

Financial Summary

Results of the First Half of FY2009 Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.

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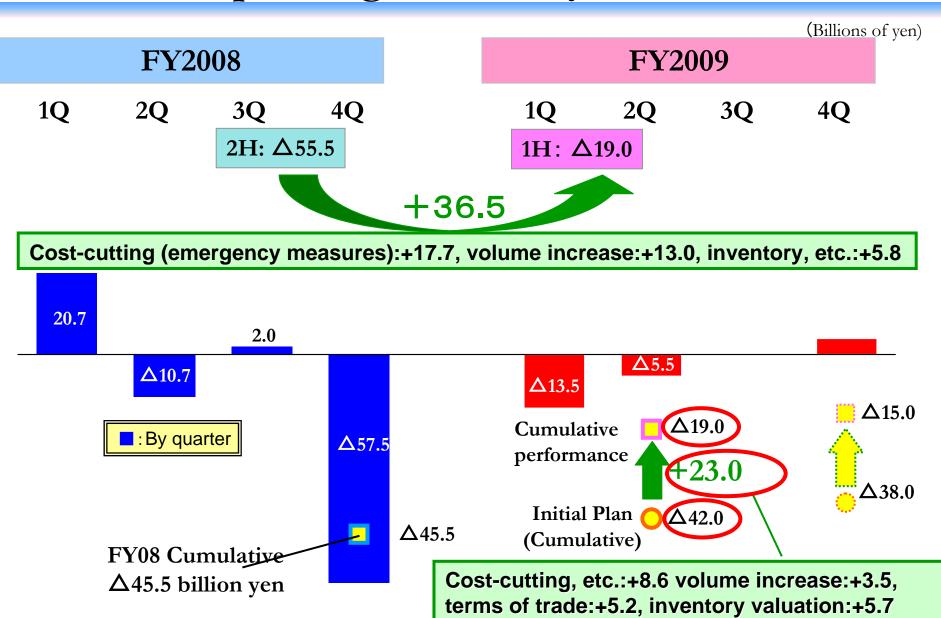
Earnings Forecast Summary

(Billions of yen)

Items	FY2008			FY2009			Increase (Decrease
	1H	2H	Fiscal Year (A)	1H Results	2H Forecast	Full-Year Forecast	(B) – (A)
Sales	905.6	582.0	1487.6	549.9	660.1	1210.0	△ 277.6
Operating income (loss)	10.0	△ 55.5	△ 45.5	Δ 19.0	4.0	Δ 15.0	30.5
Non-operating income (expenses)	3.3	△ 8.6	△ 5.3	Δ 3.1	△ 4.9	Δ 8.0	△ 2.7
Ordinary income (loss)	13.3	△ 64.1	△ 50.8	△ 22.1	△ 0.9	Δ 23.0	27.8
Special gains (losses)	Δ 1.8	Δ 12.8	△ 14.6	Δ 5.9	Δ 2.1	Δ 8.0	6.6
Net income (loss)	7.6	△ 102.8	△ 95.2	Δ 31.4	Δ 7.6	△ 39.0	56.2
Rate (Yen/US\$)	106	95	101	96	90	93	Δ 8
Domestic Standard Naphtha Price (Yen/KL)	78,350	38,900	58,930	37,250	42,000	39,600	△ 19,330



