**Briefing Session on Financial Results for** 

Year ended March 31, 2006

The Technology & Intelligence Oriented Company That Turns Wisdom into Business



Nagase & Co., Ltd May 16, 2006



- **\*** Financial Highlights of FY2005 and Performance Forecasts for FY2006
- **\*** Concerning the Medium-term Management Plan *WIT 2008*

# Financial Highlights for FY2005 Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2006

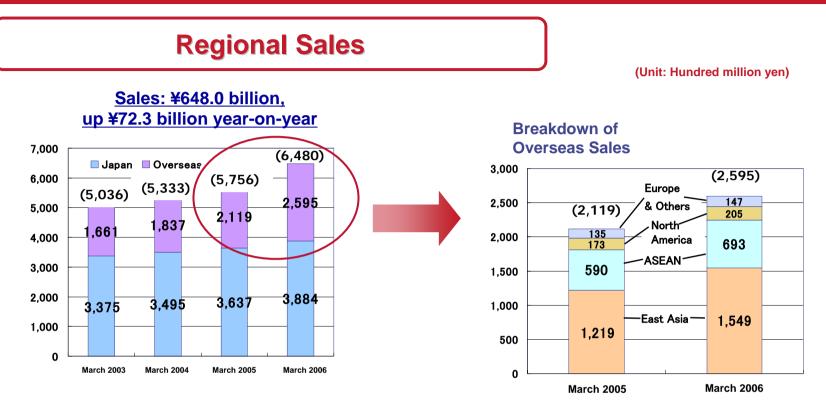
## **Overview of Consolidated Business Performance**

(Unit: Hundred million yen) (Figures are rounded down to the nearest hundred million yen)

### Financial Highlights of FY2005

Increased Sales/Increased Profits...Year-on-year Increases in All Items...Even Exceeds Revised Interim Forecasts

	March 2006	March 2005	Increase (Decrease)	Year-on-year Comparison	(Reference) Performance Forecasts for FY2005 at Interim Period End
Net Sales	6,480	5,756	+723	113%	6,250
Gross Profit	676	619	+56	109%	663
Operating Income	175	132	+43	133%	174
Ordinary Income	187	151	+36	124%	185
Net Income	128	103	+25	124%	123
Earning per Share (EPS)	¥100.33	¥81.00	+¥19.33	124%	_



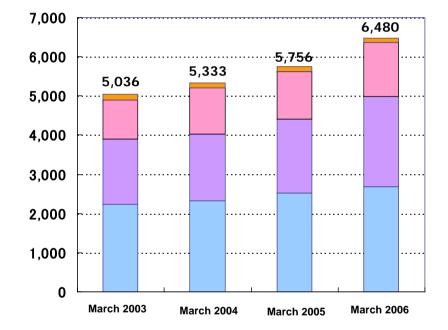
- Higher Rate of Overseas Sales -
  - Strong performance by overseas subsidiaries
  - Increase in plastics-related sales mainly to Asia

In particular to China/Hong Kong/Taiwan (Greater China region)

- Expanded automotive-related sales to North America

## **Net Sales by Business Segment**

(Unit: Hundred million yen)



	March 2003	March 2004	March 2005	March 2006
Chemicals	2,236	2,313	2,517	2,692
Plastics	1,658	1,709	1,884	2,292
Electronics	997	1,189	1,226	1,378
Healthcare and Others	144	119	128	116

#### Review of Sales by Business Segment (Compared to the previous year)

Che	micals + ¥17.5 billion (107%)
	Increase in automotive-related sales, including paint and urethane materials
	Strong performance by chemicals such as pigments and oil solutions
<u>Plas</u>	tics + ¥40.8 billion (122%)
•	Strong performance by armoring materials for media-related uses and precision equipment
•	Strong performance by automotive-related plastics both in Japan and overseas
Elec	etronics + ¥15.2 billion (112%)

- Growth in liquid crystal display-related materials/liquid crystal display component-processing businesses
- Strong performance also seen in fine abrasives
- Decline in liquid crystal modules-related sales

