

3. Consolidated Earnings Forecast for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2025 (April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025)

(% = year-on-year change)

	Net sales		Gross profit		Operating income		Ordinary income		Profit attributable to owners of the parent		Earnings per share
	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Yen
Full fiscal year	940,000	4.4	180,000	9.3	36,500	19.2	35,200	15.1	28,000	25.0	254.30

(Note) Revisions to the latest consolidated earnings forecast: No

* Notes

(1) Changes in major subsidiaries during the period (changes in specified subsidiaries accompanying changes in the scope of consolidation): Yes

New: — (Company name:) Excluded: 1 (Company name: Nagase Specialty Materials NA LLC)

(Note) For details, please refer to 2. *Semi-Annual Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes*, (4) *Notes Related to Semi-Annual Consolidated Financial Statements (Changes in the scope of consolidation and application of the equity method)*, on P.13 of this document.

(2) Application of special accounting methods to the preparation of semi-annual financial statements: Yes

(Note) For details, please refer to 2. *Semi-Annual Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes*, (4) *Notes Related to Semi-Annual Consolidated Financial Statements (Special Accounting Treatment Applied in the Preparation of Interim Consolidated Financial Statements)*, on P.13 of this document.

(3) Changes in accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates, and restatement of prior period financial statements after error corrections

i. Changes in accordance with revisions to accounting and other standards: Yes

ii. Changes in items other than (i) above: No

iii. Changes in accounting estimates: No

iv. Restatement of prior period financial statements after error corrections: No

(Note) For details, please refer to 2. *Semi-Annual Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes*, (4) *Notes Related to Semi-Annual Consolidated Financial Statements (Change in Accounting Policy)*, on P.13 of this document.

(4) Number of shares issued and outstanding (common stock)

i. Number of shares issued and outstanding as of the fiscal period end (including treasury stock)

September 30, 2024	114,908,285 shares	March 31, 2024	117,908,285 shares
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ii. Number of treasury stock as of the fiscal period end

September 30, 2024	4,186,657 shares	March 31, 2024	4,143,115 shares
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iii. Average number of shares during the period

September 30, 2024	112,455,860 shares	September 30, 2023	115,817,285 shares
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(Note) The number of treasury shares as of the fiscal period end includes Company shares held by the Stock-Granting Trust for Directors (282,400 shares as of September 30, 2024). Treasury stock deducted from the calculation of the average number of shares during the period includes Company shares held by the Stock-Granting Trust for Directors (286,757 shares as of September 30, 2024).

*** Semi-annual financial results reports are exempt from review conducted by certified public accountants or an audit firm.**

* Cautionary Statement with Respect to Forecasts of Consolidated Business Results

The earnings forecasts presented in this document are based upon currently available information and assumptions deemed rational. A variety of factors could cause actual results to differ materially from forecasts.

For matters related to earnings forecasts, please refer to 1. *Qualitative Information*, (3) *Qualitative Information Related to Consolidated Earnings Forecasts*, on P.6 of this document.

(Significant Subsequent Events)

(Issuance of Corporate Bonds)

The Company's board of directors passed a comprehensive resolution on October 17, 2024, regarding the issuance of domestic unsecured straight bonds.

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| (1) Total amount | 20,000 million yen (multiple bond offerings may be made up to this amount) |
| (2) Planned issuance period | November 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025 |
| (3) Interest rate | Yield of Japanese Government Bonds corresponding to the redemption period + 1.0% or less |
| (4) Amount to be paid | 100 yen or more per 100 yen of the amount of each bond |
| (5) Redemption period | Within 10 years |
| (6) Redemption method | Lump-sum redemption upon maturity |
| (7) Use of funds | For equipment, working capital, repayment of loans, bond redemption, and investment in or financing of affiliated companies |

(Repurchase of Own Shares)

At a meeting held on November 6, 2024, the Company's board of directors resolved to repurchase its own shares based on the provisions of Article 156 of the Companies Act, applied mutatis mutandis to Article 165, Paragraph 3 of the same Act.

(1) Reasons for the repurchase of own shares

The Company's board of directors, at a meeting held on May 8, 2024, made a resolution to change Shareholder Returns Policy in Medium-Term Management Plan **ACE 2.0.** and to implement a total payout ratio of 100% as a limited measure for the two years until the final year of **ACE 2.0.** Pursuant to this policy, the Company will repurchase its own shares.

(2) Details of the shares to be repurchased

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| a. Class of shares to be repurchased | Common shares |
| b. Total number of shares that may be repurchased | 3,000,000 shares (maximum)
(Equivalent to 2.71% of outstanding shares,
excluding treasury stock) |
| c. Total value of shares that may be repurchased | 7 billion yen (maximum) |
| d. Repurchase period | From November 7, 2024 to December 31, 2024 |
| e. Repurchase method | Market purchases, including Off-Auction Own Share
Repurchase Trading System (ToSTNeT-3) |

Reference: Treasury shares held as of October 31, 2024

Total number of shares issued (excluding treasury shares)	110,835,908 shares
Total number of treasury shares	4,072,377 shares

(*) The number of treasury shares as of October 31, 2024 does not include 282,400 Company shares held by the Stock-Granting Trust for Directors.