# AIRFIRST CO., LTD. <br> ESG Report 2023 



AIRFIRST

## About This Report

## Report Overview

AirFirst has core competencies, such as superior operational excellence, customer intimacy for communication, and prompt decision-making, that enables all these strengths based on various experiences and know-how accumulated over 50 years since its founding in 1975. Based on these core competencies, we provide products and services to a wide range of industries in S . Korea, from the nationally strategic industries of semiconductors, petrochemicals, steel, automobiles, and shipbuilding to consumer goods industries like food and medical industries, and the next-generation growth industries of secondary batteries and cathode materials, and aerospace. Also, we have manufactured and supplied industrial gases as the industry leader.
Along the way, we maintain partnerships with our customers and local communities with the corporate philosophy to be a reliable partner that creates the future and growth of our customers together based on long-term stable operations and trust, while also promptly responding to customer requests and prioritizing environment-friendly safety management. Based on its core values of "Safety, Respect for People, and Ethics", AirFirst aims to disclose sustainable management activities and performance among AirFirst employees and stakeholders by collecting financial and non-financial performances and publishing the 2023 ESG Report in the following year. In addition, we will keep playing an active role in actively communicating and cooperating with stakeholders and creating social values by releasing periodic and ongoing reports.

## Report Criteria

This report is prepared using the 2021 Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards, a global reporting guideline for releasing sustainable management reports. Financial information is based on K-IFRS consolidated financial statements, and non-financial information is also prepared on a fiscal year basis, according to AirFirst's disclosure reporting system. Major changes are indicated separately in each related section.

## Report Creation and Scope

This report contains the quantitative and qualitative performance of AirFirst from January 1 to December 31, 2022.
Quantitative performance is based on providing three-year data to present a trend analysis. This report covers domestic business sites, including the head office in Pohang. Cases that require attention to the scope of the report are separately indicated.
The publication cycle of the report is on an annual basis. (Last report: June 2022)

## Report Assurance

AirFirst received a third-party assurance from Korea Management Registrar Inc., an independent assurance provider, to audit and review the report preparation process and the reliability of the disclosed information. The applied assurance standard is AA1000AS Moderate Level, Type-2. The reliability and fairness of the report preparation process, publicly disclosed data, and contents were secured through the assurance process. The third-party assurance statement is included in the Appendix.

## Report Publication and Feedback

This report can be viewed and downloaded from the AirFirst website. For any inquiries about the report or more information, please refer to the contact information below and we'll respond in earnest to your request.

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## CEO Message

AirFirst Co., Ltd. CEO Han-yong Yang

Dear AirFirst<br>Stakeholders,



Firstly, I would like to sincerely thank you for trusting and supporting AirFirst's stability and growth despite the expansion of uncertainty in all industries due to the pandemic that has lasted for the past three years.

Through your unwavering support and encouragement, the company continues to grow. And we have published the 2023 ESG Report with non-financial results in addition to the superficial financial performance related to corporate growth.

All AirFirst employees, including myself, are dedicated to placing the highest value on the environment, safety, and respect for people with a strong sense of sincerity and responsibility to conduct business ethically and transparently. We have been a reliable partner that creates the future and growth of our customers' hand in hand. Under this corporate philosophy, we will prioritize and contemplate on what our customers are concerned about and what they seek. We will continue contributing to the stable maintenance and development of major industries nationwide together with our customers, partners, and many stakeholders.

We appreciate and look forward to the continued support and encouragement of our stakeholders.
Thank you.

## Company Overview

## Introduction to <br> AirFirst

AirFirst has core competencies, such as superior operational excellence, customer intimacy communication, and prompt decision-making, that enables all these strengths based on various experiences and know-how accumulated over 50 years since its founding in 1975 . Based on these core competencies, we are providing products and services to a wide range of industries in Korea, from the nationally strategic industries of semiconductors, petrochemicals, steel, automobiles, and shipbuilding to consumer goods industries like food and medical industries, and the next-generation growth industries of secondary batteries and cathode materials, and aerospace. Also, we have manufactured and supplied industrial gases as the industry leader. Based on this long-term stable operation and trust, we are maintaining partnerships with our customers and local communities with a corporate philosophy to be a reliable partner that creates the future and growth of our customers' hand in hand, while also promptly responding to customer requests and prioritizing environmentfriendly safety management.

We portrayed our mission to become the preeminent leader in the industry in the future, providing superior quality and optimal solutions. With the expertise and technology of leading industrial gas

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MISSION ©

## GOAL ©

 experts and engineers embodied in the form of number 1.In addition, the appearance of 'rise' in three dimensions as the air swirls and soars up into the sky symbolizes our pursuit of a better future and greater growth with customers.

Color green stands for environment-friendly, and blue stands for clean air.

## Top leader in the domestic industrial-purpose gas industry that prioritizes the Environment, Safety, and Respect for People as the highest value and is respected companywide

Being a reliable partner that strives for the future and growth of customers in tandem with the concerted efforts of employees and partners

To achieve sales of KRW 1 trillion in 10 years of AirFirst's founding with an accident-free track record within the environmental and safety sectors (by 2029)

| CORE |
| :--- |
| VALUES |



## History and Location

History
Since its founding in 1975, AirFirst has been leading the manufacture and supply of industrial gas for over 50 years by providing products and services to a wide range of industries in S . Korea, from the nationally strategic industries of steel, petrochemicals, and semiconductors, up to other industries closely related to daily life, including food and medical care industries, and the next-generation growth industries of secondary batteries and aerospace.


## Location



AirFirst's primary factories are located inside and adjacent to customers' businesses, including major industrial complexes, and we will come closer to provide better services in prompt response to customers' requests.

## - 5 Major ASU* clusters

Pohang, Seosan, Giheung/Yongin, Gunsan, Pyeongtaek

## - 10 On-site plants

Bucheon, Icheon, Pyeongtaek, Jincheon, Daejeon, Gimcheon, Iksan, Jeonju, Busan, Sejong
*ASU: Air Separation Unit

## Gas Supply Solutions and Major Clients

Gas Supply Solutions

Airfirst produces and supplies industrial gas, which is the foundation of all industries, and provides integrated solutions based on corporate principles of safety, trust, and partnership.


| Major Clients | We are growing together with about 230 companies in various industries, from the nationally strategic industries of semiconductors, chemicals, and steel to the food and beverage, new materials, medical, paper, and glass industries. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Electronics industry | SAMSUNG SK'hynix DB itek |
| Petrochemical/ energy industry |  |
| Steel industry |  |
| Other industries |  |

## Highlights

All executives and employees of AirFirst recognize the importance of sustainable management and work to create economic, environmental, and social value in all our corporate and business activities. We plan to continuously share the ESG report disclosure, highlighting the relentless efforts and performance results of all employees on a business year basis, with numerous stakeholders, such as customers, partners, and local communities. The employees firmly believe that the ESG REPORT shared as the result of these efforts will further encourage and publicize AirFirst's sustainable growth potential. Also, we will strive to further develop the sustainable management system based on global standards, and grow into a company that fulfills its social responsibilities in line with stakeholders' opinions.

## Business

Sales/ operating profit


Unit: KRW 1 million



## Social

Number of employees


Unit: KRW 1 million
Total expenditures on welfare benefits, education, and training

## Ethics

Unit: Times
Number of board meetings held


Board meeting attendance rate

## 92.7\%

Ratio of non-standing directors

Average tenure of BOD-serving directors

## ESG Strategy \&

## Progress



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## ESG Management Policy

AirFirst's senior management regularly reviews this policy, and senior management will do their best to implement this policy.

## Safety, Health, and Environmental Policy

AirFirst will pursue sustainable business activities together with the society, environment, and neighbors to which we are personally vested.

Department in charge
Environmental Safety\&
External Affairs Department


## Quality Policy

As a trusted partner to our customers and communities, AirFirst will strive for relentless improvement in the quality of our products and services.

Department in charge
Environmental Safety\&
External Affairs Department


## Our Corporate Principles

- Safety, health, and environmental management constitute a fundamental basis of our business.
- Safety, health, and environmental protection of staff, customers, and communities are top priorities.
- We reflect the value of safety, health, and environmental protection in all business activities in phase with responsible management.


## Our Mission

- We achieve accident-free and disaster-free track records.
- We provide a safe and healthy workplace environment for everyone who works with us.
- We provide eco-friendly products and services that exceed customer expectations.
- We pursue sustainable business activities through the efficient use of all resources.


## Our Promises

- We thoroughly comply with related laws, regulations, and industry standards.
- We actively manage all risk factors related to business activities.
- We strive for ceaseless improvement based on specific goals and performance for safety, health, and environmental protection.
- We design, manufacture, and operate safe and eco-friendly facilities.
- We actively promote and share this policy and our safety, health, and environmental performance with the local community.


## Our Corporate Principles

- Quality management constitutes a fundamental basis of our business.
- The best product and service quality is a top priority.
- We reflect the value of quality management in all business activities in phase with responsible management.


## Our Mission

- We achieve zero-defect products and top service quality.
- We pursue efficient and sustainable product and service quality through process improvement.
- We provide technologies, products, and services that exceed customer expectations.
- We pursue business activities that can sustainably grow with our customers based on quality management.


## Our Promises

- We thoroughly comply with related laws, regulations, and industry standards.
- We actively manage all risk factors related to business activities.
- We strive for relentless improvement based on specific quality goals and achievements.
- We provide effective and competitive solutions based on our customers' needs.
- We actively promote and share our policies and quality management achievements with the local community.


## Labor/

## Human Rights Policy

AirFirst protects its executives' and employees' fundamental rights and interests, and advocates the principle of 'Respect for People.'

Department in charge Human Resources \& General Affairs Department


## Ethical Policy

As a partner trusted by customers and communities, AirFirst will comply with law and ethics and respect for people.

Department in charge
Strategic Planning Office


## Our Corporate Principles

- According to our 'Respect for People' principle, we advocate the conviction that executives and employees have dignity and value as human beings and the right to pursue happiness concerning work provision.
- In terms of social and economic aspects, we do our best to ensure employment stability and proper wages for workers and to maintain a stable and supportive workplace environment.
- We comply with the standards of workplace conditions under labor laws and regulations.


## Our Mission

- We comply with related laws and regulations, and advocate human rights to guarantee human dignity as a basic principle, regardless of age or gender.
- We treat employees equally and prohibit discrimination.
- We create workplace conditions and environment of executives and employees under related laws and regulations.
- We provide fair and equitable opportunities for executives and employees.


