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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 6 - K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of April 2005

Commission File Number: 2-58155

KUBOTA CORPORATION

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

2-47, Shikitsuhigashi 1-chome, Naniwa-ku, Osaka, Japan

(Address of principal executive offices)

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EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number

1. Notice on the ground pollution and its countermeasures (Friday, April 22, 2005)

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April 22, 2005

To whom it may concern

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Notice on the ground pollution and its countermeasures

Please be advised that Kubota Corporation (hereinafter the Company) found some soil pollution in the compound of Naniwa plant as a result of voluntary assessment. As the Company planned to transfer this site to the Association of Namba Area Land Readjustment Project, the Company shut down the plant on September 30, 2004, and conducted the assessment. The details of the assessment and countermeasures are as follows :

1. Result of Assessment

- (1) In the soil of the compound, 3 harmful substances (lead, fluorine, and cyanogens) that exceed the Environmental Quality Standards (EQS) for Soil Pollution (the guidelines of the Ministry of Environment) were detected. As for the contaminated area, lead was detected in the 11 blocks, and fluorine and cyanogens were detected in the 1 block, respectively out of 127 blocks. (1 block =10m×10m) All contaminations were found within 1.0m depth from the ground surface.
- (2) The groundwater satisfied the Environmental Quality Standards for Groundwater Pollution and contamination was NOT found.

2. Factors of pollution

It was not recognized the 3 substances were used in the plant, and the origin of pollution are unknown.

3. Influence to neighborhood

- (1) As for soil, most surface of the land is paved. Accordingly, dust and sand didn't blow in any directions. Unpaved surfaces are covered with vinyl sheets and prevented from blowing.
- (2) The groundwater in the neighboring area satisfied the Environmental Quality Standards for Groundwater Pollution and the groundwater is NOT used for drinking.

Accordingly, the Company believes that neighborhood is never influenced by this pollution.

4. Countermeasures

The contaminated soil will be excavated and carried out of the site and disposed. The countermeasures are expected to start in May and be completed in September.

5. Land use after the countermeasures

This site will be transferred to the Association of Namba Area Land Readjustment Project after completion of the countermeasures.

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(Appendix)

1. Overview of Naniwa plant

- (1) Address: 1, 3, 4, 8~26, Shikitsuhigashi 2-Chome, Naniwa-ku, Osaka, Japan
- (2) Products manufactured : Farm equipment-related parts
- (3) Area : Approximately 12,000 m²
- (4) History of the site :
 - 1901 ~ The Plant was established and started manufacturing of Industrial castings, machine tool and scales.
 - 1973 ~ Started manufacturing of farm equipment-related parts.
 - September 2004~ The Plant was shut down as a part of land readjustment project in Namba area.

2. Assessment

- (1) Method of the assessment : Voluntary assessment in conformity to Soil Contamination Countermeasures Law
- (2) Area of the assessment : Approximately 12,000 m²
- (3) Substances assessed : 25 substances regulated by Soil Contamination Countermeasures Law
- (4) Assessment term : assessment of ground surface 11/25/2004 ~ 1/10/2005
 - assessment of underground 1/11/2005 ~ 1/31/2005
- (5) Research Company: Obayashi Corporation, 4-33, Kitahamahigashi, Chuo-ku, Osaka
- (6) Harmful substances and density:

Amount of leaching

| Item | Standards(EQS) | Investigated depth | Polluted depth | Polluted blocks |
|------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|
|------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|

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| | (mg/L) | Detected pollution | (m) | (m) | /All blocks |
|-----------|--------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | | (mg/L) | | | |
| Lead | 0.01 | 0.013 | Ground surface~5 | Ground surface~0.5 | 1/127 |
| Fluorine | 0.8 | 1.5 | Ground surface~5 | Ground surface~0.5 | 1/127 |
| Cyanogens | Not detected | 0.7 | Ground surface~5 | Ground surface~0.5 | 1/127 |

Amount of content

| | Standards(EQS) | Detected pollution | Investigated depth | Polluted depth | Polluted blocks |
|------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | (mg/kg) | (mg/kg) | (m) | (m) | /All blocks |
| | | 3500 | | Ground surface~1.0 | |
| | | 710 | | | |
| | | 550 | | | |
| | | 390 | | Ground surface~0.5 | |
| Lead | 150 | 350 | Ground surface~5 | | 10/127 |
| | | 330 | | | |
| | | 290 | | | |
| | | 210 | | | |
| | | 170 | | | |
| | | 160 | | Ground surface~1.0 | |

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

KUBOTA CORPORATION

Date: May 2, 2005

By: /s/ Shigeru Kimura

Name: Shigeru Kimura
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