

Ikemoto, Representative Director, will now present.

Ikemoto: Good morning. I am Ikemoto, Representative Director and Senior Managing Executive Officer of NAGASE & CO.,LTD.

I will now present the financial results for Q1 of the fiscal year 2024

Review: Management Conscious of Capital Costs and Share Prices

- From the FY2023 Financial Briefing -

Policies to Enhance Corporate Value

Execute growth, financial, and capital strategies set forth in the Medium-Term Management Plan ACE 2.0

Current Issue Recognition

- PBR has been below 1x since FY2007
- Cost of equity is more than 8.0% based on dialogue with investors
- Strategic cross-shareholdings of approx. 15% of net assets

Matters to be Addressed

Profitability and Efficiency

- Permeation of ROIC management: Improve gross profit margin and capital turnover
- Reduce unprofitable businesses and unprofitable transactions in business targeted for improvement
- Reduce strategic cross-shareholdings in phases

Capital Costs

- Increase in Shareholder Returns: limited 100% total return ratio for two years
- · Leverage debt in growth investments

IR Activities

Make active disclosures of and expand dialogue with investors

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First, I would like to reiterate our stance on improving P/B ratios, which was already explained at the financial results briefing for the previous fiscal year, by posting the material again.

We believe that aiming to improve PBR means focusing on improving ROE and reducing the cost of shareholders' equity, and always aiming to increase the difference between ROE and cost of shareholders' equity, or the equity spread.

Therefore, to do so, the cost of capital should be reduced, and the Company should grow and increase its earning power by improving ROIC. By realizing these management strategies, we will increase corporate value. We are proceeding with management with this in mind, and I would like to confirm and explain this point first.

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Consolidated Statements Income

- ▶ Gross profit was the highest ever for a first quarter; gross profit margin improved across all business segments
- Deprating income increased and operating income ratio improved despite higher selling, general and administrative expenses, stemming from increased logistics costs, and higher personnel expenses
- Despite challenges in the Prinova Group manufacturing business, consolidated performance overall was favorable compared to our full-year forecast

						100 millions of yen
	FY2023 1Q	FY2024 1Q	Change	Vs.PY	Forecast	Achievement
Sales	2,240	2,392	151	107%	9,400	25%
Gross profit	387	457	70	118%	1,800	25%
<profit ratio=""></profit>	17.3%	19.1%	1.9ppt	-	19.1%	-
SG&A expenses	317	350	33	110%	1,435	_
Operating income	69	107	37	154%	365	29%
<profit ratio=""></profit>	3.1%	4.5%	1.4ppt	_	3.9%	-
Ordinary income	73	109	36	149%	352	31%
Profit Attributable to owners of the parent	43	74	30	170%	280	26%
US\$ Exchange rate (period average)	@ 137.5	@ 155.9	@ 18.4	Weak yen	@ 148.0	
RMB Exchange rate (period average)	@ 19.6	@ 21.5	@ 1.9	Weak yen	@ 20.0	

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This is the results for Q1.

Gross profit reached a record high for Q1 in all business segments. Both gross profit and operating income reached record levels, and the gross profit margin improved in all business segments with the overall figure of 19.1%, up 1.9 percentage points.

The Company is 29% of the way to its full-year operating income forecast of JPY36.5 billion. We see this as a very good start. This includes unexecuted expenses that were included in the initial forecast and will be executed as the project progresses.

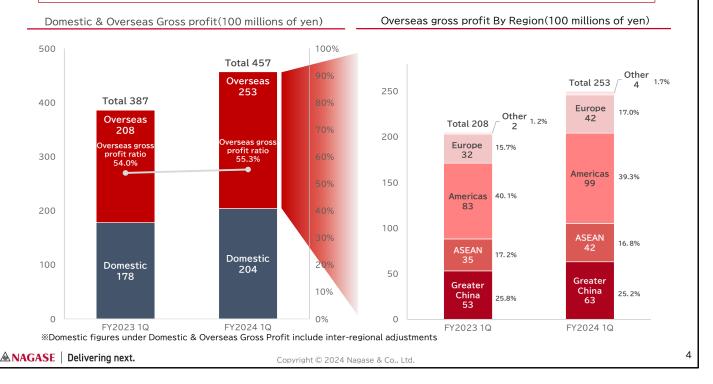
In addition to this strong performance of the businesses, the color former business, which was in the red in the previous fiscal year, is making progress in reducing its deficit. Specifically, both gross profit and operating income improved by approximately JPY500 million in the SOFIX and Fukui Yamada Chemical businesses in Q1, reducing a loss. In particular, with regard to SOFIX, we have already ceased operations, so please assume that the effects of this business will continue during the current fiscal year.

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by JPY3.3 billion, partly due to business expansion. In particular, personnel expenses are about JPY700 million in Prinova, and JPY900 million overall. And depreciation of about JPY500 million, which increased mainly due to the replacement of the core system, is included in SG&A expenses.

As a result, there is certainly an increase in expenses, but we believe that this is an indication that our business is performing well, and we will move forward with high expectations for continued growth in our business performance.

Gross Profit by Region

- ▶ Higher profit both domestic and overseas
- ▶ Increase in domestic business sales, mainly due to higher sales of formulated epoxy resins for semiconductor applications and sales of raw materials
- ▶ Overseas profit increased, mainly due to the impact of the weak yen and improved profitability in food ingredient sales, resin sales, etc.



This is gross profit by region.

Profits increased both domestically and internationally. The ratio of overseas sales increased from 54% to 55.3%, up 1.3 percentage points. As you can see, although partly supported by the impact of foreign exchange rates, we achieved an increase in profit in all regions.

