#### Introduction of Products to Enhance Sustainability



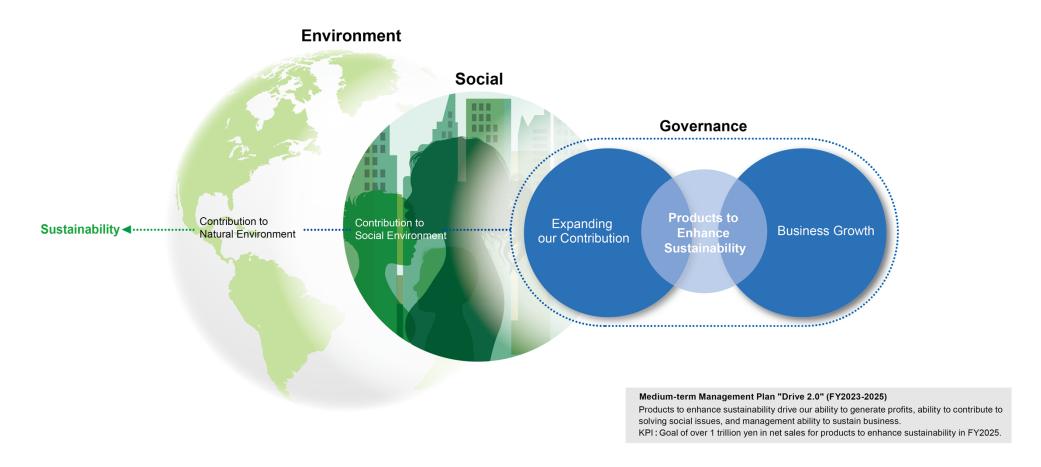


Products to Enhance Sustainability

### The "Products to Enhance Sustainability" system is SEKISUI's unique initiative to promote ESG management



SEKISUI's system of products to enhance sustainability aims to accelerate the creation and market expansion of products that make a significant contribution to solving issues in the natural and social environment and realize a sustainable society and contribute to the growth of our Group.



### Sustainability DNA is a part of all of SEKISUI's businesses



### Our mission is to make unique contributions to the environment and society that only SEKISUI can deliver. This has been the driving force behind the growth of our business.

#### Contribution to clean water supply and drainage infrastructure

Corrosion over time has been the biggest issue with metal pipes (cast iron pipes), which have been widely used in Japan's waterworks for a long time.



#### "ESLON Pipes" PVC pipes

Mass production of Japan's first PVC piping, which has a smooth inner surface, is resistant to corrosion, lightweight, and easy to install, began. Since then, water supply and drainage in Japan has continued to be supported for more than half a century.

#### Contribution to improving urban sanitation

In the 1950s, solving the issue of waste disposal, which had increased due to rapid urbanization.



"Poly-Pail" plastic garbage containers

The "Clean Town Campaign" was launched in tandem with products to educate consumers about garbage issues. Our image as a company contributing to

#### Contribution to the safety of medical workplaces

Glass blood collection tubes were at risk of infection due to blood spatter if they were dropped or otherwise broken during examination.



"Insepack", plastic vacuum blood collection tubes The world's first unbreakable plastic vacuum blood blood coagulability, and serum separability as glass was developed. They have brought great peace of

mind to those working in the medical field.

#### Contribution to effective use of solar power generation

Large amounts of greenhouse gases are emitted due to the march of global warming. The issue was the reduction of CO2 emissions from households.



Housing equipped with a solar power generation

The company has been heavily promoting the "Zero Energy House" trend, including the 1997 launch of a series of houses equipped with a solar power generation system as standard equipment.

In Japan, where flat land area is scarce, there is a lack of land that is physically suitable to install photovoltaid

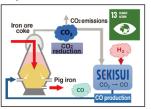


Film-type perovskite solar cells

Lightweight and flexible characteristics not found in conventional silicon solar cells make it possible to install solar cells in places where it has been difficult to do so

#### Contribution to the fixation of CO<sub>2</sub>

Various technologies are required to reduce CO2 emissions from industry to achieve a decarbonized



### technology This technology is expected to contribute to the

decarbonization of industry by reducing dependence on fossil resources through the effective utilization of CO2 by converting it to CO.

