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FY2022 2nd Quarter Financial Results

Period from April 1, 2022 to September 30,2022

FUSO CHEMICAL CO., LTD.

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I. FY2022 1H Financial Summary

Period April 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022

Consolidated Financial Results for FY03/2023 1H

versus the original budget in May. 2022



	FY03/2023	vs FY03/2022			Budget	disclosed i	n May.2022
(unit : 100 millions of yen)	1H	1H	YoY	YoY ratio	Budget	Change	vs budget
Net sales	353.5	251.6	+101.9	+40.5% 7	339.0	+14.5	+4.3% 🖊
Operating profit	95.7	64.2	+31.5	+49.1% 🖊	78.5	+17.2	+22.0% 7
Ordinary profit	107.5	64.8	+42.7	+65.9% 🖊	78.8	+28.7	+36.5% /
Profit attributable to owners of parent	75.1	44.8	+30.2	+67.5% 🖊	54.0	+21.1	+39.2% 🖊
EBITDA	116.2	85.5	+30.7	+36.0% 🗡	99.7	+16.5	+16.6% 7
Earnings per share	¥213.2	¥126.5	¥86.6	+68.5% 7	¥153.2	¥60.0	+39.2% 7

Achieved record sales and profits in 1H

Consolidated Financial Results for FY03/2023 1H

versus the budget revised in Sep. 2022



	FY03/2023		vs FY03/2	022	Budget	updated ir	n Sep.2022
(unit : 100 millions of yen)	1H	1H	YoY	YoY ratio	Budget	Change	vs budget
Net sales	353.5	251.6	+101.9	+40.5% 🖊	355.0	△1.4	△0.4% 🍾
Operating profit	95.7	64.2	+31.5	+49.1% 🖊	97.0	△1.2	△1.3% ↘
Ordinary profit	107.5	64.8	+42.7	+65.9% 🖊	106.5	+1.0	+1.0% 7
Profit attributable to owners of parent	75.1	44.8	+30.2	+67.5% 🖊	74.0	+1.1	+1.6% 7
EBITDA	116.2	85.5	+30.7	+36.0% 7	118.0	△1.7	△1.5% 🍾
Earnings per share	¥213.2	¥126.5	¥86.6	+68.5% 7	¥209.9	¥3.2	+1.6% 7

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Sales & Profit by segment

versus previous year FY03/2022 1H



	FY03/2023		YoY		
(unit:	100 millions of yen)	1H	FY03/2022 1H	change	Ratio
	Net sales	193.7	144.4	+49.3	+34.2% 7
Life Science	Operating profit	33.4	20.7	+12.7	+61.3% 7
Electronic Materials &	Net sales	159.8	107.2	+52.5	+49.0% 7
Functional Chemicals	Operating profit	71.4	50.4	+21.0	+41.8% 7
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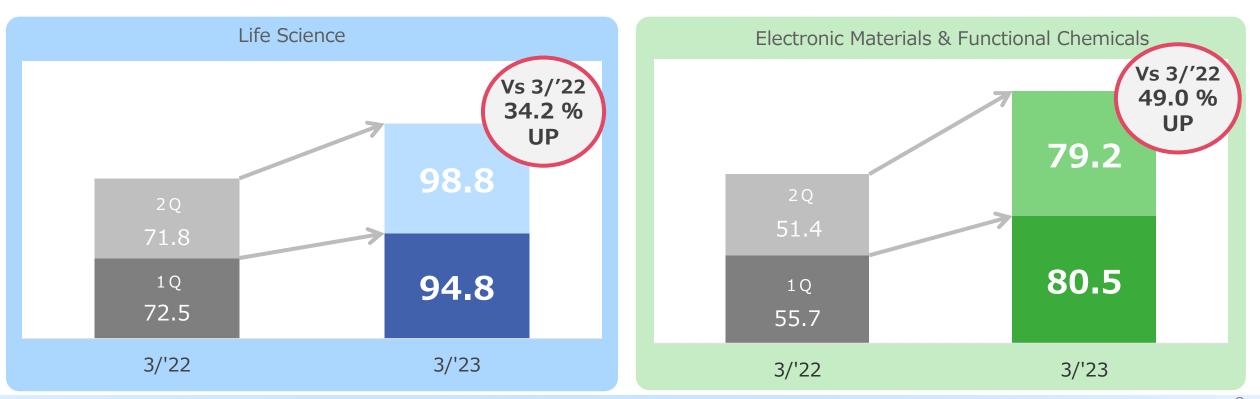
FY03/2023 Quarterly Results



	3/'23	Yc	onY	3/'23	Yc	onY
(unit : 100 millions of yen)	1 Q	change	ratio	2 Q	change	ratio
Net sales	175.4	+47.1	+36.7%	178.1	+ 54.7	+44.4%
Operating profit	46.9	+13.2	+39.2%	48.8	+18.3	+60.0%
Ordinary profit	53.6	+19.8	+58.9%	53.9	+22.8	+73.6%
Profit attributable to owners of parent	36.6	+14.2	+63.7%	38.5	+16.0	+71.2%
EBITDA	56.7	+12.6	+28.7%	59.4	+18.0	+43.7%
Earnings per share	¥103.9	¥4	0.8	¥109.3	¥4	5.7

FY03/2023 Quarterly Sales Performance by Segment FUSO

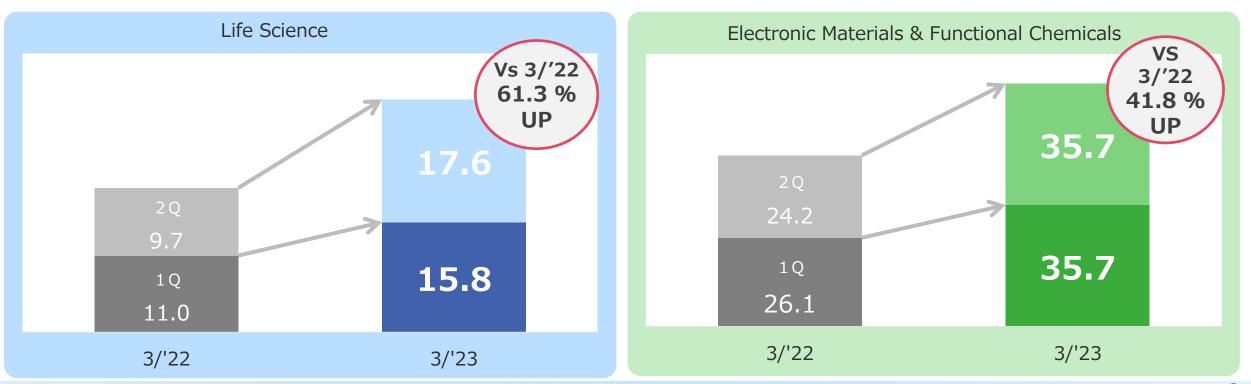
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(unit:100 millions of yen)	1 Q	change	ratio	2Q	change	ratio	result	plan
Life Science	94.8	+22.3	+30.8%	98.8	+27.0	+37.6%	193.7	380.0
Electronic Materials & Functional Chemicals	80.5	+24.8	+44.5%	79.2	+27.7	+54.0%	159.8	282.0



FY03/2023 Quarterly Profit Performance by Segment FUSO

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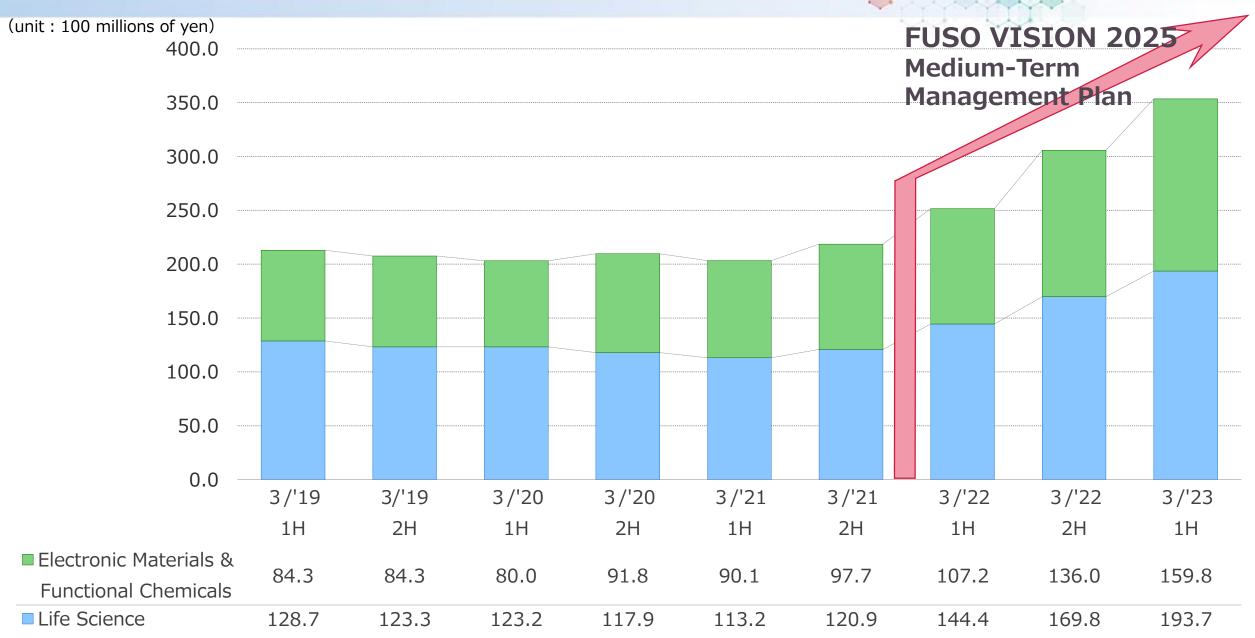
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Life Science	15.8	+4.8	+44.0%	17.6	+7.8	+80.7%	33.4	57.0
Electronic Materials & Functional Chemicals	35.7	+9.6	+36.9%	35.7	+11.4	+47.0%	71.4	120.0



