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Basic Concept

The *Hitachi Sustainability Report 2020* presents our stance toward environmental (E), social (S), and governance (G) issues, and details the activities we undertook in relation to these in fiscal 2019.

Inasmuch as the report is a tool with which we engage with our stakeholders through comprehensive information disclosure, it is based on the disclosure requirements of the GRI Sustainability Reporting Standards (GRI Standards). Additionally, in creating the report, as well as referring to the industry disclosure standards relevant to Hitachi as defined in the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB)'s Sustainable Industry Classification System (SICS), with respect to climate change, we disclose a variety of information based on the proposals of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosure (TCFD).

What This Report Covers (Boundary of Reporting)

Period:	The main period covered is fiscal 2019 (April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020) Note: Some information on activities in April 2020 and after is also included.
Companies:	Hitachi, Ltd. and its consolidated subsidiaries
Boundary of Data:	Financial data: 1,224 companies, namely Hitachi, Ltd. and 1,223 consolidated subsidiaries and equity-method associates and joint ventures Social data: Boundary of data indicated under each indicator Environmental data: 815 companies, namely Hitachi, Ltd. and 814 consolidated subsidiaries. However, for environmental performance data associated with Hitachi's business operations, Hitachi, Ltd. and consolidated subsidiaries whose environmental load comprises 90% of the total (based on Hitachi calculations) are included.
Reporting Cycle:	Published every year as an annual report
Date Published:	November 2020 (Previous report: October 2019)

Notes:

- The data for each fiscal year are the results according to the boundary of data in that fiscal year.
- The base fiscal year data has been revised to match the boundary of data for fiscal 2019.

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* Technical terms, proper nouns, tables, diagrams, etc. requiring explanation

[Hitachi References in This Report]

Hitachi, Ltd.: Information on or initiatives of Hitachi, Ltd.

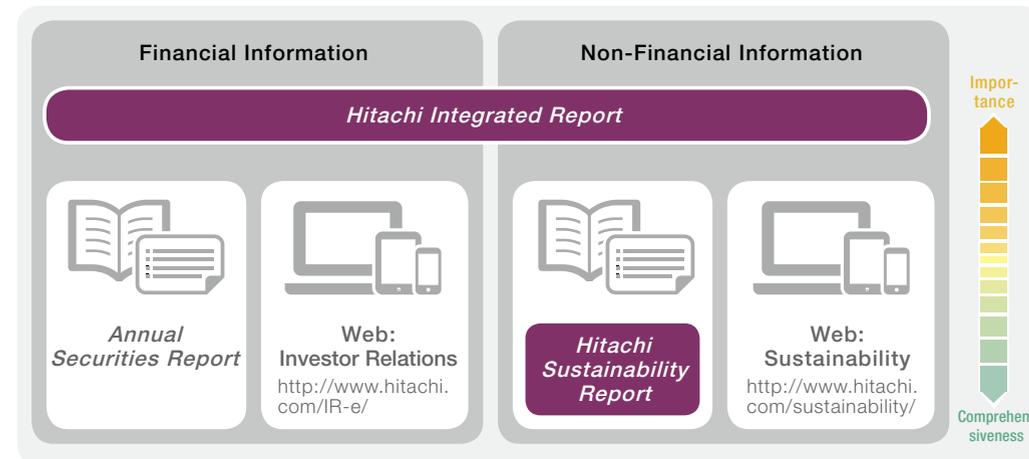
Hitachi and the Hitachi Group: Information on or initiatives of all Group companies

[Key Guidelines Referred to in Preparing This Report]

- GRI Standards, Global Reporting Initiative
Each section is labeled with GRI topic numbers showing which disclosure requirement it corresponds to.
- Sustainability Accounting Standards, Sustainability Accounting Standards Board
- Environmental Reporting Guidelines (2012 version, 2018 version), Ministry of the Environment, Japan

Disclosure Systems for Financial and Non-Financial Information

The *Hitachi Integrated Report* discloses both financial and non-financial information about Hitachi's value creation process. The *Hitachi Sustainability Report* serves as a tool for comprehensively reporting more detailed ESG-related information.



Independent Assurance

To enhance the credibility of this report, we have engaged KPMG AZSA Sustainability Co., Ltd. to provide assurance on environmental and social performance indicators. The mark indicates disclosed information assured in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagement (ISAE) 3000 and ISAE 3410.

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