

NORITAKE CO., LIMITED

First Half Results for Fiscal Year Ending March 2025

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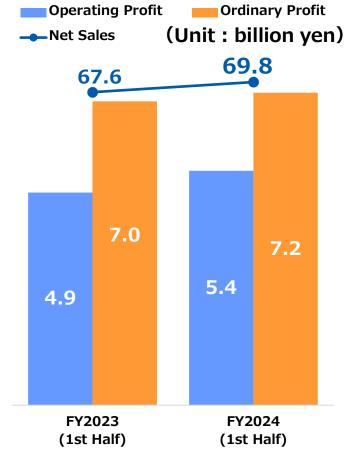
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Consolidated Statements of Income

Net Sales, Operating Profit, Ordinary Profit, and Profit Attributable to Owners of Parent all increased year-on-year and reached record highs.

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	FY2023 (1st Half)	FY2024 (1st Half)	YoY change
Net Sales	67.6	69.8	+3.3%
Operating Profit	4.9	5.4	+11.3%
Ordinary Profit	7.0	7.2	+3.7%
Profit Attributable to Owners of Parent	5.8	6.0	+4.4%



Interim dividend: 65 yen per share

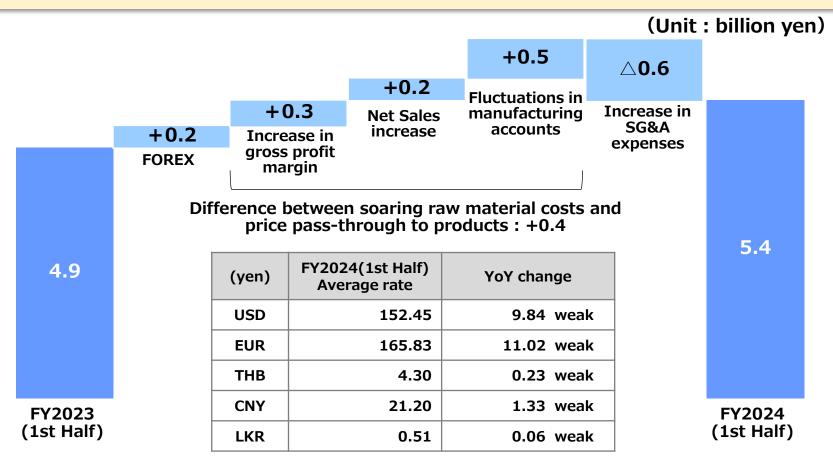
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⁽Forecast for Year-end dividend : 65 yen per share)



Cause of increase/decrease of Operating Profit

Operating Profit increased by 0.6 billion yen compared to the same period of the previous year, mainly due to increase in gross profit margin and fluctuations in manufacturing accounts.





Cause of increase/decrease of Ordinary Profit

Ordinary Profit increased by 0.3 billion yen with an increase of 0.6 billion yen of Operating Profit, 0.2 billion yen of Share of profit of entities accounted for using equity method, and 0.6 billion yen of Foreign exchange losses.

	FY2023 (1st Half)	FY2024 (1st Half)	YoY change
Operating Profit	4.9	5.4	+0.6
Dividend income	0.5	0.6	+0.0
Rental income	0.3	0.3	+0.0
Foreign exchange gains/losses	0.3	△0.3	△0.6
Share of profit of entities accounted for using equity method	0.8	1.0	+0.2
Others	0.1	0.2	+0.1
Non-operating income/expenses	2.1	1.8	△0.3
Ordinary Profit	7.0	7.2	+0.3



(Unit: billion ven)

Extraordinary income / Extraordinary losses

Gain on sales of investment securities: 0.76 billion yen,

Gain on step acquisitions: 0.32 billion yen.

Loss on disposal of non-current assets: 0.17 billion yen,

Disposal costs of contaminated soil: 0.28 billion yen.

