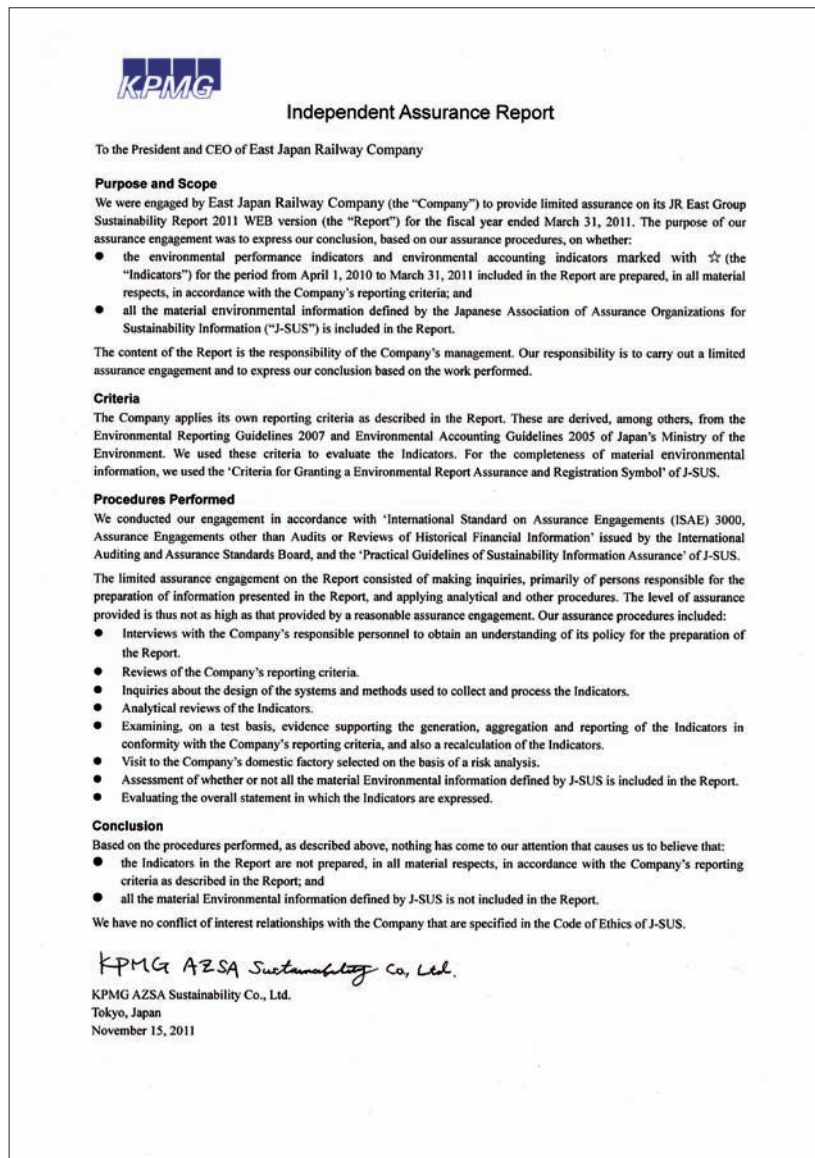


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JR East has redefined its boundary for energy consumption by sorting out the energy used in transportation, that used in non-transportation activities, and that supplied to other companies. This has also helped clarify the boundary of its group companies, and we believe that the calculated figures now present a truer picture of JR East's and its group companies' energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Group companies' quantitative environmental data are, however, only shown in the "JR East Group's environmental impact" section. Because the environmental impacts of the group companies are much smaller than those of JR East and it is not always easy to describe the impacts of the group companies that are engaged in diverse businesses, it may be understandable that focus has so far been placed on the impacts of JR East. Nonetheless, taking into account the fact that the JR East group's non-transportation businesses are growing year by year, we believe that JR East Group Sustainability Report, which annually reports on the group's activities and performance, should account for the group's policies, initiatives and performance in relation to its non-transportation businesses in more detail.



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