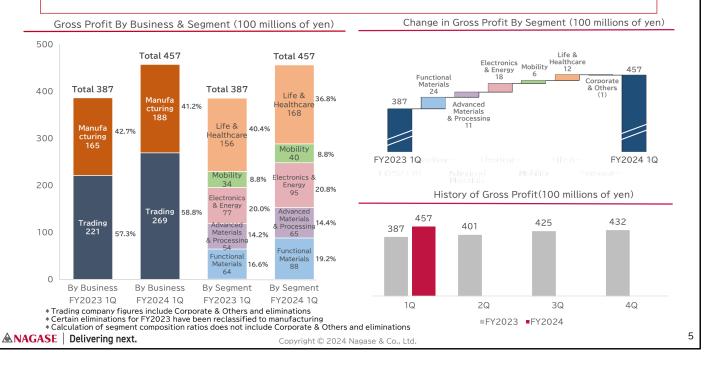
Specifically, there is an increase in profit of JPY1.6 billion in the Americas and JPY1 billion in Europe. This was driven by strong sales of materials, Prinova's business. In Greater China, China and Taiwan, we are mainly expanding sales of semiconductor-related materials and sales of resin.

Semiconductor sales have been strong, and resin sales have already recovered from the global demand decline of the year before last and last year. Its sales continue to recover currently, and we expect it to continue to grow in the future.

We believe these results reflect our global expansion and the strength of our business in each region, and we look forward to continued growth in the future.

Gross Profit by Business & Segment

- ▶ Functional Materials saw an increase in profit with higher sales of coating materials and raw materials for the electronics industry, including semiconductor-related products; in addition, the color formers business (manufacturing business of the digital print processing materials manufacturing business) narrowed losses
- ▶ Higher profit in Advanced Materials & Processing due to a recovery in global demand for resins for office equipment and video game device applications in the electrical appliances and electronic industries, as well as recent signs of a rebound from a low in market conditions
- ▶ Profit in Electronics & Energy increased due to increased sales of raw materials for semiconductor-related products and formulated epoxy resins for semiconductor- and mobile device products
- ▶ Life & Healthcare profit increased, mainly due to strong sales of Prinova Group food ingredients



This is gross profit by business and segment.

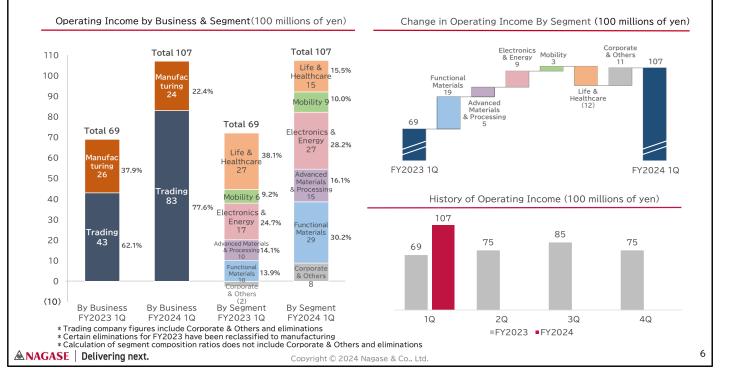
In terms of gross profit by business, both the manufacturing and trading businesses increased their profits. By segments, all segments also achieved an increase in profit.

In addition to the strong performance of the business in particular, we have reduced the losses in the color former business, as I mentioned earlier. We believe that these factors had a significant impact. The sale of functional materials and Nagase ChemteX's semiconductor back-end process materials, as well as materials for the semiconductor business and electronic devices, have been strong and driven the performance. Please understand that this also contributes to the higher earnings in the Electronics & Energy segment.

We believe that these results demonstrate the success of our diversified business development and strategic loss reduction efforts.

Operating Income by Business & Segment

- ▶ Despite strong sales of formulated epoxy resins by Nagase ChemteX and narrowed losses in the color formers business, manufacturing business operating income decreased overall, mainly due to the impact of lower profit in the Prinova Group
- ▶ Corporate & Others increased, mainly due to gain on the amortization of actuarial differences



This shows operating income by business and segment.

When it comes to operating income, there is a slight difference. Beginning this fiscal year, we have expanded the amount of large expenses that were previously recorded in other corporate to be distributed to each business segment as common expenses.

In terms of operating income by business category, the manufacturing business saw a decrease in income, while the trading business saw an increase in income. In the manufacturing business, the strong performance of Nagase ChemteX and the loss reduction at color former mentioned earlier have made a significant contribution. As I mentioned earlier, specifically, SOFIX and Fukui Yamada Chemical have improved by JPY500 million. On the other hand, the Prinova Group reported a decrease of approximately JPY690 million and Nagase Viita reported a decrease of JPY300 million. As a result, overall income in the manufacturing business declined. As for the trading business, overall profit increased in such areas as coating materials, semiconductor-related materials, and resin.

By segment, the Functional Materials, which has a large increase in gross profit, and the Electronics & Energy contributed significantly to the increase in operating income. On the other hand, as I mentioned earlier, the Life and Healthcare segment saw a decrease of JPY1.2 billion in operating income, which was due to the impact of lower income from Prinova and Nagase Viita.

Sales, Gross Profit and Operating Income by Quarter

▶ Ongoing strong performance in the second half of FY2023

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luarterly results						1Q	FY2024 forecast
		1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	YTD	FY2023 Actual
Sales	FY2024	2,392				2,392	9,400
	FY2023	2,240	2,261	2,275	2,224	2,240	9,00
	YoY%	6.8%				6.8%	4.49
Gross profit	FY2024	457				457	1,800
	FY2023	387	401	425	432	387	1,64
	YoY%	18.3%				18.3%	9.3%
<pre><pre><pre>ofit ratio></pre></pre></pre>	FY2024	19.1%				19.1%	19.19
	FY2023	17.3%	17.8%	18.7%	19.4%	17.3%	18.3%
Manufacturing	FY2024	188				188	The state of the s
	FY2023	165	160	183	185	165	695
Trading	FY2024	269				269	The second secon
	FY2023	221	241	242	246	221	952
Operating income	FY2024	107				107	365
	FY2023	69	75	85	75	69	306
	YoY%	54.3%				54.3%	19.29
<pre><pre><pre>ofit ratio></pre></pre></pre>	FY2024	4.5%				4.5%	3.9%
	FY2023	3.1%	3.3%	3.8%	3.4%	3.1%	3.4%
Manufacturing	FY2024	24				24	
	FY2023	26	17	25	21	26	9
Trading	FY2024	83				83	The state of the s
	FY2023	43	58	59	54	43	214

* Each profit measure for the trading company includes the effect of eliminations, but certain eliminations for FY2023 have been reclassified to manufacturing

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This is the quarterly trend of net sales, gross profit, and operating income.

