Appling Block chain for Success in ESG Business

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Abstract

Critical impact on corporate management and value are intensely demanding ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) management, and advanced companies in developed countries are pursuing sustainable management by applying new technologies to solve various issues faced by companies. This study examines the concept, importance, and critical issues of ESG management and introduces ways to use fourth industrial revolution-related new technologies to address significant ESG issues. Additionally, by investigating Starbucks' "Bean to Cup" project, this utilizes blockchain technology for supply chain management, this study aims to find insights to overcome internal and external risks through ESG management, create new value, and achieve sustainable growth. Finally, several additional ideas beyond supply chain management will be proposed.

Keywords: ESG Management, blockchain, Bean to Cup, supply chain management, Proposal of Additional ideas (Carbon emission tracking etc.)

1.Introduction

Trust in companies, governments, and public services has steadily declined over the past few decades, with a lack of transparency and audibility being significant causes of this decline. The importance of climate change has been magnified by the impact of COVID-19, and global shifts towards ESG management paradigms, such as the Green New Deal and the Biden administration, are affecting corporate management and value. Various stakeholders who affect corporate management and value are demanding ESG management, especially with the influence of global asset management companies such as BlackRock, which led to the announcement of mandatory ESG disclosure plans for listed companies.

Even before COVID-19, ESG was gaining attention as a new trend in corporate management, pursuing

carbon reduction, social contribution, and transparent corporate governance. However, due to COVID-19, companies experienced shutdowns, supply chain collapses, improvements in air quality, employee infections, and essential changes in customer value. This has accelerated the shift towards ESG as a management paradigm.

ESG, which emerged as non-financial risks became more critical with the development of new technologies such as big data, artificial intelligence, and blockchain. Is a micro and integrated management paradigm that requires companies to have evaluation scores (grades) for each CSR factor in response to demands from customers, investors, and evaluators regarding prevention and management. In particular, after facing global climate change crises and the COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of non-financial values such as ESG is increasing.

Currently, advanced global companies such as Google, Microsoft, and Starbucks are applying fourth industrial revolution-related technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), drones, and blockchain to solve various social and environmental issues facing their businesses simultaneously.

In particular, blockchain is a new distributed technology that guarantees trustworthy transactions in an untrustworthy environment by implementing a value delivery network through peer-to-peer (P2P) mechanisms.[1]

Blockchain comprises four fundamental technologies, namely P2P (Peer-to-Peer) network, encryption, distributed ledger, and distributed consensus. Each technology complements the others to maintain the decentralization and data integrity that are the core values of blockchain. Smart contracts, an application of blockchain's operational mechanism, provide integrity and reliability for program execution code and its results, and are gaining attention in automated transaction and control fields.[2]

This research the concept, importance, and critical issues of ESG management from a mainstream perspective and explores fourth industrial revolution-related technologies to address ESG's critical issues. Through a case study of blockchain adoption in the "bean to cup" project at Starbucks, the study aims to gain insights into how ESG management can overcome internal and external risks, create new value, and achieve sustainable growth.

2.ESG

2.1 Concept and Background of ESG

ESG combines the first letters of the English words Environment, Social, and Governance, which are three critical elements for achieving sustainability in corporate management. The interest in ESG issues has turned into an enthusiastic state for investors, shareholders, and companies, and for companies, it has transformed into a new part of their competitive strategy. (Tarmuji et al., 2016) ESG management has been a topic of discussion since its inception in the 1970s and is approaching the global financial market as a massive wave after going through the COVID-19 crisis in 2020.

ESG management differs from CSR/sustainable management due to its characteristics summarized as integrated management, proactive, and real-time response.[3]

	Sustainable	ESG
Requester	Will of internal stakeholders	External stakeholders (investors, customers, regulators, etc.) demand
Motivation of introduction	Leading	Preventive
Governance	Reporting to IR standards	Board-level management of ESG factors, risk analysis and management required
Reporting level	Results-oriented data for each ESG category	Existing reporting + systematized ESG management level, real-time management

Disclosure scope	Voluntary data selection based on industry	Existing data + reinforced data (external evaluation indicators + global indicators)

<Table 1> Trends in the difference between ESG management and traditional sustainable management

