

NORITAKE CO., LIMITED

First Half Results for Fiscal Year Ending March 2024

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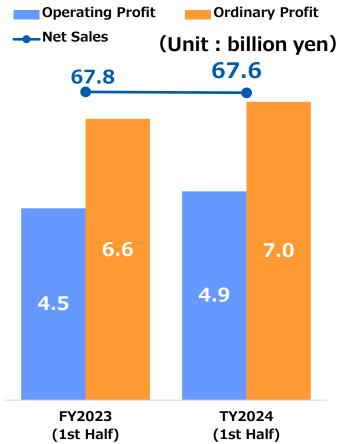
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Consolidated Statements of Income

Ordinary Profit and Profit Attributable to Owners of Parent increased and reached a record high, despite a year-on-year decrease in sales.

	(Unit : billion yen)			
	FY2023 (1st Half)	FY2024 (1st Half)	YoY change	
Net Sales	67.8	67.6	△0.4%	
Operating Profit	4.5	4.9	+7.9%	
Ordinary Profit	6.6	7.0	+5.8%	
Profit Attributable to Owners of Parent	5.2	5.8	+11.9%	



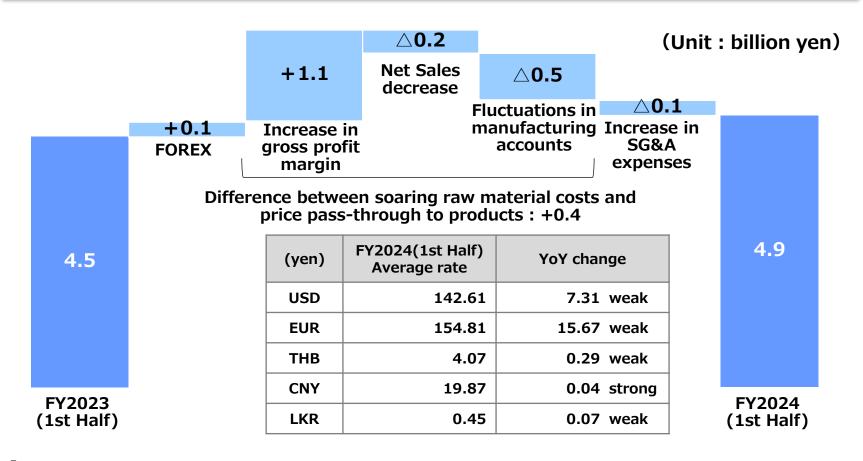
Interim dividend: 120 yen per share

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Cause of increase/decrease of Operating Profit

Operating Profit increased by 0.4 billion yen compared to the same period of the previous year, mainly due to increase in gross profit margin and the effect of the weak yen.





Cause of increase/decrease of Ordinary Profit

Ordinary Profit increased by 0.4 billion yen with an increase of 0.4 billion yen of Operating Profit, and Non-operating income/expenses remained almost unchanged.

	FY2023 (1st Half)	FY2024 (1st Half)	YoY change
Operating Profit	4.5	4.9	+0.4
Dividend income	0.5	0.5	+0.0
Rental income	0.3	0.3	+0.0
Foreign exchange gains	0.4	0.3	△0.2
Share of profit of entities accounted for using equity method	0.7	0.8	+0.1
Others	0.1	0.1	+0.1
Non-operating income/expenses	2.0	2.1	+0.0
Ordinary Profit	6.6	7.0	+0.4



Extraordinary income / Extraordinary losses

Gain on sales of investment securities: 1.00 billion yen Loss on disposal of non-current assets: 0.43 billion yen

Extraordinary income				
Gain on sales of investment securities*	1.00			
Others	0.02			
Total	1.02			

Extraordinary losses				
Loss on disposal of non-current assets	0.43			
Others	0.00			
Total	0.44			

[※] Reduction of cross-Shareholdings



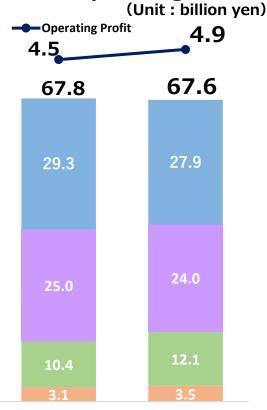
Sales and Profit by business segment

Industrial Products decreased, and Operating Profit in the other segments improved.