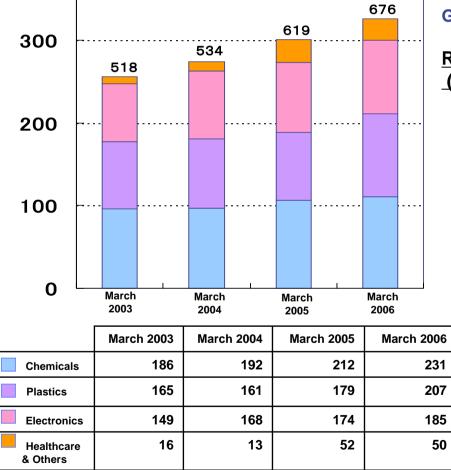
Healthcare & Others	- ¥1.2 million (91%)

- Sales of cosmetics and health foods remained relatively the same as previous year
- Decline in medical care-related sales due to overhaul of business

## **Gross Profit by Business Segment**

(Unit: Hundred million yen)

#### <u>Gross Profit: ¥67.6 billion,</u> <u>up ¥5.6 billion year-on-year</u>



#### Growth due to increase in net sales mainly in Plastics

#### <u>Review of Profit by Business Segment</u> (Compared to the previous year)

<u>Chemicals</u>	+ ¥1.9 billion (109%)
<b>Plastics</b>	+ ¥2.7 billion (116%)
Electronics	+ ¥1.1 billion (106%)

Healthcare & Others - ¥0.1 billion (96%)

## **Operating Income**

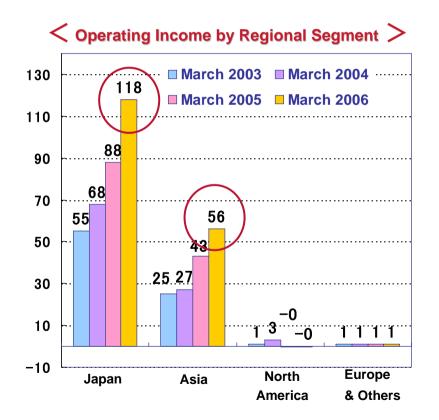
(Unit: Hundred million yen)

#### ¥17.5 billion, up ¥4.3 billion year-on-year (133%)

Steady increase in Chemicals due to growth in sales

Increase in operating income of Plastics by Asian subsidiaries in addition to increase in non-consolidated operating income





# Non-operating Profit/Loss · Extraordinary Income/Loss

### <Non-operating Profit/Loss>

#### (Unit: Hundred million yen)

		March 2006	March 2005	Increase (Decrease)	Year-on-year Comparison
Non	-operating Profit/Loss	12	19	(6)	63%
	Financial Balance	9	8	0	103%
	Others	2	10	(7)	28%

### <Extraordinary Income/Loss>

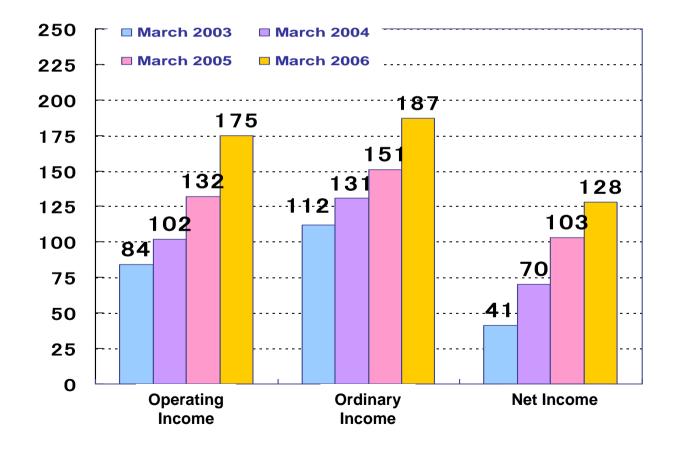
		March 2006	March 2005	Increase (Decrease)
Extraordinary Income		22	36	(13)
	Gain on sales of fixed assets	10	20	(9)
	Gain on disposal of investment securities	11	15	(3)
Extra	aordinary Loss	4	12	(7)
	Loss on disposal of fixed assets	2	2	0
	Others	2	9	(7)

## **Ordinary Income and Net Income**

(Unit: Hundred million yen)

Ordinary Income: ¥18.7 billion, up ¥3.6 billion year-on-year (124%)

