Addressing Environmental Preservation through Our Products

Green Procurement

If a Murata product is to be environmentally benign, the materials supplied for making that product, as well as the process by which the product is manufactured, must be environmentally benign as well.

In 2001, Murata distributed its "Green Procurement Guide for procurement suppliers" within Japan. This approach has served to publicize Murata's basic stance toward environmental impacts abatement. We also carry out the following material procurement activities.

Evaluating the "Greenness" of a Supplier's Activities

We evaluate and confirm the environmental conservation efforts of domestic suppliers before we undertake any transactions regarding the purchase of the following: materials incorporated in Murata's products; materials used in the mass production process; materials used for product packaging; and facilities.

As for suppliers with whom we maintain an ongoing relationship, we examine their environmental management system and impact on the environment at fixed intervals in addition to evaluating their services on the basis of Q (quality), C (cost) and D (delivery).

If our survey and evaluation of a supplier reveal any inadequacies in the area of environmental issues, we approach them and suggest improvements.

Evaluating the "Greenness" of Materials

Regarding the various materials that are used in the manufacture of Murata's products, such as raw materials; materials used in the mass production process; and materials used for the packaging of Murata's products, we undertake an environmental impact assessment (of the "greenness" of the material), evaluate the material against Murata's standard for the material itself, and weigh the advantages and disadvantages of adopting the material.

In 2003, in order to take more carefully thought-out investigations of the greenness of material procurement, we began investigations applicable to individual cases by adopting three classifications for purchased materials: chemical substances, products and packaging materials

For other goods not directly related to the production, such as office supplies and equipment; and purchases related to amenities, Murata has promoted green procurement by establishing voluntary standards to ensure environmentally conscious purchases and applications.

1. Have you acquired third-party certification of