The reason why ESG is vital for companies is that various stakeholders who have an impact on corporate management and value demand ESG management.
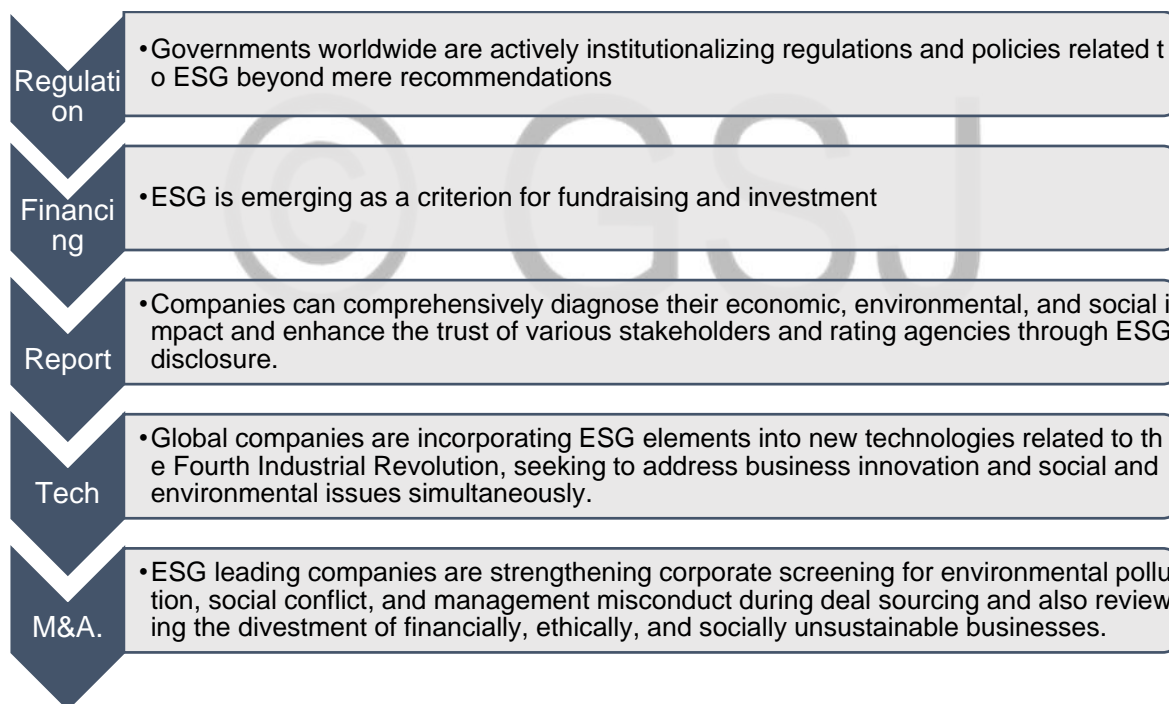
2.3 ESG critical Issues

2.3.1 Outlook on Clear Definition of ESG

As the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) shows active interest in ESG, there are expectations that the definition of ESG will become more transparent and its scope will narrow. (Outlook on SEC's Intervention to Clarify ESG Definition and Narrow Its Scope, 2021, ESG Economy) SEC Chairman Gary Gensler expressed his interest in ESG on US CNBC News (June 23, 2021). He announced that he ordered quantitative analysis studies on climate change and labor conditions for SEC staff to understand what is most important to investors. (SEC Chair Gensler is taking a deeper look at ESG investing issues 2021, CNBC) As SEC investigates investment products promoting ESG and ESG information in detail, experts expect that confusion over the definition and scope of ESG may be resolved.

2.3.2 Five ESG Management Agendas

To catch the significant trends, the critical agendas of ESG management should be viewed from five perspectives: Regulation, Financing, Report, Tech, and M&A.

Regulation • Governments worldwide are actively institutionalizing regulations and policies related to ESG beyond mere recommendations

Financing • ESG is emerging as a criterion for fundraising and investment

Report • Companies can comprehensively diagnose their economic, environmental, and social impact and enhance the trust of various stakeholders and rating agencies through ESG disclosure.

Tech • Global companies are incorporating ESG elements into new technologies related to the Fourth Industrial Revolution, seeking to address business innovation and social and environmental issues simultaneously.

M&A. • ESG leading companies are strengthening corporate screening for environmental pollution, social conflict, and management misconduct during deal sourcing and also reviewing the divestment of financially, ethically, and socially unsustainable businesses.