Year 1950 Year 1960 Year 1970 Year 2000 Year 2050

With urban growth, the development of infrastructure has become increasingly necessary

Technological innovation has led to a demand for more convenient living

#### The need to build a sustainable society has become more pressing

#### Contribution to car safety

Since the 1960s, "traffic wars" have become a social issue due to the rapid increase in the number of cars on the road resulting from motorization.



"Interlayer film" that prevents shattering of glass In 1960, the production of "S-I ec Film", an interlayer film for laminated glass, began. The use of glass that does not shatter even if broken started to become

widespread and we gained a large share of the global

#### Contribution to the improvement of housing

In the 1970s, as Japan's economic miracle, a period of rapid growth, came to an end, there was an urgent need to supply high-quality, inexpensive housing.



"SEKISUI HEIM" advanced industrialized housing The high quality high performance and high cost-performance housing achieved by the unit construction method, for which over 80% of the components are manufactured in a factory, has contributed greatly to solving Japan's housing issues.

#### Contribution to refreshing water infrastructure

Issues caused by the aging of buried sewage pipes that Jananese economic miracle had become annarent



"SPR Method", a pipeline rehabilitation method This revolutionary method in which a strip of resin material is used to rehabilitate the sewer pipe and integrate it with the old pipe, can be installed without digging up the road, allowing sewage to continue to flow

### Contribution to preventing the spread

Concerns about unqualified construction due to labor shortages and other factors led to a need for new methods to prevent the spread of building fires.



"Fi-Block" expanding flame-retardant material This material instantly expands 5 to 40 times when a fire breaks out, forming an insulating layer that shuts down a path, such as through pipes, that the flames use to spread. A new dry construction method has been proposed to ensure a more reliable installation

#### Contribution to the security and safety of town and community development

For a safe and secure life, not only one's house but technology



SEKISUI CHEMICAL Group is mobilizing all of its resources to promote town and community development with the aim of creating an ideal town that is safe and easy to live in, and that anyone would want

#### Contribution to recycling of combustible waste

Effective utilization of limited resources and disposal of achieving a circular economy



A technology to convert combustible waste into ethanol by utilizing microbial catalysts was established. New recycling technology plants will be built in society.



# SEKISUI's 'Products to Enhance Sustainability' certification system, which began as 'Environment-Contributing Products' in 2006, has continually evolved.

In 2006, SEKISUI launched the "Environment-Contributing Products" system with the aim of further contributing to the natural environment.

Feedback from external experts regarding

the validity of standards and approaches is

received, ensuring the high level and

transparency of the criteria.

Since then, the content of the system has evolved continuously, and the entire group has been promoting it as a "Products to Enhance Sustainability" system to achieve a higher level of ESG management

#### management. **Environment-Contributing Products System Products to Enhance Sustainability System** 2017 onwards 2006 onwards 2010 onwards 2020 onwards 2023 onwards **SEKISUI Evaluation by** For solving **Evaluation of** Contribution to What can be internal committee environmental Contributions from natural environment contributed as a members a Single Perspective and social issues manufacturer Two entities of contribution **2**Two perspectives Two targets of contribution **O**Two conditions Two characteristics of evaluation For the sustainable **Evaluation of** What can be Dialoque Contribution growth of SEKISUI **Potential Negative** contributed by with external to social and its business **Impacts from Diverse** customers experts environment partners **Perspectives** Contribution throughout the product lifecycle Objective viewpoints with input from experts Inclusion of products contributing to the social environment For all stakeholders Consideration of multiple environmental issues

The scope of the product certification system has

been expanded to include products contributing to

societal issues targeted by the SDGs.

both the natural and social environments. It has been

confirmed that this aligns with the resolution of various

In order to make the contribution to solving the

issues lasting, consideration was also given to

the company.

the sustainability of the stakeholders surrounding

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environmental issues.