Operating Income by Quarter



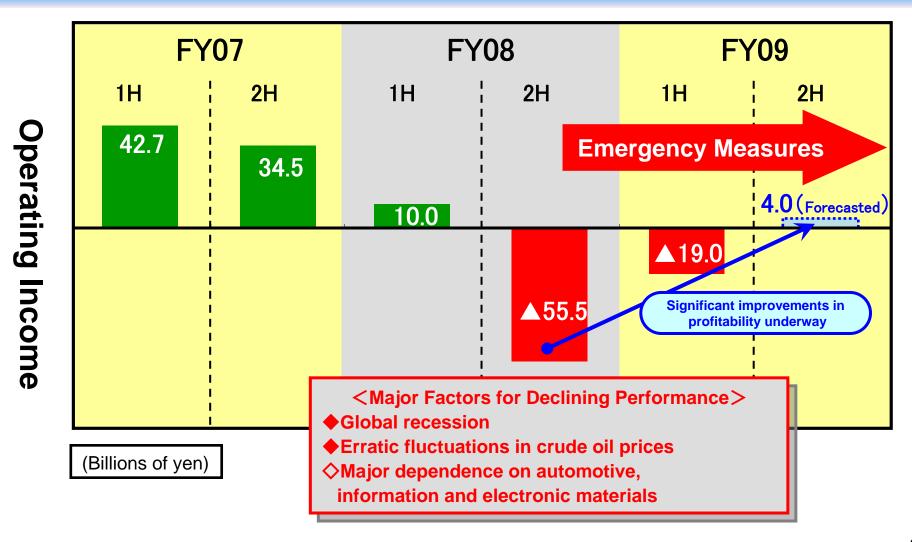


Review of Main Strategies of 2008 Medium-Term Business Plan

- 1. Business Vision for New Management
- 2. New Growth Strategy
- 3. Strengthen Business Foundation
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1 Recent Earnings Trends and Their Cause





2Business Environment

The internal and external environments have changed completely and are impacted by sharp fluctuations worldwide

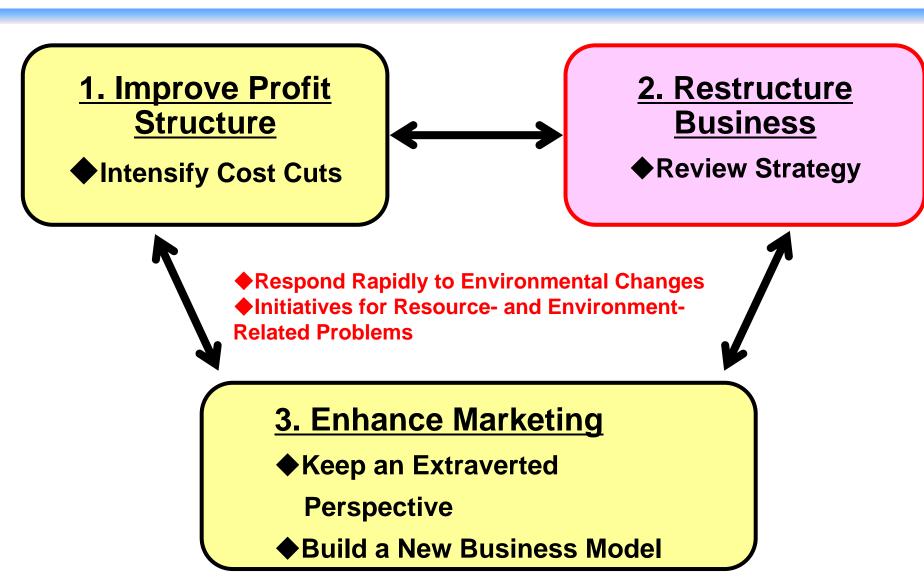
- ◆Developed countries economy stays stagnant, Asian countries growth contiunes
- ◆a domestic business model that depends on exports and automobile industry is declining
- ♦Increasing threats by Middle Eastern ethylene derivatives and Chinese petrochemical businesses
- ◆Resource-, environment-, energy- and employment-related problems have become major global issues



Mitsui Chemicals will leverage its strengths to go on a new growth path, turning crisis into opportunity



3 Initiatives to Realize a new "Growth Path"





2. New Growth Strategy

Accelerating business expansion and the creation of new businesses through partnerships with other companies and M&As in order to respond to dramatic environmental changes and threats to petrochemical industries in the Middle East and China.