<Figure 1> 5 ESG Management Agendas

2.3.3 ESG Tech

Currently, leading global companies are incorporating Fourth Industrial Revolution-related new technologies into their business through ESG management to simultaneously address the issues facing companies and social/environmental problems. New technologies are "enablers" that enable corporate innovation and sustainable development. ESG management practices for Global companies include

Apple: Apple has made significant commitments to environmental sustainability, including transitioning to 100% renewable energy for its operations and products, and reducing its carbon footprint. The company also has a supplier code of conduct that outlines labor and human rights standards for its

suppliers. Regarding governance, Apple has a board of directors with a diverse range of backgrounds and expertise.

Google: Google has set a goal of operating on 100% renewable energy by 2030 and has already achieved 100% renewable energy for its data centers and offices. The company has also implemented programs to reduce waste and increase recycling. Regarding social responsibility, Google has committed to investing in underrepresented communities and has taken steps to address diversity and inclusion within the company.

Meta: Facebook has faced criticism for its handling of user data and its impact on privacy, However, the company has made efforts to address these concerns through increased transparency and user control over its data. Facebook has also implemented measures to combat misinformation and promote civic engagement. The company has set targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and has a sustainability strategy that includes renewable energy and energy efficiency initiatives.

Amazon: Amazon has committed to achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2040 and has set interim goals to reduce its carbon footprint. The company has also launched initiatives to reduce packaging waste and increase recycling. Amazon has faced criticism for labor practices and working conditions in its warehouses, However, the company has implemented measures to improve worker safety and has pledged to increase wages for employees.

2.3.4 Greenwashing

ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) factors dominate domestic and international capital markets. Companies that are the subject of funding are putting their lives on the line for ESG ratings, and asset management companies that lead investments are adjusting their targets considering ESG factors. However, due to the rapid pace of this huge wave, there are also gaps called "disguised ESG." There are questions about the reliability of evaluation data and self-submitted materials from unaudited companies.

Global ESG rating agencies are making various attempts to overcome data pollution issues. The evolution of the rating system from analysts to artificial intelligence (AI) is also an attempt to ensure objectivity. Institutions that analyze ESG using AI algorithms are leading the trend by excluding companies' own reporting data.

In artificial intelligence technology, there is plenty of room for innovation through the combination of various element technologies. As it is a relatively new field in the industry, there are numerous technology areas that have not yet been explored. Therefore there are endless opportunities to gain new opportunities. On the other hand, the direction of technology development, best cases of innovation for market and customer demand, etc. have not been sufficiently established. Companies may be limited in innovating in unexplored areas themselves. Therefore, software companies developing AI technology are in a situation where they need to pursue innovation in uncharted territories through exploration of various knowledge.

Truvalue Labs, a US-based AI-based ESG data company, was acquired by Factset Research Systems, a global financial information company, amid its popularity.

In the global market, discussions on information bias that have been a topic for a long time are progressing and measures to improve the quality of information are following. Advanced global companies are also moving to address Greenwashing issues by introducing blockchain technology as a measure to enhance the reliability of information.

3. Blockchain Technology

3.1 Overview of Blockchain Technology

Today, with the emergence of blockchain technology, led by Bitcoin, individuals and organizations worldwide can participate in business model innovation. Bitcoin, an anonymous cryptocurrency invented by an unknown person or group using Satoshi Nakamoto in 2008, became known to the public by publishing a study titled "Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System" and began to be implemented as open-source software in 2009. In 2013, Vitalik Buterin's Ethereum white paper titled "A Next-Generation Smart Contract & Decentralized Application Platform" was published, enabling the

creation of various platform-based service ecosystems to overcome the limitations of Bitcoin.[4]

3.2 Blockchain Technology Trends

Blockchain technology is experiencing rapid expansion of new concept services in various application areas where clear concepts of significant technologies are established. Since 2020, blockchain technology has been attempted in various service areas.[5]

DeFi (Decentralized Finance): DeFi is a rapidly growing sector in blockchain technology that aims to provide traditional financial services in a decentralized manner. DeFi platforms allow users to borrow, lend, and trade cryptocurrencies without intermediaries such as banks.

NFTs (Non-Fungible Tokens): NFTs are unique digital assets are verified on a blockchain. They are commonly used in the art world and are becoming increasingly popular in other areas such as gaming, sports, and music.