## Our Promises

- We ensure that executives and employees comply with the law on workplace conditions.
- We listen to the grievances of executives and employees, and keep the information about them strictly confidential with their anonymity.
- We respect executives and employees, and ensure that mental or physical impersonal treatment and threats do not ensue.
- We ensure that workplace harassment and unreasonable discrimination do not exist.
- We create an environment where we can communicate openly with executives, employees, and management, and share their thoughts.


## Our Corporate Principles

- We comply with the law and ethics.
- We maintain an upright and ethical corporate culture.
- We respect the fundamental rights of customers, shareholders, executives and employees.


## Our Mission

- We advocate fair and open competition according to law and business ethics.
- We maintain accounting transparency through accurate accounting practices, process and disclosure.
- We strictly distinguish between public and private affairs in all business activities.
- We protect and respect the intellectual property rights of the company and others.
- We strive to improve customer satisfaction and the quality of life for executives and employees, while pursuing shareholder value-led management.


## Our Promises

- We strictly comply with international standards and relevant regulations.
- We accurately record and manage all transactions per accounting laws and company regulations, and undergo regular audits.
- We do not engage in fraudulent acts to promote personal self-interests, such as embezzlement, misappropriation, or theft of company assets using our positions of trust.
- We do not disclose intellectual property and confidential information within the company to the outside public without proper prior permission and procedures.
- We pursue enhanced shareholder return on investment by maximizing profits through transparent management.
- We provide equal and fair opportunities to all employees, and treat them fairly on the basis of their competencies and merit-based performance.



## ENVIRONMENTAL

## STRATEGY \& HIGHLIGHT

Environmental
investment amount
KRW ©O million

Ratio of energy costs to sales
24.4

Recycled amount of waste
21.2

## Environmental Safety Organization and Certification Status

Organization tasked with environmental safety

Management system certification status

Recognizing the internal and external importance of environment/ safety, AirFirst establishes, operates, and manages a corporate systematic, efficient environmental management policy through a dedicated organization presided by the CEO. AirFirst's environmental safety organization manages and improves environmental risks at each business site, monitors and responds to environmental laws and regulations, and discloses company-led environmental information. It is formed as an organization directly presided by the CEO to share expeditious environmental information and respond at the management level. All company departments work closely together, and cross-check environmental issues at each business site, striving to establish thorough environmental management.


Our executives and employees have a sense of obligation and responsibility to comply with the related laws and regulations for protecting the environment. Through this, we will pursue sustainable business activities together with the society, environment, and neighbors to which we are personally vested. After obtaining ISO 14001 (Environmental Management System), ISO 9001 (Quality Management System), and ISO 45001 (Health and Safety Management System) Certifications, we are implementing eco-friendly management by renewing and maintaining the certifications on an ongoing basis. Also, we have set corporate-driven environmental goals and investment plans, and are implementing them.


## Environment/Energy Management Status

AirFirst formulates and implements investment plans necessary for environmental management every year, and institutes internal management standards for air, water quality, energy, greenhouse gas, waste discharge, chemicals, etc. Since December 2008, we have instilled eco-friendly management by maintaining ISO 14001 (Environmental Management System) Certification, which is an international standard, while setting corporate-driven environmental goals and formulating investment plans to be implemented. In addition, through the environmental information disclosure reporting system, we manage and disclose the utilization status of resources such as energy use, water resource use, etc.

## Environmental Investment Performance





[^0]Efficiency improvement (energy)
Unit: KRW 1 million


* Pohang freezer performance was additionally confirmed


GHG emissions
Unit: $\mathrm{tCO}_{2}$-eq

*Increase in GHG emissions due to operation of new plants

Environmental Investment Details (noise, air, water, etc.)

| Category | Site | Initiative | Description details | Remarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Noise | Giheung | Noise reduction | Noise reduction by installing silencer, soundproof lou-ver, sound absorption mat, etc., at each site. |  |
|  | Pyeongtaek | Cooling tower noise reduction device | Silencers are installed on the upper and side area of the fan of the cooling tower to reduce falling noise and fan noise of the cooling tower. | Noise reduction $85 \mathrm{~dB} \rightarrow 75 \mathrm{~dB}$ |
|  |  | Compressor room installation | Noise reduction by installing the compressor indoors and adding sound absorption to the exterior panels in Comp Room. | Noise reduction $107 \mathrm{~dB} \rightarrow$ below 85dB |
|  |  | Silencer installation | Noise reduction by discharging gas into the atmosphere through a silencer. | Noise reduction 106dB $\rightarrow$ below 85dB |
| Atmosphere | Giheung | Low-NOx burner | Installed a burner to replace existing burner, emitting less NOx. | NOx reduction $85 \rightarrow 35 \mathrm{ppm}$ |
|  |  | Air emission facility reduction device | Reduce NOx emissions by installing SCR (selective catalytic reduction) | NOx reduction $75 \rightarrow 15 \mathrm{ppm}$ |
|  | Seosan | GHG reduction facility (air dryer) | Carbon-neutral facility support project for companies subject to allocation in 2022 (government subsidy of KRW 202,950,000) | Support for GHG reduction facilities (Project period: June to Nov. 2022) |
|  | Pyeongtaek | Low-NOx burner | Reduced NOx emissions by installing a low-NOx burn-er. | NOx reduction <br> 85 ppm $\rightarrow$ below 40 ppm |
| Water (Wastewater) | Giheung | Makeup water-use saving by adjusting the BLOW DOWN position | Reduced makeup water amount due to evaporation re-duction by changing discharge location for wastewater. | Water-use savings and economic effects, accurate figures unattainable to calculate |
|  | Pyeongtaek | Reuse of industrial water (Blow down water) | Recovered blow-down water, and reused it as plant cir-culation water through RO facilities. | Discharge reduction $26 \mathrm{~m}^{3} / \mathrm{h} \rightarrow 1 \mathrm{~m}^{3} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| Others | Pyeongtaek | Wheel washing ma-chine | Installed a wheel washing device at the factory entrance to prevent dust scattering when construction vehicles enter and exit the factory. |  |
|  |  | Sprinkler truck | Dust scatter reduction by using a sprinkler truck to re-duce dust scattering in and around the factory |  |

## Efficiency improvement (energy)

| Site | Contents | Description details |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Seosan | Replacement of factory lighting fixtures (LED-type) | Factory lighting fixture replacement (LED-type) (ASU1,2,3 MH250W $\rightarrow$ 100W LED) |
| Giheung | Replacement of office lighting fixtures (LED-type) | KRW 9 million/year |
| Pohang | Replaced factory cooler (\#1 CP11 cooler) | Improved compressor energy efficiency by increasing cooling efficiency for air compression heat |
|  | New improvements in factory freezers | 39.2 kW (power savings) $\times 107.4$ won/kw (average unit price in summer) $\times 24$-hour $\times 180$ days $=$ KRW 18 million/year |
|  | High-efficiency improvement of ASU1 CT pump (total 5 units) | Annual power savings $\times$ power unit price $=359.24 \mathrm{Mw} / \mathrm{ye} \times \mathrm{x} 143$ won/kw $=$ KRW 51.7 million/year |
|  | High-efficiency improvement of ASU2 CT pump (total 3 units) | Annually power savings $\times$ power unit price $=182 \mathrm{Mw} /$ year $\times 143$ won/kw $=$ KRW 26 million/year |
| Pyeongtaek | Generator turbine | 400KW energy savings by generating electricity using turbine's high RPM rotational power |
|  | LED lamps | Use of eco-friendly and efficient LED lamps with longer lifespans and lower power consumption compared to other types (metal lamps, mercury lamps) |
|  | Energy saving system | 10\% power savings by installing an automatic power regulator in front of LTG PNL |

## Environmental goals, detailed goals and action plans

Promotion schedule: Until Dec 31, 2024
Detailed goals
Achievement plan


## Process Cooling Water Stream

The water used in the ASU is for providing cooling water to major facilities such as compressor coolers, compressor motors, freezers, turbines, etc. After heat exchange with the facilities, the cooling water is recovered to the cooling tower and supplied to the main facilities through the coolant pump. Also, it is circulated and reused on an ongoing basis.


## ASU* General -

## Process Water Stream



* ASU: Air Separation Unit

(1) CW supply = (2) CW return
(3) Evaporation: It all depends on the design criteria of the cooling tower. It is about 05~1.5\% of circulation water.
(4) Makeup water = (3) Evaporation



## SMR*

## Process Water Stream

* SMR: Steam Methane Reforming

(A) Waste water discharge reporting facility



## TCFD Response Strategy

## - TASK FORCE ON <br> ? $\begin{aligned} & \text { TASK FORCE on } \\ & \text { CLIMATE-RELATED } \\ & \text { FINANCAL } \\ & \text { DISCLOSURES }\end{aligned}$

In November 2021, AirFirst declared its support for TCFD for the first time in the domestic industrial gas industry, and strengthened climate change-related information in the four areas of governance, strategy, risk management, and indicators/targets. Through this, we aim to implement safe social contribution initiatives that minimize damage by predicting and managing climate change risks and opportunities and transparently disclosing them every year. In addition, through this, we pursue ESG management by raising awareness of crisis response and relentless greenhouse gas reduction measures.

## Corporate governance

## Purpose

## Contents

## Members

Relevant regulations \& processes

AirFirst has established the 'Crisis Response Committee' under the Board of Directors to respond to mid- to long-term climate change risks systematically and to discuss integrated perspectives companywide. We have established and operate manuals for preemptive management of potential crises that can cause human, material, and economic damage throughout the business, such as climate change, and for effective responses to crises for the eventuality.
In addition, through the 'ESG Committee,' which consists of senior management, all matters necessary for ESG policy, including financial risks due to climate change, are reviewed and reported on a regular or ad-hoc basis. Its main purpose is to examine the action plan for ESG-related activities, evaluate the performance results, and perform improvement measures.


Corporate crisis management

- Strategy, finance, law, purchasing, HR, ethics, climate change, etc.

Preemptive crisis assessment and establishment of management plan Operation of response manual in case of crisis

Crisis Response Committee (CEO, CTO, CSO) Emergency Response Team by function

- Crisis management communication
- Risk assessment process
- Emergency preparedness/ response process


Review/ report all matters necessary for ESG policy

- Operation of regular or ad-hoc meetings
- Deliberation of action plans for ESG activities
- Evaluation and improvement measures on execution results

CEO, CSO, CTO, CFO
Dedicated organization: Management Planning Team

Operating regulations for ESG Committee

## Strategy

We have established a climate change response scenario focusing on risks that could impact the corporate business model, and have established and execute a response strategy to mitigate climate change risk.