Net Profit Analysis FY03/2022 1H versus FY03/2023 1H FUSO

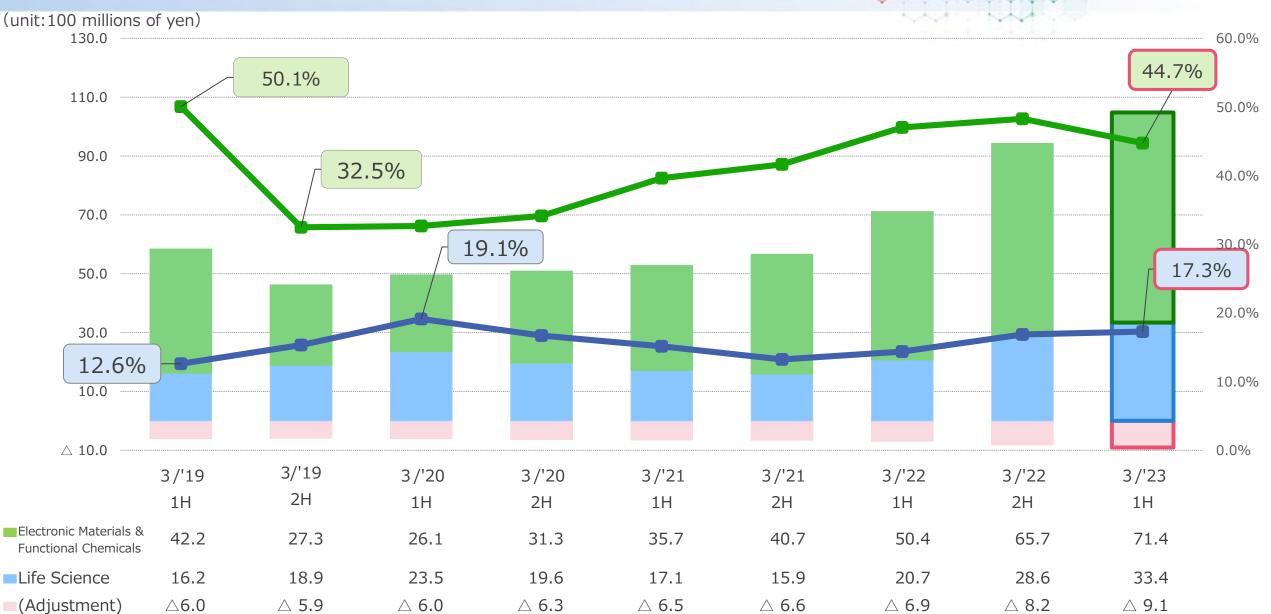


Net Sales by Segment



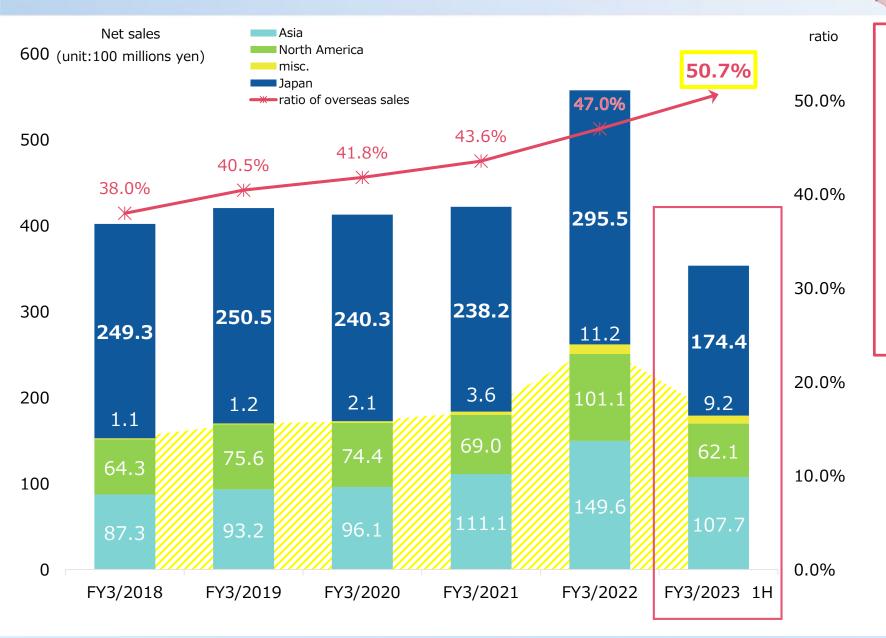
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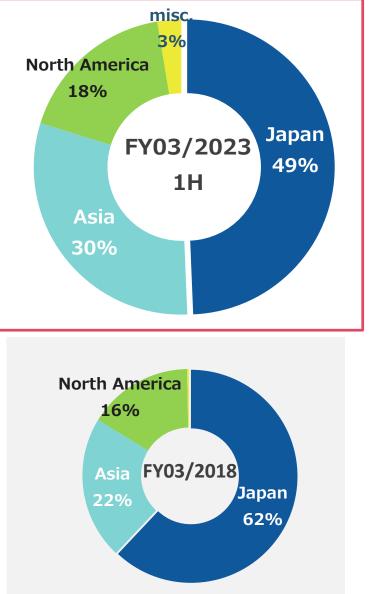
Operating Profit by Segment



Overseas Sales Growth

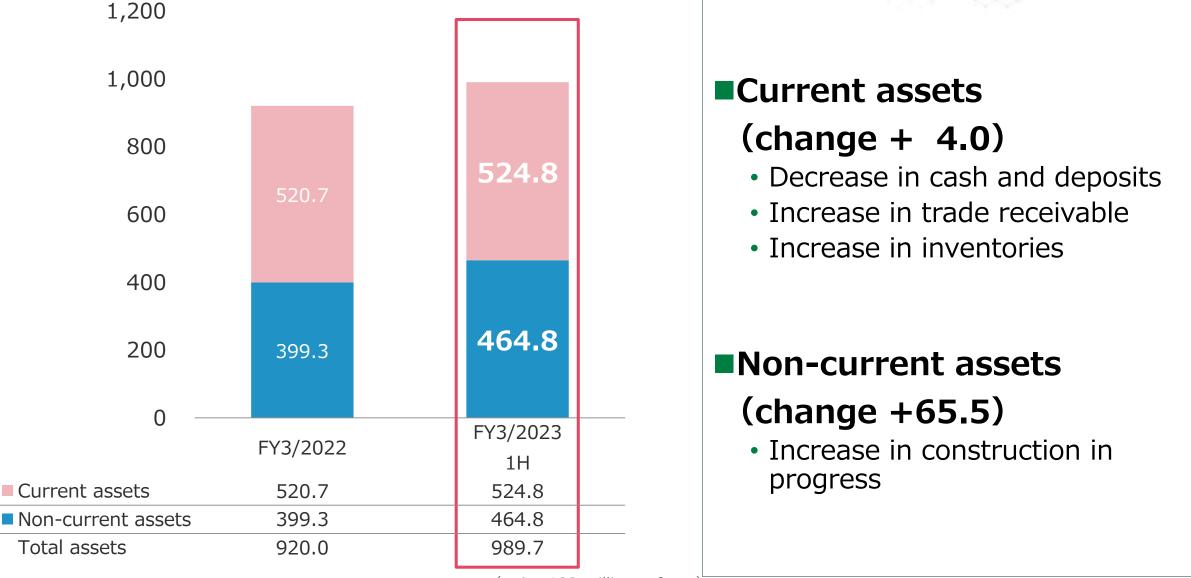
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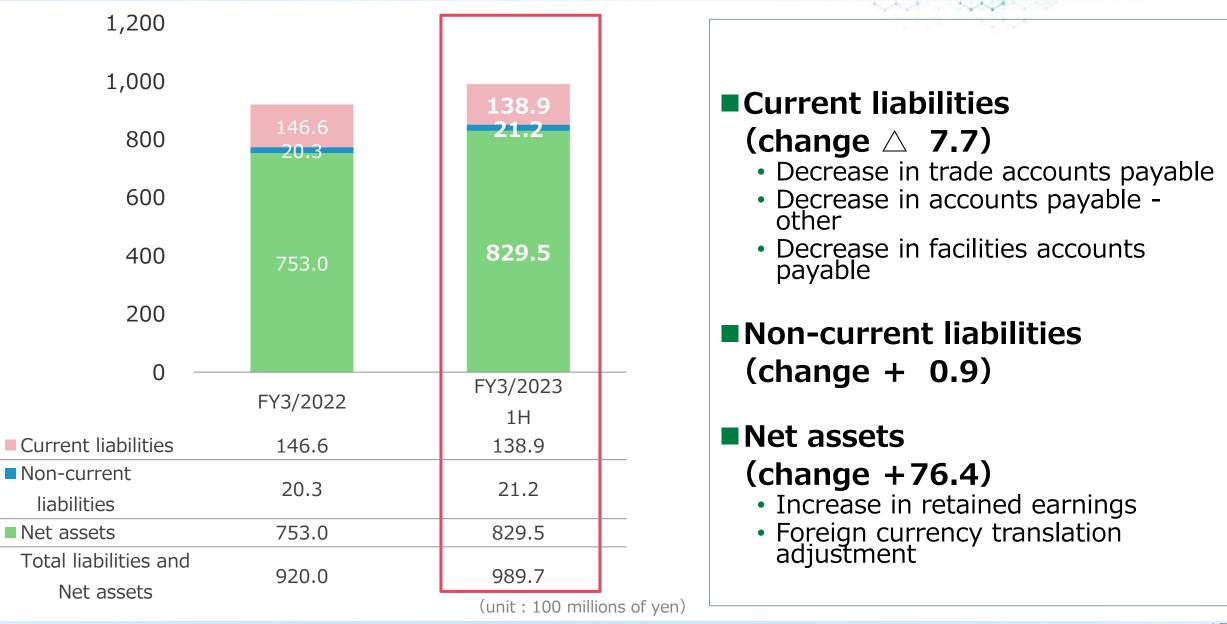




