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Climate change has become one of the most serious environmental issues affecting communities and economies around the world. The Paris Agreement sends a clear message of the need to decarbonise the economy, and encourages businesses to adopt a long-term perspective that balances economy and ecology. Increasing carbon mitigation and reporting policies have been implemented in many countries to address climate change challenges and to reduce corporate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The changes in climate conditions and new carbon institutions inevitably influence corporate practices. While shareholders tend to focus on economic returns on investment, environment-oriented stakeholders may demand companies to spend more resources for environmental protection and carbon reduction. Corporate governance has a relatively complex impact on corporate financial and non-financial activity. Boards of directors are expected to consider the conflicts of interest of various stakeholder groups.

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