## 1. Paradigm change

According to the $2^{\circ} 2^{\circ}$ scenarios', if Korea's carbon dioxide emissions are reduced by about $70 \%$, from 670 million tons in 2020 to 200 million tons in 2050, greenhouse gas emission prices are expected to increase exponentially. The company is part of the energy-consumption industry, with the role of a GHG emission allocating company, and changes in greenhouse gas emission prices directly affect our corporate profits.

| GHG emission path Source: NGFS | GHG emission price path Source: NGFS |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |

## Regulatory Issues

| Risk | Financial impact | Countermeasures |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GHG emission trading | Increased cost of purchasing emission permits | Operating a hedging strategy for purchasing carbon credits <br> - Minimize financial burden by establishing and operating short-to long-term carbon credit purchase strategies by forecasting short-term shortages compared to quota and constant monitoring of emission permit price |
| Investment in low-carbon facilities \& infrastructure | Expenditure on facility investment | Established short-, and medium-to long-term investment plans through carbon-neutral technology diagnostic consulting <br> - Selected for the carbon neutral consulting project managed by the Korea Environment Corporation, and completed implementation after reviewing the feasibility of investment in low-carbon facilities, etc. (Dec. 2022) <br> - Reviewing the installation of solar power generation facilities when constructing a new plant in Pyeongtaek <br> - Target to reduce facility investment cost burdens by participating in national projects such as a carbon-neutral facility support project |

## 2. Present danger of climate change

Recognizing that climate change risk poses an inevitable danger such as cold waves, droughts, floods, typhoons, and earthquakes with a direct effect on companies' supply chain and facility operations, we have established and operate countermeasures accordingly.

## Present dangers of climate change risk

| Risk | Financial impact | Countermeasures |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Meteorological changes such as typhoons, earthquakes, etc. | Expenditure for compensation and restoration due to property damage | Establishment of an in-house risk management system <br> - Establishment and operation of a systematic and specific risk management system through 'AF crisis management communication' <br> Preemptive investment in facilities and infrastructure <br> - Stable plant operation with plant design of seismic grade 1 (earthquake 8.0 to 9.0) <br> - When constructing a cooling water system, the design of underground storage ensures the stable operation of a plant in the event of a water outage due to inclement weather. |

## TCFD Response Strategy

Risk
Management

To preemptively respond to climate change, we established a climate change risk management process and advanced the risk management process with respect to alignment with corporate strategies.

## Business Continuity Management System



## One Voice Policy

## Risk Management Process



## Targets and indicators

To actively respond to climate change, we identify environmental aspects for each business site, conduct impact assessments, and manage detailed targets and plans through the target management register. Every year, we transparently disclose key environmental indicators specific to each business site in the Environmental Information Disclosure System (www.env-info.kr).
In particular, AirFirst was selected to get "Carbon Neutral Technology Diagnosis Consulting", which is supported by the Korea Environment Corporation in June 2022 following 2021, with the role of conducting a technical diagnosis on the energy efficiency of AirFirst's facilities and making investments to reduce GHG emissions.

Mid- to Long-Term Facility Investment Plan to Reduce GHG Emissions

| Category | Supporting facilities | Items | Improvements | Remarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Short term | High-efficiency equipment | Lighting | Improved energy efficiency by replacing LED lights | Giheung Plant investment completed |
| Mid- to long-term | Carbon-free equipment | Renewable energy | Use of renewable energy through solar module installation |  |
|  | High-efficiency equipment | Cooling water pump | Improved energy efficiency by replacing high-efficiency pumps |  |
|  | Process improvement | IA dryer | Purges discharged into atmosphere during regeneration can be recovered <br> Improve productivity and energy efficiency | Seosan Plant investment completed |
|  |  | PA compressor | Improving energy efficiency by improving heat exchangers | Seosan Plant investment in progress for 2023 |

GHG Emission Performance



## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Welfare benefits and education
\& training expenditures
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## Excellent family-friendly company



## Welfare and benefits

Airfirst advocates the lenient work hours culture as the basis to ensure work-life balance, encourages employees to leave work early to spend evenings with their families on Wednesday designated as family day, and bans meetings every Friday afternoon. In addition, we are operating a work system that suits our employees' various work characteristics and lifestyles by operating a selective work hour system. We are actively implementing a family-friendly system to ensure the work-life balance of our employees, such as the free use of maternity and parental leave, and continue to make efforts for improvement.

AirFirst actively communicates with internal employees, who are important stakeholders and highly valuable resources, and listens to their needs. We provide a fair and equitable workplace environment where employees can be satisfied by offering employees various welfare benefits systems and professional development opportunities. This is the case regardless of employees' gender, origin, etc.


## Welfare point system

Welfare points without restrictions on the places to use

## Long service reward

 Industry-leading long-term service reward
## Support for children's tuition

Quarterly support for children's kindergarten expenses, 100\% tuition support for children in high school/university

## Support for congratulations

 and bereavementProvide congratulations and bereavement stipends and leave for congratulations and bereavement for employees

## Condominium

Possible to use Sono Hotels \&
Resorts as member prices

## Work attire support

Support to provide plant worker uniforms
Communication cost support Support for communication expenses according to business characteristics and position


## Group annual leave system

 Workdays between holidays, the day before the Lunar New Year/Chuseok holidays, and the second Friday every month without a holiday are all designated to use the group annual leave
## Flexible work system

 Implement flexible work systems such as selective and flexible work systems for efficient work performance and work-life balance
## Housing fund support

Promote stable living conditions for executives and employees by providing funds for their housing arrangements


Group life/ accident insurance Support for insurance and indemnity insurance for employees, spouses, and children such as cancer/ surgery/ hospitalization/ death, etc

## Comprehensive health

 checkupIn addition to mandated health checkups, comprehensive health checkups are provided to employees and their spouses

## Company-provided lunch

Provide lunch that prioritizes employees' health.


Improving safety awareness Conduct safety management training/ drills geared to prioritizing the safety of employees
Job-related training/ skillset development
Support various programs to develop employees' capabilities

## Support for employees

Support for employees tuition Tuition support for employees enrolled in job-related majors at universities and graduate schools

## Language study

Support for language fluency through online and telephone English education

## Education and Training

HR development

Acquiring and maintaining excellent human resources and fostering them through education and training are essential to become a sustainable company. AirFirst supports systematic education and training programs through human resource development strategies to develop skillsets for human resources to create future values and performance results.


## Training

 status
## Educational

 System Diagram| Name of training | Contents | Completed headcount <br> (Number of people) | Remarks0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mandatory legal training | Prevention of sexual harassment | 264 | Once a year |
|  | Prevention of workplace harassment | 264 |  |
|  | Improving awareness about people with disabilities | 264 |  |
|  | Personal information security | 264 |  |
|  | Understanding retirement pension | 264 |  |
| Office safety training | Understanding the Occupational Health and Safety Act | 53 | Once a quarter |
|  | Insurance benefits and procedures per the Industrial Accident Insurance Act | 56 |  |
|  | Commuting disasters, etc. | 56 |  |
|  | Work environment and health care for office employees | 55 |  |
| Human rights education | Understanding Human Rights Management | 224 | Once a year |

We are strengthening training programs for all employees to realize results-driven outcomes and happiness through systematic growth support for each employee, the pursuit of work-life balance, and innovation rooted in our corporate culture. We provide various programs to cultivate leadership training for team managers, such as executives and managers, customized training for each job, and general competencies like communication, problem-solving, and conflict management.

|  | Leadership | Job competency | General competency | Language study | Statutory/ manda training progra |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Executives | Executives' leadership training | Job-related qualifications, | Communication, problem solving, | English education | Legal training sessions Sexual harassment prevention, | Safety training |
| Executives General manager deputy manager | Situational leadership | acquisition process, inhouse instructor activity classes, MS office, job- | conflict management, planning, etc. |  | prevention of workplace harassment, personal information security, |  |
| Employee ~ manager | Self-initiated leadership | related training |  |  | awareness about people with disabilities, retirement pension |  |
| Time of rollout | Implemented from 2023 | Taking courses after approval from the department head | Online programs are currently being implemented. (Legal trainings are conducted offline simultaneously.) |  |  |  |
| Implementing training/ education for self-driven competency promotion and job training based on an individual-development plan (IDP) |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Employee Communication and Labor-Management Council

To facilitate better communication between management and employees, we hold regular labor-management consultations, conduct grievance committee sessions, town hall meetings for employees, casual meetings, and companywide employee surveys to share key management information and gather employee opinions. We also run sporting events and year-end parties for teambonding among executives and employees. Through this, we can internalize and instill a corporate culture where all employees are individually recognized and respected through efficient communication.

## 2022 Regular Meeting Schedule

| Meeting name | Attendees | Date | Time | Location/ proceeding format |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Town hall meetings | All employees | Quarterly (4th Thursday of January, April, July, October) | 4 to 6 p.m. | Online meeting |
| Labor-Management Council | Labor-Management Council members | Last Tuesday of the Quarter | 2 to 5 p.m. | Seoul |
| Complaint Handling Committee | Grievance-Handling Committee members | Establish separately if necessary |  |  |
| Face-to-face meeting | Department heads and engineers | Specifying a Date by site | 1 to 3 p.m. | Site tour |
|  | Operator |  | 3 to 5 p.m. |  |
|  | In the case of newly hired employees by site |  | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. |  |
|  | Sales staff (excluding relevant executives) | Semi-annual, the day after the management meeting | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. | Seoul |
|  | Employees of the Seoul office |  | 1 to 3 p.m. |  |
| Year-end party | Proceeded by each site | December | 6 to 9 p.m. | Proceeded by site |

* Some meetings were canceled on account of COVID-19 protocols during the year.



## Labor-

Management
Council

We regularly hold quarterly Labor-Management Council meetings, and contemplate changes and decisions made through labor-management agreements in management activities. Through an agreement between labor and management, we have instituted and operate a flexible work system to comply with a 52-hour-a-week system. Also, we have instituted and implemented the selective work system for office employees, a flexible work system for factory workers, and a discretionary work system for sales staff, depending on the characteristics of each job group.
We are taking the lead in establishing a genuine work-life balance by expanding the staggered lenient work hour system, which was introduced at the start of the COVID-19 outbreak, to full-time operation according to the labor-management agreement, and by simplifying the procedure to put it into practice only with the approval of the team leader.