Fundamental Strategies

- 1. Global expansion of highly competitive businesses
- 2. Expand high-value-added businesses to achieve sustainable growth
- 3. Create new products and businesses that are in harmony with the global environment

Fundamental Strategy 1: Global Expansion of Highly Competitive Businesses



Product Lineups that Aim to be No. 1 Worldwide

New Growth

- **◆**Early business expansion at overseas bases by leveraging partnerships with strong companies
- ◆Expand businesses that do not compete directly with inexpensive general-purpose ethylene derivatives from the Middle East Product line

* []Represents the current situation

Strengthen business platforms

➤ Promote joint projects with Idemitsu Kosan Product lineups that aim for Asian market

EPT (elastomers)

[No. 1 in Asia]

>HAO-LL EVOLUE

[Asia bases under planning]

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[Asia bases under planning

Product lineups that aim to be Global No.1

Phenol Chain

[No. 2 Worldwide]

PP Compound

[No. 2 Worldwide]

TAFMER (elastomer)

[No. 2 Worldwide]

>ADMER (adhesive polyolefin)

[No. 1 Worldwide]

High refraction glass

lens materials

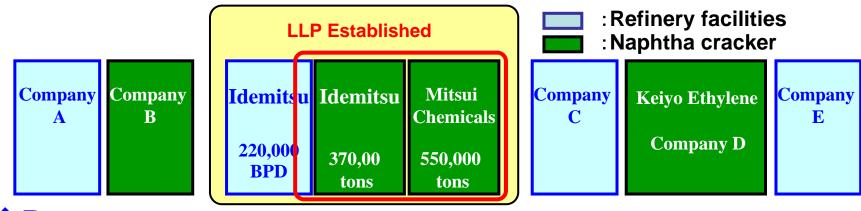
No. 1 Worldwide

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1) Promote Joint Projects with Idemitsu Kosan—Optimize Production in the Chiba Area

◆Formulate Japan's Most Optimal Production Facility Smooth implementation of Step 1: The Early Establishment of a Naphtha Cracker via LLP



♦Progress

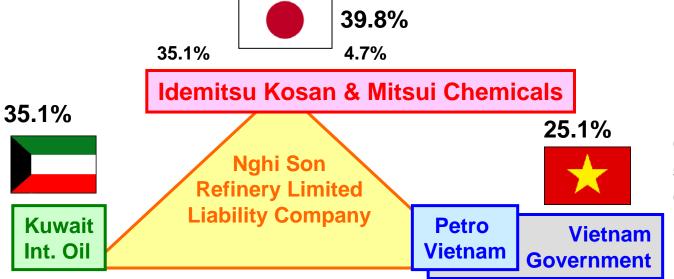
- ♦ Implementation is proceeding according to plan to establish LLP no later than the current fiscal year
- **♦**All the necessary checks were done for the establishment of LLP
- **♦ Preliminary consultations are underway with the FTC, under the Antimonopoly Law**



2 Nghi Son, Vietnam Project

Build a new business model by linking Kuwait (raw materials), Vietnam (markets) and Japan (technology)

♦ Mitsui Chemicals' merits: Stable supply of aroma raw materials
♦ Progress: Steady progress being made (decision expected in mid-2010)



- > Refining capacity:
- >200,000 barrels per day
- ➤ Construction period (scheduled):

Commencement in second half of 2010 Completion in second half of 2013

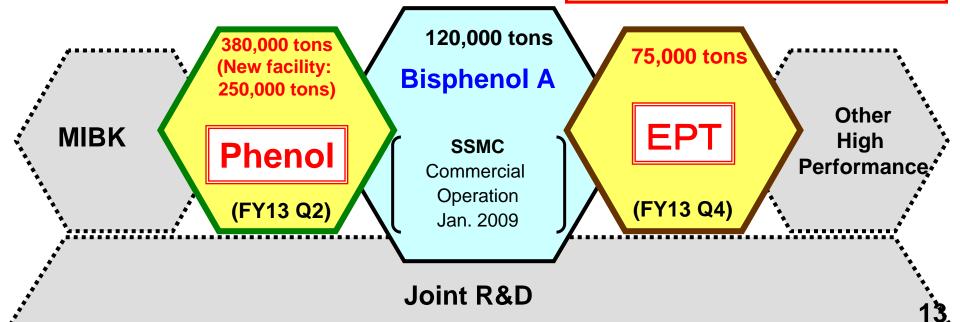


3Strategic Expansion Into the Chinese Market by Linking with Sinopec

- ◆Roles of both companies in the partnership:
 - 1) Rapid acquisition of expanding national demand (both companies)
 - 2) Production technology and expertise (MCI)
- 3) Sales network and infrastructure (Sinopec)

