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## About this report

This report was prepared in accordance with guidelines prepared by the Ministry of the Environment, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, and the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and details corporate activities for the period from April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004 as well as outlines future objectives.

The report is comprised of environmental, social and site data sections that detail specific efforts we are making in Japan and abroad in accordance with the YKK Group's four midterm environmental management guiding principles.

The YKK Group published its first Environmental Report in 2000, making this the fifth such report.

We would like your guidance to improve our future environmental protection activities and environmental reports, so we have included a questionnaire at the end of the report. We would be pleased to receive your candid opinions.

The next publication is scheduled for July 2005.

### YKK Group enterprises covered by this report

- YKK Corporation manufacturing, development and management
- YKK AP Inc. manufacturing, development and management
- Other domestic group companies
- Main overseas production sites  
(Plants that have already obtained ISO 14001 certification)