CBDCs (Central Bank Digital Currencies): CBDCs are digital versions of fiat currencies issued and backed by central banks. They are designed to improve the efficiency and security of payments and could potentially replace physical cash.

Interoperability: Interoperability refers to the ability of different blockchain networks to communicate and exchange information. This is becoming increasingly important as the number of blockchain networks and applications grows.

Sustainability: With concerns over the energy consumption of blockchain technology, there is a growing focus on making it more sustainable. Some solutions include using renewable energy sources and implementing more efficient consensus algorithms.

Enterprise Adoption: More and more businesses are adopting blockchain technology to improve their operations, increase efficiency, and reduce costs. This trend is expected to continue as blockchain technology becomes more mainstream and accessible.

3.3 Application of ESG - Blockchain Technology

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Blockchain technology is in a situation with a clear concept of significant technologies, and the rapid expansion of new concept services in various application fields is taking place. Since 2020, blockchain technology has been attempted in various service areas.

The main characteristics of blockchain technology, such as P2P (peer-to-peer) networks, encryption, distributed ledger, and smart contracts through distributed consensus, contribute significantly to enhancing corporate credibility in addressing critical issues of ESG. By improving the reliability of their products through blockchain technology, companies can attract more customers. Furthermore, it becomes easy to deal with problems that have been problematic in the past, such as product damage and shipping tracking, leading to higher utilization. Focusing on sustainability performance in new blockchain-based supply chain management, environmental protection, social equity, and governance efficiency, blockchain technology has the potential to improve supply chain sustainability performance, and it will gain popularity in supply chain management.

One of the biggest reasons global companies are interested in blockchain technology is the cost issue. It is known that using blockchain can reduce the cost of existing software by about 30%.

As the rapid expansion of ESG management continues, the range of blockchain technology/services that can be introduced to secure reliability will expand widely.

4.Starbucks 'Bean to Cup' Project

The general perception of the coffee industry is that child labor, forced labor, hazardous and poor working conditions, low wages, and other forms of abusive labor practices occur in factories and production facilities that produce consumer goods.

Fair trade begins with consumer awareness, and major coffee companies are doing their best to manage the risk of human rights violations on farms and improve global labor practices throughout their supply chains, despite the difficulty of tracing coffee beans.

According to the study 'Certification Value to Consumers in the Coffee Industry,' certification delivers one form of traceability to consumers. However, fails to simplify the complex aspects of problems in the coffee supply chain. [6]

Major coffee companies are attempting to secure transparency and reliability in the coffee bean production process through the adoption of a certification system for more sustainable coffee production using blockchain technology. [7]

Demand for food traceability technology is expected to expand at an annual rate of 7.15%, reaching $20.95 billion in 2026. Consumers are better informed about the origin of the products they purchase. However, all sectors of the retail industry are adopting more responsible sourcing practices and using blockchain to make supply chains more transparent. [8]

Corporate internet utilization increases revenue by improving accessibility to product and service consumers and enabling various marketing activities based on customer information.[9]

The distribution industry is one of the industries that are global articularly interested in blockchain technology, as it has a significant advantage in securely and transparently managing distribution information. While it is currently being used in various ways in the distribution industry, it is highly likely that it will be used in all industries in the future.

Thus, we will examine the case of the Starbucks 'Bean to Cup' project, which is a globally advanced company that solves ESG issues in the coffee industry using new technologies related to the fourth industrial revolution, namely blockchain.

4.1 'Bean to Cup' Project

In March 2018, Starbucks announced a "Bean to Cup" pilot project using traceability technology and blockchain to track the production and distribution history of coffee beans in Costa Rica, Rwanda, Colombia, and other countries. The project aimed to connect coffee farmers with end consumers by sharing real-time records of their farming history and coffee bean distribution process. Kevin Johnson, CEO of Starbucks, stated that they planned to experiment with how blockchain technology could help increase the income of coffee farmers over the next two years and would transparently disclose the experimental results as an open source. Starbucks' "Bean to Cup" project aimed to use blockchain technology to manage the supply chain and achieve the ESG management's social (S) goal of ethical sourcing commitments.