(Unit: billion yen)

		FY2023 (1st Half)	FY2024 (1st Half)	YoY change
	Industrial Products	29.3	27.9	△4.9%
Net	Ceramics & Materials	25.0	24.0	△3.8%
Net Sales	Engineering	10.4	12.1	+17.1%
es	Tabletop	3.1	3.5	+11.6%
	Total	67.8	67.6	△0.4%
Op.	Industrial Products	1.5	1.0	△35.1%
Operating	Ceramics & Materials	2.8	3.2	+15.3%
	Engineering	0.6	0.7	+32.1%
Profit	Tabletop	△0.3	△0.0	_
#	Total	4.5	4.9	+7.9%

Sales / Operating Profit



FY2023(1st Half) FY2024(1st Half)



Sales by business segment

Industrial Products Group

Sales per products

(Unit: billion yen)

	FY2023 (1st Half)	FY2024 (1st Half)	YoY change
Grinding Wheels	9.0	8.8	△0.2
Diamond Wheels/Tools CBN Wheels	6.1	5.6	△0.5
Cutting/Offset Wheels	8.6	8.8	+0.2
Coated Abrasives	3.7	2.7	△1.0
Related Products	1.9	2.0	+0.1
Total	29.3	27.9	△1.4

Custom-made products

Japan

Sales remained flat year on year due to lower production in the steel, bearing, and electronic parts industries, although production has recovered in the automotive industry.

Overseas

Automotive-related sales recovered in North America, but steel-related sales decreased significantly in China, and the decline in automotive production affected in Southeast Asia. Overall sales decreased.





Coated AbrasivesSales were weak

both domestically and overseas.



Sales by business segment

Ceramics & Materials Group

Sales per products

(Unit: billion yen)

	FY2023 (1st Half)	FY2024 (1st Half)	YoY change
Electronic paste	4.6	4.9	+0.3
Electronic component raw materials	6.8	8.1	+1.3
Ceramic raw materials	8.9	5.9	△3.0
Other Ceramics	4.6	5.1	+0.5
Total	25.0	24.0	△0.9

Electronic paste/Electronic component raw materials

Sales for automotive industry were solid. In addition, sales for communications equipment increased due to progress in inventory adjustments at some customers.





Ceramic raw materialsSales for heat-resistant glass decreased significantly.



Sales by business segment

Engineering Group

Sales per products

(Unit: billion yen)

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	FY2023 (1st Half)	FY2024 (1st Half)	YoY change
Heating/Drying Furnace	7.3	9.0	+1.7
Stirring machines	0.6	0.8	+0.2
Filtration systems	0.5	0.5	+0.0
Carbide-tipped circular sawing machine	0.5	0.5	△0.0
Circular sawing cutting machine and others	1.4	1.4	△0.1
Total	10.4	12.1	+1.8



Heating/Drying Furnace Sales for lithiumion batteries were strong.

Stirring machines
Sales to the chemical industry have recovered.





Circular sawing cutting machine Sales for public construction were weak.



Sales by business segment

Tabletop Group

Sales per products

(Unit: billion yen)

	FY2023 (1st Half)	FY2024 (1st Half)	YoY change
Japan	1.4	1.4	+0.0
Americas	0.6	0.8	+0.2
Europe Asia	1.2	1.3	+0.1
Total	3.1	3.5	+0.4



Japan
Online sales
decreased, sales
by directly
managed retail
stores, and sales
to hotels
increased.



Americas
Online sales and sales to Mexico were strong.



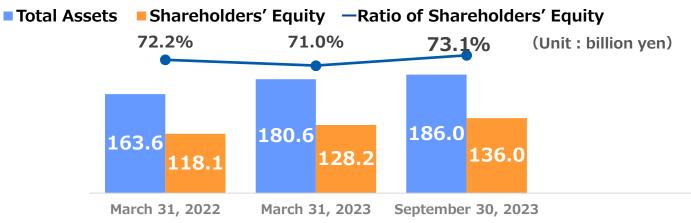
Europe, Asia Sales to China struggled, but sales to India and other Asian countries were strong.



