

# NAGASE Group Sustainability

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# Corporate Philosophy

#### **Sustainability Basic Policy**

"Continue to make efforts for solving social and environmental issues through our corporate activities for the sustainable growth of the NAGASE Group and society" is positioned as a common idea throughout the philosophy structure.

- 1. Business operations with integrity
- 2. Good relationship with society
- 3. Consideration for the environment

Management Philosophy We recognize our responsibility to society and offer beneficial products and services while maintaining the highest standards of integrity. Through our growth, we will contribute to society and enrich the lives of our employees.

Vision

To realize a sustainable world where people live with peace of mind, each of us embodies our value proposition, "Identify, Develop and Expand" through daily activities.

"Ideal NAGASE" for 2032 (200th anniversary)

# Business Designer that Creates a Sustainable Future :

"Identify, Develop and Expand" – Contribute to the development of sustainable society.

# Our Recognition of External Environmental Changes

The most important matters for both NAGASE and its stakeholders are "technological innovation", "climate change and resource shortages", "demographic changes", and "industrial reorganization"

Degree of importance to stakeholders \*1

#### **Technological innovation**





Increased demand for deciphering information
Expanded opportunities for new business, changes in
industrial structures

# Climate change and resource shortages





Increased demand to develop materials and processes with lower environmental impact Increased demand for supply chain-wide response

#### **Demographic changes**





Population increase in emerging countries

Aging in advanced countries

#### **Industrial reorganization**





More active industry reorganization and reassessment of distribution channels driven by intensifying competition and more sophisticated management methods

## Degree of importance for NAGASE's business\*2

<sup>\*1</sup> Assessed as important matters that produce great change to the respective needs of employees, business partners, local communities, consumers, and shareholders.

<sup>\*2</sup> Assessed as important matters that offer opportunities for new businesses, opportunities for existing businesses, threats to existing businesses, and threats to business continuation.



# Materiality (Key Issues)

#### **Delivered Values**

#### Materiality

#### **Related SDGs**

#### **Employees**

- Provide a safe and friendly work environment.
- Provide a cheerful, happy, and engaging workplace.
- Create a corporate Group that is a sense of pride for employees and their families.

## [Use diverse human resources; offer a workplace environment and corporate culture]

- Use advanced technologies to improve productivity and leverage diverse human resources.
- Provide a workplace environment and foster a corporate culture as a Group where employees with diverse backgrounds have mutual respect and motivate each other.





#### Business Partners

- Establish a cooperative relationship by gaining deep understanding of business partners, which enables pursuit of a wide range of possibilities.
- Provide solutions to issues that need to be tackled throughout the value chain as well as social issues.

#### [Use of state-of-the-art technology to create new value]

- Create new value leveraging advanced technologies and a network of business partners.
- Provide a wide range of solutions based on understanding the true causes of the increasingly complex problems of business partners.





## Society and Consumers

- Contribute to the development of the local community through legal compliance and ethical management.
- Consider the rights, health and comfort of everyone involved in the supply chain.
- Provide products and services towards realization of a sustainable world.

#### [Solving Social and Environmental Issues, and Globalization]

- Solve problems that threaten safety and security, e.g., climate change and food and water shortage.
- Contribute to securing and improving food safety by utilizing biotech, Al and other advanced technologies.
- Fulfill health maintenance demands due to increasingly aging societies in advanced countries.
- Contribute to the acceleration of **globalization** and solve social issues in each region.









## Share holders

- Foster trust and a sense of security through a highly transparent management structure and timely and reasonable information disclosure.
- Maximize enterprise value by increasing both economic and social value and through continuous business creation.