(unit : 100 millions of yen)

Liabilities /Net Assets

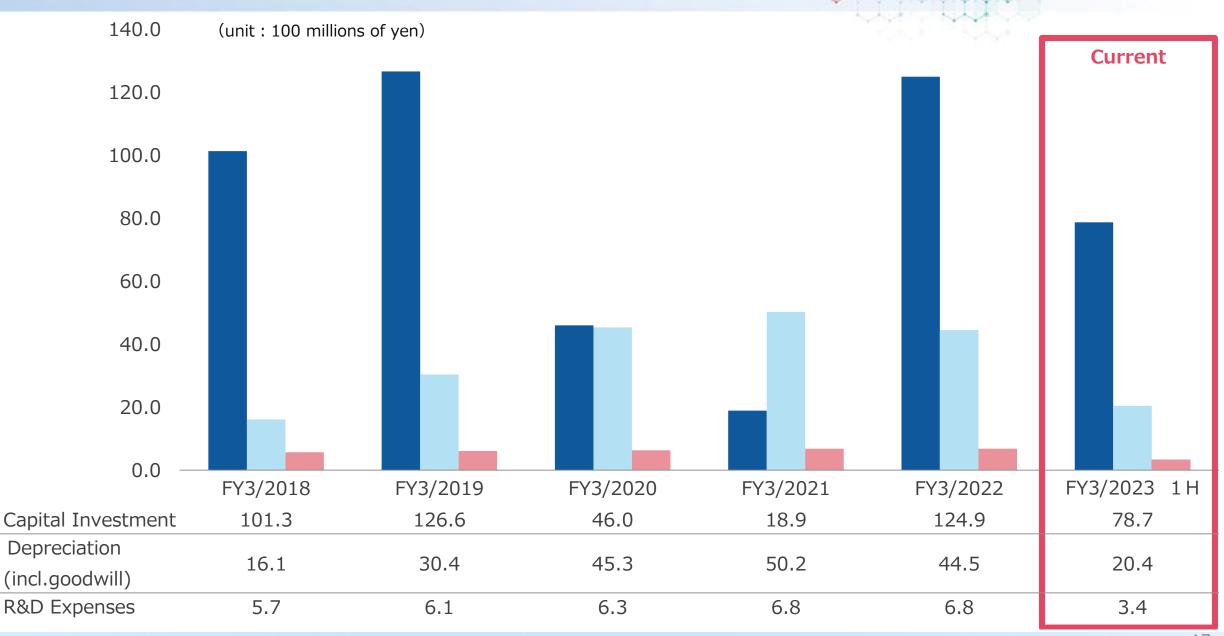
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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

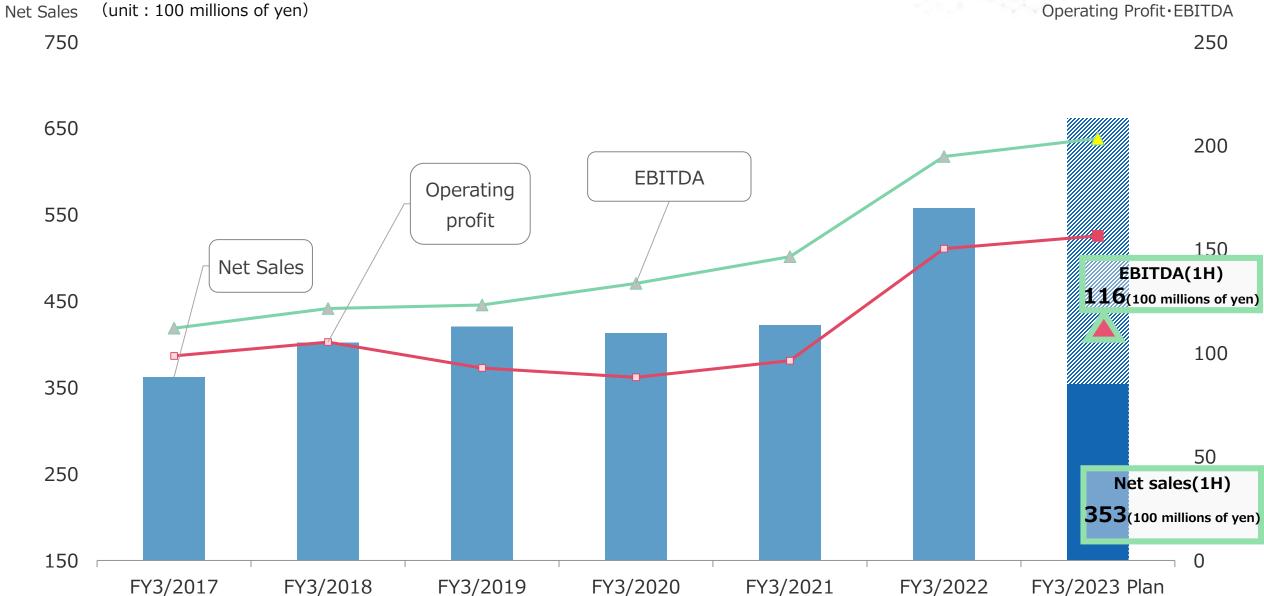
	FY03/2022	FY03/2023	
(unit: 100 millions of yen)	1 H	1 H	
Cash flows from	45.9	52.8	Cash flows
operating activities	45.9	52.0	 from operating activities Profit before income taxes
Cash flows from	^ 177	^ 96 3	 Increase in trade receivable
investing activities	△ 17.7	△ 86.3	Increase in inventories
Cash flows from	^ 10 0	^ 10 C	 Increase in income taxes paid
financing Activities	△ 19.9	△ 10.6	Cash flows
Effect of exchange rate change on cash and cash	0.6	12.1	 from investing activities Purchase of property, plant and
equivalents			equipment
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	8.8	△ 31.9	Cash flows
Cash and cash equivalents	248.3	234.6	from financing activities
at beginning of period Cash and cash equivalents			Dividends paid
at end of period	257.2	202.6	

Capital Investment/Depreciation/R&D Expenses



Operating Profit and EBITDA

Operating Profit • EBITDA





II. Segments Results

Business

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Life Science

- Malic acid
- Citric acid
- Gluconic acid
- Fumaric acid
- Vitamin C
- Food additive formulations
- Other acid
 - (Succinic acid, Lactic acid, Tartaric acid)
- Maleic anhydride
- High purity fruit acid

Electronic Materials & Functional Chemicals



- Silica derivatives
 - Ultra high purity colloidal silica
 - High purity organo silica sol
 - Silica nano powder
 - Alkyl silicate
- Functional chemical
- Other functional chemicals