The conclusion of a letter of intent has been integrated into the agenda (scheduled in December) regarding phenol and EPT

◆ Capital expenditures: ¥60.0 billion



2009

year end

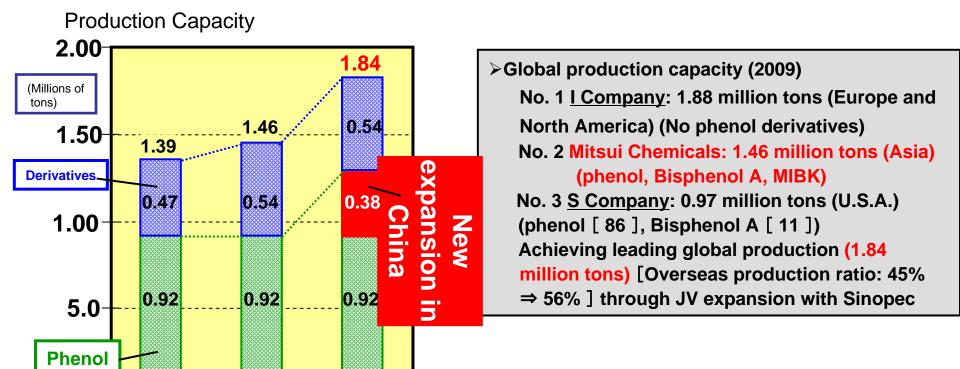
2007 year end 2013

year end



4Strategies to be Global No.1 in Phenol Chains

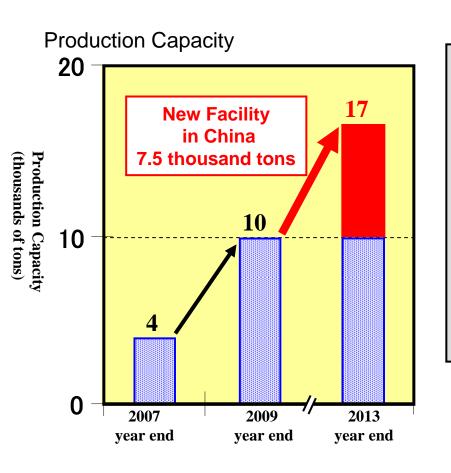
Strengthening competitive consistency from access to raw materials and aiming to be a global leader, which includes the derivatives business (Bisphenol A and MIBK) by forming a partnership with Sinopec





⑤ Strategy to be Asian No.1 in EPT (Ethylene-Propylene Diene Terpolymer)

◆Launch of China's largest EPT plant in growing market and to secure Asian No.1 position by forming a partnership with Sinopec

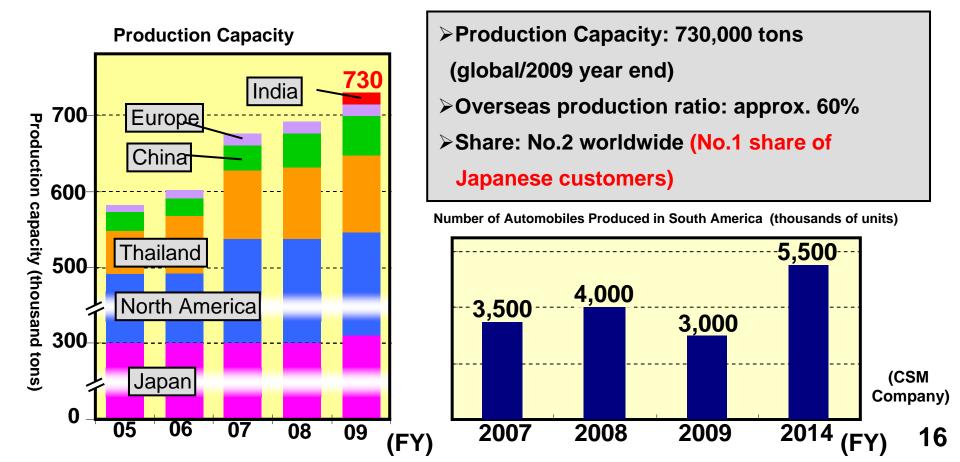


- ➤ Maintained top production capacity (100,000 tons) in Asia through the operation of the world's largest plant, based on our own technology (Ichihara)
- ➤ Aim to be global top class production capacity (2013 year end) by entering into China