As you can see, we are moving upward from last year's fourth quarter.

Segment Overview

- Sales of coating materials rose, mainly due to strong sales to the automobile industry
- ▶ Sales increased for raw materials for the electronics industry, including semiconductor-related products
- Losses narrowed in the color formers business (digital print processing materials manufacturing business) due to the suspension of production in the U.S. and consolidation of the manufacturing base to Japan
- Departing income increased year on year (loss in the color formers business in the previous year when sales stagnated generally due to inventory adjustments among customers

100 millions of yen FY2024 Quarterly results 1Q 1Q 20 30 YTD 40 Actual 405 Sales FY2024 405 1,550 357 375 FY2023 364 370 364 1.468 YoY% 11.4% 5.6% 11.4% Gross profit FY2024 88 88 306 75 FY2023 64 68 73 64 281 YoY% 37.8% 37.8% 8.8% ofit ratio> FY2024 21.8% 21.8% 19.7% FY2023 17.6% 19.1% 19.5% 20.4% 17.6% 19.2% Manufacturing FY2024 6 6 FY2023 2 1 8 Trading FY2024 82 82 71 62 272 FY2023 62 66 71 29 Operating income FY2024 29 68 FY2023 10 14 19 17 10 61 YoY% 197.2% 197.2% 10.4% <profit ratio> 7.3% 7.3% 4.4% FY2024 FY2023 2.7% 4.1% 5.1% 4.8% 2.7% 4.2% Manufacturing FY2024 2 2 (3) (9) FY2023 (3) (2)(2)Trading FY2024 27 27 71 17 FY2023 13 21 19 13

[Key Measures]

Performance Chemicals Dept.

- ▶ Capture business opportunities in the etrochemical industry and in response to market changes by leveraging our global procurement capabilities
- ▶ Propose sustainable materials and solutions (biodegradable bio-SAPs, chemical joint logistics

Speciality Chemicals Dept.

- Expand chemicals business for the semiconductor industry, where we expect market growth
- Create businesses leveraging unique technologies (flow synthesis, MOF*, etc.)
 - Metal Organic Frameworks (metal-organic structures)



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This is an overview of each segment.

Starting this fiscal year, the segment overview page includes a description of the measures we are focusing on, which can be found here. The format has changed slightly, but please refer to the following.

The Functional Materials segment.

Gross profit increased from JPY6.4 billion in Q1 of last year to JPY8.8 billion this year, an increase of JPY2.4 billion. Operating income also increased by JPY1.9 billion. This segment is the largest driver of the overall consolidated increase in both gross profit and operating income.

In the trading business, the supply chain in the automobile industry, which was not doing well in the previous year due in part to inventory adjustments, has been recovering since H2 of the previous year, and this trend is continuing. In addition, sale of semiconductor-related products are gradually recovering, and although we expect full-fledged recovery to begin at the beginning of next year, sale of raw materials have already begun to be strong at this point.

In the manufacturing business, the major one is the reduction of losses in the color former business. We are reducing losses while implementing a review of our production system, which will be explained on the next page.

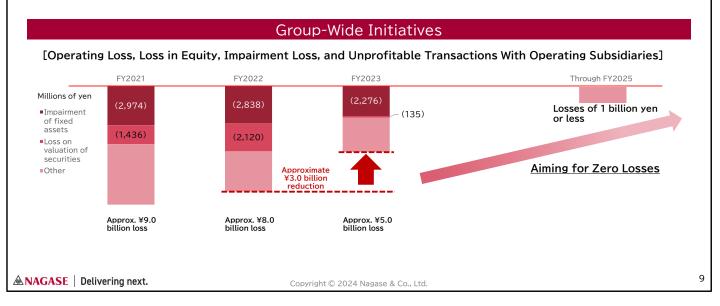
Although the overall performance is favorable, there is actually a special onetime profit included in the profits of the trading business, which will be eliminated from Q2 onward, so the profit level is expected to drop slightly.

Topics: Improve Business Initiatives

- ▶ We halted production at SOFIX, a color formers manufacturing subsidiary, last fiscal year
- ▶ We made the decision to withdraw from the color formers business in the U.S.

SOFIX LLC

- ▶ Color formers manufacturing and sales base in Tennessee, U.S.A., posting an operating loss of ¥1.1 billion for FY2023
- ▶ Significantly narrowed operating loss in FY2024, contributing to improved gross profit and operating income in the Functional Materials segment



These are the initiatives in the area that needs to be improved.

First, as I explained during the financial results presentation, the entire group is implementing various measures based on the Company-wide policy of ultimately aiming for a loss of JPY1 billion or less by 2025, and ultimately aiming for zero loss.

SOFIX, our US production base for color formers, has already stopped the production in the last fiscal year, and we have already decided to withdraw from this business, the color former production business in the US. Therefore, please assume that this effect will continue beyond Q1 of this fiscal year.

We are committed to building a healthier management foundation and further preparing for future growth.

Segment Overview

- ▶ Resin sales increased with the recovery in demand for office equipment applications in the electric and electronic industries
- ▶ Sales of resin mold products increased for the manufacturing sector
- ▶ Operating income increased due to an increase in gross profit as profitability continued to recover from a bottom in the resin sales market

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uarterly results						1Q	FY2024 forecast
		1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	YTD	FY2023 Actual
Sales	FY2024	535				535	2,07
	FY2023	485	536	477	485	485	1,98
	YoY%	10.2%				10.2%	4.49
Gross profit	FY2024	65				65	24
	FY2023	54	61	61	57	54	23
	YoY%	20.1%				20.1%	5.09
<pre><pre><pre><pre>profit ratio></pre></pre></pre></pre>	FY2024	12.3%				12.3%	12.0
	FY2023	11.3%	11.5%	13.0%	11.9%	11.3%	11.9
Manufacturing	FY2024	12				12	Transcription of the Contract
	FY2023	11	12	14	11	11	4
Trading	FY2024	53				53	The state of the s
	FY2023	43	49	47	46	43	18
Operating income	FY2024	15				15	5
	FY2023	10	15	16	11	10	5
	YoY%	56.3%				56.3%	3.5
<pre><pre><pre>ofit ratio></pre></pre></pre>	FY2024	3.0%				3.0%	2.7
	FY2023	2.1%	2.9%	3.4%	2.3%	2.1%	2.7
Manufacturing	FY2024	2				2	The state of the s
	FY2023	1	2	3	0	1	
Trading	FY2024	13				13	The state of the s
	FY2023	8	13	12	10	8	4

[Key Measures]

Polymer Global Account Dept.