Net Income: ¥12.8 billion, up ¥2.5 billion year-on-year (124%)



## **Major Changes in Balance Sheet**

### ①Increase in unrealized gain on investment securities

#### (Unit: Hundred million yen)

### ②Increase due to growth in accounts receivable

<b>《</b> Assets》	March 2006	March 2005	Increase (Decrease)	《Liabilities & Shareholders' Equity》	March 2006	March 2005	Increase (Decrease)
Cash and time deposits	235	178	+56	Notes and accounts payable	1,188	1,106	+81
Notes and accounts receivable	1,946	1,733	+213	+213 Short-term loans		105	+37
Inventories	402	363	+39	Commercial Paper	50		+50
Other current assets	78	71	+6	Other fixed liabilities	221	200	+20
Tangible noncurrent assets	308	296	+11	Long-term debt	55	34	+20
Investments in securities	933	658	+274	(Interest-bearing debt)	248	140	+108
Other fixed assets	63	50	+12	Other noncurrent liabilities	286	186	+100
				Minority interests	57	48	+9
				Shareholders' equity	1,966	1,670	+295
				(including treasury stock)	(56)	(59)	(+3)
				(Shareholders' equity ratio)	(49.6%)	(49.8%)	
	3,967	3,352	+614	Total liabilities, minority interests and shareholders' equity	3,967	3,352	+614

## **Cashflow Status**

(Unit: Hundred million yen)

## Increase in income before taxes Increase in working capital

	March 2006	Remarks	
Net cash from operating activities	(23)	Income before taxes Working capital Payment of income taxes	¥20.5 billion (¥18.0 billion) (¥6.5 billion)
Net cash used for investing activities	(38)	Acquisition of property, plant and equipment Sales of property, plant and equipment Acquisition of investment securities Acquisition of equity Sales of investment securities	(¥3.6billion) ¥1.1 billion (¥2.1 billion) (¥1.2 billion) ¥2.5 billion
Net cash used for financial activities	93	Short-term loans Commercial Paper Long-term debt	¥2.8 billion ¥5.0 billion ¥2.5 billion
Closing balance of cash and cash equivalents	229	Year-on-year increase of ¥5.7 billion	า

## Performance of Major Consolidated Subsidiaries

(Unit: million yen)

	Company Name	Net Sales	Year-on-year Comparison	Operating Income	Year-on-year Comparison	Net Income	Year-on-year Comparison
Parent Company	Nagase & Co., Ltd.	473,351	107%	6,822	132%	7,747	129%
Manufacturing Subsidiaries	Nagase ChemteX Corp.	22,751	108%	1,932	175%	1,686	272%
	Totaku Industries, Inc.	7,658	104%	616	132%	790	59%
Sales Subsidiaries	Nagase Plastics Co., Ltd.	11,111	93%	79	86%	44	84%
	Hoei Sangyo Co., Ltd.	12,786	96%	193	104%	158	164%
	Nagase Colors & Chemicals Co., Ltd.	13,667	100%	52	32%	15	18%
Overseas Subsidiaries	Nagase (Hong Kong) Ltd.	45,153	138%	1,140	107%	942	107%
	Nagase Singapore (Pte) Ltd.	29,989	101%	727	119%	680	110%
	Nagase (Thailand) Co., Ltd.	21,705	125%	756	111%	592	116%

# **Performance Forecasts for FY2006**

Year ending March 31, 2007

## **Performance Forecasts for Year ending March 31, 2007**

(Unit: Hundred million yen)

	Year ending March,31 2007 (Forecast)	Year ended March 31, 2006 (Results)	Year-on-year Comparison (%)	Increase (Decrease)
Net Sales	6,940	6,480	107%	+459
Gross Profit	735	676	109%	+58
Operating Income	212	175	121%	+36
Ordinary Income	227	187	121%	+39
Net Income	136	128	105%	+7

\* Figures were calculated assuming an exchange rate of US\$1.00 = ¥113.