Based on internal criteria, a certification system has

been launched to create and expand products that

make a significant contribution to solving natural

It is verified whether our products negatively impact

multiple environmental issues, and the measures

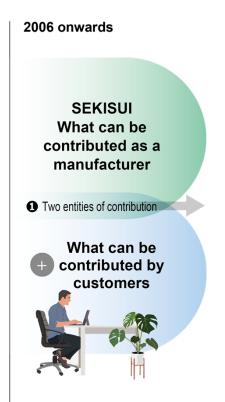
being considered to prevent such impacts are also

reviewed



# Products that significantly contribute to solving environmental issues are certified according to internal standards, with a commitment to increasing sales.

Traditionally, companies' environmental concerns have focused on reducing the impact of their corporate activities on nature. Since 2006, SEKISUI has been promoting the "Environment-Contributing Products" system to create and expand products that make a positive contribution to the natural environment not only for SEKISUI but also for customers who use them. The system has now further evolved into the "Products to Enhance Sustainability" system.





#### What SEKISUI can contribute

As a manufacturer of products, we consider it our responsibility to be friendly to the environment and society within our company. From raw materials procurement to product development, plant manufacturing, and transportation, we reduce environmental impact during every stage of the product lifecycle and conform to ethical guidelines and standards.

#### What Customers can contribute

Through customer use of our products we contribute to the planet and society in a variety of ways, including reduced greenhouse gases through use of renewable energy, effective use of resources, and longer healthy life expectancies.



### Upgraded to a certification system involving internal reviews and external experts as advisors.

Since 2010, we have received opinions and advice on SEKISUI's "Products to Enhance Sustainability" system from external experts with expertise and business experience in various fields regarding the appropriateness of the criteria and ideas to ensure high standards and transparency.

#### 2010 onwards

# Evaluation by internal committee members

2Two perspectives

Dialogue
with external
experts

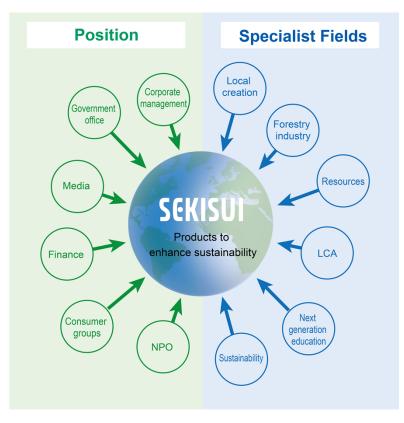
## "Products to Enhance Sustainability" System Committee Composition

Internal committee members: The members of the Products to Enhance Sustainability Certification Review Committee, consisting of executive officers from each company who oversee the technical aspects of the organization, as well as the heads of organizations that understand the overall business and are responsible for corporate planning operations, participate in the review process.

External experts: We invite experts from various backgrounds in industry, government, and academia who are engaged in sustainability-related work, including the environment, to participate in this system.

Note: For details about the workflow of certification and operation of the Products to Enhance Sustainability System, see the figure on page 14.

### Positions and specialist fields of external experts

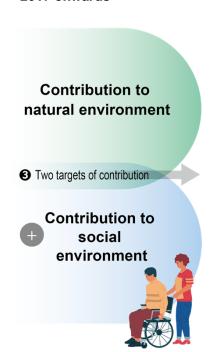




### **Evolving to Address Issues in Both Natural and Social Environments.**

In order to realize sustainable society, we promote the creation and diffusion of products that take into account not only the natural environment, but also their contribution to bringing about a better social environment, such as improved health, mitigation of disaster risks, and comfortable living. In step with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) formulated by the United Nations, we have evolved the Products to Enhance Sustainability System into a system that contributes to the sustainability of society.