II. Segments Results

Life Science

Life Science [Sales]

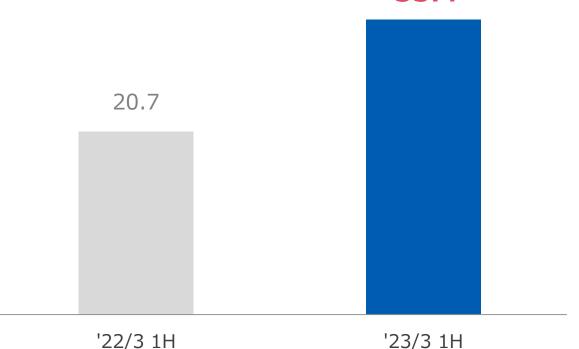


	FY03/2023	FY03/2022	_	′ on Y	[Positive factor]
(unit:100 millions of yen)	-		change	ratio	 Stable sales at Overseas subsidiaries
Net sales	193.7	144.4	+49.3	+34.2% 7	 Exchange of Yen steep rise in raw material and imported products
Operating profit	33.4	20.7	+12.7	+61.3% 7	 Malic acid (export business) keep market share in southeast Asia, Europe and US establish and strengthen sales in Europe, US and south
			193.	7	Asia Price revision (pass on higher raw material and freight costs to selling prices)
1	.44.4				 Rise in raw material and purchasing costs Citric acid secure purchase and maintain market share through collaboration with Qingdao Fuso several price revision Maleic anhydride, Fumaric acid increase in formula prices
					 (Negative factor) Weak sales for large-scale public works decrease in citric acid Slowdown in demand for industrial applications
'2	2/3 1H		'23/3 1	Н	lemand in Malic acid and GNA slowed
					Copyright©2022 Fuso Chemical Co.,Ltd. All Rights Reserved. 22

Life Science [Profit]

	EV02/2022	EV02/2022	Y on Y			
(unit:100 millions of yen)	F105/2025	FY03/2022	change	ratio		
Net sales	193.7	144.4	+49.3	+34.2% 7		
Operating profit	33.4	20.7	+12.7	+61.3% 7		

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[Positive factor]

- Stable sales at overseas subsidiaries
 price revision in GNA (PMP/ market in North America)
- Export Malic acid
 Price revision and keeping market share
- ◆ Full-scale operation in Kashima plant
 ☞ decrease in amortization expense and cost reduction
- Revised Maleic anhydride/ Fumaric acid spread

[Negative factor]

- ◆ Yen's downtrend (depreciation of the ¥ against US\$)
 - difficult to price revision to competition with domestic products for some products



- II. Restructuring of Production System and Reinforcement of Production Facilities
- **III.** Early Launch of New Next-generation Products



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I. Realization of FUSO Fruit Acid Complex Concept



Focused Item	[FY2022 Plans]	[1 st Half of FY2022 Results]
Malic acid	 expansion sales of beverage application in Southeast Asia business with new customers in Europe and North/South America price revision due to trends in raw materials 	 expanded our market share for beverage in Southeast Asia maintain our market share without loosing newly acquired customers in Europe/US
Citric acid	 keeping business focusing on trends in raw material prices flexible price revision due to trends in raw material 	 secured materials by collaboration with Qingdao FUSO maintained the market share and price revision implemented five price hikes
Gluconic acid	 establishment stable supply chain expansion sales in growth fields and strengthen relationships with existing customers 	 made decision of production capacity expansion due to increased demand in North America
Fumaric acid Maleic acid	 stable business with large customers 	maintained the market sharerevised formula price

I. Realization of FUSO Fruit Acid Complex Concept



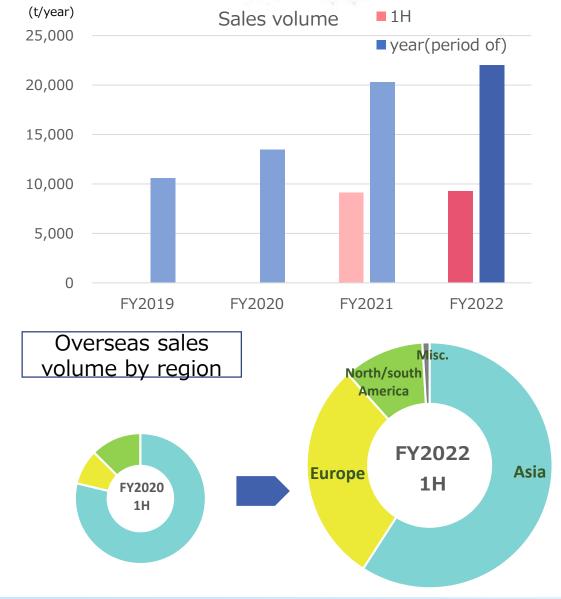
Malic acid

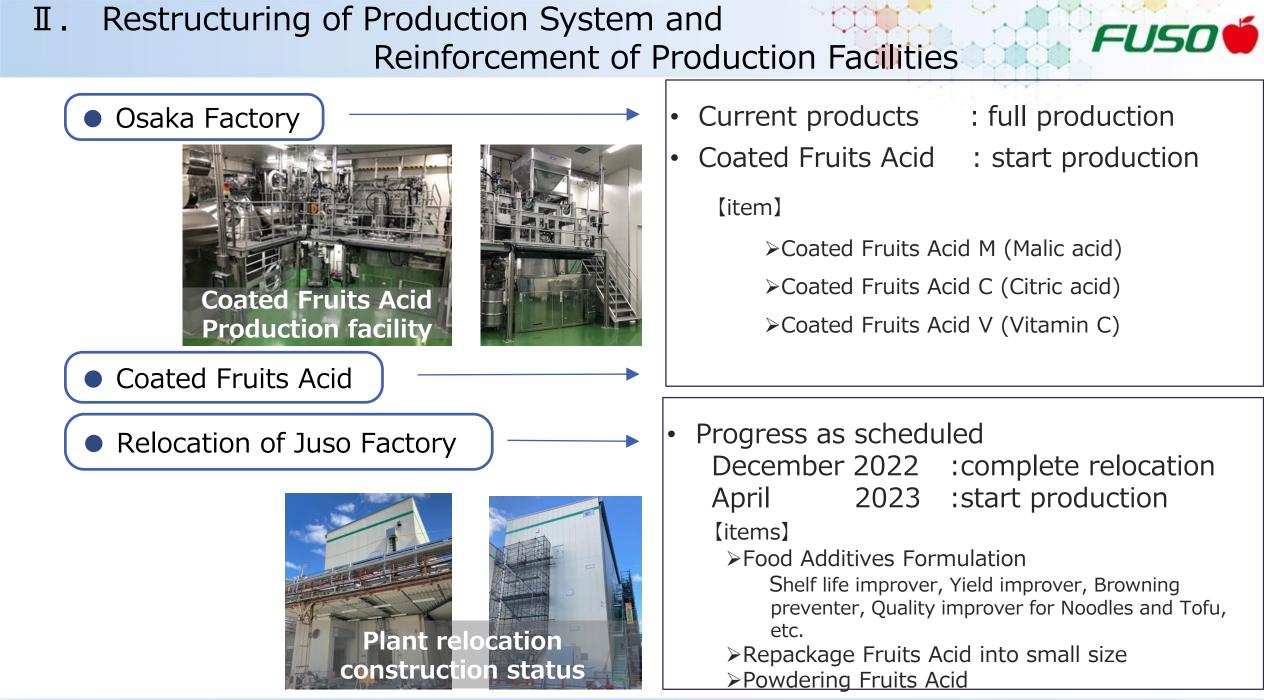
[FY2022 Plans]

- business with new customers (exports)
- further increase in quantity
- enabling year-round stable production operation of bigger amount

[1st half of FY2022 Results]