### Performance Forecasts for FY 2006: Net Sales by (Former) Segment

(Unit: Hundred million yen)

	Year ending March 31, 2007 (Forecast)	Year ended March 31, 2006 (Results)	Year-on-year Comparison (%)
Chemicals	2, 817	2, 692	105%
Plastics	2, 569	2, 292	112%
Electronics	1, 463	1, 378	106%
Healthcare and Others	91	116	78%
Total	6,940	6,480	107%

### Performance Forecasts for FY 2006: Net Sales by (New) Segment

(Unit: Hundred million yen)

	Year ending March 31, 2007 (Forecast)	Year ended March 31, 2006 (Results)	Year-on-year Comparison (%)
Chemicals	2, 347	2, 222	106%
Plastics	2, 569	2, 292	112%
Electronics	1, 408	1, 320	107%
Life Science	536	564	95%
Healthcare and Others	80	79	100%
Total	6, 940	6, 480	107%

## New Medium-term Management Plan WIT 2008

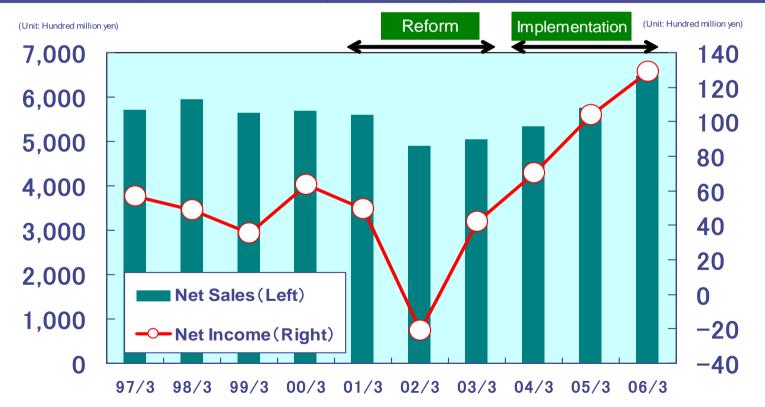
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W----- Wisdom I ----- Intelligence T ---- Technology

#### Business Performance for the Past 10 Years and Outline of Medium-term Management Plan

WIT2000	Reform	March 01~ March 03	<ul> <li>Reform of business foundations</li> <li>Commencement of Group management</li> </ul>
WIT21	Implementation	March 04~ March 06	<ul> <li>Clarification of the direction of business</li> <li>Enhancement of business foundations</li> <li>Enhancement of management foundations</li> </ul>



## **Results of WIT 21 and Numerical Targets of** *WIT 2008*

### Pre-*WIT 21*

Result of Fiscal Year 2002

•Consolidated Net Sales ¥503.6 billion

•Consolidated Operating Income ¥8.4 billion

#### Accelerated Fulfillment of WIT 21

**Result of Fiscal Year 2004** 

•Consolidated Net Sales ¥575.6 billion

•Consolidated Operating Income ¥13.2 billion

### linitial Targets of WIT 21

- **Goals for Fiscal Year 2005**
- •Consolidated Net Sales
- ¥550 billion
- •Consolidated Operating Income ¥11 billion

### Final Results of WIT 21

#### **Result of Fiscal Year 2005**

Consolidated Net Sales	¥648 billion
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•Consolidated Operating Income ¥17.5 billion

Goals for New Medium-term Management Plan *WIT 2008* FY2008

- Consolidated Net Sales ¥770 billion
- Consolidated Operating Income ¥24 billion