Consolidated Balance Sheet

Total Assets, Shareholders' Equity and Ratio of Shareholders' Equity increased.

	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2023	September 30, 2023	change
Total Assets	163.6	180.6	186.0	+5.4
Shareholders' Equity	118.1	128.2	136.0	+7.8
Shareholders' Equity per Share	8,184yen	8,882yen	9,380yen	+498yen
Ratio of Shareholders' Equity	72.2%	71.0%	73.1%	+2.1%





Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

Free Cash Flow: 7.9 billion yen

Cash and cash equivalents: 12.6 billion yen, increased by

2.2 billion yen year-on-year

	FY2023 (1st Half)	FY2024 (1st Half)	YoY change
Cash flows from operating activities	△1.4	10.2	+11.5
Cash flows from investing activities	△2.6	△2.3	+0.3
Free cash flow	△4.0	7.9	+11.9
Cash flows from financing activities	1.8	△7.8	△9.6
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	10.4	12.6	+2.2



Interest-bearing Debt

(Unit: billion yen)

	March 31, 2023	September 30, 2023	change
Interest-bearing Debt*	12.5	6.5	△6.0
Cash and deposits	14.6	15.9	+1.3
Net Interest-bearing Debt	△2.2	△9.5	△7.3

[※]Interest-bearing Debt excludes lease liabilities.

Capital investment, Depreciation expenses

	FY2023 (1st Half)	FY2024 (1st Half)	YoY change
Capital investment	2.5	2.7	+0.1
Depreciation expenses	2.4	2.4	+0.0



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Forecasts for FY2024

Net Sales: 139.0 billion yen, Operating Profit: 10.0 billion yen, Ordinary Profit: 13.5 billion yen, Profit Attributable to Owners

of Parent: 11.0 billion yen

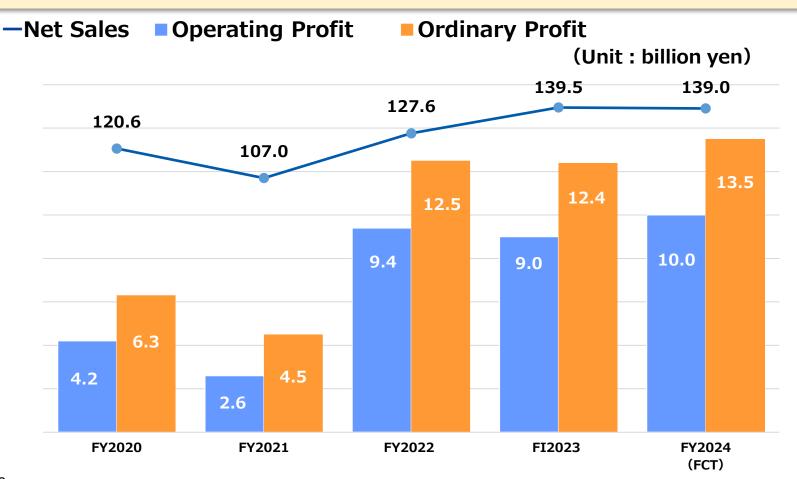
	FY2023			FY2024 (FCT)			
	1st Half	2nd Half	Total	1st Half	2nd Half	Total	YoY change
Net Sales	67.8	71.7	139.5	67.6	71.4	139.0	△0.5
Operating Profit	4.5	4.4	9.0	4.9	5.1	10.0	+1.0
Ordinary Profit	6.6	5.8	12.4	7.0	6.5	13.5	+1.1
Profit Attributable to Owners of Parent	5.2	4.8	10.0	5.8	5.2	11.0	+1.0

136.0 yen 143 yen 135 yen



Forecasts for FY2024

Although sales are expected to decrease compared to the previous fiscal year, both Operating Profit and Ordinary Profit are expected to increase.