## Grievance-Handling Committee Process

Since August 2020, AirFirst has been operating a grievance-handling committee to address and resolve any violations of employees' fundamental rights or unfair matters. Also, it operates a reporting center where violations can be reported anonymously to ensure a happy working life with psychological stability based on mutual respect and integrity for all employees. When an employee's grievance is received, the grievance-handling committee will hold a consultation first. If the case should be reported to the CEO, it will be immediately done so. The corrective measure is taken by the CEO's authority or the handling result is notified to the employee who filed the grievance through the Human Resources Committee. In addition, all these issues and procedures are strictly confidential with anonymity secured.

## Filing of employee grievance

When an employee files for grievance counseling, a grievancehandling committee member decides whether to report the matter to the CEO after counseling.

- The filing of a grievance for counseling is reported through various means such as email, telephone, social media, etc.
- Employee can choose the place that he/she wants for counseling


The HR committee is held by the CEO's discretion and authority.

Handling grievances with the CEO's authority

A grievance-handling committee member handles a grievance personally.

Notify the handling result to the
filing employee concerned.

A grievance-handling committee member notifies the employee concerned of the outcome or progress within 10 days of receipt.

## The Ratio of Workers and Employment Stabilization Activities

AirFirst newly hired 87 employees (increase) from January 2020 to December 2022. In addition, through the implementation of a college internship program from July to August 2021, we are building a network of talents for internship opportunities and regularly operating summer and winter internship programs every year.

## Percentage of workers

| Contents | Category | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of employees based on workplace (headcount) | AF | 187 | 201 | 221 |
|  | AF E\&C |  | 32 | 39 |
|  | Total | 187 | 233 | 260 |
| Newly hired (Number of people) | AF | 29 | 52 | 42 |
|  | AF E\&C |  | 29 | 23 |
|  | Total | 29 | 81 | 65 |
| Employment of workers with disabilities (Number of people) | AF | 5 | 4 | 4 |
|  | AF E\&C |  | - | 1 |
|  | Total | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| Employment of national merit (Number of people) | AF | 1 | - | - |
|  | AF E\&C |  | - | - |
|  | Total | 1 | - | - |
| Employment rate of temporary workers (\%) | AF | 2.1 | 1.3 | 4.0 |
|  | AF E\&C |  | - | 5.1 |
|  | Total | 2.1 | 1.3 | 4.2 |

*AF E\&C was established in 2021.

Fair and Equitable Recruitment

## Performance evaluation

AirFirst prioritizes employee welfare benefits and skillset development in the strong belief that securing excellent talent and world-class competencies of employees constitutes a competitive advantage. We constantly check and improve our human resource system to ensure that our employees develop their own expertise and achieve a work-life balance. Also, we will create a happy workplace through open collaboration among our executives and employees.

## Recruitment Process

| 1. Document screening | 2. Job aptitude test | 3. First-round interview | 4. Second-round interview | 5. Recruitment examination | 6. Hiring decision |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

Recruitment of new and experienced employees is implemented in six stages. We publicize a post detailing required competencies for each job and seek for talented people. Then, we screen talented people based on documents, job aptitude tests, and two-round interviews. We follow a strict policy against preferential treatment and unfair or discriminatory practices in the screening and recruitment process on the grounds of age, ethnicity, education, and gender.

Team-level and individual goals (KPIs) are established for all executives and employees, and semiannual and annual performance results are evaluated. The evaluation results are disclosed individually through the human resource system, and if necessary, adjustments are made. The final evaluation results are linked to individual compensation, such as annual salary and merit-based incentives.

## Social Contribution Activities

AirFirst sincerely conducts activities that coexist with the local communities, and creates various social values by engaging in social contribution activities. To this end, in July 2022, the Social Contribution Activity Commitment was formed and promoted to encourage employees' interest in and self-initiated involvement in social contribution activities. Through sharing the commitments that contain not only corporate management activities but also employees' commitments to fulfill their social responsibilities, we will continue to make earnest efforts to systematically pursue social contribution activities to be integral to the AirFirst corporate culture.
In 2022, each factory carried out environmental purification measures in the region, and conducted donation events in which employees donated spare clothes from home to overseas refugees and disaster countries to reuse resources and improve environmental problems caused by incineration and disposal of clothes. In addition, we jointly carried out the 'Bird Saver' activity with the local community to attach stickers to prevent wild birds from crashing into clear glass facades.

## Details of Social Contribution Activities

| Date | Region | Name of activity | Place/ content | Related institution | Time spent (hours) | Number of participants (headcount) | Donation (KRW million) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jan. 25 | Giheung/ Yongin | Train of Love Relay |  | Yongin City Hall |  |  | 1.0 |
| May 13 | Pohang | Environmental cleanup | Haedo Neighborhood |  | 2 | 13 |  |
| May 19 | Seosan | Environmental cleanup | Samgilpo Port |  | 2 | 12 |  |
| May 24 | Seoul | Making children's safety umbrellas |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Seocho-gu } \\ & \text { Volunteer Center } \end{aligned}$ | 2 | 20 | 0.7 |
| June 10 | Pyeongtaek | Donation | Support for Eumteo's training | Pyeongtaek Citizens Foundation |  |  | 5.0 |
| June ~July | Whole company | Clothing donation |  | Otcan |  |  | 0.4 |
| Sept. 7 | Giheung/ Yongin | Bird Saver activity |  | Gyeonggi Volunteer Center |  |  | 2.0 |
| Oct. 6 | Pyeongtaek | Environmental cleanup | Godeok Elementary School |  | 2 | 10 |  |
| Nov. 16 | Pyeongtaek | Sponsorship of goods | Used Laptop Donation | Eumteo |  |  | 10.0 |
| Total in 2022 |  |  |  |  | 8 | 55 | 19.1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Social Contribution Activities

Environmental protection participation campaign

At the end of 2022, as part of activities to pass on a clean environment and beautiful nature to future generations, we conducted an in-house environmental protection campaign for two months in which all employees actively joined.
Through this campaign, we carried out environmental protection measures to recognize environmental problems both at work and home, and practiced meaningful activities everyone can do for a better environment.


Social
Contribution
Activities Plan

AirFirst's company-led social contribution activities are geared to build a better future. We strive to realize the dream of a happy and safe future by practicing various activities that lead to shared growth with the local community. Various activities are planned for each region/period, such as environmental protection measures and activities for win-win partnership with the local community.

| Category | Region | Name of activity | Place/ content | Related institution |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Environmental protection | Whole company | Corporate donations through walking to mark the company's founding | Donate the amount by matching the steps that employees took using the App. | Gyeonggi Volunteer Center |
|  | Giheung/ Yongin | Plastic recycling | Collecting plastic bottle caps and purchasing items made of recycled plastic | Gyeonggi Volunteer Center |
| Community | Seoul | Making attachment dolls for sick children | Make attachment dolls to be donated to the sick children's ward. | Gyeonggi Volunteer Center |
|  | Pohang | Pohang Senior Welfare Center Food soup kitchen service | Serving food to the elderly at Pohang Senior Welfare Center | Pohang Senior Welfare Center |
|  | Pyeongtaek | Volunteer assistance for rural farmers | Rural volunteer work for farmers with labor shortages | Gyeonggi <br> Volunteer Center |
|  | Seosan | Volunteer visits to socially vulnerable areas in Seosan City | Local volunteer work in Seosan (hairdressing, taking pictures, providing meals, etc.) | Seosan <br> Volunteer Center |
|  | Whole company | Company-led donations/ charitable activities | Collecting unused personal items and donating them to an institution | Gyeonggi Volunteer Center |

## Safe Workplace Environment

Response to COVID-19 Giheung

Pohang

Seosan

SOP/Seoul

Shipping team

The COVID-19 pandemic has made the last three years from 2020 a challenging year. It was a time to pause for a moment to contemplate the new reality and adapt to the situation quickly. AirFirst has created an environment where employees and business partners can work safely. In addition to distributing masks and hand sanitizers free of charge to employees, certain sites provided lunch boxes instead of lunch in the cafeteria. While responding to the national epidemic prevention policy at the corporate level, such as real-time monitoring of new COVID patient cases and guidance on quarantine protocols, we have made it possible to stabilize our customers' production activities by doing our best to ensure a stable supply of industrial gases to them.


Strengthening visitor management


Distributed hand sanitizers and disinfectants


Supplied sanitary supplies (masks/hand sanitizers)


Bucheon business site- Measuring body temperature, notices


[^1] body temperature, notices

Posting COVID-19 protocols and guidelines


Site quarantine (disinfection) protocols


Measuring the body temperature of the drivers entering and exiting


Gunsan business site - Access control


Transportation Partners- Drivers advised to wear a mask.

Measuring body temperature of employees and other visitors


Cafeteria management (group meal by the team)


Building quarantine protocols- SEETEC (3 times a week)/HTC complex (weekly basis)


Seoul Headquarters - Measuring body temperature, notices


Transportation partners- Vehicle quarantine (disinfection) protocols

## Safe Workplace Environment

> Fulfilling social responsibility obligations such as conducting various gas safety training

## Implementing the company's original social responsibility under internal and external safety measures and COVID-19 situations

In addition to complying with safety, AirFirst is committed to fulfiling our social responsibilities for win-win partnership and community co-development.

## As typical internal activities,

We raise safety awareness and regularly conduct safety management and training that prioritizes the safety of our employees first. We are mandating the submission of a safe work plan in advance for employees of partner companies who enter and exit an AirFirst business site for work. Also, we are prioritizing and instilling our core value of 'Safety First' through regular mandatory safety training, including safety protocols to be followed within the workplace, and retaining training results for one year.

## As typical external activities,

From 2010 to the present, we have been conducting gas safety inspection and gas handling safety training every year for Pohang University of Science and Technology. In particular, from 2016 to 2017, in addition to Pohang University of Science and Technology, we provided free gas facility inspections and gas-handling safety training to Donggang Hospital, Pusan National University Hospital, Kosin University Hospital, etc.
Regarding medical oxygen, which once raised concerns about supply shortages as demand soared due to the COVID pandemic over the past three years, AirFirst, the nation's first industrial gas manufacturer that obtained the "Medical High-Pressure Gas Manufacturing and Quality Control Standard (GMP) certification" in 2017 for medical oxygen, is fulfilling our "social responsibility to overcome COVID-19 and put it behind us.