Extraordinary income				
Gain on sales of investment securities **	0.76			
Gain on step acquisitions	0.32			
Others	0.04			
Total	1.12			

Extraordinary losses			
Loss on disposal of non-current assets	0.17		
Disposal costs of contaminated soil	0.28		
Others	0.00		
Total	0.45		

[※] Reduction of cross-Shareholdings

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Sales and Profit by business segment

Ceramics & Materials and Engineering contributed to the increase in profits.

(Unit: billion yen)

		FY2023 (1st Half)	FY2024 (1st Half)	YoY change
	Industrial Products	27.9	28.4	+1.8%
Net Sales	Ceramics & Materials	24.0	23.7	△1.6%
Salo	Engineering	12.1	14.5	+19.4%
es	Tabletop	3.5	3.2	△7.4%
	Total	67.6	69.8	+3.3%
0	Industrial Products	1.0	1.0	△0.3%
Operating	Ceramics & Materials	3.2	3.7	+14.5%
	Engineering	0.7	1.0	+33.6%
Profit	Tabletop	△0.0	△0.2	_
≓	Total	4.9	5.4	+11.3%

Sales / Operating Profit (Unit: billion yen)



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	8.8	9.0	+0.2
Diamond Wheels/Tools CBN Wheels	5.6	5.7	+0.2
Cutting/Offset Wheels	8.8	8.5	△0.3
Coated Abrasives	2.7	3.1	+0.4
Related Products	2.0	2.0	+0.1
Total	27.9	28.4	+0.5

Custom-made products

Japan

Sales decreased due to reduced production in the automotive, steel, and bearing industries.



Overseas

Automotive production recovered in North America, steel-related sales increased in China, and electronic component-related sales were solid in Southeast Asia.

General-purpose products

Offset Wheels and other products for domestic and Asian markets decreased.



Coated Abrasives increased mainly due to consolidation of an affiliated company in Thailand.



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Sales by business segment

Ceramics & Materials Group

Sales per products

(Unit: billion yen)

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	FY2023 (1st Half)	FY2024 (1st Half)	YoY change	
Electronic paste	4.9	5.4	+0.5	
Electronic component raw materials	8.1	9.3	+1.2	
Ceramic raw materials	5.9	3.8	△2.2	
Other Ceramics	5.1	5.2	+0.1	
Total	24.0	23.7	△0.4	

Electronic paste/Electronic component raw materials

In business for multi-layer ceramic capacitors, automotive and server industries were solid, and telecommunications sector also recovered.



Ceramic raw materials
Sales 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 Furnaces	9.0	11.2	+2.2
Stirring machines	0.8	0.8	+0.0
Filtration systems	0.5	0.8	+0.3
Carbide-tipped circular sawing machines	0.5	0.6	+0.1
Circular sawing cutting machines and others	1.4	1.2	△0.2
Total	12.1	14.5	+2.4



Heating/Drying Furnaces Sales for lithiumion batteries sector

were strong.

Filtration systems
Sales to the
automotive and
electronics industries
recovered.





Circular sawing cutting machines

Sales for public construction were weak.



Sales by business segment

Tabletop Group

Sales per area

(Unit: billion yen)

	FY2023 (1st Half)	FY2024 (1st Half)	YoY change
Japan	1.4	1.4	△0.1
Americas	0.8	0.7	△0.1
Europe Asia	1.3	1.1	△0.1
Total	3.5	3.2	△0.3



Japan
Sales to airlines
and sales by
directly
managed retail
stores
increased, while
sales to hotels
decreased.

Americas
Sales to
department
stores recovered,
but overall sales
in Americas
decreased.



Europe, AsiaSales to airlines were sluggish.





