

# ISO 14001

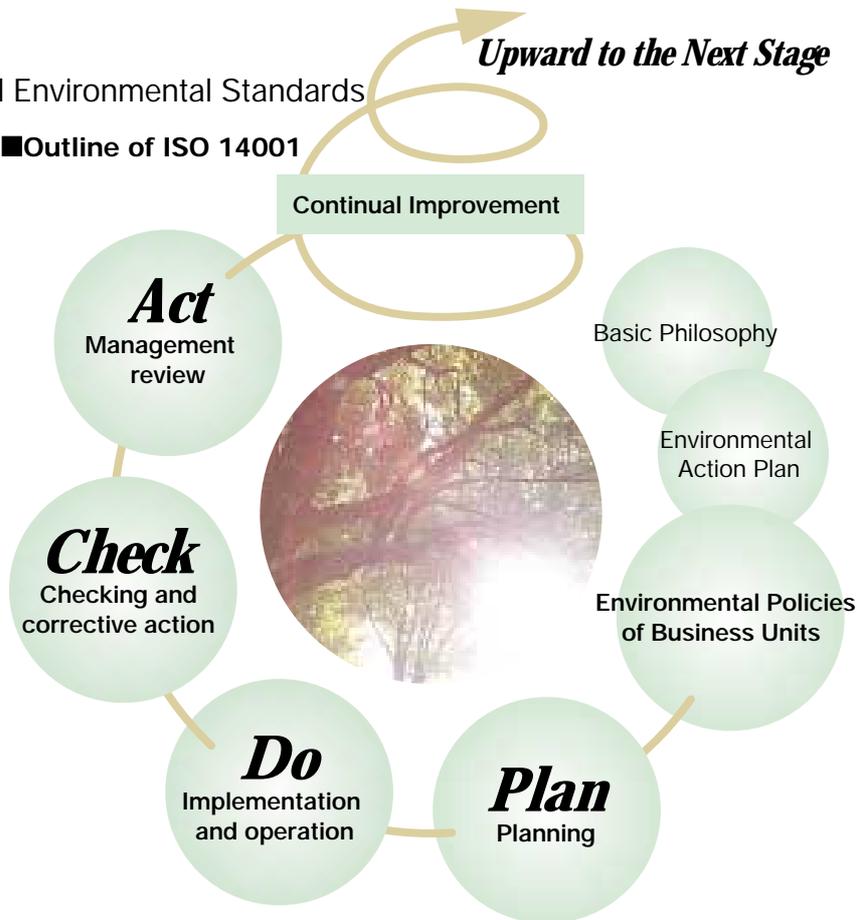
Aiming for Continual Improvement  
 To implement corporate activities that reflect concern for the environment more systematically and to enhance the transparency of Company activities to outside interests, we are moving forward with preparations to obtain ISO 14001 certification.



## Responding to International Environmental Standards

We have created environmental management systems, and, to meet our responsibilities as a corporation interested in environmental protection, we are actively working to meet ISO 14001 requirements, the globally recognized certification of adherence to international standards. In October 1997, our Nagakusa Plant was the first of our facilities to receive ISO 14001 certification. This was followed by certification of the Kariya Plant (Compressor Division) and the Takahama Plant in 1998, then by the certification of the Hekinan Plant in November 1999. The Kyowa and Obu plants are working to obtain certification by March 2000 and have completed the necessary review of documents. Further-more, at our overseas facilities two out of a total of six plants have completed the certification process, and the remaining plants are already engaged in the required activities to obtain

### ■Outline of ISO 14001



### ■Current State of ISO 14001 Certification

Domestic		
Plant Name	Date of Registration	Certifying Agency
Nagakusa	October 22, 1997	JARI-RB
Kariya (Compressor Division)	October 28, 1998	JARI-RB
Takahama	December 28, 1998	JARI-RB
Hekinan	November 15, 1999	JARI-RB
Kyowa	Scheduled for December 1999	JARI-RB
Obu	Scheduled for March 2000	JARI-RB

Overseas		
Plant Name	Date of Registration	Certifying Agency
TIEM (U.S.A.)	June 23, 1999	DNV
MACI (U.S.A.)	September 15, 1999	DNV
TIESA (France)	Scheduled for July 2000	
KTTM (India)	Scheduled for 2001 or later	
TIK (China)	Scheduled for 2001 or later	
TDDK (Germany) Start-up in April 2000	Scheduled for 2001 or later	

\*JARI-RB: Japan Automobile Research Institute  
 \*DNV: DET NORSKE VERITAS CERTIFICATION, INC.





## Environmental Audits

Environmental audits based on the Company's environmental management system are of two types: internal and external. These audits are conducted to determine whether environmental activities are being carried out according to the environmental management manual and related regulations.

Internal audits are conducted at the plant level both by teams of specialists thoroughly familiar with operations at each plant and by selected auditing personnel throughout the Company who conduct such inspections from an independent perspective. In both types of audits, personnel who have received specialized training and passed qualification tests conduct their audits using check sheets, and the

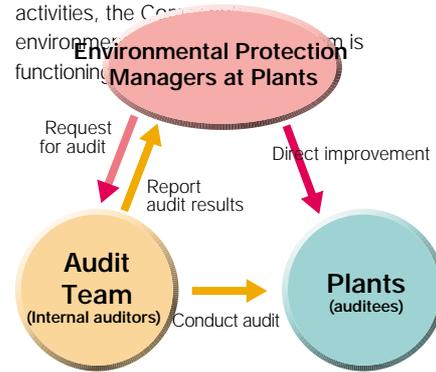
results are reported to management. Under the system, plants that are being audited are responsible for preparing remedial plans, and the results are confirmed by auditing personnel. As a result of these internal audits, the number of issues cited in audits by external parties is declining.

External audits are conducted by registered external agencies to determine whether plants are observing ISO 14001 specifications appropriately and effectively. Audits to maintain ISO certification are conducted annually, and audits for renewal of the certification are carried out every three years. In fiscal 1998, auditors cited no problems at the Company's plants.

In addition, the chairman of the

Environmental Committee, which is the Company's top unit accountable for environmental matters, conducts inspections twice yearly to review the records and confirm the progress of activities at each plant.

As a result of these auditing activities, the Company's environmental management system is functioning.



The Company's Internal Auditing System



▲ On-site inspection at the Kariya Plant (Compressor Division)



▲ Report on the results of the qualification inspection at the Nagakusa Plant

## Environment-Related Accidents and Other Matters

There were two complaints during the year, one regarding odors and the other related to noise. These were investigated and found to be within legal limits. Nevertheless, measures were implemented to improve the related equipment and prevent reoccurrence of the events. There were no environment-related accidents.