Report on Health and Safety Training Results

| Training name | Site | Date | Time spent <br> (hour) | Number of participant <br> (headcount) | Participation rate <br> (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Health \& safety <br> training | Seosan | June 14~24, 2022 | 2 | 43 |  |
|  | Giheung | Feb. 10~22, 2022 | 2 | 38 |  |

# Safety, Health and Environment (SHE) 

## Preemptive safety management through the production and distribution of safety, health and environment (SHE) manual

SHEQ (Safety, Health, Environment and Quality), AirFirst's dedicated organization tasked with environmental safety, continues its earnest efforts to prioritize and instill the values of safety, health, and environmental protection in all AirFirst's businesses. In particular, we produced and distributed the 'Safety, Health and Environment (SHE) Manual,' which stipulates common policies, procedures, and guidelines that all workplaces must comply with. The purpose of the manual is to maintain and promote the health and safety of employees, preserve the company's asset, and improve production efficiency by creating a pleasant workplace environment through awareness of work safety guidelines and domestic laws based on AirFirst's management procedures of the safety, health, and environment. In addition, we are guiding all employees entering and exiting AirFirst's workplace to ensure that safety is prioritized by complying with the stipulations in the manual.


Process Safety Management

To minimize serious accidents, we are responding by establishing strategic tasks to protect employees and various stakeholders. Fully dedicated employees comply with health and safety rules, and establish and operate plans to identify and improve risk factors. Also, we are striving to strengthen the safety management of our partners by introducing work evaluations for health and safety managers and supervisors and health and safety evaluations for subcontractors, services, and consigned companies. In addition, we comply with health and safety-related laws in our commitment to ensure health and safety at all workplaces.


## Safety, Health and Environment (SHE)

## Conducting

 emergency response drills
## Thorough handling and management of chemicals

Continued permit, inspection, training related to hazardous chemicals

PSM process safety work standards
(Hazard and Risk Management Guidelines)

Accident response training was conducted to execute prompt rescues without casualties due to poor oxygen supply when working in a confined space in the event of an accident.


AirFirst thoroughly manages chemical substances according to related laws, such as the Chemical Substances Control Act, and strives to prevent potential accidents due to the chemical substance in advance. Meanwhile, we are continuing diligent efforts to protect the life and property of all employees and the environment from potential accidents due to chemical substances by preparing a rapid accident response system supported by simulation-based experience through regular virtual training.

As for handling hazardous chemicals, AirFirst has acquired and holds legal permits required by law, such as hazardous chemical permits, restricted and toxic substance permits, etc. Every year, we receive 'regular inspections for hazardous chemical-handling facilities,' which targets facilities or equipment for manufacturing, using, keeping, storing, or transporting hazardous chemicals. In addition, to ensure safety at workplaces where hazardous chemicals are handled, we regularly conduct safety training that exceeds training standards stipulated by law and regulations for workers, handlers, managers, and transporters. Meanwhile, we require the use of labels and the MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet) where information on all hazardous chemicals is contained for all employees, including relevant workers, handlers and managers, and carriers, to easily recognize them.



# Quality Safety Management of Product and Service 

The ISO 9001 (Quality Management System) Certification ensures objective reliability of products.

Operation of integrated ROC monitoring system

Comprehensive evaluation of Samsung Electronics' partner companies

Acquisition of medical high-pressure gas manufacturing and quality-control standards (GMP) certification

Mobile management In October 2016, we are the first domestic industrial gas company to develop a mobile management system based on GIS (Geographic information system)

Development and operation of realtime control system for high-pressure gas transport vehicles based on GPS

In January 2017, we contributed to the stable supply of medical oxygen and nitrogen to each medical institution by acquiring the 'Medical High-Pressure Gas Manufacturing and Quality Management Standard (GMP)' certification for the first time among domestic industrial gas manufacturers and establishing a standard process for manufacturing medical high-pressure gas. system for the gas supply chain (underground pipe, 36.94 km ), together with the Korea Gas Safety Corporation, while also establishing an efficient pipeline safety management capability and a foundation of stable supply. A mobile management system makes it possible to monitor and check the pipe location and condition for underground landfill piping using Google Maps.

In December 2012, AirFirst independently developed and has operated a GPS-based real-time control system for high-pressure gas transport vehicles. The system contributes to managing potential risk factors during transportation and to preventing traffic accidents through real-time location and operation information control of all AirFirst's high-pressure gas transport vehicles. We have collected real-time vehicle location and driving information data over the past ten years to analyze driving habits such as speeding, rapid acceleration, and sudden braking that occur during driving, while also operating programs to prevent recurrence according to the results. By analyzing all vehicle movement routes and the speed limit for each driving section, we prevent large-scale accidents by managing the driving speed at risky points such as curves and roundabouts where the risk of a rollover accident is high. We have introduced a driver-defensive driving training program, evaluated the risk of high-pressure gas transportation. In addition, we operate a driver fatigue management system, installed a driver drowsy driving alarm device in vehicles, and operate policies for maximum daily work hours, driving hours, and break times.

Through the operation of the integrated ROC remote monitoring system at the business site, we are contributing to supply stability and factory accident prevention by promptly responding to equipment anomalies through real-time multi-monitoring system and local operation.

As a result of the comprehensive evaluation of Samsung Electronics' partner companies in 2022, we have obtained a grade A following 2021. This is the result obtained through rigorous screening of major partners of leading domestic semiconductor companies. All company employees have made earnest efforts to maintain the top grade continuously even after 2022.

| Partner company name | AirFirst Co., Ltd. |  | 96.1 | $95.5$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Main trading division | Semiconductor equipment/parts | 94.6 | $\bullet$ |  |
| Main transaction evaluation business type | General Purchase (UT) | - |  |  |
| Evaluation grade | A |  |  |  |
| Evaluation score | 95.5 |  |  |  |
| Previous year's grade | A |  |  |  |
|  |  | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |

## Shared growth

As transactions with partners increased, we shortened the payment deadline compared to the previous one to ensure that the payment can be made without exceeding the payment due date to comply with ESG and the Mutually Beneficial Cooperation Act. By shortening the payment due date of 60 days by up to 15 days or more and paying cash, we aim to achieve mutual growth by helping our business partners' financial safety.

## Supply chain ESG management

When registering and contracting as a new partner of AirFirst, we require all our business partners to comply with the 'Supplier's Code of Conduct.'
The above 'Supplier's Code of Conduct' defines detailed codes of conduct for health and safety, human rights and labor standards, legal compliance and preservation, and environmental protection. Together with our business partners, we are committed to following it in strict compliance.

Fairness
in partner
selection
AirFirst follows the purchase procedure regulations that document reasonable standards and procedures in selecting partners. Also, to fairly select partners, we judge whether they meet AirFirst's logistics, production, project, safety, health, environment, quality, and purchase requirements, and review them through health and safety evaluation and potential new supplier qualification evaluation steps. Then, we proceed with the bidding and ordering for the final approved companies.


## Continuous

 communication with partnersAirFirst is ceaselessly communicating with partners for efficient business promotion and cooperation. We hold 'semi-annual partner company meetings through online meetings' twice a year and continue our efforts to communicate with companies that cannot participate due to time and space constraints. Meanwhile, by holding a 'lunch meeting at the AF meeting room' two- three times a month for key stakeholders, such as company representatives, we are striving to enhance win-win partnership and instill and internalize a shared growth culture by promoting mutual information exchange and cooperation.

## Roundtable Meeting

| Category | Date | Number of <br> companies present | Expected effect |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The first half of year | 4.27 | 61 | Enhancement of <br> mutual partnership |
| The second half of year | 11.3 | 92 | 22 | | with continuous <br> communication |
| :---: |
| Occasional <br> (lunch meeting) |




## GOVERNANCE

## STRATEGY \& HIGHLIGHT

| Number of board <br> meetings held | Percentage of non- <br> standing directors | Dividend <br> payout ratio | Completion of self-initiated <br> ethical management training |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| times | people |  |  |

## Board of Directors

AirFirst maintains transparency, professionalism, and independence in corporate governance by introducing and operating an executive officer system in which the separation of ownership and management is strictly ensured. In addition, apart from the currently operating Crisis Response Committee and Grievance-Handling Committee, a dedicated organization and a committee have been newly established and operate to establish an ESG management system to manage management direction and performance, protect the fundamental rights of stakeholders, including shareholders, protect corporate social responsibility, and recognize our responsibility with the goal of instilling corporate sustainability management.

## Board and Committees

| Category | Name | Committees |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Board of Directors' Steering Committee | Crisis Response Committee | Grievance Committee | ESG Committee |
| Directors and auditors | Dong-han Son | Other non-executive director (chairman) |  |  |  |
|  | In-jun Song | Other non-executive director |  |  |  |
|  | Jeong-won Kim | Other non-executive director |  |  |  |
|  | Heon-seok Yoo | Other non-executive director |  |  |  |
|  | Joo-hwan Choi | Non-standing director |  |  |  |
|  | Seok-joong Kim | Non-standing director |  |  |  |
|  | Jong-hyun Shin | Auditor |  |  |  |
| Senior management | Han-yong Yang | Executive officer | Chairman of the Crisis Response Committee | Established and in operation | ESG Committee member |
|  | Jin-seon Kim |  | Crisis Response Committee member |  | ESG Committee member |
|  | Seong-jae Lee |  | Crisis Response Committee member |  | ESG Committee member |
|  | Yong-nam Seo |  |  |  | ESG Committee member |

## Regular board activities and strengthening corporate transparency

AirFirst's Board of Directors consists of six (4 other non-executive directors (67\%) and two non-standing directors (33\%). In addition to the quarterly regular board meeting ( 4 sessions), when a resolution agenda and important matters are reported, an extraordinary board meeting is held to actively share thoughts and ideas and communicate with the company and the Board of Directors. In 2022, it held a total of seven board meetings. In addition, to enhance corporate management transparency and improve corporate governance, one additional non-standing director was appointed to increase the ratio of non-standing directors on the Board.
The general shareholders' meeting is held according to the internal accounting schedule. In addition, it has continued its pro-shareholder management policy by providing regular dividends for the past three consecutive years and additional interim dividends in 2019 and 2020.

| Category | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of sessions held (times) | 14 | 8 | 7 |
| Average attendance (\%) | 100 | 100 | 92.7 |
| Percentage of non-standing directors (\%) | 20 | 20 | 33 |
| Average length of one's tenure (years) | 3 | 3 | 3 |

## Crisis Response Committee

AirFirst defines risk as a concept that includes risk and crisis. Under the CEO's purview, we identify and manage risks related to strategy, finance, law, purchase, maintenance, human resources, and ethics by department and job position.
The Crisis Response Committee makes decisions to ensure business continuity at each crisis stage, and an organization based on a crisis management response plan was formulated and has been implemented. In addition, the company evaluates and determines internal and external crisis management stages, and comprehensively manages risks by organically cooperating and communicating with emergency response teams by function, such as communication and cooperation with internal and external experts and requesting support from them.