- ▶ Shift resources to priority (e.g., Mexico and India) in line with the transition in global brand owner production bases
- Expand transactions in environmental materials (NAGASE products and products from other companies)
- ▶ Improve efficiency of global business operations and optimize organizational structure



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Logistics hub in ASEAN (Philippines)

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This is the Advanced Materials and Processing segment.

This is mainly resin business, and the gross profit and operating income increased by JPY1.1 billion and JPY500 million, respectively.

Sale of resin to the electrical and electronics industries are recovering, centering on office automation equipment, which is a large application of resin, a large printer for office use, or a multifunction printer with fax machine. Market conditions, which were sluggish before last fiscal year, are now on a recovery track, and we expect profitability to improve further in the future.

Our group company, Totaku Industries, Inc., which manufactures industrial hoses and other products, is the core of the manufacturing business in this segment, with recent and current strong sales and profitability.

Segment Overview

- ▶ Sales of materials to the semiconductor industry increased due to the moderate market recovery
- ▶ Sales of materials for electronic devices increased due to higher demand
- ▶ Sales of formulated epoxy resins increased high-end server applications and mobile device applications
- ▶ Operating income increased due to improved gross profit

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Quarterly results						1Q	FY2024 forecast
		1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	YTD	FY2023 Actual
Sales	FY2024	400				400	1,493
	FY2023	355	356	375	360	355	1,447
	YoY%	12.8%				12.8%	3.1%
Gross profit	FY2024	95				95	377
	FY2023	77	86	85	92	77	342
	YoY%	23.7%				23.7%	10.1%
<pre><pre><pre>ofit ratio></pre></pre></pre>	FY2024	23.8%				23.8%	25.3%
	FY2023	21.7%	24.2%	22.9%	25.8%	21.7%	23.6%
Manufacturing	FY2024	33				33	The state of the s
	FY2023	27	31	33	39	27	131
Trading	FY2024	62				62	The state of the s
	FY2023	50	54	52	53	50	210
Operating income	FY2024	27				27	86
	FY2023	17	24	21	25	17	88
	YoY%	55.5%				55.5%	(2.8%)
<pre><pre><pre>ofit ratio></pre></pre></pre>	FY2024	6.9%				6.9%	5.8%
	FY2023	5.0%	6.9%	5.6%	6.9%	5.0%	6.1%
Manufacturing	FY2024	7				7	The state of the s
	FY2023	4	8	8	11	4	34
Trading	FY2024	19				19	The state of the s
	FY2023	12	15	12	13	12	54

[Key Measures]

Electronics Dept.

- ▶ Expansion of commercial products in the semiconductor market
- Create businesses based on expansion of domestic production
- · Expand business in Europe, the U.S., India, etc.
- ▶ Develop business for cutting-edge electronic devices

Advanced Functional Materials Dept.

- ▶ Expand sales of Nagase ChemteX products for advanced semiconductors
- ▶ Propose and implement new technologies that will become the industry standard for next-generation semiconductors
- ► Expand proposals further for environment **X** semiconductor **X** technology



New semiconductor wafer bumping line at PacTech Asia

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Next is the Electronics and Energy segment.

Sales to the semiconductor industry and to the electronic device industry are both strong. The market is also recovering further, and as I mentioned earlier, we expect semiconductors to recover further after the start of next year.

Gross profit also increased by JPY1.8 billion. Operating income also increased by JPY900 million, making this segment the second segment with the largest increase following the Functional Materials segment.

In the trading business, sale of materials for semiconductor and sale of materials for electronic devices increased. Although some exports from Japan have dropped slightly due to the impact of China's domestic production of semiconductors, sale of materials to the Chinese semiconductor industry, including local business, are still going strong.

In the manufacturing business, Nagase ChemteX's formulated epoxy resins have been very well received by the semiconductor industry and are growing, including products that are likely to become the de facto standard. I will provide a more detailed explanation on the next page.

Topics:Semiconductor-Related Developments

- ▶ Expanding business in advanced semiconductors for high-end servers
- ▶ Pursuing proposals for new concept materials (a-SMC: advanced sheet molding compound) aiming to become the de facto standard for the next generation; with expected strong and growing demand for existing liquid molding compound (LMC), Nagase ChemteX has decided to expand production facilities
- ▶ Put supply system in place to launch business for the recovery and recycling of developer used in semiconductor plants in Japan

Expansion of the Nagase ChemteX LMC *production line

Additional line at the Harima Plant

- · We decided to expand production systems in anticipation of the recent increase in demand in the business for high-end servers, including servers for generative AI
- · Doubled production capacity by adding lines at existing plant; fullscale operations scheduled to start in 2H
- · Plans to expand facilities flexibly in response to market demand in the future











Nagase ChemteX Process Innovation Center

SN Tech business for the recovery and recycling of developer solution

- ▶ Solutions responding to environmental requirements in semiconductor manufacturing
- Reduce industrial waste disposal costs significantly, in addition to Tetramethyl Ammonium Hydroxide (TMAH) and water reuse

▶ MOBIUS SYSTEM ® CHEMICAL RECYCLING

- ·Innovative technology that allows the recycled use of TMAH recovered in the manufacturing process
- Developed by SN Tech's JV partner SACHEM (privately held U.S. chemical company founded in 1950), which has expert knowledge and technology related to chemicals
- ▶ Completed delivery of large-scale equipment to customer's plant in July
- · Large-scale equipment to recover TMAH from semiconductor plants delivered, expected to start operations in 2025 or later





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Semiconductor-related business activities include the expansion of Nagase Chemtex's LMC production line and SN Tech Corporation's developer solution and recovery/recycling business. Let me introduce these two.