Starbucks initially faced embarrassment due to fair trade issues in 1999, but later turned the tide by applying fair trade 100% to their coffee purchases through blockchain technology. In supply chains or value chains, relationships cannot be formed without trust, and relationships without mutual trust and interdependence will continue to be uncertain. In particular, mutual trust and interdependence are more necessary for critical practices of supply chain management (SCM) such as information sharing, shared cost management, electronic integration, and joint programs. Therefore, the more mutual trust and interdependence there is, the stronger the motivation to manage supply chain activities become.[10]

The reason Starbucks applied blockchain technology was for coffee bean management. Michelle Burns, Starbucks' global responsibility officer, explained that "Millennial consumers are increasingly interested in the origin, cultivation methods, and whether it was produced sustainably and ethically," and "the world's largest food companies and agricultural traders are facing the need to make their supply chains more transparent. This led to a technological shift."

Starbucks and Ethical Bean Coffee's representatives, Arthur Karulet and the Starbucks coffee bean purchasing manager, stated that "we live in an era where identity itself is the most important asset" and "by ensuring fair trade with poor coffee farmers through blockchain technology, we can also improve the quality of life in the country."

However, introducing blockchain technology into such projects is not achieved overnight. Starbucks has already established a supply chain process for coffee bean producers, including more than 380,000 farms from its founding until now. The integration of blockchain technology has significant potential to connect sustainable coffee farmers directly and financial integration possibilities for these farmers.

Coffee producers sort their harvested beans by grade and record information such as origin, producer, buyer, and purchase price on the blockchain. Consumers can scan the QR code on the coffee packaging to check the origin, farm, farmer, roasting, and store information of the coffee.

This is possible because of storing coffee production farms, warehouses, transport vehicles, roaster information, and QR codes on the blockchain. This complements the essential values of blockchain, such as decentralization and data integrity, and the applied technology of blockchain, smart contracts, provides the integrity and reliability of the execution code and its results, which aligns with Starbucks' ESG management philosophy.

4.2 Coffee Journey Application.

In March 2019, Starbucks announced that they would provide a service through their app, allowing customers to trace the journey of coffee beans from the farm to their cup. Through this, consumers can confirm that the coffee beans are supplied in an ethical and sustainable manner. This highlights Starbucks' ambition to provide further power to coffee farmers by better understanding the origin and cultivation of coffee. Ultimately, customers can use the Starbucks mobile app to track the journey of Starbucks packaged coffee.[11]

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4.3 Starbucks Digital Traceability

In October 2020, Starbucks announced the launch of 'Starbucks Digital Traceability', which provides a service that allows customers to trace the journey of coffee beans inside Starbucks stores by scanning or inputting the number on the back of the coffee bean packaging via the traceability.starbucks.com website using mobile devices or laptops. Customers who order coffee at Starbucks stores across the United States can confirm where the coffee beans used in their products were produced and roasted. Conversely, coffee farmers can confirm where their coffee beans are being distributed. In the past, it wasn't easy to trace the journey of coffee beans because various beans were mixed during the distribution process.

Starbucks' traceability tools provide a way to share transparency with its partners and customers beyond what is needed for consumers. Starbucks' '2020 GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT' also revealed that they piloted a telephone consultation platform in Rwanda to provide local market farming tips and green coffee price information, and more than 19,000 farmers used this service for three months [12]

5. Conclusion and Additional ideas

5.1 Conclusion

This study explored the concept, importance, and critical issues of ESG management. It examined the case of blockchain adoption, specifically the 'Bean to Cup' project by Starbucks, which incorporates fourth industrial revolution-related technologies to address significant ESG issues. Starbucks, which

had experienced difficulties in fair trade issues in 1999, later applied blockchain technology to ensure 100% fair trade in coffee purchasing. The 'Bean to Cup' project aimed to sustain the ethical sourcing promise in the social (S) sector of ESG management by incorporating blockchain technology into supply chain management. Coffee producers could grade harvested coffee beans on the spot and record information about the coffee's origin, producer, buyer, purchase price, and more on the blockchain. Consumers could scan the QR code on coffee packaging to track every detail from the coffee's origin to the farm, farmer, roasting, and store information. This is significant as blockchain provides decentralization and maintains data integrity, fostering mutually complementary relationships. Smart contracts as an application technology of the blockchain operating mechanism provide integrity and reliability for the execution code and its results. It signifies that Starbucks is moving towards ESG management philosophy that aligns with their ESG values.

Starbucks continues to provide ESG management strategies from a platform perspective, offering transparency beyond consumers, partners, and customers by a series of services, including tracing-your-coffees-journey-via-app and Starbucks Digital Traceability.