## ‘One Team, One Voice’ Approach to Quick Response to Typhoon Damage at Pohang Plant

In September 2022, AirFirst faced an emergency: the Pohang factory was flooded, and the plant came to a halt due to typhoon Hinnamnor. The company has formed and operates an emergency response team for each function (crisis response team, response management team, communication team, recovery support team) under the Crisis Response Committee, headed by CEO Han-yong Yang as the chairman and the CTO and CSO (spokesman) as a member, according to the Crisis Management Strategy and Process, which aims to minimize damages from the crisis by protecting organizations, lives, and facilities and provide all employees guidance in a crisis. Through this, while responding organically with 'One Voice' approach by identifying risks to action plans in an emergency, rapid flood recovery and factory restart were carried out thanks to the immediate support of each factory and support teams in other regions, who canceled their Chuseok holidays without hesitation to provide support. With this case, we were able to inform our executives, employees, and even our customers of the results of AirFirst's 'One Team, One Voice' approach as a corporate mantra.


## ESG Committee

Since 2021, apart from the Board of Directors (Board), Crisis Response Committee, and Grievance-Handling Committee, AirFirst has formed and operates the ESG Committee, composed of four top executives (CEO, CSO, CTO, CFO) as an in-house decisionmaking body. Through regular monthly management meetings, ESG Committee has made major ESG-related decisions and always reported decisions separately to the Board. Through the operation of the ESG Committee, we protect the fundamental rights of stakeholders, including shareholders, and instill ESG management by recognizing social responsibility. In addition, under the ESG Committee's operational regulations, the seal management regulations were revised in January 2022, and the internal report system management regulations were adopted for operation in August 2022.

## ESG Committee

 Organizational Chart

| Sales Headquarters |
| :---: |
| Corporate governance |
| - Trade secret |
| - Win-win cooperation |
| Shipping Part |
| Safety campaign |

Production Headquarter
Technical Headquarters

| Environment |
| :---: |
| - Environmental safety <br> management |


| Environment, Governance |
| :--- |
| - Anti-corruption |
| - Compliance with |
| commercial law |


| Social, Governance |
| :---: |
| - Disclosure of financial |
| statements |
| - Environmental safety |

Purchasing Department

Environmental, Social

- Fair trade
- Management of raw materials

Ethical
Management

AirFirst recognizes the importance of ethical management and discloses ESG categories on its website to disclose environmental safety, human rights, and compliance management policies. Through the operation of the anonymity-secured system, we are not only preventing violations of related laws, but also conducting activities to detect, address, and improve violations afterward. So far, there have been no law violations, such as the occurrence of the breach of the act. In addition, on November 22, 2022, under the support of the Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission, two-hour-long ethical management training (anti-corruption, compliance) was conducted for executives and employees, and we plan to regularize, continue, and expand ethical management training through various methods.


## Compliance Program

AirFirst prevents law violations in advance by operating the Compliance Program with a compliance manager directly reporting to the CEO, and regularly reports the inspection status and operational performance through internal supervision to the Board. In addition, the compliance manual (i.e., ethics guidelines, anti-corruption compliance guidelines, and fair-trade compliance guidelines) is produced and distributed to provide standards for employees to make the right actions and decisions. To implement this, we have established and expanded regular training/education programs that fit the characteristics of each job and position for all employees, building a corporate consensus.
We also actively communicate with various stakeholders by establishing and operating a claim receipt and handling process internally for our customers. In addition, by opening an anonymity-secured reporting system on the AirFirst website, we collect stakeholders' opinions and facilitate better communication with them.


Legal Part
Internal corporate policy/ process

## Seven Elements of CP



## Human Rights Management

Respect for people should always be at the center of human rights management. AirFirst is building human rights management that advocates mutual respect and universal rights for all stakeholders, including our own employees, and employees of partner companies. Companies' role in human rights protection is taking on greater significance as internal regulatory framework, such as human rights due diligence guidelines mandated for the entire supply chain globally, etc.

1. We strictly prohibit any form of discrimination in recruitment, compensation, promotion, etc., on the grounds of gender, age, ethnicity, disability, religion, political orientation, and region of origin, and respect diversity.
2. We do not engage in acts such as assault, intimidation, imprisonment, etc., or force executives and employees to work against their free will. In addition, child labor is prohibited in principle, and harmful work is not assigned to minors.
3. We comply with the statutory work hours, and pay reasonable wages for all employees with a pay slip.
4. To ensure that all executives and employees can work in a safe workplace environment, we regularly check the workplace's facilities, equipment, tools, etc. And we prepare appropriate measures to prevent physical and mental risks, and support plans for follow-up management.
5. We respect the human rights of all stakeholders, including employees, partners, and customers, and take the optimal measures to protect personal information collected in business.

## Whistleblower

 CenterThe 'Whistleblower Center' is established and operated to maintain AirFirst's ethical values and integrity, with the informant's/ whistleblower's anonymity strictly secured.
Please fill out the contents specifically and surely following the 5 Ws and 1 H principles. We can promptly process measures such as fact checks, if you attach reference materials such as evidence and assurance methods. Reports can also be made by email or phone shown below. If it is a simple petition, an unclear subject or content, and is judged to be groundless slander, it may not be investigated even if reported.

Reporting violations of compliance management

Acceptance of money, valuables, and entertainment, unfair trade, other violations of laws or internal bylaws, etc.
E-Mail compliance@airfst.com
Tel 02-769-5511

Reporting violations of human rights management

Workplace harassment
and
sexual harassmen
E-Mail humanright@airfst.com
Tel 02-769-5522

## Distribution Policy and Information Security

Separate implementation of fair performance management and reasonable distribution policy

AirFirst has established and implements appropriate distribution policies for stakeholders (including executives and employees, shareholders) on the economic value created by corporate management activities. While executing a reasonable and transparent merit-based incentive policy to distribute performance appropriately to internal employees, it is implementing a pro-shareholder management policy by separately implementing interim and regular dividends on a yearly basis.

## Dividend Payout Ratio

| Category | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\%$ | 49.6 | 53.1 | 42.2 |

*Based on regular dividends at year-end (In 2020, an interim dividend of KRW 20.1 billion was distributed, in addition to period-end regular dividends)

Information Security
Management System

Information Protection Organizational System

While the information age has brought convenience to life, the threat of security accidents, such as cyberattacks and personal information leakage due to information sharing and utilization is also increasing day by day. AirFirst has established and operates an 'Information Security Management System/ Regulations and Guidelines' to protect the valuable information of its employees and customers.

Based on the Information and Communication Network Act, AirFirst designates a chief information security officer (CISO) to protect users of information and communication services, and reports it to related ministries (Ministry of Science and ICT) for operation. The chief information security officer's is primarily tasked with advancing the company's information reporting management system and personal information protection management and managing an information security manager who subdivides the task into personal information operation and IT operation. For personal information management, the rights and interests of personal information providers are protected by determining matters related to the processing and protection of personal information according to the Personal Information Protection Act. To limit the use and provision of personal information for unauthorized purposes, a person in charge of personal security operation is designated and managed by the company's competent Human Resources \& General Affairs Department. Meanwhile, for the IT operation field, tasks are managed by designating an IT operation manager in the company's competent Administration Support Team IT Department in order to conduct use of information and communications networks, protect users of information and communications services, and create an environment for sound and safe use of information and communications networks according to the Information and Communications Network Act.

## CEO

## Information security manager

## Chief information security officer

Person in charge of personal information operation
person in charge of IT operation

## Definition of Stakeholders and Communication Channels

A more advanced world can be created only when all members collectively internalize the value and move toward a common goal. Therefore, for shared growth and prosperity with partners, measures are essential to improve the deficiencies through an impact assessment on society and to resolve their grievances together. We discover improvements based on the value of respect for people, and conduct regular inspections for ceaseless improvement on a proactive and prompt basis, not solely relying on reactionary improvement measures.
Recognizing the importance of win-win partnerships, AirFirst is doing its best to help our partners strengthen their competitiveness and maintain a fair and transparent supply chain. If it is necessary to establish a virtuous cycle system for mutual growth with partners, we provide training facilities and instructors for primary and secondary partners to organize and benefit from training programs.

| Stakeholder | Main communication channels | Communication cycle | Win-win principle |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Shareholders <br> \& investors | Board of Directors | Quarterly | Business risk management <br> Enhancing value for shareholders and investors <br> Cooperation to share value created |
|  | Shareholders' meetings | Annually |  |
|  | Public announcement | When an issue occurs |  |
|  | In-person or virtual meetings | When an issue occurs |  |
| Community | Volunteer activities | Periodic | Support for the socially vulnerable Community co-development Value sharing |
|  | Employee relocation settlement support | When an issue occurs |  |
|  | Dormitory housing provision | When an issue occurs |  |
| Government | Laws and regulations | When an issue occurs | Policy advancement <br> Policy and regulatory response <br> Value sharing |
|  | Forum/ conferences | When an issue occurs |  |
|  | Official letter | When an issue occurs |  |
| Executives <br>  <br> employees | Groupware | At any time | Self-initiated participation in management <br> Strengthening of human rights <br> Lifetime relationships and pursuit of happiness |
|  | Report/ Whistleblower Center | At any time |  |
|  | Decision-making meeting | Monthly |  |
| Partner companies | Customer satisfaction survey | When an issue occurs | Customer satisfaction <br> Fair competition tion and sharing of created value |
|  | Report-handling process | When an issue occurs |  |
|  | Email, homepage, social media | Periodic |  |



## APPENDIX

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ESG Rating Results
Quantitative Performance Table
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ESG Evaluation Overview

|  | Category | ESG item | Major details | Good | Moderate Insufficient |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| E | Environment | Environmental strategy | Environmental organization and training operation | - |  |
|  |  | Environmental management | Acquiring environmental certification and conducting eco-friendly business | - |  |
|  |  | environmental performance | GHG emissions and reduction | - |  |
|  |  | Environmental compliance | Compliance with environmental laws, etc. | - |  |
|  |  |  | Environmental Arena | E2 / 74.0 (100) |  |
|  | Employment | Employment security | Conversion to full-time workers, wage delays, etc. | - |  |
|  |  | Employment conditions | Compliance with Labor Standards Act and welfare Level | - |  |
|  | Social arena | Respect for human rights | Communication with workers and respect for human rights | - |  |
|  |  | Social contribution | Employment of the vulnerable, expenditure of donations, etc. | - |  |
|  |  | Education management | Investment in training for executives and employees | - |  |
| S | Customers | Supply Chain Management | Quality control, customer management, etc. | - |  |
|  | Safety | Health \& safety management system | Health \& safety organization and regulations | - |  |
|  |  | Health \& safety operation management | Risk assessment, health \& safety inspection and education, etc. | - |  |
|  |  | Health \& safety investment | Health \& safety certification and establishing a budget | - |  |
|  |  | Health \& safety performance | Current status of industrial accidents and serious accidents, health \& safety rewards | - |  |
|  |  |  | Social Arena | $\text { S1 / } 85.4 \text { (100) }$ |  |
| G | Management | Management safety | Shareholder composition, CEO risk, etc. | - |  |
|  |  | Accounting transparency | Conducting external audits, outflows of funds, and transactions with related parties | - |  |
|  |  | Ethical management | Ethical management and information security | - |  |
|  |  |  | Management | G1 / 85.0 (100) |  |
|  |  |  | ESG Evaluation Results | ESG2 / 80.7 (100) |  |

*Evaluation Institute: ECREDIBLE CO. LTD.

