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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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 June 2006

Commission File Number: 1-07294

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. Re: Internal reprimand and recurrence prevention measures taken for the alleged violation of the Antimonopoly Law in the bidding for the nightsoil treatment plant construction (Monday, June 12, 2006)
2. Notice on purchase of shares on market (Friday, June 23, 2006)

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June 12, 2006

To whom it may concern

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**Re: Internal reprimand and recurrence prevention measures taken for the alleged violation of the
Antimonopoly Law in the bidding for the nightsoil treatment plant construction**

In August 2005, Kubota Corporation (hereinafter the Company) underwent Fair Trade Commission s on-site inspection for the alleged violation of the Antimonopoly Law in the bidding for the nightsoil treatment plant construction. Subsequently in May 2006, the Fair Trade Commission filed a criminal prosecution of the case to the prosecutor s office. Today, the Company and relevant employees were indicted.

The Company sincerely apologizes to the public and parties concerned for substantial troubles caused by the case.

The Company, taking this indictment seriously, will enforce the following internal reprimand to clarify the responsibility of the management personnel and take various measures to prevent recurrence.

1. Internal reprimand of the management personnel

(1) Resignation of the Directors responsible for the relevant business

The following two persons will resign from the Board of Directors of the Company on June 12 and serve as the part-time advisors.

Director of the Company Akio Nishino

(former Executive Vice President and General Manager of Environmental Engineering Consolidated Division)

Director of the Company Takashi Shoji

In charge of Waste Engineering Division

(former General Manager of Waste Engineering Division)

(2) Return of the directors remuneration

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The following two persons will return thirty percentage of the monthly Directors remuneration for three months.

President and Representative Director of the Company

Daisuke Hatakake

Managing Director

Nobuo Izawa

General Manager of Environmental Engineering Consolidated Division

2. Measures and principles to prevent recurrence

(1) Actions taken since the Fair Trade Commission s on-site inspection in August 2005

To the Environmental Engineering Consolidated Division, which is in charge of the nightsoil treatment plant business alleged to violate the Antimonopoly Law, the president directed to reinforce compliance based on the following policies and convert business architecture.

1) Basic policies

- a. The Company will never be engaged in the activities that may be considered to have compliance problems such as unfair negotiation or bidding.
- b. Establish the technologies/price level competitive in the private sector market or overseas market.
- c. Discontinue or sell of the operations if it is difficult to accomplish.

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2) Status of activities

- a. In January 2006, the Company decided to discontinue receiving new orders of night soil treatment plant in domestic market based on the business forecast and to take responsibilities for the alleged violation of the Antimonopoly Law.
- b. On April 1, 2006, Akio Nishino, former Executive Vice President and Representative Director of the Company, General Manager of Environmental Engineering Consolidated Division, was demoted to an director.
Takashi Shoji, former Director of the Company, General Manager of Waste Engineering Division, was relocated to an director in charge of Waste Engineering Consolidated Division.

Other personnel (including former General Manager of Waste Recycling Engineering Sales Dept.) redeployment was enforced.

- c. On April 1, 2006, Environmental Compliance Promotion Dept. was established in Environmental Engineering Consolidated Division for the reinforcement of compliance.

(2) Future activities

The Company is determined to take and reinforce recurrence prevention measures according to the following principles.

1) Reinforcement of monitoring/guidance system for the business division by the head office organization

Corporate Compliance Headquarters will reinforce monitoring and guidance, and will play a leading role for the business division to prevent recurrence.

2) Promotion of recurrence prevention measures in Environmental Engineering Consolidated Division

Completely eliminate the techniques and principles of previous business operation and take recurrence prevention measures to achieve transparent business operation of which reform is internally and externally transparent according to the following principles:

- a. Declare internally and externally the break with the past and promote behavioral reform through awareness-raising.
- b. Strenuously promote the business operation in which the risks of violation of laws and regulations are completely eliminated.
- c. Promote transparent business activities through the fundamental review of the regulations/operating procedures for decision making.
- d. Establish and implement the internal audit system to ensure the above-mentioned compliance.

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June 23, 2006

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Notice on purchase of shares on market

Please be advised that Kubota Corporation (the Company) resolved at the Board of Directors Meeting held on June 23, 2006 that the Company would execute purchase of its shares on market, pursuant to Article 156 of the Corporate law after applying the regulations of Article 165 Paragraph 3 of said law.

1. Purpose for the purchase of shares

The Company will purchase shares of treasury stock in order to create more value per share, as a part of returning profit to shareholders.

2. Details of purchase of shares

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| 1) Type of shares to be purchased: | Shares of common stock of the Company |
| 2) Number of shares to be purchased: | Not exceeding 10.0 million shares (0.8 % of total number of shares issued) |
| 3) Amount of shares to be purchased: | Not exceeding ¥11.0 billion |
| 4) Term of validity: | From June 26, 2006 to September 19, 2006 |
- (Reference)

Total number of shares issued as of June 23, 2006: 1,299,869,180 shares
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< Cautionary Statements with Respect to Forward-Looking Statements >

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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: July 3, 2006

By: /s/ Shigeru Kimura
Name: Shigeru Kimura
Title: General Manager
Finance & Accounting Department