As I mentioned earlier, Nagase ChemteX's formulated epoxy resins for semiconductors are performing well. Market demand, including the emergence of new applications, has exceeded our expectations, and we expect strong demand in the future.

Therefore, we plan to expand this LMC production line. The new production line is expected to start operation around H2, and we expect to double the capacity of the LMC production line as shown in the photo, doubling the current capacity. We are also considering the possibility of more than doubling the capacity depending on market conditions.

The other business is the recycling and recovery of developer solution, which is developed as a business of a joint venture, SN Tech Corporation in Japan, with our partner SACHEM Corporation of the US.

The device called MOBIUS SYSTEM is already at the core of this technology. We have installed this equipment in the factories of our customers. It will start recovery/recycling business along with mass production. We believe it will contribute to environmental issues and cost reductions. We expect the plant to be operational after 2025 and will report back to you after next year.

Segment Overview

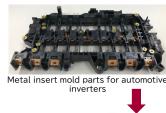
- ▶ Despite the impact of lower production volume among Japanese customers in China, Resin sales increased with the global increase in automobile production volume
- ▶ Sales increased in functional materials and functional components for interior and exterior fittings and electrification
- Operating income increased due to improved gross profit

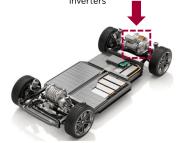
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[Key Measures]

Mobility Solutions Dept.

- ▶ Expand electrification-related materials and components further
- ▶ Invest resources in growth markets (e.g., North America and India)





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This is the Mobility segment.

We sell resins, parts, and other materials to the automotive industry, and although automobile production had been declining in general, we believe that it is on the way to recovery worldwide.

In particular, sale of resins and components are growing in general, including recovery in the US. However, Japanese automakers in China have reduced their production volume, and some Japanese automakers in Thailand are struggling due to the shrinking market, but overall, sales and profits are increasing.

Apart from the materials, the sales of electric and electronic parts and materials for EVs, electric vehicles, including hybrid vehicles, are growing steadily and we will further accelerate the business of such resin materials and parts, EVs and gasoline vehicles.

Segment Overview

- ▶ Prinova Group recovered profitability and increased sales year on year, after the decline in the food ingredients market in the previous year
- ▶ Nagase Viita cosmetic material sales increased in Japan, but declined overseas due to inventory adjustments, etc., among customers
- ▶ Increased sales of intermediates and pharmaceutical raw materials
- ▶ Operating income decreased, despite an increase in gross profit, mainly due to an increase in selling, general and administrative expenses (e.g. personnel expenses) at the Prinova Group

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Quarterly results						1Q	FY2024 forecast
		1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	YTD	FY2023 Actual
Sales	FY2024	728				728	2,897
	FY2023	723	673	693	687	723	2,77
	YoY%	0.7%				0.7%	4.3%
Gross profit	FY2024	168				168	710
	FY2023	156	145	163	168	156	634
	YoY%	8.0%				8.0%	11.9%
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	FY2023	21.6%	21.6%	23.6%	24.5%	21.6%	22.89
Manufacturing	FY2024	136				136	The state of the s
	FY2023	125	114	133	131	125	505
Trading	FY2024	32				32	The same of the sa
	FY2023	30	30	30	37	30	129
Operating income	FY2024	15				15	94
	FY2023	27	13	19	20	27	80
	YoY%	(44.5%)				(44.5%)	17.49
<pre><pre><pre>ofit ratio></pre></pre></pre>	FY2024	2.1%				2.1%	3.29
	FY2023	3.8%	1.9%	2.8%	3.0%	3.8%	2.99
Manufacturing	FY2024	11				11	***************************************
	FY2023	23	9	15	12	23	60
Trading	FY2024	4				4	The state of the s
	FY2023	4	3	3	8	4	19

*Each profit measure for the trading company includes the effective of eliminations, but certain eliminations for FY2023 have been reclassified to manufacturing

[Key Measures]

Life & Healthcare Products Dept.

- ▶ Focus on expanding sales of in-house products in Japan and overseas
- ▶ Expand cross-sales through stronger collaboration among overseas group bases and offices
- ► Expand bio-materials (Creation of NVI*1, NBIC*2 bio-derived materials; e.g., ergothioneine mass produced using fermentation technology)
- ▶ Expand Prinova Group manufacturing
 - %1 Nagase Viita
 - **%2** Nagase Bio-Innovation Center



Expected Effects by ergothioneine

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This is the Life and Healthcare segment.

As I mentioned earlier, Prinova and Nagase Viita have been underperforming, but overall gross profit increased by JPY1.2 billion. However, operating income decreased by JPY1.2 billion, partly due to the impact of Prinova and Viita mentioned earlier.

I will explain more about Prinova later.

Regarding the decreased profit of Nagase Viita, Q1 is originally the period of large shipment of cosmetic ingredients. However, the economic slowdown in China has caused a slump in the cosmetics business in China, which has affected the cosmetics industry globally. As a result, the shipment of products from Nagase Viita for cosmetic materials, which received very strong demand in Q1 of last year, was sluggish in Q1 of this fiscal year.

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Ingredient distribution

Manufacturing

- ▶ Utah Plant
- Despite delays, we completed the manufacturing automation process to the level envisioned originally
- · At the same time, the sports nutrition industry as a whole is growing, even with shades of gray among customers
- · We acquired a contract processing pipeline of products with the potential for high market share; however, many of these products will start between the second half of FY2024 and FY2025
- ▶ Tennessee Plant
- Pursuing automation in stick pack production (product answering market needs for individual packaging); we expect labor costs to decline in the future
- \cdot We expect profit contribution to begin in 2H FY2024 as sales increase due to demand growth and cost reductions stemming from automation







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This is the current status of the Prinova Group.

As I have already explained, we have not yet reached the level of our assumptions overall, but I would like to explain the manufacturing business and trading business separately.