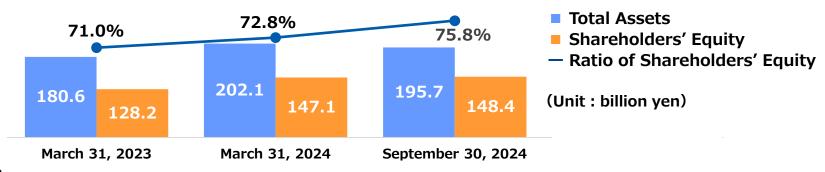
Consolidated Balance Sheet

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

(Unit: billion yen)

	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2024	September 30, 2024	change
Total Assets	180.6	202.1	195.7	△6.4
Shareholders' Equity	128.2	147.1	148.4	+1.3
Shareholders' Equity per Share	4,441yen	5,074yen	5,147yen	+72yen
Ratio of Shareholders' Equity	71.0%	72.8%	75.8%	+3.0%

A two-for-one common stock split was issued on April 1, 2024. Shareholders' Equity per Share is calculated on the assumption that the stock split was conducted at the beginning of the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023.







Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

Free Cash Flow: △4.4 billion yen

Cash and cash equivalents: 12.3 billion yen, decrease by

0.3 billion yen year-on-year

	FY2023 (1st Half)	FY2024 (1st Half)	YoY change
Cash flows from operating activities	10.2	0.0	△10.1
Cash flows from investing activities	△2.3	△4.4	△2.1
Free cash flow	7.9	△4.4	△12.3
Cash flows from financing activities	△7.8	△1.3	+6.5
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	12.6	12.3	△0.3



Interest-bearing Debt

	March 31, 2024	September 30, 2024	Change
Interest-bearing Debt*	2.6	4.1	+1.5
Cash and deposits	21.3	16.5	△4.9
Net Interest-bearing Debt	△18.7	△12.4	+6.3

[※]Interest-bearing Debt excludes lease liabilities.

Capital investment, Depreciation expenses (Unit : billion yen)

	FY2023 (1st Half)	FY2024 (1st Half)	YoY change
Capital investment	2.7	3.8	+1.1
Depreciation expenses	2.4	2.5	+0.1



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Forecasts for FY2024

Net Sales: 141.0 billion yen, Operating Profit: 11.0 billion yen, Ordinary Profit: 14.5 billion yen, Profit Attributable to Owners of Parent: 12.0 billion yen.

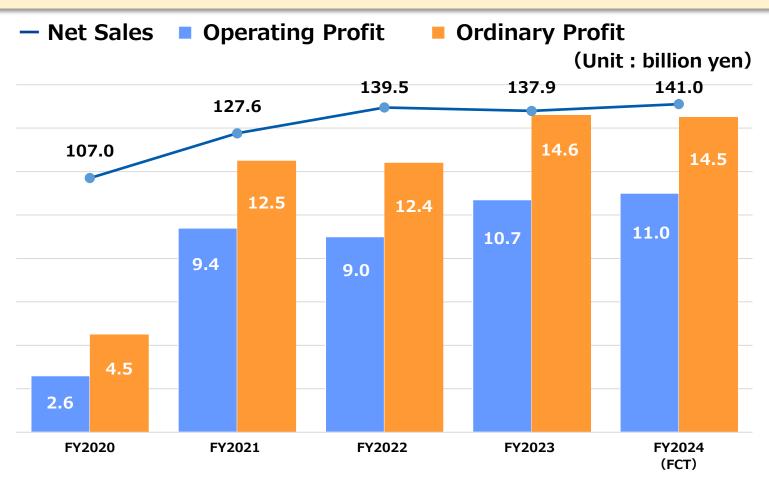
		FY202	3	FY2024 (FCT)			
	1st Half	2nd Half	Total	1st Half	2nd Half	Total	Change
Net sales	67.6	70.4	137.9	69.8	71.2	141.0	+3.1
Operating Profit	4.9	5.8	10.7	5.4	5.6	11.0	+0.3
Ordinary Profit	7.0	7.7	14.6	7.2	7.3	14.5	△0.1
Profit Attributable to Owners of Parent	5.8	5.7	11.5	6.0	6.0	12.0	+0.5

USD	145.3 yen	152 yen	140 yen
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Forecasts for FY2024

Net sales are expected to reach a record high. Operating Profit and Ordinary Profit are expected to remain almost flat compared to the previous fiscal year.