#### 2017 onwards



#### Contribution to natural environment

#### Reduction of Green House Gases

- · Improvement of energy saving performance
- · Use of unused energy
- · Alternative to Freon gas · Reduction during the product life cycle
- · Use of plastic derived from non-fossil fuel resources (biomass plastic)
- · Energy creation and energy storage functions
- · Energy management in urban areas
- · Reduction in customer manufacturing processes

- Reduction of Waste · Improvement of durability (e.g., longer
  - · Adoption of low-volume waste construction methods
  - · Reduction of scrap, defective, and unwanted materials

#### Reduction of Raw Materials

- Conservation of resources
- · Use of recycled resources (waste materials from other products)
- · Horizontal recycling
- · Establishment of a recycling system

### Water Circulation

- Water Conservation / · Reduction of drinking water usage
  - · Reduction of service water usage
  - · Reduction of leaks
  - · Water circulation through rainwater

#### Pollution Prevention

- · Pollution prevention through purification
- · Transition to low-VOC

#### Preserve Biodiversity

- · Use of certified forest lumber
- · Use of thinned wood · Use of biodegradable raw
- materials
- · Prevention of topsoil runoff
- · Prevention of desertification
- · Conservation of wetland
- · Promotion of greening

Disaster resistant

- · Prevention of marine and river pollution
- · Conservation of species and genetics

#### Prevention & Reduction in

Disasters

Intermediate Materials and Resources

· Contribution to the reduction of environmental impact as raw materials, components, and resources











### Contribution to social environment (2017 onwards)

#### Extension of Healthy Life Expectancy

- · Prevention of the spread of disease (disease detection and prevention)
- · Independence support for the elderly and persons subject to care
- · Independence support for people with disabilities
- · Reduction of burden on caregivers
- · Improved comfort and hygiene
- · Raising awareness of healthy habits
- · Mitigation of disaster risks
- · Improvement of working environment, including supply chain

#### Resilience of Social Infrastructure

- · Infrastructure development and provision
- · Strengthening disaster and emergency
- · Strengthening disaster and emergency
- · Support for low-income countries

#### Enhancement of Living Safety and Disaster Resilience

- · Improvement of sustainability of residence and daily life
- · Improvement of safety of daily life
- Improvement of comfort of residence and daily life
- Regional revitalization







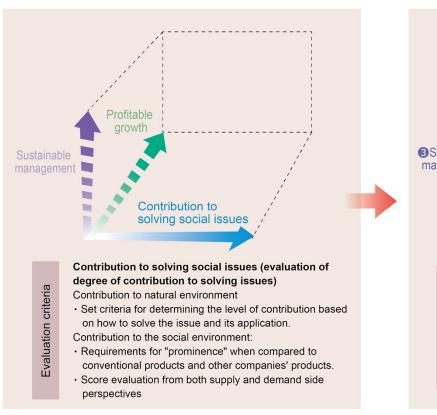


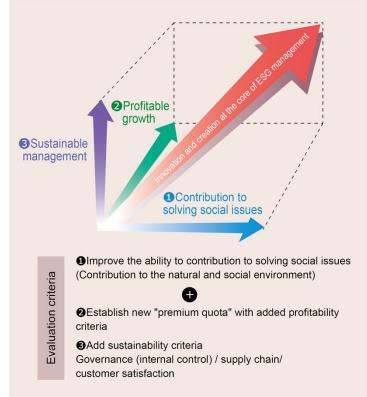
### Evolving towards ESG management that solves social issues while driving corporate growth.

To achieve a sustainable society while accelerating sustainable growth as a company, the following processes have been launched in addition to the conventional product evaluation process. The name of the system has been changed to "Products to Enhance Sustainability".

- •Sustainability evaluation: Confirmation and assessment of governance (internal control), including the supply chain, customer satisfaction, and social responsibility and risks in the development process (evaluation to be completed in FY2022).
- Premium quota setting: Set to strategically grow products that have a high degree of contribution to solving social issues, including the environment, and that are driving profits.