Forecasts by business segment

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			FY2023		FY2024 (FCT)			YoY change			
			1st Half	2nd Half	Total	1st Half	2nd Half	Total	1st Half	2nd Half	Total
		Industrial Products	29.3	28.2	57.5	27.9	28.6	56.5	△1.4	+0.4	△1.0
Net		Ceramics & Materials	25.0	24.2	49.2	24.0	22.5	46.5	△0.9	△1.7	△2.7
Sales		Engineering	10.4	15.5	25.9	12.1	16.9	29.0	+1.8	+1.4	+3.1
S		Tabletop	3.1	3.8	6.9	3.5	3.5	7.0	+0.4	△0.3	+0.1
		Total	67.8	71.7	139.5	67.6	71.4	139.0	△0.2	△0.3	△0.5
0		Industrial Products	1.5	0.9	2.4	1.0	1.2	2.2	△0.5	+0.3	△0.2
Operating		Ceramics & Materials	2.8	2.0	4.8	3.2	2.6	5.8	+0.4	+0.6	+1.0
		Engineering	0.6	1.5	2.1	0.7	1.4	2.1	+0.2	△0.1	+0.1
Profit		Tabletop	△0.3	0.0	△0.3	△0.0	△0.1	△0.1	+0.3	△0.1	+0.2
		Total	4.5	4.4	9.0	4.9	5.1	10.0	+0.4	+0.7	+1.0



Industrial Products Group

Although production in the automotive industry is on a recovery trend, sales and profit are expected to decline due to the economic slowdown in China and other factors.

Net Sales: 56.5 billion yen

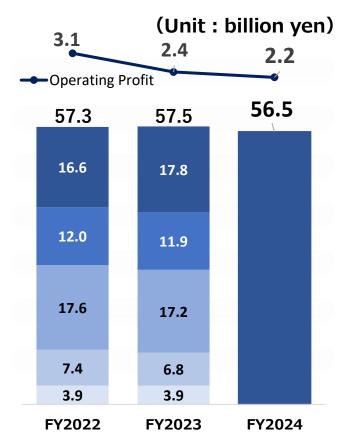
(1.0 billion yen decrease)

Operating Profit: 2.2 billion yen

(0.2 billion yen decrease)

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Diamond Wheels/Tools CBN Wheels	
Cutting/Offset Wheels	
Coated Abrasives	10987-11
Related Products	

Sales and Profit per products





Industrial Products Group

Profit improvement in existing businesses and preparation for entry into growth areas.

In the previous year, the business was restructured into two types, custom-made products and general-purpose products, to build an efficient business structure.



Custom-made products business

- Strengthen our earnings by establishing a system to increase production of growth area products and by establishing sales bases.
- Focus on development of new technologies and products that support the semiconductor business and the electrification of automobiles.
- Started mass production of power semiconductor wafer tools and increased production capacity for grinding wheels for hypodermic needles

General-purpose products business

- Strengthen profitability by streamlining the management base and realign our manufacturing and sales structure.
- Build a manufacturing, development and sales system to increase production of electronics products and advance into growth areas and focus management resources.

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Ceramics & Materials Group

Although ceramic raw materials are decreasing, electronic component raw materials are increasing.

Net Sales: 46.5 billion yen

(2.7 billion yen decrease)

Operating Profit: 5.8 billion yen

(1.0 billion yen increase)

Electronic paste	
Electronic component raw materials	The state of the s
Ceramic raw materials	
Other Ceramics	CONTE

Sales and Profit per products (Unit: billion yen) 5.4 5.8 4.8 49.2 Operating Profit 46.5 40.7 8.9 10.7 12.7 15.5 18.1 6.3 9.5 8.3

FY2023

FY2024

FY2022

2. Forecasts for FY2024 and Priority Measures Ceramics & Materials Group



Concentration in core competence, Restructuring business portfolio.

Electronic paste

Expand our product lineup in the electronics field, and develop new products.



Electronic component raw materials

Expand business by increasing production capacity of materials for multi-layer ceramic capacitors and developing new products in growth areas.



Other Ceramics

Restructure our business portfolio, through "Concentration in Core Competence" and the creation of new products and businesses.