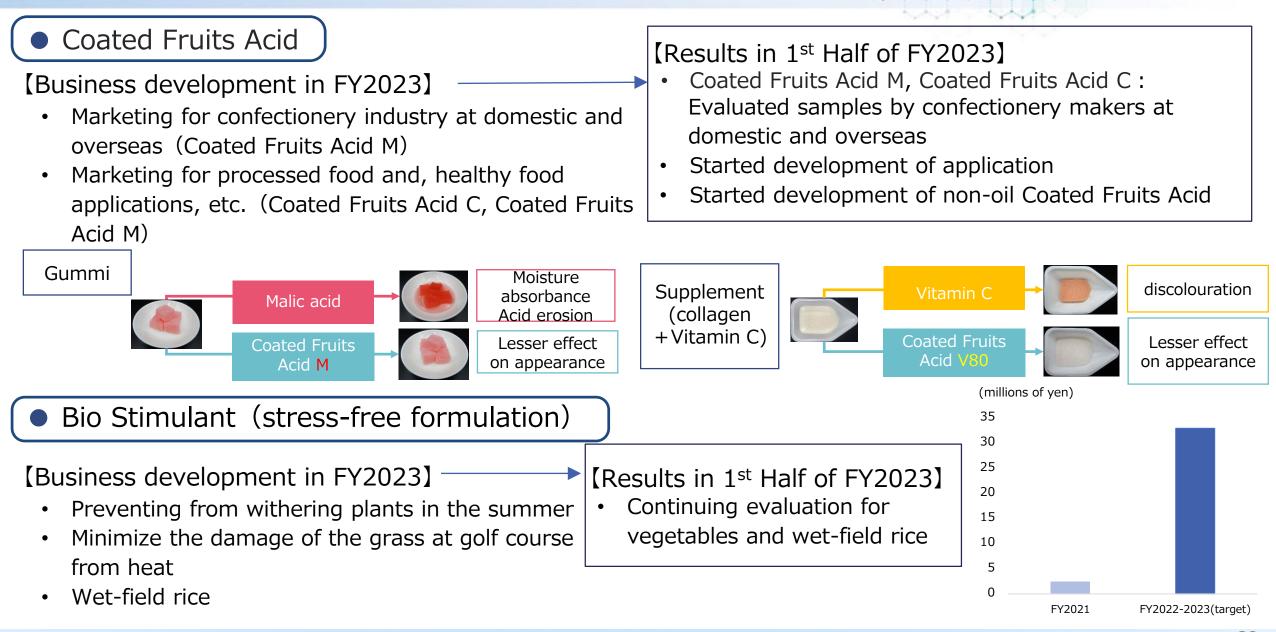
- keep the rate of new customers(exports) in the sales volume
- strengthen the cooperation with foreign dealers
- enabling year-round stable production operation of bigger amount in Kashima
- decrease for industrial applications recently





III. Early Launch of New Next-generation Products





IV. Challenge to Becoming FFA Leading Company

Products development : by new concept and

our own technology

new products	application/demand forecast/progress
TechnoAcid A (Powder Acetic Acid) [patent pending]	 improvement of shelf life, acidity, pH control, reduction of bitterness, application of powdering technology
	 Food and flavor/fragrance manufacturers, primary industries
	 Under samples evaluation
TechnoAcid F (Soluble Fumaric Acid Compound)	 Vegetable cleaner and sterilizer Manufacturer of prepared foods and fresh foods
	 Under samples evaluation
Lunch Fresh R/RW (Shelf Life/ Quality Improver for Rice) [patent pending]	 Non-sterile rice, prepared foods, vinegared rice, rice crackers, etc. Under final evaluation at customer
Well Dough S (Compounding agent for Bean Powder) Developing markets in North America and Thailand	 Plant-based foods, noodles, crusts, pasta, fresh pastries, etc. Food manufacturers, bean flour, miscellaneous bean noodles, rice flour manufacturers Under samples evaluation

Products development (Qingdao FUSO)

- Licensed to manufacture food seasonings in 2021
- Accelerate development and sales of new products in the food sector for Chinese market
- Expansion of development and sales in Food Material product

Accelerate development of new products toward FFA leading company

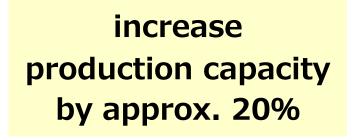
capture the needs of customers in each area, then increase sales for the medium to long term





I. Capital investment in PMP Fermentation Products, Inc.

Investment	Adding another main fermenter, tanks, etc.
Estimated Investment amount	USD 8,550,000 (Approximately 1.2 billion yen %Exchange rate: 1USD=140 JPY)
Financing	Will be funded by cash on hand at PMP
Estimate completion of construction	October in 2023 (Scheduled)



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II. Shanghai Food Seasoning R&D Center Develop Chinese domestic food market (1.4 billion market)

- respond to needs of local food makers immediately accelerate development speed
- make a prototype and a proposal for development by installing processing facilities
- Qingdao FUSO Shanghai Branch relocated to the same address, develop new customers effectively with the sales and development units





II. Segments Results

Electronic Materials & Functional Chemicals

Electronic Materials & Functional Chemicals (Sales) FUSO

	FY03/2023	FY03/2022		on Y	[Positive factors]	
(unit:100 millions of ye			change	ratio	Transport in demand for outting odge CMD processes	
Net sales	159.8	107.2	+52.5	+49.0% 7	 Increase in demand for cutting-edge CMP processes colloidal silica used newly in advanced semiconductor miniaturization 	
Operating profit	71.4	50.4	+21.0	+41.8% 7	 strong demand due to increase for multi-layers increase in wafer polishing for advanced technology 	
			159.8	3	 Accelerated progress to AI, IoT and ICT society strong demand for servers due to increased date transmission and storage 	
107.2					 Increase of the inventory level measures to deal with current uncertain external factors confusion of transportation and longer shipment until arrive 	
					 Price revision due to rise in cost of raw material and transportation revision of product prices due to fluctuations in prices of main raw materials revision of product prices due to changes in export logistics costs 	
					 Yen's downtrend (depreciation of the ¥ against US\$) yen based increase sales (converting dollar based export price and sales in overseas subsidiary) 	
					[negative factors]	
'22/3 1H			'23/3 1	4		
22			23/3 11	I	 None in particular 	

Electronic Materials & Functional Chemicals (Profit)



	EV02/2022	FY03/2022	Y on Y		[Positive factors]
(unit:100 millions of ye	-		change	ratio	 Increase in sales volume
Net sales	159.8	107.2	+52.5	+49.0% 7	improvement of capacity utilization and efficiency by increasing production volume
Operating	71.4	50.4	+21.0	+41.8% 7	 Yen's downtrend (depreciation of the ¥ against US\$)
profit	/ 1.7	50.4	12110	1 11.0 /0 /	yen based increase sales (converting dollar based export price)
71.4					 Less depreciation cost
			/ 1	T	diminishing value by fixed rate method since 2019 when the latest two lines operating
50.4					Refrain from outing in the COVID-19 pandemic
				reduction of expenses such as domestic and overseas business travel costs through effective use of web conferencing	
				[Negative factors]	
					 Rise in production costs
					increase in the price of metallic silicon and subsidiary materials
					rise the energy cost
					 Rise in selling and administration cost
	2/3 1H		172/2	1 []	increase in export
2		'23/3 1	LΠ	rise the transportation cost for export and domestic	

I. Challenge for Semiconductor Polishing Miniaturization

deepen collaboration with priority customers realize optimal and efficient production promote the development of new abrasive grain

II. Strengthen Production, Research and

Quality Assurance Systems

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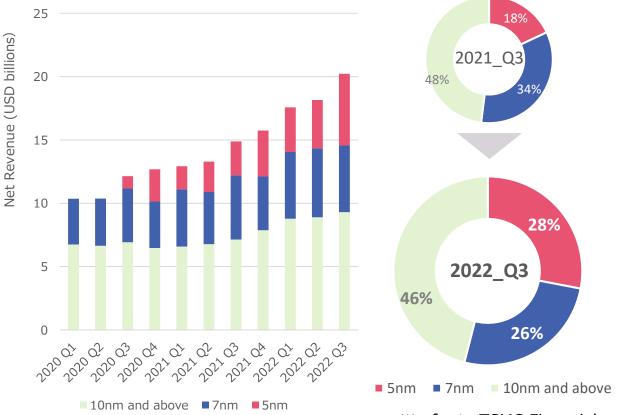
establish a two-site production system increase investment in R&D Speed up R&D respond to commercialization rabidly

III. Respond Quickly to Changes in the External Environment expand new business

respond to the price fluctuation of raw material costs, supply products stably secure multiple transportation routes

I. Challenge for Semiconductor Polishing Miniaturization

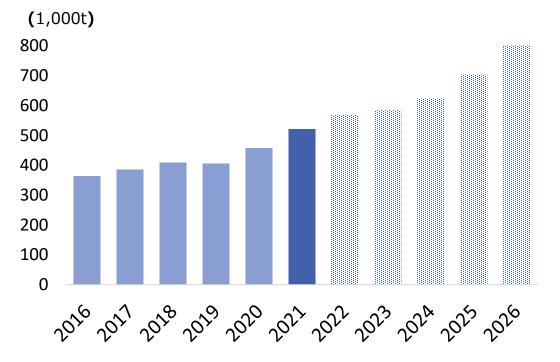




%refer to TSMC Financial results

Under 10nm generation of ratio occupied majority for FY2022 Q3. This trend is expected to continue.