The retail industry, such as Starbucks, is particularly interested in blockchain technology as it has significant advantages in safely and transparently managing distribution information. It is currently being used in various distribution industries, but there is a high possibility that it will be utilized in all industries.

5.2 Proposal of Additional ideas

Carbon emission tracking: Carbon emission tracking refers to the process of monitoring and measuring the number of greenhouse gases (GHGs) that are released into the atmosphere as a result of human activities, such as burning fossil fuels, industrial processes, and land-use changes. Carbon emission tracking is an essential part of efforts to mitigate climate change and achieve carbon neutrality.

There are several methods for tracking carbon emissions, including direct measurement and estimation. Direct measurement involves monitoring equipment to directly measure the number of GHGs being emitted. This method is often used in industrial settings, where emissions are more concentrated and easier to measure.

Estimation methods, on the other hand, involve using data on human activities to estimate the number of GHGs being released. For example, emissions from transportation can be estimated based on the number of fuel consumed and the type of vehicle being used. Similarly, emissions from electricity generation can be estimated based on the type of fuel used and the efficiency of the power plant.

One of the challenges of carbon emission tracking is accurate and reliable data. This can be particularly difficult in developing countries, where data on emissions may be limited or unreliable. To address this challenge, there have been efforts to develop new technologies and tools for tracking emissions, including satellite data, remote sensing, and blockchain technology.

Overall, carbon emission tracking is an important tool for understanding and addressing the impacts of human activities on the environment. By tracking and reducing carbon emissions, we can work towards a more sustainable future and mitigate the effects of climate change. **Green energy certification**: Using blockchain to track the origin of electricity generated from green energy plants and issue certificates. This allows companies to certify their use of green energy, and consumers can trust the reliability of environmentally friendly electricity when purchasing.

Industrial waste management: Industrial waste management is the process of collecting, transporting, treating, and disposing of waste generated by industrial activities. Industrial waste can come in many forms, including hazardous and non-hazardous waste, and it can be generated by a wide range of industries, such as manufacturing, construction, and agriculture.

Effective industrial waste management is critical for protecting human health and the environment. Improper disposal of industrial waste can result in pollution of water, air, and soil, which can have severe consequences for both the environment and public health. Additionally, many industrial wastes are hazardous and can pose a significant risk to workers and the general public if not handled properly.

The management of industrial waste typically involves several steps, including waste characterization, waste minimization, waste segregation, waste collection, transportation, treatment, and disposal. Waste characterization involves identifying the type and quantity of waste generated by an industrial process. Waste minimization involves identifying ways to reduce the number of waste generated by a process,

such as by improving efficiency or using cleaner production methods. Waste segregation involves separating different types of waste to ensure that hazardous waste is properly managed and disposed of.

Waste collection and transportation involves the safe and efficient collection and transportation of waste to treatment and disposal facilities. Treatment involves using various processes to change the physical, chemical, or biological characteristics of the waste to make it less hazardous or more suitable for disposal. Treatment processes can include physical processes like filtration and sedimentation, chemical processes like oxidation and precipitation, and biological processes like composting and bioremediation.

Disposal involves the final placement of waste in a landfill, incinerator, or disposal facility. The selection of a disposal method depends on the type and characteristics of the waste, as well as local regulations and policies.

In recent years, there has been a growing interest in the concept of the circular economy, which aims to minimize waste by promoting the reuse, recycling, and recovery of materials. Many industrial waste management practices have been developed with this concept in mind, and there is increasing emphasis on finding ways to turn industrial waste into a valuable resource rather than simply disposing of it.

Social responsibility certification: Social responsibility certification is a process through which organizations can demonstrate their commitment to responsible business practices that have a positive impact on society and the environment. Certification provides independent verification that a company has met certain standards for social and environmental responsibility.

There are several different types of social responsibility certifications available, each with their own specific standards and requirements. Some of the most widely recognized certifications include:

- B Corp Certification: This certification is issued by the non-profit organization B Lab and requires companies to meet rigorous standards of social and environmental performance, accountability, and transparency.

- ISO 26000: This is a guidance standard for social responsibility developed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

- Fair Trade Certification: This certification ensures that products have been produced by certain standards for social and environmental responsibility, including fair wages, safe working conditions, and sustainable production methods.