#### [Corporate Governance]

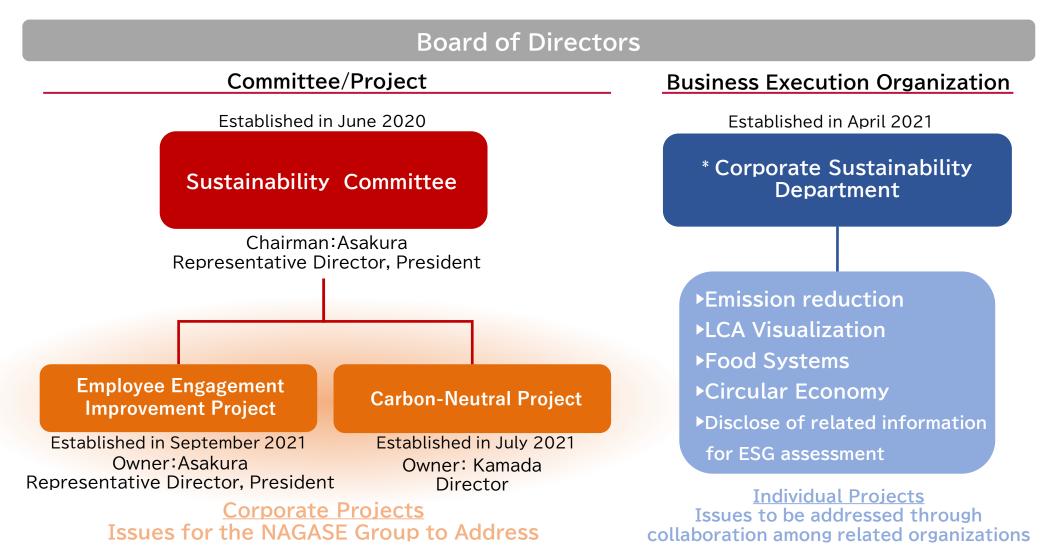
- Establish a highly transparent corporate governance system.
- Make sustainable improvement of enterprise value by balancing economic value and social value.





# Sustainability Advancement Structure

- · Establish a structure to advance sustainability throughout the group
- · Launch the Employee Engagement Improvement and Carbon-Neutral Projects as a corporate projects



<sup>\*</sup> Effective April 1, 2022, the Corporate Communication Department was renamed the Corporate Sustainability Department and placed under the direct control of the representative director, president.

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## **ANAGASE**

## Non-Financial Target (1): Improve Employee Engagement





# Ideal NAGASE (Long-Term)

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Ideal NAGASE (Medium-Term)

ACE 2.0 Non-financial targets (KPIs)*	Group companies : Percentage of companies conducting regular engagement surveys 100%  NAGASE : Engagement survey score of 60 or more (non-consolidated)		
Initiatives and policies	Talent management, health management, work-style reform, Diversity & Inclusion, HR policy		

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Results	Implemented engagement survey; engaged in work-style reform (started Project Bridge, eliminated dress code)
Disclosures	[Number of employees (non-consolidated)] Number (percentage) of male and female employees, number (percentage) of non-regular employees, percentage of employees with disabilities, number of mid-career hires [Work-style (non-consolidated)] Rate of new graduates retained after three years, turnover rate for personal reasons, average years of service, average annual salary, total annual hours worked, rate of paid leave taken, number of employees taking maternity and childcare leave, number of employees participating in human resource development training, total hours of training [Safety and health (non-consolidated + domestic manufacturing companies)] Number of work-related accidents, number of fatalities, frequency rate, frequency of work-related accidents, number of employees participating in training related to health and safety

<sup>\*</sup> Prinova Group calculated as a single company.

<sup>\*</sup> FY2021: Implemented by 41% of group companies (including 24 companies with one-time implementation) NAGASE (non-consolidated) engagement survey score was 52.4. Copyright © 2022 NAGASE & CO., LTD.



## Non-Financial Target (2): Carbon Neutrality









# Ideal NAGASE (Long-term)

# Ideal NAGASE Medium-Term)

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Values we want to provide to stakeholders	<ul> <li>[Society and Consumers]</li> <li>Contribute to the development of the local community through legal compliance a ethical management</li> <li>Consider the rights, health and comfort of everyone involved in the supply chain</li> <li>Provide products and services towards realization of a sustainable world where people live with peace of mind</li> </ul>		
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Initiatives and policies	Overall Measures Visualization	<ul> <li>: Participation in external initiatives, promote environmental investing, examine internal carbon tax</li> <li>: Visualize emissions in the supply chain, calculate the LCA of strategic products</li> </ul>
	Reductions	: Provide low-carbon products and reduction solutions; adopt environmentally friendly facilities Improve production process, utilize renewable energy (purchase, generate renewable energy in-house)