Engineering Group

Sales of the mainstay lithium-ion battery heating furnaces and drying furnaces are remaining steady.

Net Sales: 29.0 billion yen

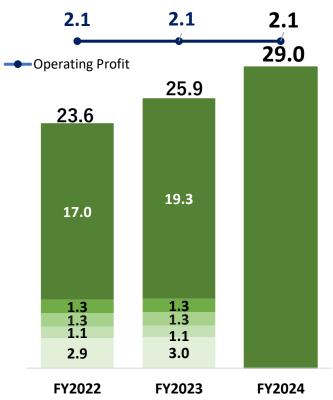
(3.1 billion yen increase)

Operating Profit: 2.1 billion yen

(0.1 billion yen increase)

Heating/Drying Furnace	
Stirring machines	Harry
Filtration systems	
Carbide-tipped circular sawing machine	
Circular sawing cutting machine and others	

Sales and Profit per products





Engineering Group

Focus on growth areas and develop new products, Entry into new fields.

Energy and electronics field

Expand market share by increasing sales, strengthening after-sales service system, and introducing new products, Started expansion of assembly plant for continuous heating furnaces for lithium-ion batteries.

Automotive field

Development of new applications and new products associated with electrification of automobiles.

New field

Entry into new fields (medical/pharmaceutical, semiconductor, new material) and market development.

Environmental field

Strengthen development of new applications and new products.















Tabletop Group

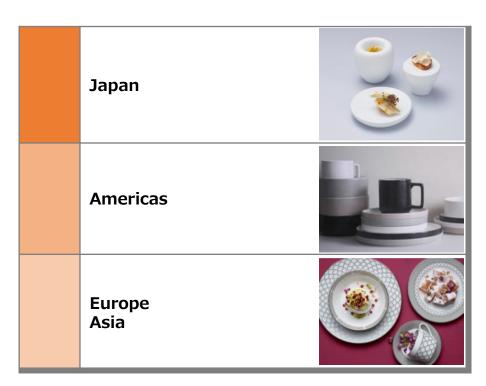
Shrinking Operating Loss by expanding sales by directly managed retail stores, sales to hotels and growth markets, etc.

Net Sales: 7.0 billion yen

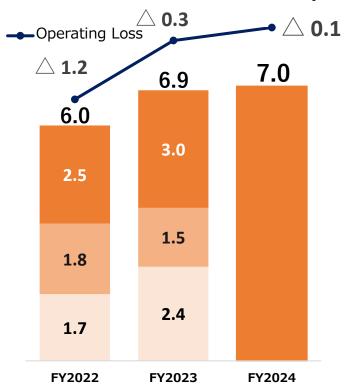
(0.1 billion yen increase)

Operating Loss : \triangle 0.1 billion yen

(0.2 billion yen increase)



Sales and Profit per products





Tabletop Group

Continuing to improve profitability to move into the black.

Japan

Strengthen online sales.

Expand sales to hotels and restaurants. Reduce costs by redeveloping distribution channels and logistics.



Expand sales in growth markets of India, China, and other major countries in Southeast Asia.

Improving profitability in the US market.











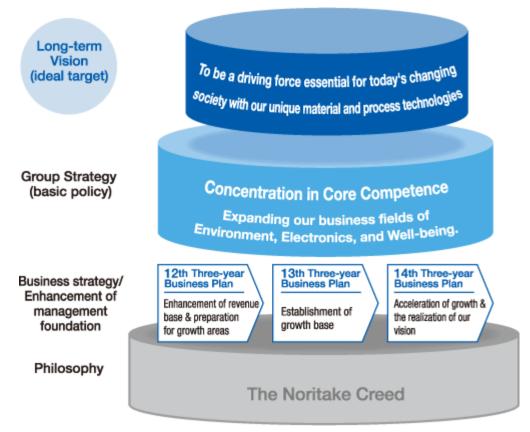


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<Overview of the 12th Three-year Business Plan>
Long-term Vision for 2030 (Ideal target)



We aim to become a Group that contributes to "the global environment," "a convenient society," and "the people's well-being."