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# Monitoring potential negative impacts of products on multiple environmental issues and evaluating possible measures.

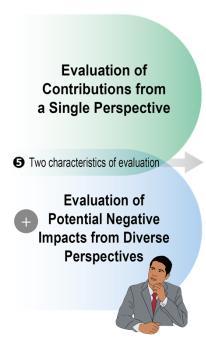
During the certification of Products to enhance sustainability, trade-offs between positive and negative impacts on multiple environmental issues are carefully evaluated. Efforts are focused on improving these impacts and achieving synergies across all effects, thereby further enhancing the quality of SEKISUI's issue-solving.

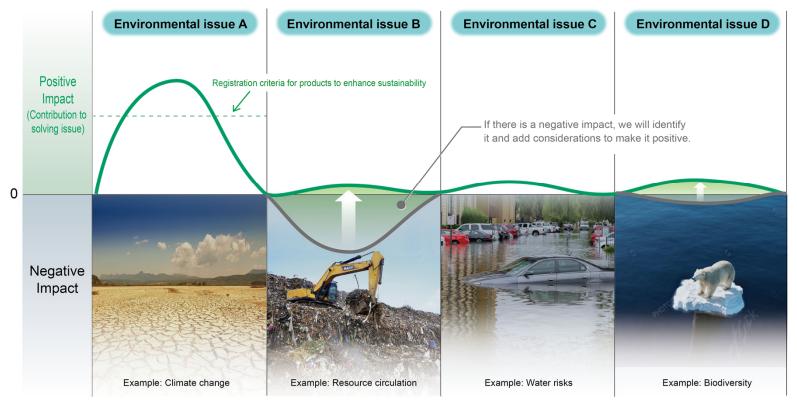
Gray: Negative impact on environmental issues outside of registration criteria

Green: Products to enhance sustainability that have been evaluated and improved from various perspectives to reduce negative impacts

Note: Below is a conceptual image of the initiative.

#### 2023 onwards

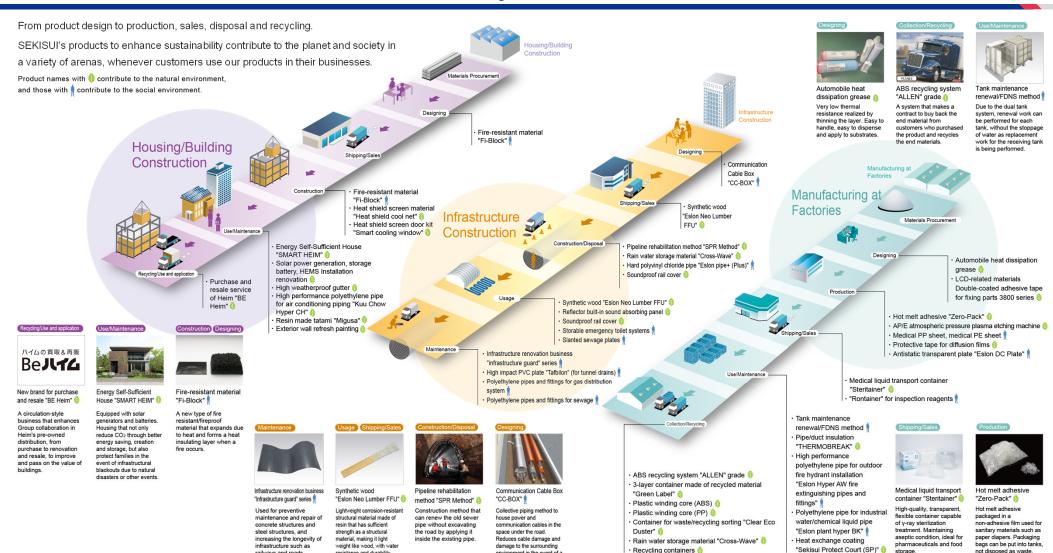




### Contributions to the environment and society from customer business activities



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environment in the event of a

railways and roads.