## Financial Statements

| Financial | Snapshot Statement of Financial Position |  |  | Unit: KRW 1 million |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| reporting | Category |  | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| results | Asset | Current assets | 57,730 | 334,116 | 432,397 |
|  |  | Non-current assets | 1,674,048 | 1,783,415 | 1,989,735 |
|  |  | Total assets | 1,731,778 | 2,117,531 | 2,422,132 |
|  | Debt | Current liabilities | 73,164 | 165,781 | 351,833 |
|  |  | Non-current liabilities | 330,812 | 297,397 | 376,466 |
|  |  | Total liabilities | 403,976 | 463,178 | 728,299 |
|  | Capital | Paid-in capital | 123,130 | 149,996 | 149,996 |
|  |  | Capital surplus | 871,068 | 1,126,420 | 1,126,420 |
|  |  | Retained earnings | 333,604 | 377,937 | 417,485 |
|  |  | Total capital | 1,327,802 | 1,654,353 | 1,693,832* |

*Including -KRW 69 million of non-controlling interest

## Snapshot Income Statement

Unit: KRW 1 million

| Category | $\mathbf{2 0 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Revenues | 280,251 | 400,640 | 602,234 |
| Gross profit on revenues | 86,308 | 106,938 | 128,201 |
| Operating profits | 47,292 | 69,930 | 83,398 |
| Net income before tax deduction | 38,199 | 70,456 | 86,466 |
| Corporate tax expense | 7,946 | 10,018 | 14,921 |
| Net income | 30,253 | 60,438 | 71,545 |

Non-Financial Performance

Environmental(E)

| Category |  | Unit | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Health \& safety training (production worker) | Current status | Tally | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|  | Number of attendees | persons | 94 | 102 | 99 |
| GHG emissions |  | $\mathrm{tCO}_{2}$-eq | 542,482 | 572,021 | 589,769 |
| Energy usage |  | TJ | 10,962 | 11,721 | 12,125 |
| Energy cost |  | KRW million | 121,502 | 122,796 | 147,223 |
| Ratio of energy costs to sales |  | \% | 43.4 | 30.7 | 24.4 |
| Water usage | Seosan | ton | 895,931 | 973,064 | 1,020,984 |
|  | Giheung |  | 808,050 | 872,907 | 926,000 |
|  | Pohang |  | 258,148 | 267,377 | 259,300 |
|  | Total |  | 1,962,129 | 2,113,348 | 2,206,284 |
| Waste discharge | Seosan | - ton | 32.4 | 3.0 | 8.2 |
|  | Giheung |  | 19.8 | 22.2 | 10.0 |
|  | Pohang |  | 3.7 | 8.4 | 21.9 |
|  | Pyeongtaek *Construction waste |  |  | 310.6 | 244.6 |
|  | Total |  | 55.9 | 344.1 | 284.8 |
| Amount of recycled waste |  | ton | 21.9 | 27.5 | 21.2 |
| Waste recycling rate |  | \% | 39.2 | 8.0 | 7.4 |
| Pohang <br> Hazardous chemicals emissions | Naphtha | kg | 619.0 | 646.4 | 600.2 |
|  | NaOH |  | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
|  | HCl |  | 1.3 | 2.7 | 2.5 |
|  | Total |  | 620 | 649 | 602.8 |
| Environmental investment amount | Noise, atmosphere, water, etc. | KRW million | 1,269 | 9,241 | 506 |
|  | Efficiency improvement (energy) |  | 290 | 89 | 252 |
|  | Total |  | 1,559 | 9,330 | 758 |

Non-Financial
Performance

Social(S)

| Category |  |  | Unit | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Job creation status | Number of employees based on workplace | AF |  | 187 | 201 | 221 |
|  |  | AF E\&C | Headcount |  | 32 | 39 |
|  |  | Total |  | 187 | 233 | 260 |
|  | New recruitment | AF Male | persons | 23 | 48 | 37 |
|  |  | AF Female |  | 6 | 4 | 5 |
|  |  | AF E\&C Male |  |  | 27 | 21 |
|  |  | AF E\&C Female |  |  | 2 | 2 |
|  |  | Total |  | 29 | 81 | 65 |
|  | Retirement rate | AF Male | \% | 4.3 | 4.6 | 1.6 |
|  |  | AF Female |  | - | - | - |
|  |  | AF E\&C Male |  |  | 12.5 | 6.5 |
|  |  | AF E\&C Female |  |  | - | - |
|  |  | Total |  | 3.9 | 5.0 | 2.0 |
|  | Turnover rate | AF Male | \% | 4.3 | 9.2 | 6.9 |
|  |  | AF Female |  | 11.1 | 5.0 | 9.1 |
|  |  | AF E\&C Male |  |  | 29.2 | 45.2 |
|  |  | AF E\&C Female |  |  | - | 66.7 |
|  |  | Total |  | 5.0 | 11.1 | 12.6 |
|  | Average years of service | AF Male | Year | 12 | 11 | 10 |
|  |  | AF Female |  | 8 | 8 | 7 |
|  |  | AF E\&C Male |  |  | 2.2 | 1.5 |
|  |  | AF E\&C Female |  |  | 2.1 | 1.7 |
|  | Number of dismissed employees |  | persons | - | - | - |
| Diversity | Gender ratio by headcount | AF Male | persons | 168 | 180 | 197 |
|  |  | AF Female |  | 19 | 21 | 24 |
|  |  | AF E\&C Male |  |  | 29 | 36 |
|  |  | AF E\&C Female |  |  | 3 | 3 |
|  |  | Total |  | 187 | 233 | 260 |
|  | Employment of workers with disabilities | AF | persons | 5 | 4 | 4 |
|  |  | AF E\&C |  |  | - | 1 |
|  |  | Total |  | 5 | 4 | 5 |
|  | Employment of national merit | AF | persons | 1 | - | - |
|  |  | AF E\&C |  |  | - | - |
|  |  |  |  |  | - | - |

*AF E\&C was established in 2021.

## Non-Financial Performance

Social(S)

| Category |  |  | Unit | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Workplace environment | Parental leave use and return status |  | persons | N/A | N/A | N/A |
|  | Employment rate of temporary workers | AF | \% | 2.1 | 1.3 | 4.0 |
|  |  | AF E\&C |  |  | - | 5.1 |
|  |  | Total |  | 2.1 | 1.3 | 4.2 |
|  | Welfare and education/ training | Total | KRW million | 1,394 | 2,081 | 2,559 |
|  | Annual leave usage status (Number of uses/ tally) |  | \% | 53 | 48 | 62 |
| Labormanagement relations | Number of people joined the union |  | persons | 79 | 80 | 80 |
|  | Subscription rate | $A F+A F E \& C$ | \% | 42 | 34 | 31 |
|  |  | AF |  |  | 40 | 36 |
|  | Number of labor-management meetings held |  | Times/year | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Social contribution | Volunteer hours | Time spent | hours | - | - | 8 |
|  |  | Number of participants | persons | - | - | 55 |
|  | Donation amount |  | KRW million | 40 | 1 | 19 |
| Fair trade | Number of partner companies |  | Tally | 408 | 336 | 315 |
|  | Roundtable meeting | First half | Tally |  |  | 61 |
|  |  | Second half |  |  |  | 92 |
|  |  | Occasional (lunch) |  |  |  | 22 |
|  | Purchase cost |  | KRW million | 249,492 | 408,357 | 475,532 |
|  | Completion of relevant training |  | Tally | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Industrial accident | Industrial accident rate |  | \% | - | - | - |
|  | Number of workers subscribed to industrial accident insurance* |  | persons | 183 | 200 | 221 |

*AF E\&C, a general construction subsidiary specializing in engineering, is separately subscribed to and managed by industrial accident insurance policy.

Corporate Governance(G)

| Category | Unit | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Number of BOD meetings held | Tally | 14 | 8 | 7 |
| Board attendance rate | $\%$ | 100 | 100 | 92.7 |
| Percentage of non-standing directors (\%) | $\%$ | 20 | 20 | 33 |
| Average tenure of the board directors | Year | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Number of female executives | Person | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Number of ethical management reports received | Case | - | - | - |
| Total cash dividends | KRW million | 35,075 | 32,099 | 30,239 |
| Dividend payout ratio* | $\%$ | 49.6 | 53.1 | 42.2 |

[^2]
## Materiality Evaluation

AirFirst conducted a materiality test by comprehensively with respect to the impact of internal and external stakeholders to manage and respond to key issues for sustainable management more effectively. A total of 11 material topics were derived from the materiality test based on media analysis, stakeholder surveys, and benchmarking analysis. The corporate countermeasure and performance for those topics were included in the report. AirFirst will continue regularly conducting and managing materiality evaluations and disclosing them transparently to stakeholders.

## Materiality Evaluation Process

## 1) Issue identification and formation of issue pool

We analyzed the sustainability management standards, focusing on the GRI (Global Reporting Initiative) Standards, an international sustainability reporting guideline, and comprehensively reviewed both internal and external issues (i.e., business reports, media, industries, and best practices), formulating a pool of 66 potential issues. Then, after eliminating duplicate issues, 11 material topics were finally selected based on the internal or external relevance of issues, importance, and possibility of occurrence.