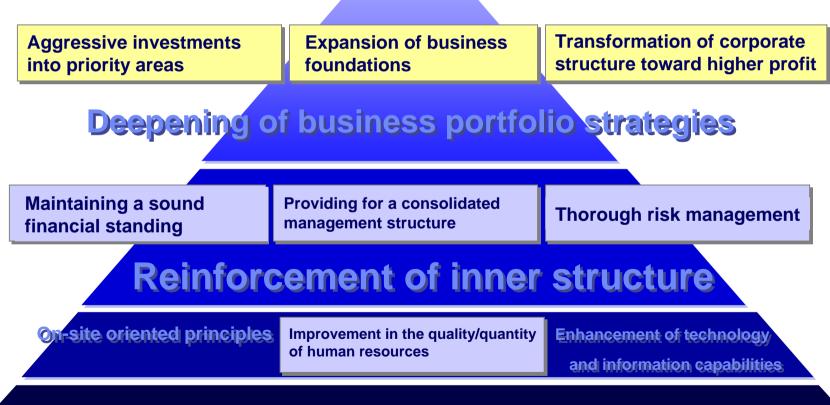
Summary of WIT 2008 (Reasons for Accelerated Fulfillment of WIT 21)		
<b>Electronics</b>	<ul> <li>Overseas expansion of manufacturing function including Nagase ChemteX Corporation (China/Wuxi and other areas)</li> <li>Expansion of liquid crystal display-related field (optical film, from modules to component processing)</li> <li>Expansion of strategic partnerships (acquisition of semiconductor post-processing manufacturer)</li> </ul>	
Life Science	<ul> <li>Integration of manufacturing plants (Nagase ChemteX Corporation concentration in Fukuchiyama)</li> <li>Commencing development of unnatural amino acid manufacturing technology and rosemary extracts</li> </ul>	
Automotive	<ul> <li>Expansion of sales bases in growth areas (e.g., Guangzhou, Tianjin, Wuhan)</li> <li>Expansion of joint venture manufacturer group (design, metal molds, precision metal stamping)</li> <li>Enhancement of relations with prime customers (Kasai Kogyo Co. Ltd. and others)</li> </ul>	
<b>Overseas Operations</b>	<ul> <li>■Focus on Greater China region and ASEAN (Nagase's area of specialty)</li> <li>■Opening up post-China regions (e.g., Vietnam, India)</li> <li>■Increased overseas sales ratio: 33% (FY2002) → 40% (FY2005)</li> </ul>	

1.Effects of injecting management resources into priority areas (internal cause)

2.Economic growth overseas mainly in China and improved materials market conditions resulting from surge in crude oil prices (external cause)

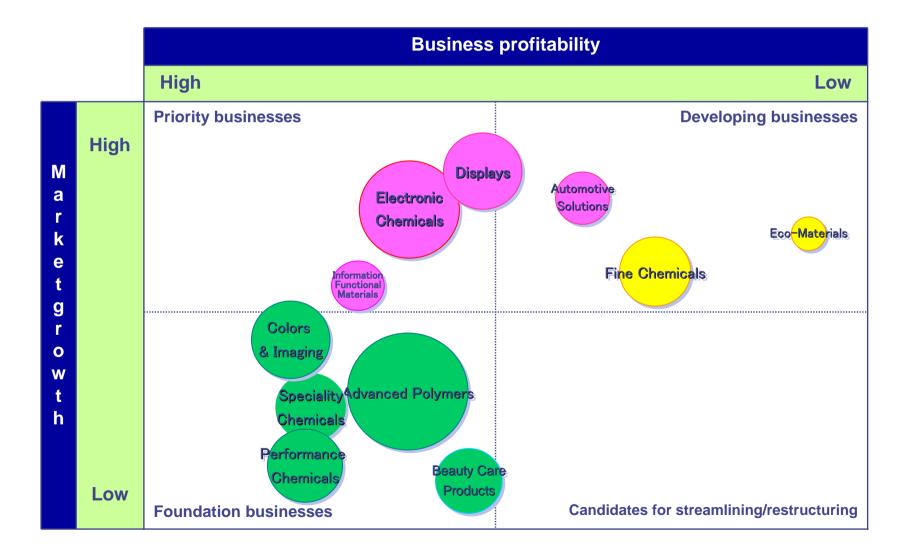
### Basic Strategy of New Medium-term Management Plan WIT 2008