resistance and durability

### Contributions to the environment and society through people's daily lifestyles



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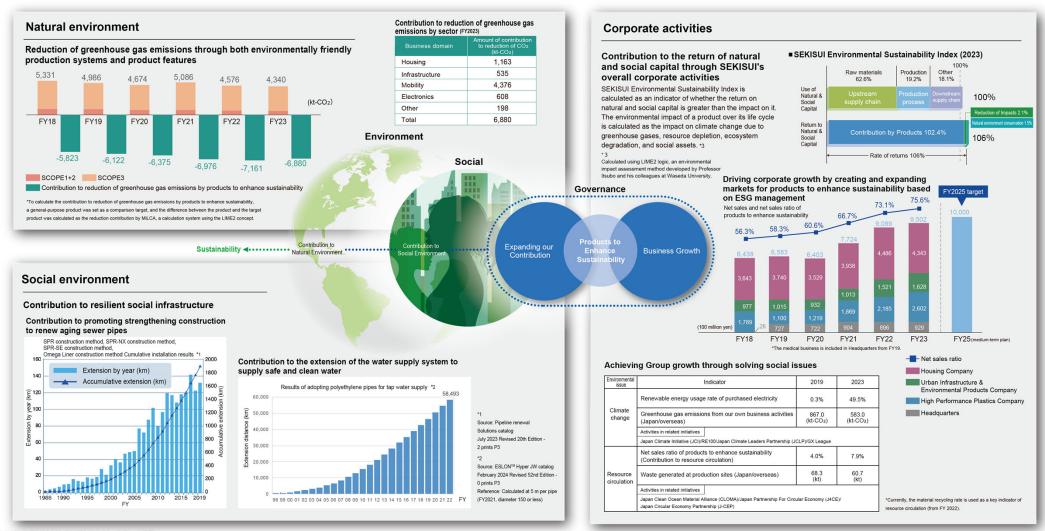
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· Ultra heat resistant tape for automobiles

### Outcomes achieved through the "Products to Enhance Sustainability" initiative



Products to enhance sustainability drive SEKISUI's remarkable growth while significantly contributing to the environment and society.



### **Public Recognition of SEKISUI's Sustainability Initiatives**



### SEKISUI is highly rated by prominent organizations, including S&P Global's sustainability ratings.

#### SEKISUI's sustainability evaluation by global third-party organizations



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Perception of sustainability evaluations by third-party organizations by SEKISUI

- (1) Positive impact in terms of our corporate activities, such as promotion of investment
- (2) Related activities send a strong message to the industry, and can encourage a series of similar initiatives.
- (3) Achieving sustainability throughout the industry can greatly improve sustainability for the world.

#### Evaluation of efforts towards the environment



CDLI: Top 24 of the 500 major Japanese companies in the FTSE Japan Index that are recognized as having a high level of transparency in disclosing their environmental impacts CPLI: Top 12 of the 500 major Japanese companies in the FTSE Japan Index that are recognized for their high level of greenhouse gas reduction and other activities.



DRIVING AMBITIOUS CORPORATE CLIMATE ACTION



SEKISUI applied for certification of its greenhouse gas reduction goals under the SBT1 Initiative in March 2018. SEKISUI was the first company in the chemical industry anywhere to be approved, and our target is scientifically based and ambitious level to achieve the 1.5°C target of the Paris Agreement.

Furthermore, SEKISUI started participating in the TNFD Forum from July 2023. We have adopted their recommendations and registered with the "TNFD Adopter" to express our willingness to make future disclosures. (TNFD: Task Force on Nature-related Financial Disclosures)

<sup>\*1 :</sup> Indicated by the selected year and may not match the year on the logo.