Results	Declaration of carbon neutrality, declaration of support for TCFD, business alliance with ZeroBoard Inc. began calculating LCA for domestic manufacturing subsidiaries		
Disclosures (results only)	<ul> <li>[Consolidated]</li> <li>Greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 1, 2, and 3)</li> <li>Greenhouse gas Scope 1 emissions by type</li> <li>Energy consumption, electricity consumption, consumption rate during production (t-CO2/ton of production)</li> </ul>		



## NAGASE Group Carbon Neutral initiatives

## [NAGASE Group Carbon Neutral Declaration]

2050 Target: Scope 1,2 Carbon Neutrality

2030 Target: Scope 1,2 46% reduction (compared to 2013 levels)

Scope3 12.3% or more reduction(compared to 2020 levels)

[Manufacturing]

## [Overall Group]

#### **Overall Measures**

- Participate in external initiatives
- Promote environmental investing

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Examine internal carbon tax

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Measure (1)		Measure (2)
Visualize emissions in the supply chain, etc.	Visualization	Life-cycle assessments for strategic products, etc.
Measure (3)  Provide low-carbon products and reduction solutions, Introduce green facilities, etc.	Reduction	Measure (4)  Improve manufacturing processes, use renewable energy (purchase/in-house generation),etc



## Issues in the Supply Chain: Values Offered by NAGASE

### **External Environment**

# Response to climate change as a management issue

- Disclosures of climate change-related information are a competitive factor in the stock market
- TCFD disclosures is required in the prime market
- TCFD recommends Scope 3 disclosure

# Scope3: Need to address climate change throughout the supply chain

- Scope 3 reductions are not effective if only in-house efforts are made
- Reduction targets must be set upstream in the supply chain

# Have not yet standardized calculation methods for the supply chain

- Need standardized calculation methods for setting reduction targets
- Standardization of calculation methods and assurance of accuracy, particularly for overseas production sites

## Values provided by the NAGASE Group

- Provide low-carbon products and reduction solutions; adopt environmentally friendly facilities
- Provide support for Scope 3 calculations in the supply chain
- Switch to Category 1 (products purchased) and other primary data; facilitate dialogues to appeal to economic value



## Business Alliance with Zeroboard Inc.

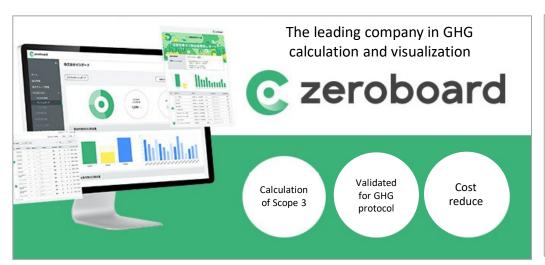




## Zeroboard Inc. and NAGASE & CO., LTD. Enter Business Alliance for Expansion of CO2 Visualization Service Supporting Decarbonization of Companies Through Technology and a Trading Firm Network

Zeroboard Inc. and NAGASE & CO., LTD. have agreed on a business alliance for sales and expansion of zeroboard, a cloud service developed by Zeroboard Inc. for calculating and visualizing CO2 (carbon dioxide) emissions to support the decarbonization of companies.

Zeroboard Inc. will develop and improve zeroboard, and manage its database, while NAGASE will sell the service mainly to the chemical industry, collect information on customer needs, and develop and provide CO2 emissions reduction solutions.



- Data linkage between user companies
- Calculate CO2emissions (Scope 1-3) based on the GHG Protocol through simple data entry
- Reporting functions for integrated reports and environmental regulations
- Monthly fee structure matching different company sizes



## Major Initiative Endorsements and Third-Party Evaluations

### [New Evaluations]



Selected as a component of the FTSE Blossom Japan Sector Relative Index



Group company Hayashibara awarded the EcoVadis Gold Medal

## [CDP Ratings]



	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
Climate	D	С	В	В
Water	С	С	В	A-
Forest	Forest:not scored	C-	С	С

## [Endorsed Initiatives and Third-Party Evaluations]











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