6Strategy to be Global Leader in PP Compounds

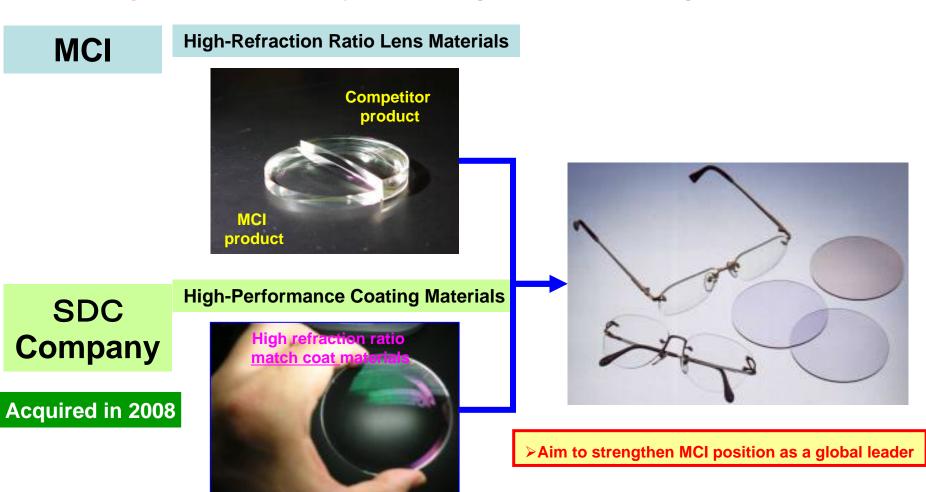
- ◆ Become a global leader by meeting Japanese automobile manufacturers' overseas development and expanding new sites through partnerships with competitive raw materials suppliers manufacturers
- ◆Following India, the ninth global production site is expected to be established in Brazil (2012)





7Strategy to Be a Global No.1 in High-Refraction Glass Lens Materials

♦Providing Total Solutions by Combining Lens and Coating Materials





Counteracting Threats from Middle East

Threats From Middle East: Introduce Inexpensive, Gas-Based General-Purpose Ethylene Derivatives



- **◆**Propylene Center (increase C3 demand compared to C2 demand)
- Expand aroma businesses
- **♦**Shift to differentiated ethylene derivatives business
 - ➤ High performance PE (EVOLUE) through metallocene catalysts
 - >Ethylene trimerigation (hexane-1)
 - **≻**Ethylene glycol ⇒Ethylene oxide ratio increase
- **♦**Expand high-value-added, non-petrochemical businesses



Fundamental Strategy 2: Expand High-Value-Added Businesses to Achieve Sustainable Growth

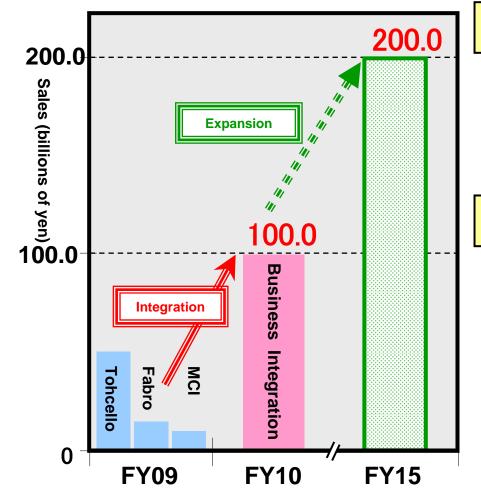
Early Expansion by Concentrating Resources, Including M&As

High-performance films and sheets Expansion through unified management of Tohcello and Fabro Polyurethane System (House) Provide the approved customer formulation Total investment: ¥8.0 billion **High-performance resins ♦MILLION, LUCANT** Increase sales by expanding capacities **♦**ADMER Strengthen top global share (establish production site in Brazil) **♦ TPX, APEL** Increased sales through prioritization (information and electronic materials markets .etc) Early business expansion including alliance with other companies **Agrochemicals**



(1) Sales Expansion of High-Performance Film and Sheet

◆Aiming for sales expansion of solar cell film/sheets and new products through the integration of film sheet businesses of Tohcello Co., Ltd., Mitsui Chemicals Fabro, Inc. and Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.