In the trading business, sales volume continued to expand. Sales of materials in the trading business have been very strong. Sales volume continues to increase year after year and we are gaining market share. In the year before last, last year, and for the past year or two, Chinese food ingredient manufacturers, against the backdrop of the domestic recession, did not reduce production, resulting in an oversupply of products, which were shipped and sold worldwide, causing prices to drop. Compared to the year 2023, Q1 of this year showed a slight improvement, but remained at a low level. However, we are increasing our sales volume and market share.

As for the slump in market prices I mentioned earlier, there are indications that it is bottoming out, and some materials have already begun to rise in price. We have seen the movement of reducing supply in China, and since we have already captured a large market share in terms of volume, we believe that this will contribute to our earnings once the market price recovers. Currently, the market price is recovering at a rate of exceeding our expectation, and we expect to see more of the same in the future.

On the other hand, logistics-related disruptions, the Suez Canal, it says, are impassable. Meanwhile, as you know, the Panama Canal is closed to traffic due to low water levels. This has caused logistics disruptions in North America and Europe, with longer lead times, higher costs, and containers not being returned.

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Customers have high expectations for Prinova and the NAGASE Group's logistics capabilities and its sales force. Under these circumstances, we believe that we can further expand sale of material in the trading business.

In the manufacturing business, we have three major manufacturing sites. The first is located near our headquarters in Chicago, the second in Tennessee, and the third in Utah. The Tennessee and Utah plants specialize in sports nutrition, while Chicago does bulk blending.

The measures we have already taken since last year have been successful, and the plant in Chicago is improving and returning to a profitable structure. The Tennessee plant also struggled at the beginning of this year, but the need for small sachets, such as the ones you can see in the picture, has been increasing. The market needs are increasing. The earnings of Prinova's Tennessee plant, which is equipped with this automated line, have recovered, and we are now looking forward to a significant improvement in H2 of the fiscal year. On the other hand, the Utah Plant continues to struggle. The situation of our

On the other hand, the Utah Plant continues to struggle. The situation of our customers has changed from what we had originally envisioned. So-called "high-mix, small-lot production" has pushed up production costs in the automated production lines and has also led to extra labor costs.

We are currently undergoing a major review of our customer mix, grade mix, and product mix, and are in the process of replacing our products and business. Once this is underway, we believe we will be able to obtain business that matches our automated lines and gain a profitable structure. Although we still expect to struggle in H2 of the fiscal year, we intend to move forward with these measures for the next fiscal year.

Overview of Major Manufacturing Subsidiaries

- ▶ Nagase ChemteX: Increase in operating income due to strong sales of formulated epoxy resin used in high-end server
- ▶ Nagase Viita: Despite strong domestic sales of food products and cosmetic ingredients, operating income decreased due to lower sales of cosmetic material for overseas markets, mainly due to inventory adjustments
- ▶ Prinova Group: Gross profit increased due to higher sales volume and improved profit margins in food ingredients sales; operating income decreased due to higher selling, general and administrative expenses and weak performance in manufacturing

	100 millions						
		FY2023 1Q	FY2024 1Q	Change	Vs.PY	Forecast	Forecast Comparison
	Sales	57	66	8	115%	261	25%
Nagase ChemteX	Gross profit	17	20	3	120%	80	26%
Corporation	<pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre>	30.2%	31.6%	1.4ppt	-	30.7%	-
	Operating income	5	7	2	144%	26	28%
	<pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre>	9.2%	11.5%	2.3ppt	-	10.3%	-
	Sales	89	86	(3)	97%	369	23%
	Gross profit	34	33	(1)	96%	140	24%
	<pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre>	38.4%	38.2%	(0.2ppt)	-	37.9%	-
Nagase Viita	Operating income	16	13	(3)	80%	57	23%
Čo., Ltd.	<pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre>	18.4%	15.3%	(3.1ppt)	-	15.4%	-
	Goodwill amortization etc.	7	7	-	100%	29	26%
	Operating income after amortization burden	8	5	(3)	63%	27	20%
	Sales	516	504	(11)	98%	2,091	24%
	Gross profit	87	99	12	114%	421	24%
	<pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre>	16.9%	19.7%	2.8ppt	-	20.2%	-
*Prinova Group	Operating income	19	13	(6)	68%	81	17%
-1 Tillova Group	<pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre>	3.8%	2.7%	(1.1ppt)	-	3.9%	
	Goodwill amortization etc. Operating income after	6	6	0	112%	27	25%
	amortization burden	13	6	(6)	49%	54	12%

^{*} FY2023 results did not include the impact of profit or loss due to eliminations other than amortization of goodwill, etc.; we changed the figures to include these factors from the perspective of appropriate performance disclosure

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This is the status of the three major manufacturing group companies that I have mentioned so far.

The figures are as I explained earlier. Please take a look.

Consolidated Balance Sheets

▶ Working capital increased due to strong performance and the impact of the weak yen (US\$ conversion rate: ¥151.4 (March 31, 2024); ¥161.1 (June 30, 2024)

(RMB conversion rate: ¥20.8 (March 31, 2024); ¥22.0 (June 30, 2024)

100 millions of yen

	2024/03	2024/06	Change	Details
Total Current Assets	5,424	5,718	293	
(Cash&deposits)	594	583	(10)	
(Trade account receivbable)	3,211	3,333	122	
(Inventories)	1,479	1,595	116	
Total non-current assets	2,498	2,583	85	
(Investments in security)	762	790	28	
Total assets	7,923	8,302	379	
Current Liab.	3,026	3,184	157	Short-term loans·CP +98, Provision for Bonus (34)
(Trade account payable)	1,563	1,660	96	
Non-current Liab.	883	969	86	Non-Current Loan Pay. +74
Total Liab.	3,910	4,154	244	
Shareholders' equity	3,128	3,123	(5)	
Accum. Other Comprehensive Income	812	946	133	Translation Adjustment +124
Non-controlling interest	72	78	6	
Total net assets	4,013	4,148	134	
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Working capital	3,127	3,269	141	
Shareholders' equity ratio	49.7%	49.0%	(0.7ppt)	
Interest-bearing debt	1,669	1,827	158	
NET D/E ratio	0.27	0.31	0.03	

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This is the consolidated balance sheet.