<Overview of the 12th Three-year Business Plan>

Looking ahead to fiscal 2030, the 12th Business Plan is positioned as a period for "enhancing the revenue base and preparing for growth areas."

[5 items to focus on]

- Reorganization of unprofitable products and businesses
- Improve and rationalize profitability
- Increase production and sales
- Creation of new businesses
- Enhance our management foundation

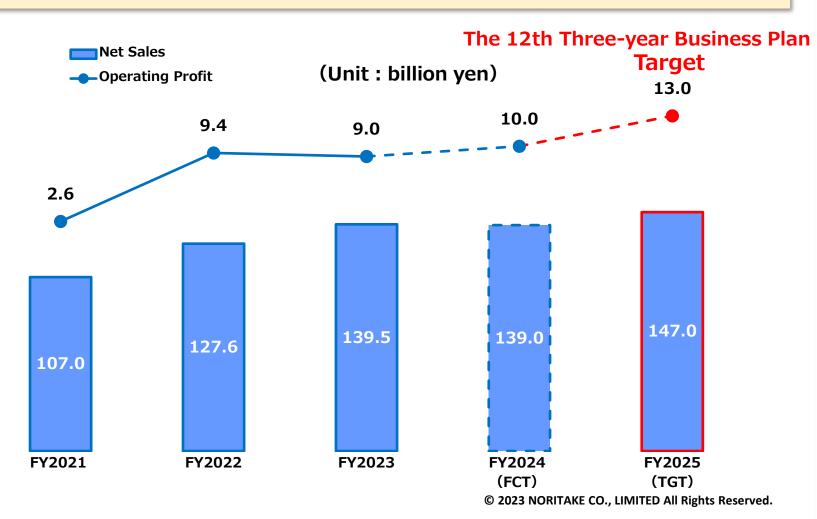
Management Target	FY2025		
Net Sales	147.0 billion yen		
Operating Profit	13.0 billion yen		
Operating Profit Margin	9 %		
Return On Equity (ROE)	9 %		
Free Cash Flow (FCF)	20.0 billion yen (3-year cumulative total)		



<Progress of the 12th Three-year Business Plan>

Targets for FY2025

Net Sales: 147.0 billion yen, Operating Profit: 13.0 billion yen





<Progress of the 12th Three-year Business Plan> Target of Sales and Profit by business segment

(Unit : billion yen)

		FY2024 (Forecast)	FY2025 (Target)	Diff.
	Industrial Products	56.5	60.5	+4.0
Net	Ceramics & Materials	46.5	49.0	+2.5
Sales	Engineering	29.0	30.0	+1.0
es	Tabletop	7.0	7.5	+0.5
	計	139.0	147.0	+8.0
0	Industrial Products	2.2	3.0	+8.0
Operating	Ceramics & Materials	5.8	7.3	+1.5
	Engineering	2.1	2.7	+0.6
Profit	Tabletop	△0.1	0.0	+0.1
	計	10.0	13.0	+3.0

Sales / Operating Profit





Aiming for virtuous cycle of investment in growth areas (Environment, Electronics, Well-being) and making a profit

Electronics/Semiconductors

Materials for multi-layer ceramic capacitor



Electronics

Surface grinding wheel for wafer

Environmentally friendly products

Multi-layer gear grinding wheel



Heating furnace for lithium-ion batteries



Environment

Concentration in core competence to three growth areas

Polishing tool "LHA Pad"



Resource recycling and food loss reduction





Sludge solidification machine "Smart Briquetter"

Well-being

Grindina wheel for hypodermic needles



Life Science

"CLéMENCE"



Fine bubble generator "Cerapor"

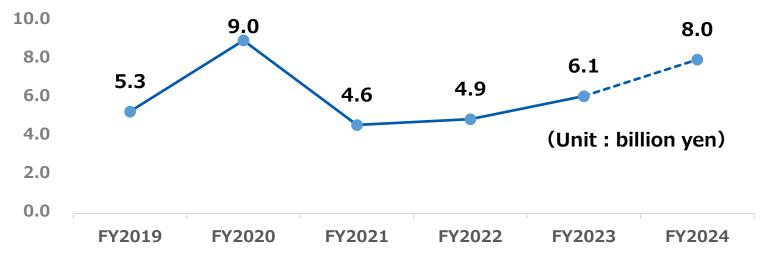




Capital investment

Proactive investment in three growth areas, "Environment, Electronics, and Well-being".