## Reinforcement of corporate culture for sustained growth

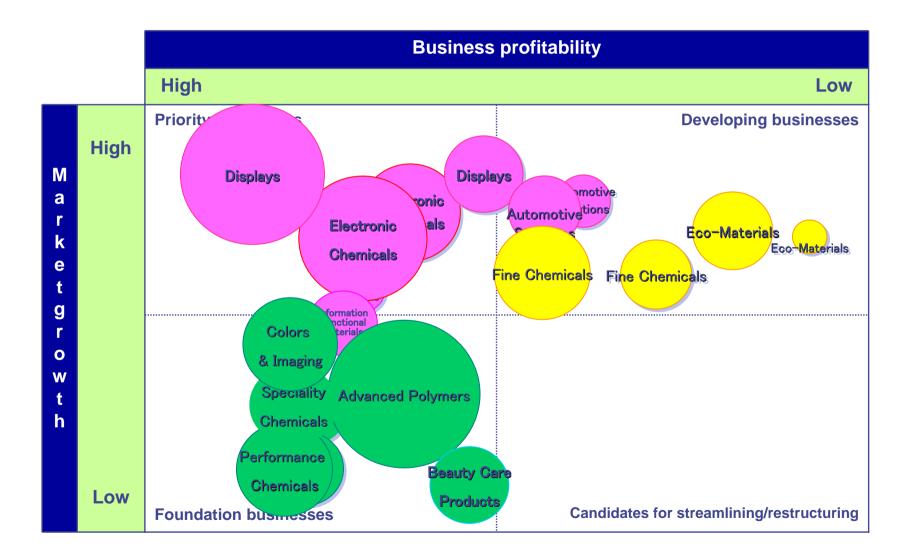


**Continuing the essence of Nagase** 

### WIT 2008 Deepening of Business Portfolio Strategies (Current Status)



WIT 2008 Deepening of Business Portfolio Strategies (The Company That We Would Like To Be)



## WIT 2008 Growth of High-profit Businesses

### Electronic/Chemicals Business

Business expansion of products made by Group manufacturers
 (Nagase ChemteX Corporation and others, (1) Formulated epoxy resins
 (2) Photolithography chemicals for liquid crystal displays and semiconductors)

### Displays Business

Enhancement of manufacturing and processing businesses
 (Optical film for liquid crystal displays/glass processing, liquid crystal display-related component processing /assembly)

### Other major developing businesses

- Automotive Solutions Business (Expansion of global accounts, expansion of strategic partnerships and joint ventures)
- Fine Chemicals Business (Manufacturing business using organic synthetic technology and biotechnology of Nagase ChemteX Corporation and others)
- Eco-materials Business (Expansion of "Pluswood" wood-composite material business)

Total investment amount ¥30.0 billion (in 3 years)

## WIT 2008 Improvement Toward a High-profit Structure

Streamlining businesses/improvement of corporate structure

- Drastic overhaul of medical care business (already implemented in FY2005)
- Continued overhaul of unprofitable businesses not benefiting from the Nagase presence

## WIT 2008 Improvement of Foundation Businesses

## Advanced Polymers Business

- Continued business expansion of functional plastics (engineering plastics) and general-use plastics in the Greater China region
- Focusing on precision equipment (e.g., printers, copiers, liquid crystal displayrelated, equipment) and digital media applications
- Upgrading bases in developing areas (e.g., Vietnam, India)

## Performance Chemicals Business

- The five areas of plastic additives, paint materials, commodity chemicals, urethane materials, and polymer filters
- Business expansion overseas (expansion in Asia, such as the Greater China region)
- Improvement of logistics functions

### Color & Imaging and Specialty Chemicals Businesses

- Focusing on the growing area of digital application related to "color & imaging"
- Expansion of Nagase ChemteX Corporation products (e.g., Denatron: transparent conductive coating)
- Expansion of organic synthesis and surfactant businesses, procurement from and manufacture licensing with China

WIT 2008 The Nagase Advantage Shared by All Businesses

## Overseas Strategy

- Deep cultivation of Greater China region (e.g., expansion of manufacturing bases)
- Expansion of ASEAN region → Expansion into Vietnam and India (with establishing subsidiaries being considered)

# Manufacturing/Processing Strategy

- Upgrading manufacturing businesses mainly through Nagase ChemteX
   Corporation (electronics-related, pharmaceutical-related)
- Expansion of manufacturing and processing businesses, including Fabless manufacturing

 $\rightarrow$  Achieving the best balance between manufacturing/processing businesses and the trading firm business

### WIT 2008 Reinforcement of internal structure

# Maintaining a Sound Financial Standing

- Emphasis on cash flow, improvement of cash flow from operating activities
- Continued review of assets

# Thorough Risk Management

- Recognition/understanding/control of new risks accompanying transformation of business structure
- Thorough management of regulations and implementation of internal control

## Providing for a Consolidated Management Structure

- Deepening of Group management and enhancement of management structure

## Improvement in the quality/quantity of human resources

Recruiting and nurturing "diversity" and "specialization"

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