CMP slurry market forecast



%prepared by FUSO based on information provided by each company

The CMP slurry market is expected to continue to grow on the back of aggressive capital investment by semiconductor manufacturers

I. Challenge for Semiconductor Polishing Miniaturization



■ FY2022 outlook of semiconductor manufacturing industry

- extremely high semiconductor production utilization rate due to strong demand for semiconductors in automobiles, data centers and electronic equipment
- customer inventory levels remain high due to supply chain confusion and strong demand for semiconductors around the world
- the market forecast is for 8.8% y/y growth in 2022 (WSTS 2021 Fall Semiconductor Market Forecast)
- the industry further expands semiconductor manufacturers plan continuously to enhance their manufacturing facilities
- expected to start TSMC's 3nm node production in late 2022

Geopolitical risk

- cutting-edge semiconductor technology has a more significant impact on national and regional stability
- many countries prepare large subsidies to secure cutting-edge technology and manufacturing capacity in their own countries

Cutting-edge semiconductor technology development

 TSMC decides to start construction of the factory for 2nm level node and makes steady progress in technology development

[Results in 1st Half of FY2023]

- market of memory slowing down since July 2022(Samsung, Hynix)
- reduce production by 30% (Micron)
- despite revised downward by the WSTS semiconductor market forecast, expect to grow more positively than the fall forecast for 2021 (YonY13.9%)

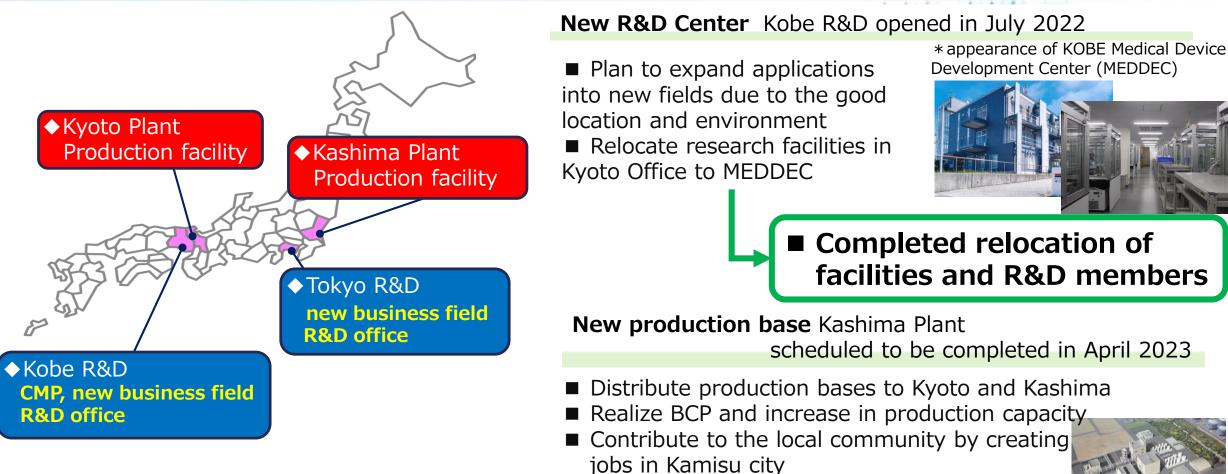
Strong demand for logic products, no impact on demand for our products

- US : participation to "CHIPS and Science Act of 2022" Subsidies to the semiconductor industry amounted to \$52.7 billion (about 7 trillion yen)
- China : subsidies and preferential financing and tax treatment. The size of the program is expected to exceed \$150 billion. (SIA estimates based on 2014-30 government spending)
- Korea : semiconductor investment of approximately \$260 billion over the next five years
- EU: established a semiconductor investment fund totaling more than \$40 billion from the public and private sectors
- construction of a new plant in Kumamoto (scheduled to launch in December 2024)

FUSO is under construction to meet strong demand in the near future

II. Strengthen Production, Research and

Quality Assurance Systems



Enter a New Phase Realize BCP

Improve quality and production efficiency



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Secured human resources
 Start a new organization

III. Respond Quickly to Changes in the External Environment



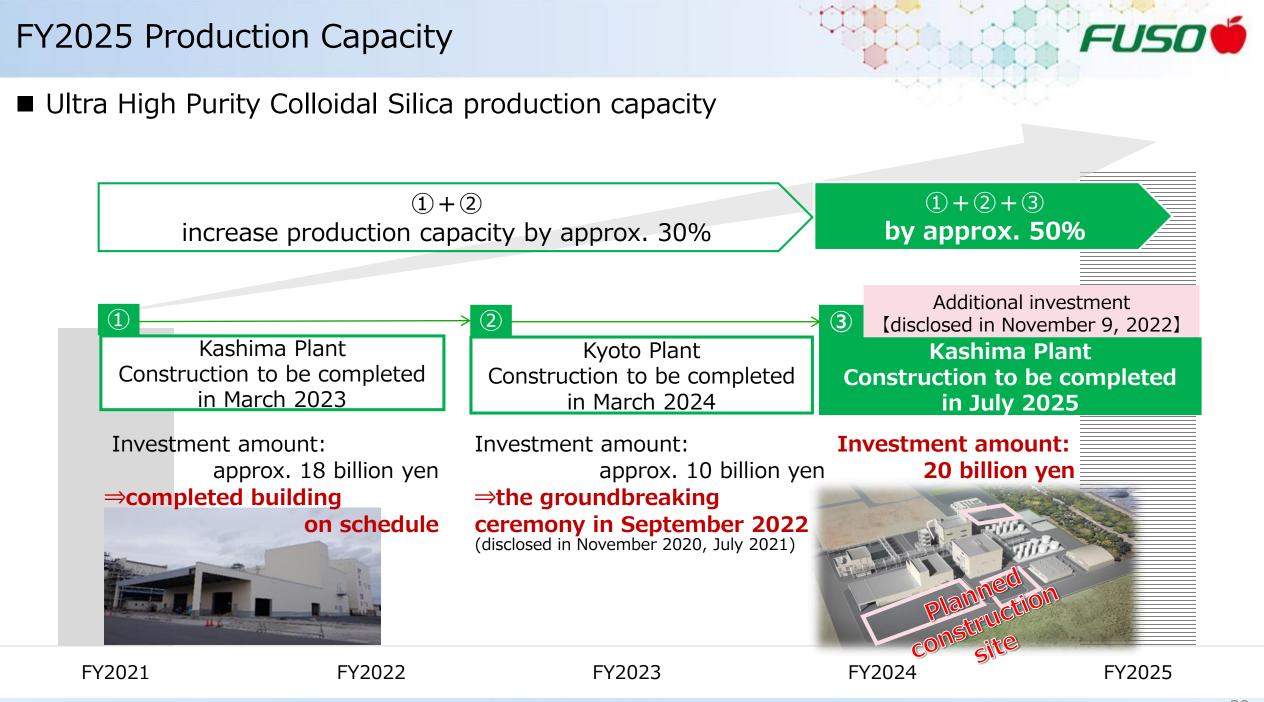
- International transportation disruption and increase in cost
- secure multiple routes to supply stably by cooperating with customers
- pass the higher cost that increased in logistics and other on to price
- Stable procurement of raw materials
- secure raw materials stably by strengthening the supply chain
- increase in the inventory level to prepare for lockdowns and other contingencies
- Expansion of new business
- assume a recovery of demand for toner applications, which had declined due to COVID-19
- expand business by being used in toner applications for new copier models
- adopted the hollow silica and nano powder products by new customers
- continue to develop new markets for our core technologies

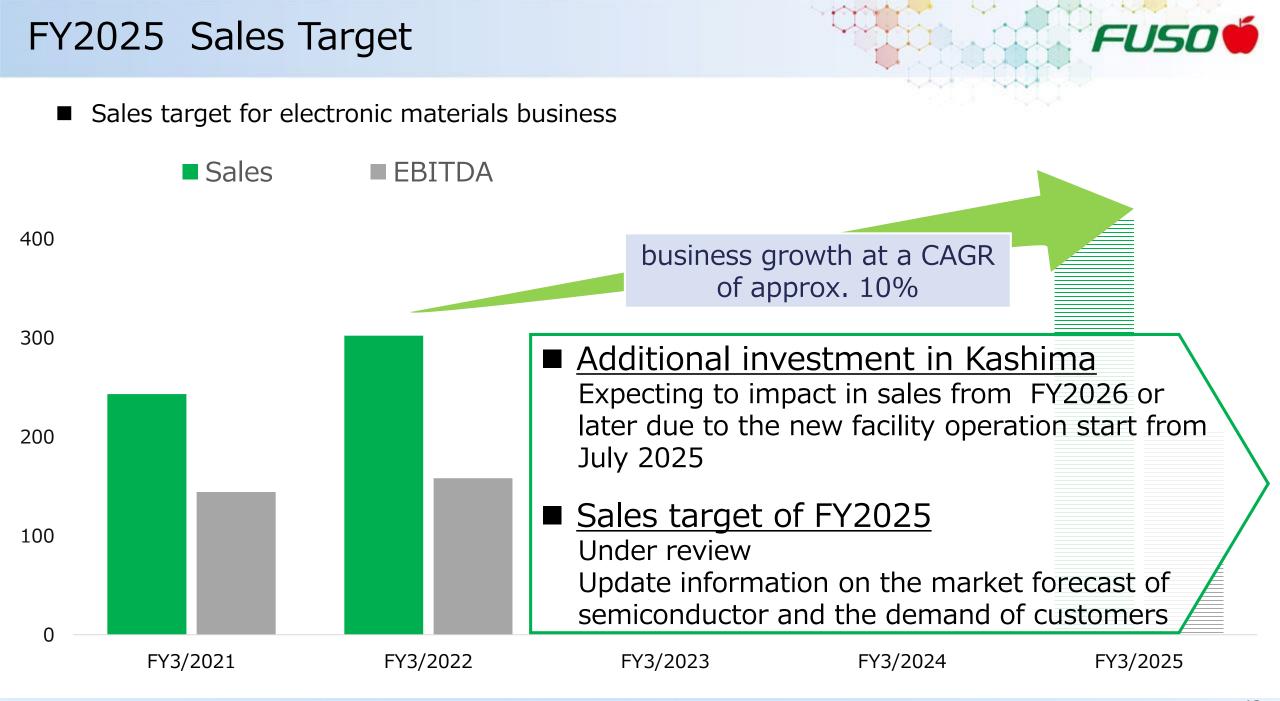
[Results in 1^{st} Half of FY2023]