	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024 (Target)
Capital investment	5.3	9.0	4.6	4.9	6.1	8.0







For the next 13th Three-year Business Plan, We accelerate capital investment in growth areas, Total of approximately 20.0 billion yen. (FY2026~ FY2028)

Overview	Place	Amount (approx.)	Planned for completion
<ceramics &="" materials=""> Increase production of</ceramics>	Minato Plant (Minato-ku, Nagoya)	7.0	FY2026 2 nd Half
electronic materials for Multi- Layer Ceramic Capacitor, etc.	Miyoshi Plant (Miyoshi, Aichi)	6.0	FY2026 1 st Half
<pre><engineering> Increase production capacity of heating furnace for lithium-ion batteries, etc.</engineering></pre>	Komaki Plant (Komaki, Aichi)	2.5	FY2025 2 nd Half
<industrial &="" ceramics="" materials="" products,=""> Restructuring of manufacturing bases and establishment of increased production system, etc.</industrial>	Miyoshi 2nd Plant (Miyoshi, Aichi)	4.5	FY2031



< Change in distribution policy >

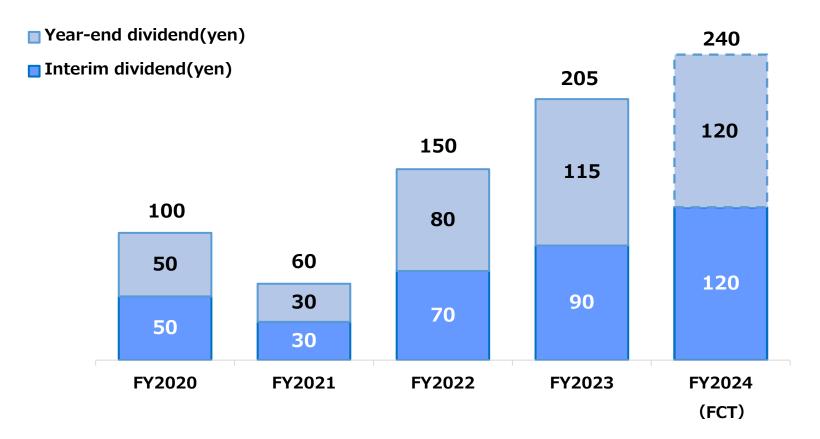
Before	After
The Company regards the return of profits to shareholders as an important management policy and its basic dividend policy is to maintain stable dividends over the long term, and to distribute profits based on a comprehensive assessment of business performance, financial strength, future business development, and other factors.	The Company regards the return of profits to shareholders as an important management policy. The Company's basic dividend policy is to maintain stable dividends over the long term and a consolidated dividend payout ratio of 30% or more for the full year, and the Company aims to return profits linked to business performance while comprehensively taking into consideration our financial position, future business development, and other factors.



< Dividend >

The annual dividend forecast for FY2024 is 240 yen per share.

Interim dividend: 120 yen per share, Year-end dividend: 120 yen per share





Stock Split and Partial Amendment of Articles of Incorporation

Each share of common stock owned by shareholders listed or recorded in the closing register of shareholders on the record date of Sunday, March 31, 2024, will be split into two shares.

Number of shares to be increased by the stock split

Total number of issued shares prior to the stock split	14,842,849
Number of shares to be increased by the stock split	14,842,849
Total number of issued shares after the stock split	29,685,698
Total number of authorized shares after the stock split	79,500,000

Schedule for the stock split

Public notice of record date (scheduled)	Thursday, March 14, 2024
Record date	Sunday, March 31, 2024
Effective date	Monday, April 1, 2024

Total number of authorized shares

Current Articles of Incorporation	39,750,000
Articles of Incorporation after Amendment	79,500,000