Forecasts by business segment

				FY2023			FY2024 (FCT)			Change	
			1st Half	2nd Half	Total	1st Half	2nd Half	Total	1st Half	2nd Half	Total
		Industrial Products	27.9	27.9	55.7	28.4	28.6	57.0	+0.5	+0.8	+1.3
Net		Ceramics & Materials	24.0	22.6	46.6	23.7	23.3	47.0	△0.4	+0.8	+0.4
sales		Engineering	12.1	16.4	28.6	14.5	15.5	30.0	+2.4	△1.0	+1.4
Š		Tabletop	3.5	3.5	7.0	3.2	3.8	7.0	△0.3	+0.3	+0.0
		Total	67.6	70.4	137.9	69.8	71.2	141.0	+2.2	+0.9	+3.1
0		Industrial Products	1.0	1.5	2.5	1.0	1.0	2.0	△0.0	△0.5	△0.5
Operating		Ceramics & Materials	3.2	3.0	6.2	3.7	3.3	7.0	+0.5	+0.3	+0.8
ing F		Engineering	0.7	1.4	2.2	1.0	1.0	2.0	+0.3	△0.5	△0.2
Profit		Tabletop	△0.0	△0.1	△0.1	△0.2	0.2	0.0	△0.2	+0.4	+0.2
П		Total	4.9	5.8	10.7	5.4	5.6	11.0	+0.6	△0.3	+0.3



Industrial Products Group

Domestic sales to automotive, steel, and bearing industries are sluggish, while overseas sales hold steady.

Net Sales 57.0 billion yen

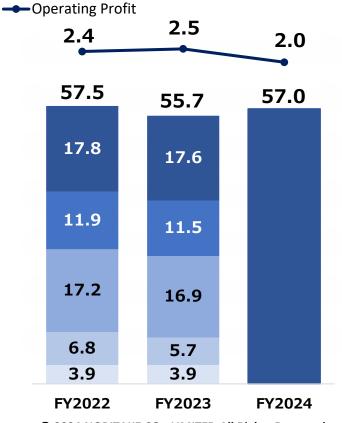
(1.3 billion yen increase)

Operating Profit 2.0 billion yen

(0.5 billion yen decrease)

(0.5	(0.5 billion yen decrease)						
	Grinding Wheels						
	Diamond Wheels/Tools CBN Wheels						
	Cutting/Offset Wheels						
	Coated Abrasives						
	Related Products	10375-W					

Sales and Profit (Unit : billion yen)





Industrial Products Group

Aiming for profit improvement in existing businesses and establishment of the structure for expansion into growth areas.

The business was restructured into two types, custom-made products and generalpurpose 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, thoroughly improving profitability and establishing sales bases.
- Focus on development of new technologies and products that support the semiconductor business and the electrification of automobiles.

General-purpose products business

- Reorganization of manufacturing and sales structure, improvement and strengthening of profitability after having made an affiliated company in Thailand a wholly owned subsidiary in Coated Abrasives.
- Establishment of manufacturing, development and sales system to expand into growth areas, and optimization of management resources.



Ceramics & Materials Group

Although ceramic raw materials are decreasing, business for multi-layer ceramic capacitors is increasing.

Net Sales 47.0 billion yen

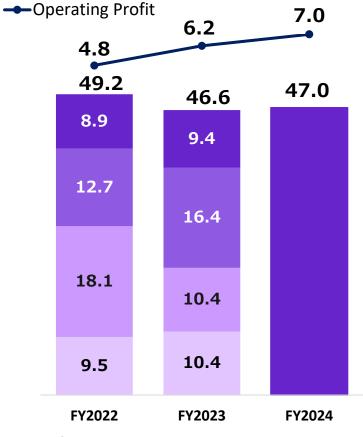
(0.4 billion yen increase)

Operating Profit 7.0 billion yen

(0.8 billion yen increase)

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

Sales and Profit (Unit : billion yen)





Ceramics & Materials Group

Increasing production capacity of materials for multi-layer ceramic capacitors. Restructuring business portfolio.