SOLAR EVA (EVA sheet)

- •Increasing production capacity on the back of growing demand for solar cells (9 ⇒ 20 thousand tons)
- Additional expansion is under planning

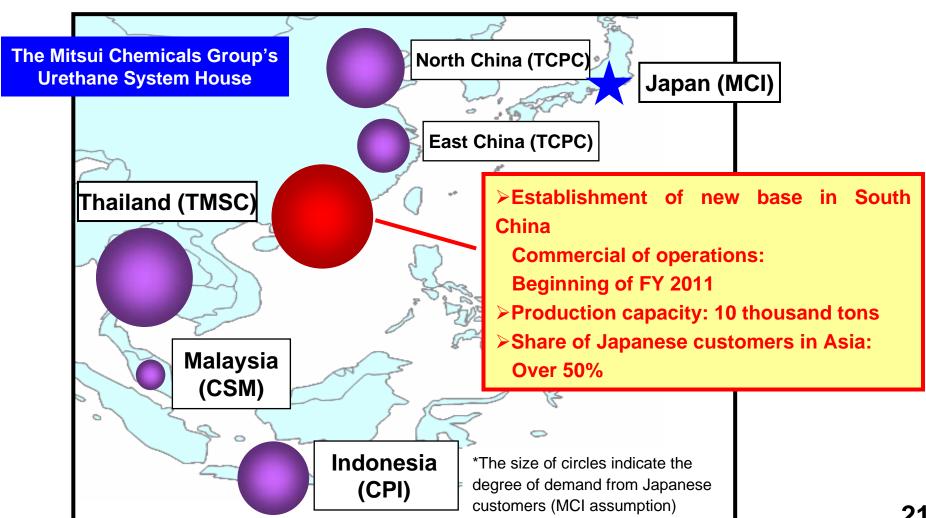
New Product Development

- Commercialization of LED processing film and Liquid-crystal-display film
- Utilization of Mitsui Chemicals' proprietary materials TPX: High transparency, high heat-resistance and excellent mold release properties APEL: High transparency, high degree of refraction, excellent moisture-proof properties, etc.



(2) Expansion of the Polyurethane System House Market in Asia

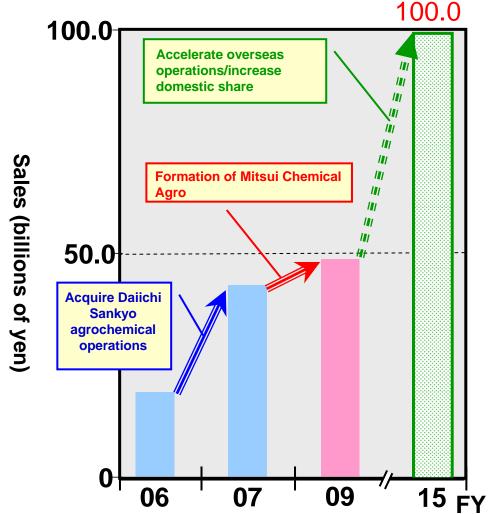
◆The Asian Network expanded to seven bases by new South China site





(3) Expansion of the Agrochemical Business

Aiming for early business expansion including alliance with other companies



Strategies for Agrochemical Business Expansion

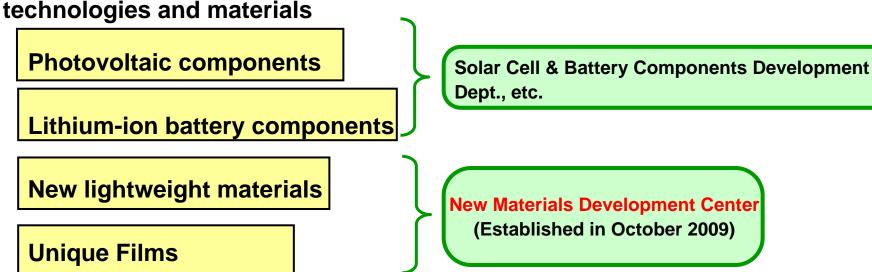
- ➤ Through the integration of the active ingredient and formulation businesses, Mitsui Chemicals aims for:
- •Reinforced product development capabilities
- •Enhanced product portfolio
- ➤ Expansion of overseas sales based mainly on Mitsui Chemicals' own ingredients
- •Brazil Large scale of the market
- Asia (excluding India)