In addition to the strong performance, working capital has increased, partly due to the weaker yen. Receivables and inventories are increasing as business performance grows, but with regard to inventories in particular, we are currently promoting and fulfilling our basic policy of improving inventory turnover while decreasing the number of months of inventory turnover. In the future, we intend to make further progress in these areas to create a more profitable situation.

Consolidated Cash Flows

▶ Profit attributable to owners of the parent increased due to strong business performance; however, working capital also increased, resulting in a ¥3.0 billion outflow in CF from operations

100 millions of yen

	FY2023 1Q	FY2024 1Q
Operating CF	158	(30)
(Income before income taxes)	64	107
(Depreciation and amortization)	39	44
(Change in working capital)	153	(45)
(Other)	(97)	(137)
Investing CF	(40)	(82)
(Fixed asset investment)	(40)	(41)
(Other)	0	(40)
Free CF	118	(112)
Financing CF	(136)	33
(Share buybacks)	(32)	(33)
(Dividends paid)	(46)	(45)
(Change in loans and bonds)	(55)	115
(Other)	(1)	(2)
Effects of exchange rate	33	40
Net increase / decrease in cash and cash equivalents	16	(38)

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This is consolidated cash flow.

The same is true here, but while net income for the quarter increased due to strong performance, the increase in working capital and other factors resulted in an operating cash outflow of about JPY3 billion. Going forward, we will continue to manage funds appropriately, including this free cash flow, to sustain healthy growth.

FY2024 Earnings Projection (No Change)

- ▶ We expect to increase manufacturing earnings in our semiconductor-related and food-related businesses
- ▶ We expect trading business resin sales to recover, while the automobile-related business should also see firm performance
- ▶ We expect selling, general and administrative expenses to increase overall with business growth, and other factors, even though the amortization expense of retirement benefit actuarial differences will decrease

(Retirement benefit actuarial differences: Approximately ¥0.9 billion expense in fiscal 2023 and approximately ¥3.5 billion income in fiscal 2024)

				100 millions of yen
	FY2023 Results	FY2024 Forecast	Change	Vs.PY
Sales	9,001	9,400	398	104%
Gross profit	1,647	1,800	152	109%
<profit ratio=""></profit>	18.3%	19.1%	0.8ppt	-
SG&A expenses	1,341	1,435	93	107%
Operating income	306	365	58	119%
<profit ratio=""></profit>	3.4%	3.9%	0.5ppt	-
Ordinary income	305	352	46	115%
Profit attributable to owners of the parent	224	280	55	125%
US\$ Exchange rate (period average)	@ 144.6	@ 148.0	@ 3.4	Weak yen
RMB Exchange rate (period average)	@ 20.1	@ 20.0	@ 0.1	Strong yen

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This is the full-year forecast.

Since this is Q1, we have not revised it. First, we will work hard in Q2 to continue this momentum in Q1, and then in H2.

FY2024 Earnings Projection By segment (No Change)

- ▶ Higher sales and profit in Functional Materials recorded, mainly due to increased automobile-related sales and narrower losses in the color formers business
- ▶ Higher sales and profit in Advanced Materials & Processing, mainly due to increased sales of resin for office equipment applications in the electric and electronic industries
- ▶ Higher sales and lower profit in Electronics & Energy, as we expect sales to increase with stronger performance at Nagase ChemteX for formulated epoxy resins used in high-end servers; despite expected higher gross profit, operating income will likely decrease due to higher allocation of company-wide shared expenses
- ▶ Higher sales and lower profit in Mobility as we expect stronger performance in resins, functional materials, and functional components; despite expected higher gross profit, operating income will likely decrease due to higher allocation of company-wide shared expenses
- Life & Healthcare sales and profit increased, mainly due to a recovery in Prinova Group food-ingredient profitability, which recovered from a market low point, and increased food product and cosmetic material sales at Nagase Viita

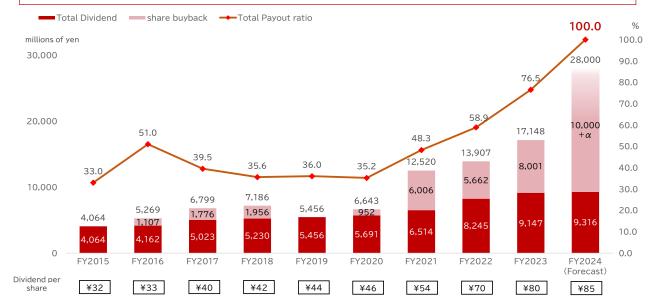
					100 millions of yen
		FY2023 Actual	FY2024 forecast	Change	Vs.PY
	Sales	1,468	1,550	81	106%
	Gross profit	281	306	24	109%
Functional Materials	<pre><pre><pre>ofit ratio></pre></pre></pre>	19.2%	19.7%	0.6ppt	_
	Operating income	61	68	6	110%
	<pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre>	4.2%	4.4%	0.2ppt	
	Sales	1,985	2,072	86	104%
Advanced Materials	Gross profit	236	248	11	105%
& Processing	<pre><pre><pre><pre>profit ratio></pre></pre></pre></pre>	11.9%	12.0%	0.1ppt	_
& Flocessing	Operating income	53	55	1	104%
	<pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre>	2.7%	2.7%	(0.0ppt)	
	Sales	1,447	1,493	45	103%
Electronics	Gross profit	342	377	34	110%
& Energy	<pre><pre><pre><pre>profit ratio></pre></pre></pre></pre>	23.6%	25.3%	1.6ppt	_
& Lifelgy	Operating income	88	86	(2)	97%
	<pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre>	6.1%	5.8%	(0.4ppt)	
	Sales	1,321	1,387	65	105%
	Gross profit	152	160	7	105%
Mobility	<pre><pre><pre><pre>profit ratio></pre></pre></pre></pre>	11.5%	11.5%	0.0ppt	_
	Operating income	36	32	(4)	89%
	<pre><pre><pre><pre>profit ratio></pre></pre></pre></pre>	2.7%	2.3%	(0.4ppt)	
	Sales	2,777	2,897	119	104%
	Gross profit	634	710	75	112%
Life & Healthcare	<pre><pre><pre><pre>profit ratio></pre></pre></pre></pre>	22.8%	24.5%	1.7ppt	_
	Operating income	80	94	13	117%
	<pre><pre><pre><pre>profit ratio></pre></pre></pre></pre>	2.9%	3.2%	0.4ppt	
	Sales	1	1	(0)	68%
Corporate&Others	Gross profit	0	(1)	(1)	_
	Operating income	(13)	30	43	_
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This is our business forecast by segment.