- LEED Certification: This certification is specific to the building and construction industry and recognizes buildings designed and constructed with a focus on sustainability and energy efficiency.

Obtaining social responsibility certification can have several benefits for organizations. It can help them differentiate themselves from competitors, attract socially and environmentally conscious consumers, and improve their reputation and brand image. Additionally, certification can provide a framework for companies to continually improve their social and environmental performance over time.

Energy efficiency management: Energy efficiency management refers to the process of managing and optimizing the energy consumption of a company or organization. This involves implementing various measures to reduce energy usage, such as upgrading equipment and machinery to more energy-efficient models, improving building insulation and lighting, and promoting energy-saving behaviors among employees.

One critical aspect of energy efficiency management is the monitoring and analysis of energy usage data. This can be done using energy management software or other tools to track energy consumption patterns and identify areas where energy usage can be reduced. Based on this data, energy efficiency strategies can be developed and implemented.

The benefits of energy efficiency management include cost savings from reduced energy usage, improved environmental sustainability by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants, and enhanced corporate social responsibility by demonstrating a commitment to sustainable practices. Many countries also offer incentives and subsidies for companies implementing energy efficiency measures.

There are various standards and certifications related to energy efficiency management, such as ISO 50001, which provides a framework for establishing, implementing, maintaining, and improving an energy management system. Other certifications, such as ENERGY STAR and LEED, are focused on specific industries or building types and provide recognition for companies and buildings that meet certain energy efficiency standards.

Overall, energy efficiency management is becoming increasingly important as companies seek to reduce their environmental impact and operating costs while also demonstrating a commitment to sustainability and social responsibility.

Circuit breaker system: A circuit breaker system is a safety device designed to protect electrical systems from damage caused by overloading or short circuits. It is an automatic switch that can detect and interrupt the flow of electricity in an electrical circuit when it detects an excessive number of current flowing through it.

The basic components of a circuit breaker system include the circuit breaker itself, which is typically a switch with an electromagnet that trips the switch when the current exceeds a certain threshold; a trip unit, which is responsible for sensing the current and triggering the circuit breaker to trip when necessary; and a shunt trip device, which allows the circuit breaker to be tripped remotely.

There are different types of circuit breaker systems that are designed for different applications. For example, low-voltage circuit breakers are commonly used in residential and commercial buildings to protect against overloads and short circuits in electrical systems. High-voltage circuit breakers, on the other hand, are used in industrial and utility settings to protect against high-voltage faults and other electrical disturbances.

Circuit breaker systems are an important component of electrical safety and are required by electrical codes and regulations in many countries. They help to prevent electrical fires, protect electrical equipment from damage, and ensure the safe and reliable operation of electrical systems.

In addition to their safety benefits, circuit breaker systems can also improve energy efficiency by allowing for the selective tripping of circuits in response to changes in electrical demand. This can help to reduce energy waste and lower operating costs for businesses and organizations.

Overall, circuit breaker systems are a critical component of electrical systems and play an important role in ensuring the safety, reliability, and efficiency of electrical infrastructure.

Renewable energy investment: Renewable energy investment refers to allocating funds into renewable energy projects such as solar, wind, geothermal, and hydropower. The goal is to promote the transition from traditional fossil fuels to cleaner and more sustainable energy sources.

Renewable energy investment can come from various sources, including private investors, venture capitalists, government programs, and international organizations. Investments can range from small-scale projects, such as rooftop solar panels for individual homes, to large-scale utility projects that can power entire cities or regions.

Investing in renewable energy can bring several benefits, including reduced greenhouse gas emissions, improved air quality, increased energy independence and security, and job creation. It can also help to mitigate the risks associated with climate change by reducing our dependence on fossil fuels.

There are several ways to invest in renewable energy, including through the purchase of stocks, mutual funds, or exchange-traded funds (ETFs) that focus on renewable energy companies. Investors can also invest directly in specific renewable energy projects or participate in crowdfunding platforms that support renewable energy projects.

Governments worldwide are also promoting renewable energy investment through various policies and incentives, such as feed-in tariffs, tax credits, and grants. These policies aim to reduce the financial risks associated with renewable energy projects and make them more attractive to investors.

Overall, renewable energy investment is seen as a critical component in the transition to a more sustainable energy future, as it helps to reduce carbon emissions, create new jobs, and promote economic growth.

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