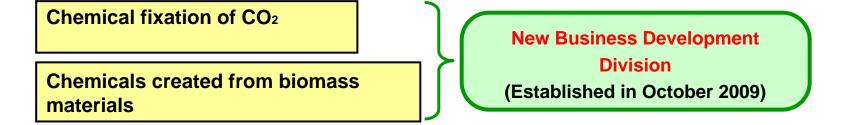
Fundamental Strategy 3

Create New Products and Businesses that are in Harmony with the Global Environment

(1) Expansion of new product lineup by leveraging Mitsui Chemicals' unique



(2) New business creation through the establishment of new business models





- 1. Expansion of New Product Lineup Using Mitsui Chemicals' Unique Materials
- (1) Environment and New Energy-Related Products (Including New Applications)

Photovoltaic Components

- **Encapsulating sheets: Accelerating the development of next-generation encapsulating sheets (for thin-film solar cells)**
- **♦** Monosilane gas: Developing next-generation manufacturing process jointly with Tokuyama

Lithium-Ion Battery Materials

- ♦ Separator: MILLION (separator material) that contributes to battery stability (Augment production capacity to 2,500 tons: completion scheduled in 2011)
- **Electrolytes:** Entry into the large-sized battery market, utilizing Mitsui Chemicals' proprietary additives

Wind Power Generation

♦ Lubricant for power generators: LUCANT contributes to the long lifespan of lubricant (production capacity increase by 100,000 tons: completion scheduled in 2011)

Sales targets for the environment and new energy segments: ¥20.0 billion (2011)



②Business area of New Materials Development Center

♦Currently developing 30 different themes in three areas: Next-Generation automotive materials, high-performance films and sheets, advanced materials

Sales target: ¥30.0 billion (2013)

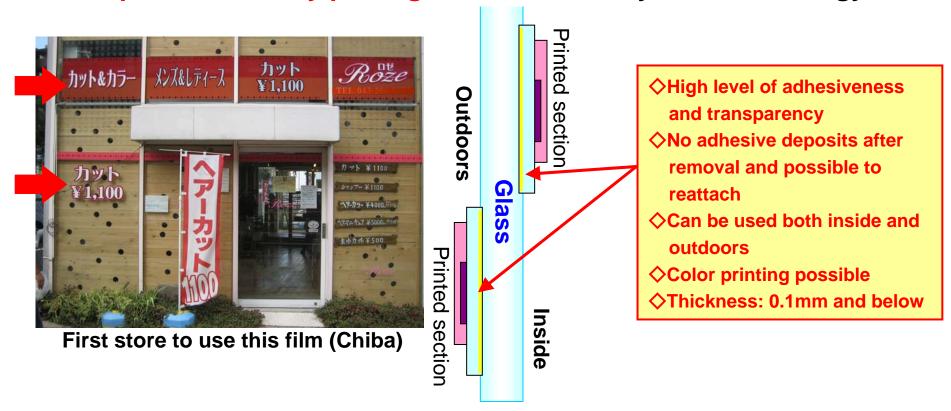
Development examples:

- **♦New lightweight materials**
- ➤ By switching to scratch-resistant surface materials (metallocene-type polyolefin), the surface becomes 20% thinner and lighter (approved for commercial application)
 - **♦**Unique Film (adhesive films by nanotechnology)