There is no change here.

Shareholder Returns

- ▶ We plan to pay an interim dividend of ¥40 per share and a year-end dividend of ¥45 per share for an annual dividend of ¥85 per share for fiscal 2024 (expected 15th consecutive fiscal year of dividend increases)
- ▶ We changed our policy for shareholder returns compared under ACE 2.0 in May 2024, establishing a total return ratio of 100% for FY2024 and FY2025 (no change in policy regarding continuing dividend increases)
- ▶ Based on the policy above, the ¥10 billion in share buybacks approved in May 2024 is progressing as planned; total of ¥3.3 billion in share
- buybacks as of June 30 (Purchase period: Scheduled for May 2024 to October 2024) *Additional returns after November will be approved under a separate resolution



* FY2024 year-end dividend to be submitted for approval to the 110th general meeting of shareholders scheduled for June 2025.

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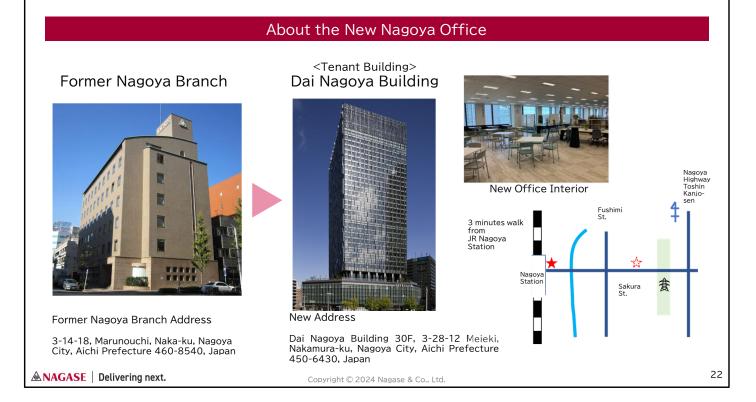
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Regarding shareholder returns, we have not changed our policy.

We are committed to 100% return and are aiming for a 100% total return ratio, which will remain unchanged.

Notice: Relocation of Nagoya Branch Office

- ▶ Nagoya Branch moved to new location and started operations on July 16, 2024
- ▶ As with the Tokyo Head Office, this new office is an activity based workplace (ABW), fostering an environment that encourages diverse and creative work styles



Finally, we have two announcements.

We have offices in Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya, and the Nagoya branch is now located in Marunouchi, in the center of Nagoya, and will move to a tenant building in front of Nagoya Station.

We have been working on separate floors in a single building, but this time we have secured a space where everyone, including group companies, can work together on one floor in this large building called Dainagoya Bldg. If you are ever in Nagoya, I would be grateful if you could stop by.

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And last but not least, the NAGASE Cup, which will be held for the third time this year, will be held at the National Stadium on October 12 and 13.

As you know, the event was very well received last year with the participation of para-athletes, as well as able-bodied athletes and elementary school students. We had thousands of visitors and will continue to hold the event this year. Admission is free on October 12 and 13, and we would be very grateful if you could come and visit us, including a tour of the National Stadium.

That is all for the presentation of Q1 financial results. Thank you for your attention.

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Sales, Gross Profit, and Operating Income by Quarter

(Before Allocation of Corporate & Others)

- ▶ In FY2024, the Company began allocating company-wide shared expenses, excluding a portion of Nagase non-consolidated expenses, to business units under Corporate & Others
- ▶ We are allocating company-wide shared expenses, shifting to a system that enables a more realistic understanding of the profitability of each business unit
- ▶ For reference, this page shows quarterly changes before allocations to Corporate & Others



*Allocations of each expense to seven business units according to one or more of the following criteria

- (1) Equal allocation to each division
- (2) Allocation according to business scale (sales and gross profit)

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Review: Business Environment by Segment – From the FY2023 Financial Briefing –



Industry	FY2023 Trends		FY2024 Trends		Segment
Coatings	Gradual recovery in automotive applications, but sluggish construction-related applications		Automotive applications to remain strong, but generally flat overall		
Color Formers	Demand remained weak and market conditions declined further	7	Oversupply to continue while market conditions remain sluggish		Functional Materials
Semiconduct ors	High-end applications performed well despite slow market recovery		Moderate recovery, full-scale recovery in the second half of the fiscal year, with sales of high-end applications to continue strong		
Display	Sluggish shipments of smartphones, etc., throughout the fiscal year		Demand to recover year on year	(1)	Electronics & Energy
Smartphones	Sluggish shipments throughout the year		Expected growth year on year		Advanced
OA and Games	Resin market conditions declined due to sluggish global demand	<u>۵۵۵</u>	Overall demand and resin market conditions to make a moderate recovery		Materials & Processing
Automobiles	The Japanese automotive-related industry in China was sluggish, while sales in Japan were steady due to a recovery in the semiconductor shortage	\triangle	Moderate recovery in automobile production to continue		Mobility
Medical	Sluggish overall industry performance		Demand to increase while sales of raw materials decrease due to patent expiration of brand-name drugs, etc.		
Cosmetics	Demand increased due to the end of the COVID-19 pandemic		Overall demand to continue to recover	Š	Life & Healthcare
Food	Demand began recovering in the second half of the year, despite lower demand in the U.S. market and weak market conditions	\triangle	Demand in the U.S. market to continue to recover	Ä	

^{*}Based on the business environment of the Nagase Group, excluding one-time losses, etc. (Forecasts may not be consistent with general industry trends)

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