Electronic paste

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

Electronic component raw materials

Increase production capacity of materials for multilayer ceramic capacitors and develop 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, heating/drying furnaces for lithium-ion batteries sector, are remaining steady.

Net Sales 30.0 billion yen

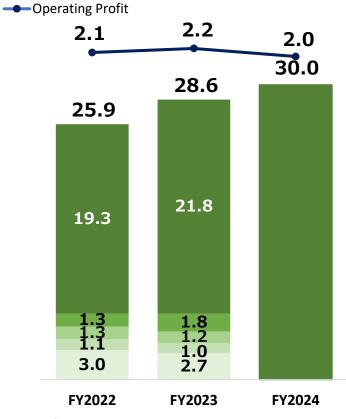
(1.4 billion yen increase)

Operating Profit 2.0 billion yen

(0.2 billion yen decrease)

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Heating/Drying Furnaces	
Stirring machines	Have
Filtration systems	
Carbide-tipped circular sawing machines	
Circular sawing cutting machines and others	

Sales and Profit (Unit : billion yen)





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.

Automotive field

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

New field

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

Environmental field

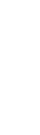
Strengthen development of new applications and new products.















Tabletop Group

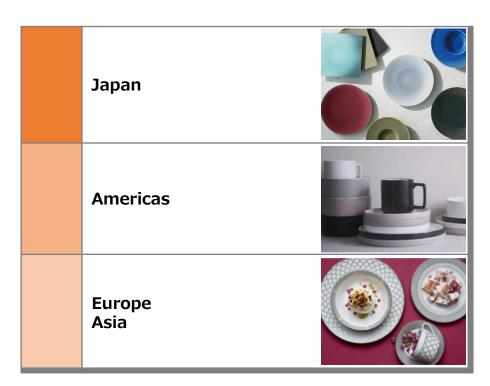
Sales are expected to remain almost flat and profit to be even.

Net Sales 7.0 billion yen

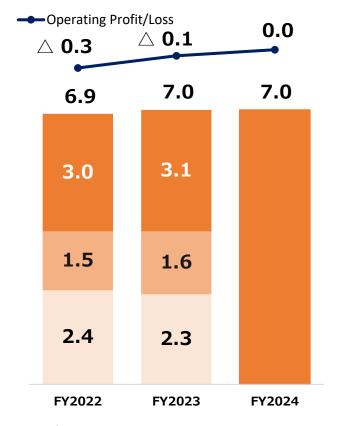
(0.0 billion yen increase)

Operating Profit 0.0 billion yen

(0.2 billion yen increase)



Sales and Profit (Unit : billion yen)





Tabletop Group

Continuing to improve profitability to get into the black.

Japan

Reduce costs by redeveloping distribution channels and logistics.

Reorganization of sales structure and strengthen marketing.

Focus on sales to hotels and restaurants, sales by online and directly managed retail stores.

Americas/Europe/Asia

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

Improving profitability in the US market.









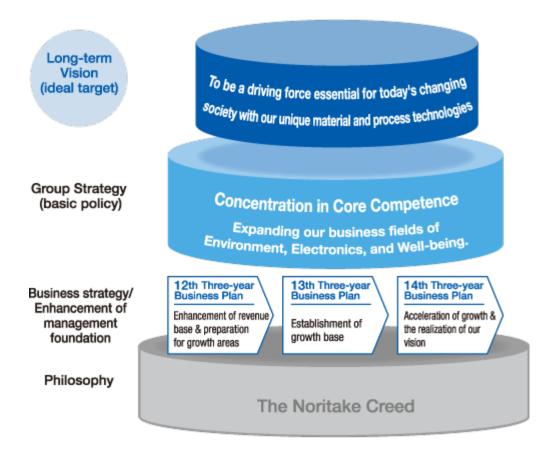




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<Overview of the 12th Three-year Business Plan>
Long-term Vision for 2030 (Ideal target)



