cases above contractors* death, work restrictions or changes, treatment beyond first aid, or loss of consciousness due to work-related injuries or illnesses. This also includes cases where a significant injury or illness is diagnosed by a doctor or a licensed medical professional, even if such reasons do not occur. * A company that has received a contract from POSCO to manufacture products, construct, repair, provide services, or other tasks. | Number of contract fatalities + LTI + work-related injuries |
| | Number of contractor fatalities | The number of fatality for contractors* * A company that has received a contract from POSCO to manufacture products, construct, repair, provide services, or other tasks. | - |
| | Number of contractor employees injured in accidentets | The total number of fatality and injuries resulting from work-related accidents** for contractors* (closed for more than 3 days) * A company that has received a contract from POSCO to manufacture products, construct, repair, provide services, or other tasks. ** According to the reporting standards for industrial accidents under the Occupational Safety and Health Act, an incident where a fatality occurs, an injury requiring more than three days of leave, or a person contracts a disease. | - |
| | Number of contractor near-miss accidents | An unexpected accident that could have occurred with a slight change in circumstances, even though no actual property or environmental/physical damage occurred to the contractors* * A company that has received a contract from POSCO to manufacture products, construct, repair, provide services, or other tasks. | - |
| | Safety and Health Management System (ISO 45001/OHSAS 18001/KOSHA-MS) Certification | - | - |
| | Target worksites for certification | The number of workplaces that aim to continuously improve the level of safety and health by eliminating or minimizing risks to workers exposed to hazardous factors and other stakeholders based on the business registration certificate | - |
| | Worksites with certification | The number of worksites certified with the Safety and Health Management System | - |
| | Certification rate | The ratio of certified worksites subject to the Safety and Health Management System | $\text{Worksites with certification} \div \text{Target worksites for certification}$ |

| Category | Indicators | Definition | Formula |
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| Quality Management | Quality Management System (ISO 9001 or IATF 16949) Certification | - | - |
| | Target worksites for certification | The number of manufacturing plants producing products such as steel, based on the business registration certificate | - |
| | Worksites with certification | The number of worksites certified with the Quality Management System | - |
| | Certification rate | The ratio of certified worksites subject to the Quality Management System | Worksites with certification ÷ Target worksites for certification |
| CSR Activity Achievements | Employee volunteering | - | - |
| | Hours volunteered | Total hours of employee participation in volunteer | - |
| | Number of volunteers | Number of employee participation in volunteer | - |
| | Volunteer hours per person | The value obtained by dividing the total volunteer participation hours by the total number of employees, based on the period from 1 Jan to 31 Dec of the relevant year | Hours volunteered ÷ Number of volunteers |
| | Employee volunteering participation rate | The proportion of employees who participated in volunteer | Number of volunteers ÷ Total number of employees |
| | CSR expenses | Calculate the value in accordance with the method defined by the Federation of Korean Industries for social contribution costs (autonomous program costs + indirect program costs): - Autonomous Program: Programs that each company independently plans and implements, either on their own or in cooperation with NPOs, etc. - Indirect Program: Sponsorships and donations to existing external programs, non-designated donations such as general disaster relief funds, etc. * Corporate social contribution costs are limited to "accountable items expended at the company level." | Σ[Donations, Investment in local communities, Other] |
| Supply Chain Management | Supplier Relationship Management (SRM) assessments | - | - |
| | Total number of suppliers | The number of suppliers doing business with the company | - |
| | Number of assessed suppliers | The number of suppliers among the trading suppliers who have undergone supply chain assessments | - |
| | Percentage of assessed suppliers | The proportion of suppliers among the trading suppliers who have undergone supply chain assessments | Number of assessed suppliers ÷ Total number of suppliers |
| Production Information | Crude steel produced | Total amount of crude steel* produced by steelmaking plants(blast furnace/converter, electric arc furnace) within the steelworks * It refers for 'steel ingots(for rolling, for forging), continuous casting steel and cast steel.' | Σ[Produced from blast furnace/converter, produced from electric arc furnace] |
| | Blast furnace/converter | Total amount of crude steel produced by steelmaking plants(blast furnace/converter) within the steelworks | - |
| | Electric arc furnace | Total amount of crude steel produced by steelmaking plants(electric arc furnace) within the steelworks | - |
| | Percentage from blast furnace/converter | Ratio of crude steel produced in the steelmaking plants(blast furnace/converter) to the total crude steel produced in the steelworks | (Crude steel produced from blast furnace/converter) ÷ (Total crude steel produced) |
| | Percentage from electric arc furnace | Ratio of crude steel produced in the steelmaking plants(electric arc furnace) to the total crude steel produced in the steelworks | (Crude steel produced from electric arc furnace) ÷ (Total crude steel produced) |
| | Main raw material consumed | - | - |
| | Iron ore | Total amount of iron ore used in the steelworks | - |
| | Metallurgical coal | Total amount of metallurgical coal used in the steelworks | - |
| Fair Trade/Anti-Corruption | Number of employees who completed fair trade training | Number of employees who completed fair trade training | - |
| | Fair trade law violations | Need to match the status of sanctions in the business report : 'FairTrade Commission Sacntion Status' disclosure details | - |
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| Ethics | Number of ethics reports filed | Total number of cases received through ethical reports, excluding general complaints/false reports that are not suitable for ethical reporting. | Σ[Corruption, Violations of human rights, Abuse of power, Other] |
| | Corruption | Cases regarding personal corruption and non-personal corruption | - |
| | Violations of human rights | Cases regarding sexual harassment, workplace bullying, etc | - |
| | Abuse of power | Cases regarding customer complaints, suppliers, and partner grievances | - |
| | Other | Other cases besides the above classification | - |
| | Number of resolved ethics reports | Number of actions completed for reports received through ethical reporting | - |
| | Ethics training | - | - |
| | Total training hours | Total training hours related to ethics | - |
| | Number of participants who completed compulsory ethics training | Number of participants who completed compulsory ethics training | - |
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