

The CSR Charter commits the Corporation to promoting the principles of responsibility by positively managing our social, environmental and economic impacts within our organisation and in our sphere of influence. The CSR Guideline complements this commitment through setting the internal goals that bring responsible actions to the individual employee's workplace.

Corporate Social Responsibility Guideline

Through socially responsible behaviour, MTR Corporation aims to be a competitive and profitable enterprise able to make a long-term contribution to sustainable development by generating economic growth and providing jobs and careers whilst supporting the social and environmental needs of the society, locally and internationally.

The Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility (S&CSR) Steering Committee was established in 2005 to ensure cohesive and top-down integrated supervision of the CSR Guideline and the general corporate sustainability programme. To engender work place CSR, the Committee introduced a series of initiatives to promote learning, internal capacity building and community involvement that strengthens our vision, mission and values and ultimately, expands our corporate CSR footprint.

Eco-efficiency

The Environmental Management System (EMS) operating under ISO 14001 certification standards provides the uniform framework for managing and promoting best practice in our resource usage. During 2005, we achieved 96% our 126 identified EMS targets, again improving our year-on-year performance. We also continued our long-term strategies and programmes for performance improvement such as the rail network energy optimisation, the energy efficiency drive for our managed properties, and adopted in 2005, the voluntary PAS 55-1 certification system under our Integrated Management System to enhance the 'cradle to grave' life-cycle approach in managing hard assets.

In our rail projects, we are positioned to substantially influence environmental sustainability from the early planning stages.

With each project we address the unique challenges while employing the best of practice accumulated through project delivery experience. We utilise our Partnering Programme which, in collaboration with contractors and suppliers, aids in the continuous improvement in environmental impacts management. For our property development projects, in addition to our master urban planning and design for green communities, we stipulate as voluntary in all future tendering the use of the HK-BEAM (Hong Kong Building Environmental Assessment Method) by our development partners which provides the assessment and standards to measure, improve and label the environmental performance of buildings.

KEY ENVIRONMENTAL DATA (2004-2005)

Issue	Divisions	2004	2005
Greenhouse Gas Emissions			
Greenhouse gas emissions (CO ₂ equivalent)	Corporate wide	779,144	788,410
Electricity consumption			
Total (MWh)	Operations	785,273	781,900
Per revenue car km (KWh/car km)		6.02	5.94
Traction energy (KWh/train km)	Operations	2.40	2.33
Waste Generation			
Metals recycled (tonnes)	Operations	1,231	1,258
Spent oil recycled (litres) (%total)	Operations	18,654 100%	25,792 100%
Water usage			
Water consumption (m ³)		324,751	281,633

The accumulated knowledge and expertise gained through systems, processes, programmes and compliance management serve as the basis in promoting best practice in new markets. In mainland China, our rail projects in Beijing and Shenzhen are planned and designed to reflect long-term sustainability and where opportune, introduce innovation in applying eco-efficiencies while being responsive to stakeholder interests.

Fostering sustainability

As a builder and operator of mass transit systems, we are part of the global solution to sustainable transport. We plan and operate our business to reduce traffic congestion and other negative impacts of prime land loss to road systems by creating convenient inter-modal hubs linking major regional centres served by our rail system. We optimise eco-efficiencies and foster the growth of green communities around our network to ultimately bring positive change in the quality of life to the cities we serve.

Our benefits to communities reach beyond the environment to deliver modern lifestyle aspirations. In Hong Kong, through the convenience of our retail shopping centres, our 'Art in MTR' programmes and the enhancement of residential and commercial properties adjacent to our rail lines, we effectively create a network of modern community centres linked by our transport services.

Leadership

We recognise our position as a powerful conduit and model for corporate social responsibility and sustainable best practice. Our pioneering efforts have introduced ground breaking industry practices, services enhancements and efficiencies that benefit our corporate stakeholders and society as a whole.

We are pleased to be amongst the global leaders in sustainability with inclusion to the DJSI, FTSE4Good and Ethibel Stock Indices. The 2005 year is the fifth successive year in reporting under the GRI Guidelines - 2002 and the second year for WEF Corporate Citizenship Initiative inclusion in the preparation of our sustainability reporting.

Full discussion of our activities for the year is available in our 2005 Sustainability Report. An electronic version can be viewed and downloaded at www.mtr.com.hk/sustainability. To receive a printed copy and for further enquires on the MTR Corporation's sustainability practices and programme, contact sdmng@mtr.com.hk.