## 2) Impact analysis and selection of critical topics

After conducting comprehensive evaluations for the selected 11 material topics based on media analysis, benchmarking, and internal interviews, we selected five key topics, and reported them as highlighted items in the ESG Report.

Materiality
Evaluation Results

Safety management, labor-management relations and non-discrimination, and compliance, items for mutual growth with partners and work-life balance were selected as key issues under the results of the materiality evaluation, for reporting purposes in further detail. By reflecting on other issues throughout the report, all issues materially significant to AirFirst were described in the report.

| Core Issue | Critical topic | Major issues | GRI Index | Number of pages in the report |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| v | Safety management | Environmental safety management, ISO 14001 Certification, health \& safety environment | GRI 403 | $27,34,35,36,37,38$ |
| v | Compliance | Ethical management, compliance program management system | GRI 205 | 28,43,44 |
| v | Labor-Management relations \& discrimination | Human rights management, Labor-Management Council, Grievance Committee | GRI 401, 402, 406 | $27,29,45,52,53$ |
| v | Work-life balance | Family-friendly enterprise certification, Welfare, Education system | GRI 404, 405 | 27, 28, 31, 52 |
| v | Mutual growth | Responsible supply chain management | GRI 413, 414 | 20, 39, 47, 53 |
|  | Greenhouse gases | TCFD response strategy | GRI 305 | 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 51 |
|  | Transparent governance | Executive officer system, BOD | GRI 2 | 41, 42, 43, 53 |
|  | Environmental management investment | Environmental management investment results and plans | GRI 302 | 11, 18, 19, 51 |
|  | Local communities | Social contribution activities | GRI 413 | 20,47 |
|  | ESG risk management | Risk Management Committee | GRI 205 | 28,43,44 |
|  | Environment dedicated organization \& certification | Operational status of dedicated organization | GRI 403 | $27,34,35,36,37,38$ |

# GHG Emission Verification Report 

## Assurance results

Company name
AirFirst Co., Ltd.

## Company serial No.

IO500100017

Assurance Opinion
Unqualified opinion

## Assurance target

Statement of GHG Emissions and Energy Usage of AirFirst Co. Ltd. in 2022

## Assurance criteria

Assurance guidelines for the operation of the GHG emissions trading system, guidelines for reporting and certification of GHG emissions, and emission calculation plans distributed to NGMS

## Assurance Procedure

The assurance process was carried out according to the guidelines for the reporting and certification of GHG emissions and the emission calculation plan distributed to NGMS, and it was determined that the assurance credibility level was within reasonable acceptability.

## Scope of Assurance Engagement

This assurance is based on the "prescribed guidelines, monitoring plan distributed in NGMS, etc." as the assurance standard and applied the sampling method for the GHG emission statement, related data and information, and associated systems provided by AirFirst, according to the assurance plan recognized by the National Institute of Environmental Research. Therefore, it reasonably assumes the limitations on detection errors that sampling limitations may cause.

## Third-Party Assurance Statement of Opinion (Unqualified opinion/ qualified opinion/ adverse opinion)

AirFirst's 2022 greenhouse gas emission statement contains the errors presented in paragraph 3 above, meets the materiality criterion (lower than the materiality criterion of $2.5 \%$ ), and was written using accurate parameters and activity data overall. Therefore, the amount of greenhouse gas emissions described in the specification is determined to be "appropriate" according to the guidelines for reporting and certification of greenhouse gas emissions.
*Materiality calculation method = [Total amount of emissions based on error evaluation (\%) without corrective action/total greenhouse gas emissions finally confirmed and reported in the statement] $\times 100$

## Overall Opinion

AirFirst Co., Ltd.'s GG emissions and energy use in 2022 were properly collected, prepared, and reported according to the guidelines through the assurance process, it was confirmed that emissions from major emission facilities (facilities accounting for 99\% of the total GHG emissions) were calculated and reported without omission.

March 30, 2023

Hae-jong Lim, CEO of Korea Gas Safety Corporation, assurance prêvider

## Independent Assurance Statement

To readers of AIRFIRST ESG Report 2023


#### Abstract

Introduction Korea Management Registrar (KMR) was commissioned by AIRFIRST to conduct an independent assurance of its ESG Report 2023 (the "Report"). The data and its presentation in the Report is the sole responsibility of the management of AIRFIRST. KMR's responsibility is to perform an assurance engagement as agreed upon in our agreement with AIRFIRST and issue an assurance statement.


Scope and Standards

KMR's To perform an assurance engagement within an agreed scope of assessment using the standards outlined Approach above, our Assurance Team undertook the following activities as part of the engagement

- reviewed the overall Report;
- reviewed materiality assessment methodology and the assessment report;
- evaluated sustainability strategies, performance data management system, and processes;
- interviewed people in charge of preparing the Report;
- reviewed the reliability of the Report's performance data and conducted data sampling;
- assessed the reliability of information using independent external sources such as Financial Supervisory Service's DART and public databases.


#### Abstract

Limitations and Recommendations

KMR's assurance engagement is based on the assumption that the data and information provided by AIRFIRST to us as part of our review are provided in good faith. Limited depth of evidence gathering including inquiry and analytical procedures and limited sampling at lower levels in the organization were applied. To address this, we referred to independent external sources such as DART and National Greenhouse Gas Management System (NGMS) and public databases to challenge the quality and reliability of the information provided.


## Conclusion and Opinion

Based on the document reviews and interviews, we had several discussions with AIRFIRST on the revision of the Report. We reviewed the Report's final version in order to make sure that our recommendations for improvement and revision have been reflected. Based on the work performed, it is our opinion that the Report applied the GRI Standards 2021. Nothing comes to our attention to suggest that the Report was not prepared in accordance with the AA1000AP (2018) principles.

## Inclusivity

AIRFIRST has developed and maintained different stakeholder communication channels at all levels to announce and fulfill its responsibilities to the stakeholders. Nothing comes to our attention to suggest that there is a key stakeholder group left out in the process. The organization makes efforts to properly reflect opinions and expectations into its strategies.

## Materiality

AIRFIRST has a unique materiality assessment process to decide the impact of issues identified on its sustainability performance. We have not found any material topics left out in the process.

## Responsiveness

AIRFIRST prioritized material issues to provide a comprehensive, balanced report of performance, responses, and future plans regarding them. We did not find anything to suggest that data and information disclosed in the Report do not give a fair representation of AIRFIRST's actions.

## Impact

AIRFIRST identifies and monitors the direct and indirect impacts of material topics found through the materiality assessment, and quantifies such impacts as much as possible.

## Reliability of Specific Sustainability Performance Information

In addition to the adherence to AA1000AP (2018) principles, we have assessed the reliability of economic, environmental, and social performance data related to sustainability performance. We interviewed the in-charge persons and reviewed information on a sampling basis and supporting documents as well as external sources and public databases to confirm that the disclosed data is reliable. Any intentional error or misstatement is not noted from the data and information disclosed in the Report.

Competence and Independence

KMR maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures in accordance with ISO/IEC 17021•2015 - Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems. This engagement was carried out by an independent team of sustainability assurance professionals. KMR has no other contract with AIRFIRST and did not provide any services to AIRFIRST that could compromise the independence of our work.

May 2023 Seoul, Korea


## GRI Content Index

## ver. GRI Standards 2021 <br> GRI 2

| Category | GRI No. | Index name | Reporting page |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The organization and its reporting practices | 2-1 | Organization details | $2,7,8,62$ |
|  | 2-2 | Entities included in the organization's sustainability reporting | 2, 8, 62 |
|  | 2-3 | Reporting period, frequency and contact point | 2,62 |
|  | 2-4 | Restatements of information | 11, 18 |
|  | 2-5 | External assurance | 2, 42, 56 |
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|  | 2-15 | Conflicts of interest | 41 |
|  | 2-16 | Communication of critical concerns | 41, 42, 43 |
|  | 2-18 | Evaluation of the performance of the highest governance body | 41 |
|  | 2-19 | Remuneration policies | - |
|  | 2-20 | Process to determine remuneration | 46,53 |
|  | 2-21 | Annual total compensation ratio | 53 |
| Strategies, policies and practices | 2-22 | Statement on sustainable development strategy | 6 |
|  | 2-23 | Policy commitments | 14, 15 |
|  | 2-24 | Embedding policy commitments | 14, 15, 28 |
|  | 2-25 | Processes to remediate negative impacts | 14, 15, 30 |
|  | 2-26 | Mechanisms for seeking advice and raising concerns | 30, 44, 45 |
|  | 2-27 | Compliance with laws and regulations | 44, 45 |
| Stakeholder Engagement | 2-29 | Approach to stakeholder engagement | 47 |
|  | 2-30 | Collective bargaining agreements | 29,53 |

## GRI 3

|  | GRI No. | Index name | Reporting page |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| Category | $3-1$ | Process to determine material topics | 54,55 |
|  | $3-2$ | List of material topics | 54,55 |
|  | $3-3$ | Management of material topics | $45,54,55$ |

## GRI Content Index

## GRI 200

| Category | GRI No. | Index name | Reporting page |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Economic Performance | 201-1 | Direct economic value generated and distributed | 46, 50, 53 |
|  | 201-2 | Financial implications and other risks and opportunities due to climate change | 22, 23 |
|  | 201-3 | Defined benefit plan obligations and other retirement plans | - |
|  | 201-4 | Financial assistance received from government | - |
| Market Presence | 202-1 | Ratios of standard entry level wage by gender compared to local minimum wage | - |
|  | 202-2 | Proportion of senior management hired from the local community | - |
| Indirect Economic Impacts | 203-1 | Infrastructure investments and services supported | - |
|  | 203-2 | Significant indirect economic impacts | - |
| Procurement Practices | 204-1 | Proportion of spending on local suppliers | - |
| Anti-corruption | 205-1 | Operations assessed for risks related to corruption | 43,44 |
|  | 205-2 | Communication and training about anti-corruption policies and procedures | 28,44 |
|  | 205-3 | Confirmed incidents of corruption and actions taken | - |
| Anti-competitive Behavior | 206-1 | Legal actions for anti-competitive behavior, anti-trust, and monopoly practices | - |
| Tax Standard | 207-1 | Approach to tax | - |
|  | 207-2 | Tax governance, control and risk management | - |
|  | 207-3 | Stakeholder engagement and management concerns related to tax | - |
|  | 207-4 | Country-by-country reporting | - |

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[^2]:    *Based on period-end regular dividends. in 2020, an interim dividend of KRW 20.1 billion was distributed, in addition to period-end regular dividends.