Response to rapid increase in demand

- adjusted shipment volume by changing transit points, using shipping companies contracted by customers, etc.
- passing on to prices partially increasing export costs after discussions with customers
- considered sources of main raw materials from multiple countries, raised inventory levels
- ensured sufficient inventory levels for our production as well as to grasp the demand of customers

- increase in demand due to economic recovery from COVID-19. expecting increased demand in 2H of the year due to needs for new copying machines.
- considering production process for the new adoption of hollow silica.







III. FY2022 Forecast

(Period April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023)

Forecast for a Full-year of FY3/2023



	<u>1H Result</u>			<u>Full year budget</u>		
(unit : 100 millions of yen)	FY3/2023 1H	vs 1H FY3/2022	1H FY3/2022	FY3/2023	vs FY3/2022	FY3/2022
Net sales	353.5	40.5% 7	251.6	685.0	22.8% 7	557.6
Life Science	193.7	34.2% 🖊	144.4	383.0	21.9% 🖊	314.3
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Profit attributable to owners of parent	75.1	67.5% 7	44.8	125.5	15.2% 7	108.9
EBITDA	116.2	36.0% 7	85.5	217.5	11.6% 7	194.8
Earning per share (EPS)	¥213.2	68.5% <i>7</i>	¥126.5	¥356.0	15.6% 🧷	¥308.0

Earnings Forecast

- Record high forecast in both sales and profits
- Significant growth in overseas sales ratio
- More impact of yen depreciation than expected

Current

- Change of 2H exchange rate to ¥130 (latest : ¥145)
- Materialization of rrisks such as deterioration and slowdown in the semiconductor market
- High level prices in raw material

Initial plan

- □ Annual exchange rate of ¥120 (1H result:¥134)
- Ongoing semiconductor marketing strength
- **D** Rising in raw material prices

	Net sales		Operating profit		Profit attributable to owners of parent		EBITDA Y on Y (%)	
FY3/2023 forecast	68,500	+22.8%	17,100	+13.7%	12,550	+15.2%	21,750	
FY3/2023 1H(result)	35,359	+40.5%	9,578	+49.1%	7,516	+67.5%	11,624	+36.0%
FY3/2022 result	55,760	+32.1%	15,034	+56.1%	10,890	+60.0%	19,488	+32.9%
FY3/2022 1H(result)	25,167	+23.7%	6,425	+38.8%	4,488	+45.4%	8,550	+20.1%

Unit: millions of yen

Forecast for Depreciation

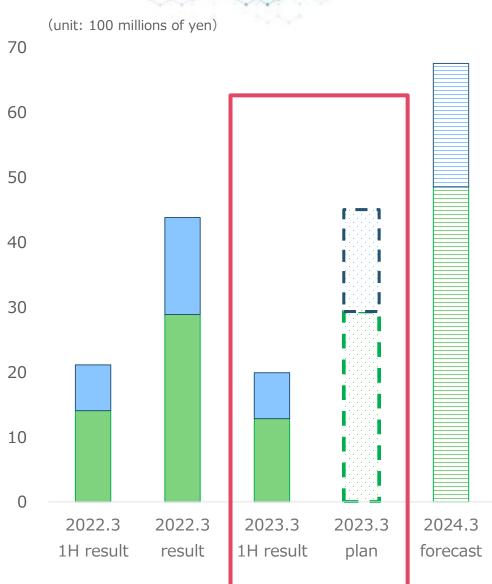
FY03/2023 2H

progressing as planed

FY03/2024 \sim upward trend

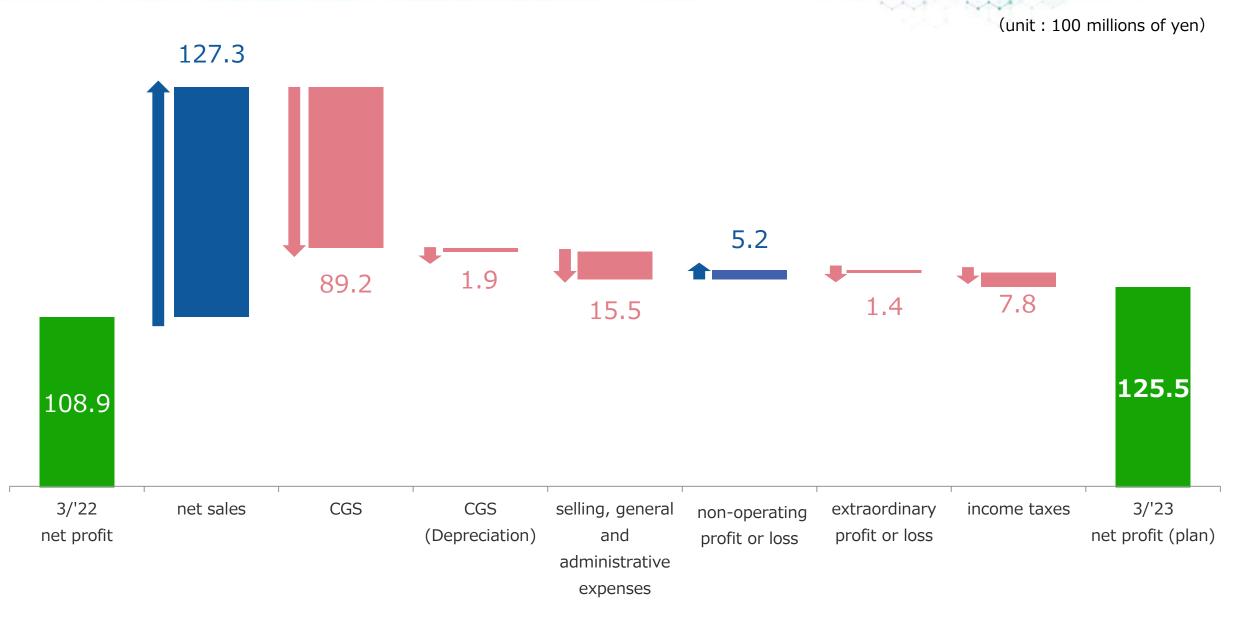
Electronic Materials : the outlook significantly increase, once new facilities start from FY03/2024

				(unit: millions of yen)		
	2022/3	2023/3	2022/3	2023/3	2024/3	
	1H Result	1H Result	Result	Plan	Forecast	
Life Science	704	706	1,494	1,570	1,900	
ElectronicMaterials	1,403	1,281	2,884	2,930	4,850	
Common	16	58	73	150	150	
Consolidated Total	2,124	2,046	4,453	4,650	6,900	



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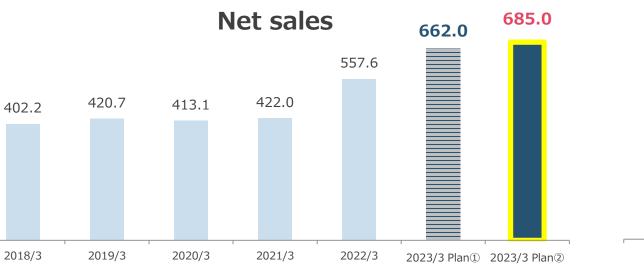
Net Profit Analysis FY03/2022 versus FY03/2023(Plan) FUSO