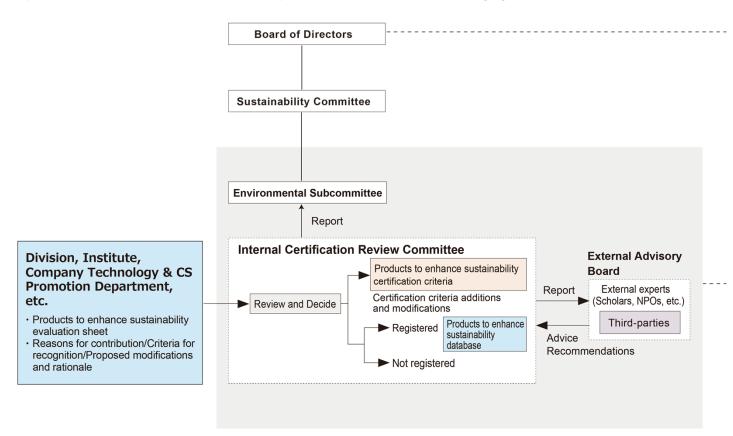
<sup>\*2:</sup> Changed ranking to top 1%, 5%, and 10% in FY2022.

### [Reference Information] Internal Positioning and Governance Structure of Products to Enhance Sustainability



Products to enhance sustainability is a group-wide initiative that includes not only the Environmental Subcommittee but also the Board of Directors.

Operation and certification methods of the products to enhance sustainability system



Our company's Board of Directors makes the following final decisions:

- Policies and strategies to mitigate the impact on environmental issues, including climate change, and to expand contributions to solving them.
- The organization's plan (transition plan) to achieve a sustainable society, including transition to a low-carbon economy.
- Understanding the impact of environmental issues, including climate change on management, and policies for addressing those issues.

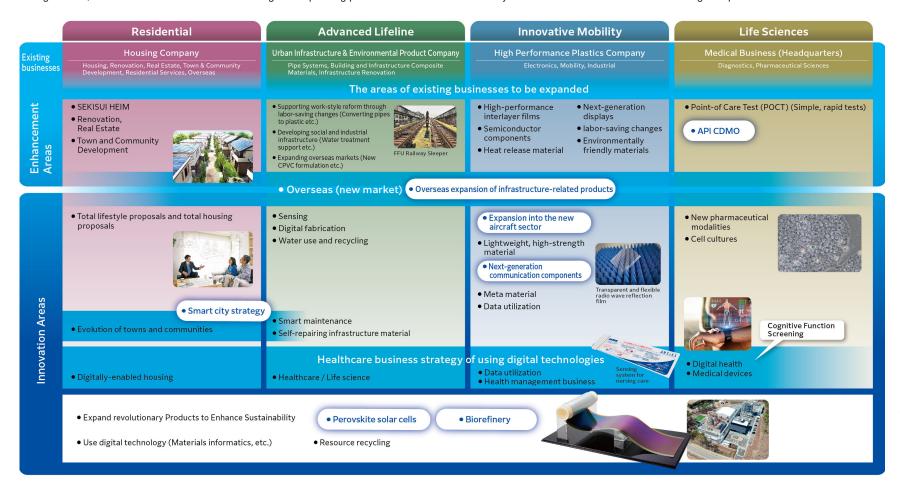
For products to enhance sustainability, we ensure high standards and transparency by obtaining opinions and advice from external experts with various backgrounds in industry, government, and academia. We have also received advice on the evolution and direction of the product system based on the significance and method of expression of the contribution of newly registered products to the natural and social environment as well as confirmation of the sufficiency of consideration of multiple issues as required by the EU Taxonomy.

### **Future Direction of Products to Enhance Sustainability**



SEKISUI has developed a 'Strategic Domain Map' to serve as a compass for realizing the long-term vision, and will focus on expanding "Enhancement Areas" and advancing into "Innovation Areas". Starting from technological prominence, the portfolio across four domains will be transformed.

The areas to be expanded along the extension of existing businesses have been designated as 'Enhancement Areas', where concentrated investments will be made to drive the company's sustainable growth. Going forward, efforts will be directed towards creating and expanding products to enhance sustainability within the domains outlined in this strategic map.



"Seven Major Themes" that will be the focus of this medium-term plan

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