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 Three-year 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
- Improvement and rationalization of profitability
- Preparation to increase production and expand sales
- Creation of new businesses
- Enhancement of our management foundation

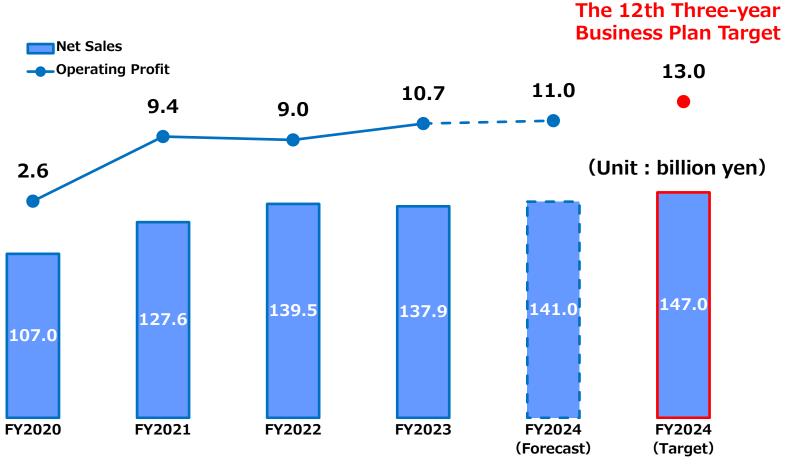
Management Target	FY2024
Net Sales	147.0 billion yen
Operating Profit	13.0 billion yen
Operating Profit Margin	9 %
Return On Equity (ROE)	9 %
Free Cash Flow (FCF)	20.0 billion yen (3-year cumulative total)



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

[Forecasts for FY2024]

Net Sales: 141.0 billion yen, Operating Profit: 11.0 billion yen



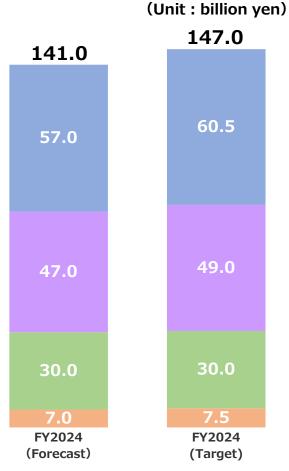


<Progress of the 12th Three-year Business Plan> Forecast/Target of Sales and Profit by business segment

(Unit: billion yen)

			FY2024 (Forecast)	FY2024 (Target)	Diff.
		Industrial Products	57.0	60.5	△3.5
Net		Ceramics & Materials	47.0	49.0	△2.0
Net Sales		Engineering	30.0	30.0	_
es		Tabletop	7.0	7.5	△0.5
Total					
		Total	141.0	147.0	△6.0
0		Total Industrial Products	141.0 2.0	147.0 3.0	△6.0 △1.0
Operat					
Operating		Industrial Products Ceramics &	2.0	3.0	△1.0
Operating Profit		Industrial Products Ceramics & Materials	2.0 7.0	3.0 7.3	△ 1.0

Sales by business segment





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

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

Grinding wheel for hypodermic needles



Life Science

"CLéMENCE"



Fine bubble generator "Cerapor"



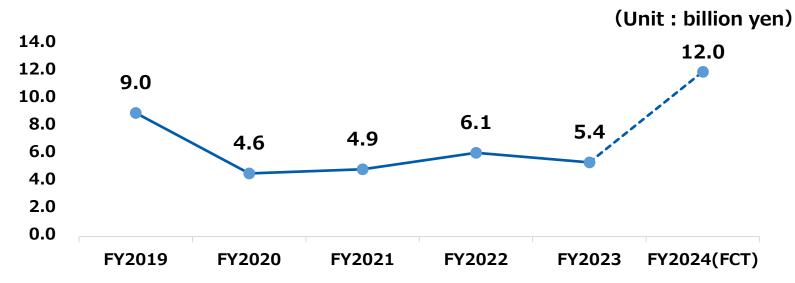
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Capital investment

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

	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024 (Forecast)
Capital investment	9.0	4.6	4.9	6.1	5.4	12.0







<Capital investment planning>

We are accelerating capital investment in growth areas, towards the next 13th Three-year Business Plan.