Business Performance and Plan

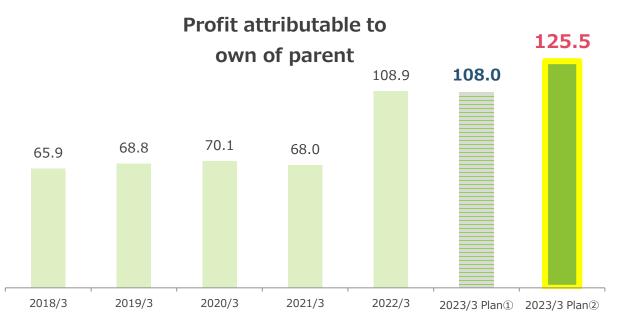
unit: 100 millions of yen

Plan①: original plan in May / Plan②: revised plan in September



Ordinary profit 181.0 157.0 155.0 103.6 98.5 97.4 89.5 2018/3 2021/3 2022/3 2019/3 2020/3 2023/3 Plan 1 2023/3 Plan 2





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Medium-Term Management Plan [FUSO VISION 2025]

To create FUSO that contributes to the solution of social issues

Management Policy

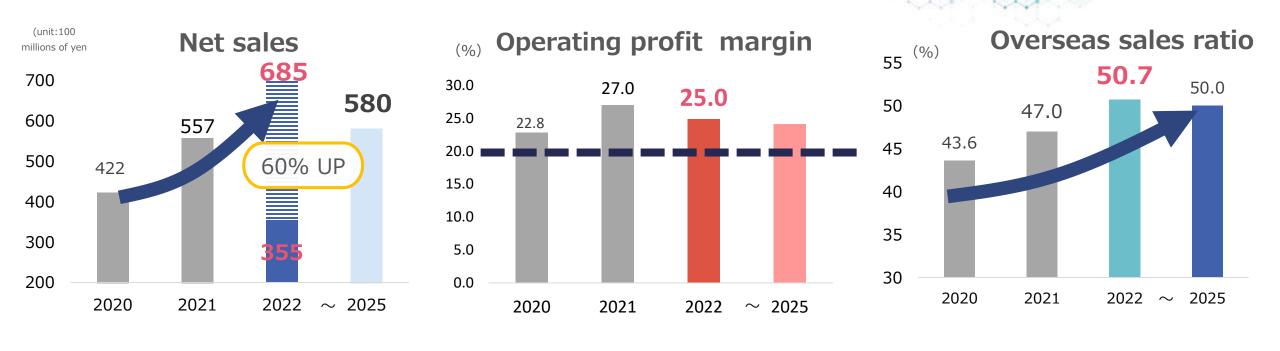
- 01. Integrating growing demand into existing businesses and responding steadily thereto
- 02. Investing in and exploring new businesses and fields
- 03. Reinforcing the management base to support sustainable growth (SDG initiative)



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Summary of "Medium-Term Management Plan" (FY2021~FY2025): Review

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5-years Performance Target

FY2

FY2023 Upward Revision (Sept. 16)

- ♦ 30% increase in sales
- ♦ 20% or higher in operating profit margin
- ♦ 50% ratio of overseas sales

♦Net sales	: 60% up
Operating profit margin	: above 25%
♦ Overseas sales ratio	: above 50%

ESG



We joined the UN Global Compact in April 2022. By signing the world's largest sustainability initiative, we will further promote our sustainability management.

The Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact

HUMAN RIGHTS

Principle 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and

Principle 2: make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

LABOUR

Principle 3: Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;
Principle 4: the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;
Principle 5: the effective abolition of child labour; and
Principle 6: the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

ENVIRONMENT

Principle 7: Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges; Principle 8: undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and Principle 9: encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

ANTI-CORRUPTION

Principle 10: Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.



Disclose in English

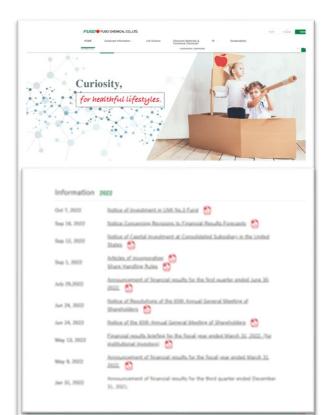
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We disclosed financial statements, financial results and CG report in English. We indicate to disclose promptly and enrich our corporate information.



Improve governance structure

Four of the ten directors are independent outside directors. This has strengthened our management oversight and auditing structure.



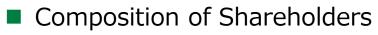
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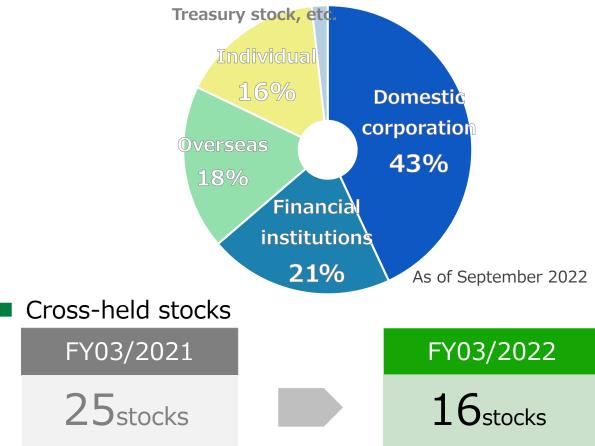


WE SUPPORT

Stock Information

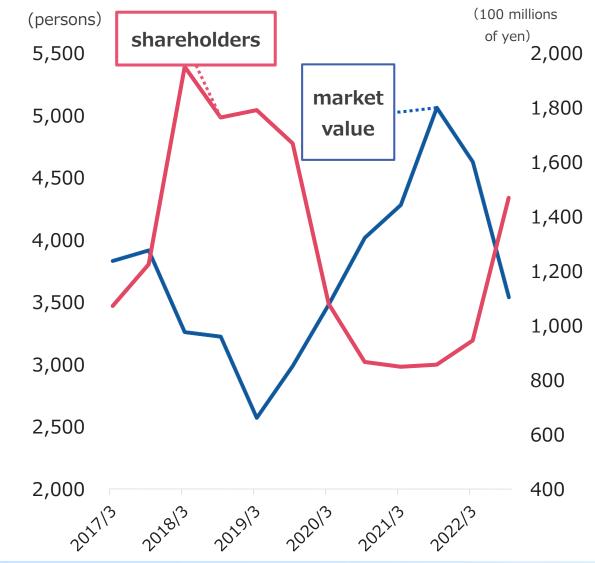
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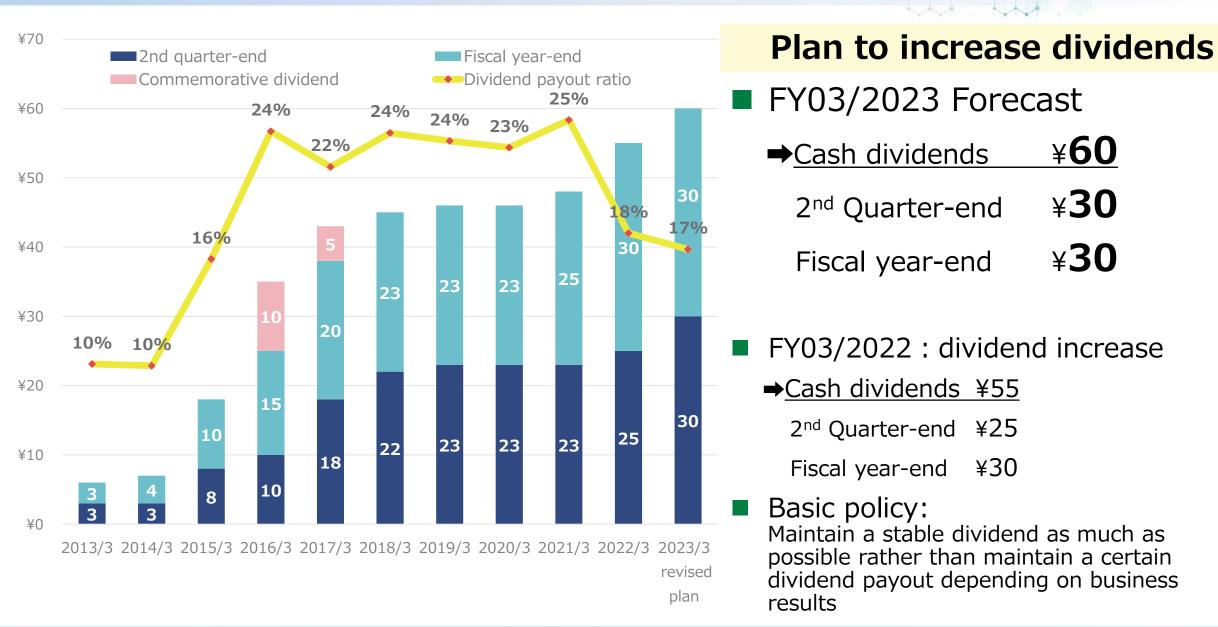
- In accordance with the Corporate Governance Code [Principle 4-1], verify every year whether it is suitable to hold stocks
- Decrease gradually the number of stocks owed by our management policy

Market capitalization/Number of shareholders



Return to Stockholders

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