		Initia	Initial Plan		late
Overview	Place	Amount (approx.)	Planned for completion	Amount (approx.)	Planned for completion
<ceramics &="" materials=""> Increase production of</ceramics>	Minato Plant (Nagoya, Aichi)	7.0	FY2025 2 nd Half	9.5	Dec.2025
electronic materials for Multi-Layer Ceramic	Miyoshi Plant	6.0	FY2025	3.5	Aug.2025
Capacitors, etc.	(Miyoshi, Aichi)		1 st Half	6.5	~FY2030
<engineering></engineering>				2.0	Mar.2025
Increase production capacity of heating furnaces for lithium-ion batteries, etc.	Komaki Plant (Komaki, Aichi)	2.5	FY2024 2 nd Half	1.0	~FY2030
<pre><industrial &="" ceramics="" materials="" products,=""> Restructuring of manufacturing bases and establishment of increased production system, etc.</industrial></pre>	Miyoshi 2nd Plant (Miyoshi, Aichi)	4.5	~FY2030	to be determined	
Total		20.0		22.5	



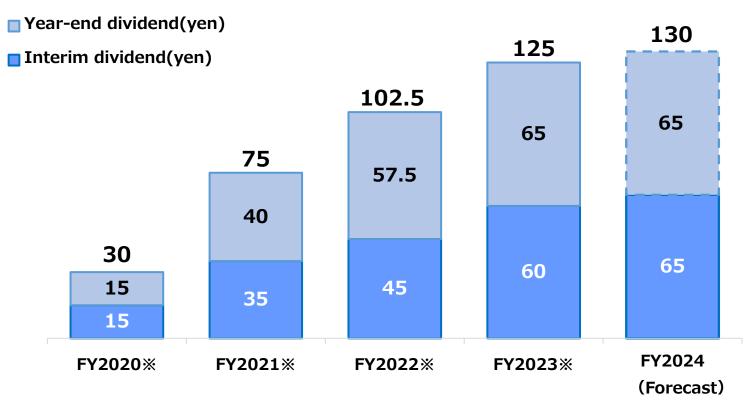
<Dividend>

The annual dividend forecast for FY2024 is 130 yen per share.

Interim dividend: 65 yen per share, Year-end dividend: 65 yen per share

*A two-for-one common stock split was issued on April 1, 2024.

Dividends for FY2020 through FY2023 are also based on the post-split for the purpose of comparison.





The acquisition of own shares and cancellation of treasury shares

The Company has decided to acquire its own shares in order to further increase its corporate value by enhancing shareholder returns and improving capital efficiency. All the acquired shares are to be cancelled.

Details of matters related to acquisition

(1) Class of shares to be acquired	Common Shares
(2) Total number of shares to be acquired	Up to 750,000 shares (2.6% of the total number of issued shares [excluding treasury shares])
(3) Total amount of share acquisition costs	Up to 2,500,000,000 yen
(4) Acquisition period	From August 7, 2024 to February 14, 2025
(5) Method of acquisition	Market purchases through the Tokyo Stock Exchange

Details of matters related to cancellation

(1) Class of shares to be cancelled	Common Shares
(2) Total number of shares to be cancelled	All of the shares acquired as stated above
(3) Scheduled date of cancellation	March 10, 2025

(Reference)

Total number of own shares acquired (as of October 31, 2024)

(1) Total number of shares acquired	317,600 shares
(2) Total amount of share acquisition costs	1,226,344,981 yen