3Unique Film

◆Transparent and easy pealing adhesive films by nanotechnology



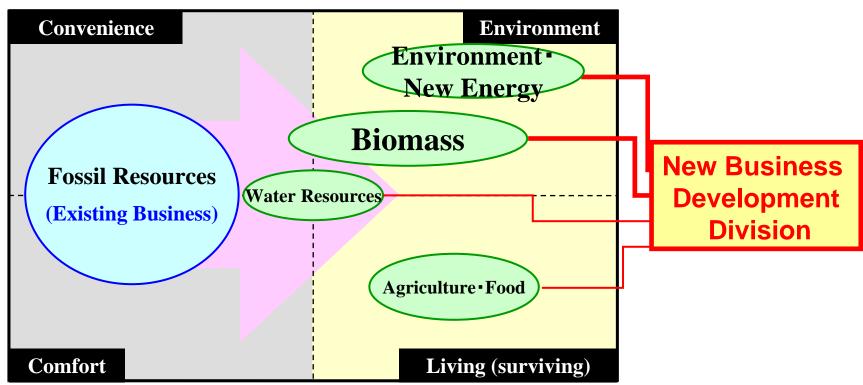
Application development: Large advertising displays, show window displays, etc.



(2)Create New Businesses by Formulating new Business Models

◆Aiming to create next-generation core businesses by utilizing the roles and opportunities of "chemistry" to solve resource-,environmentand energy-related problems

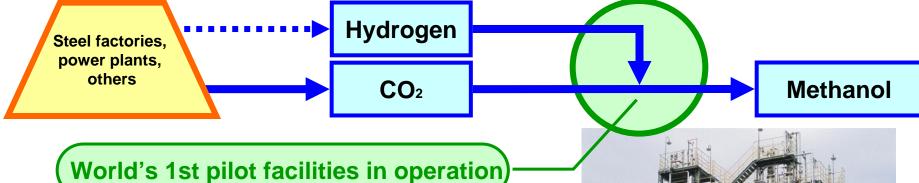
Development Areas of New Businesses





1) Chemical Fixation of CO₂ (Methanol)

◆Aim to achieve actual commercialization of this technologies that contribute to the reduction of GHG ,based on the impetus created by new environmental policy announcements by the Obama and Hatoyama governments



- **♦** Confirm performance of high-activity catalysts*, by using actual Cracker gas
- ♦ Having received numerous inquiries from overseas and Japan, powerful partnerships with EDB, Sinopec and others are currently being reviewed
- ➤ Aim to formulate new business models to recycle CO₂

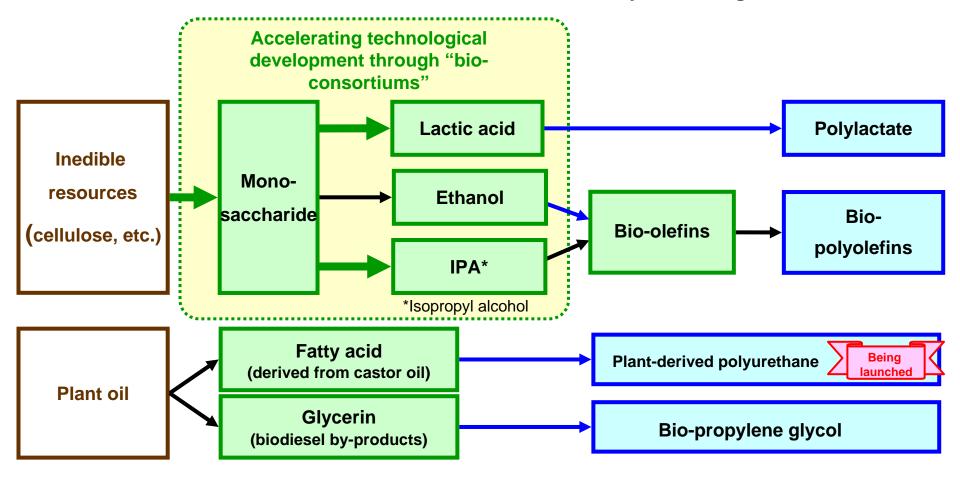


*Joint R&D results of RITE's "Chemical CO₂ Fixation Project" (1990–1999: Sponsored by NEDO)



2 Chemicals from Biomass

◆Aim to formulate new chemical chains that are in harmony with the global environment



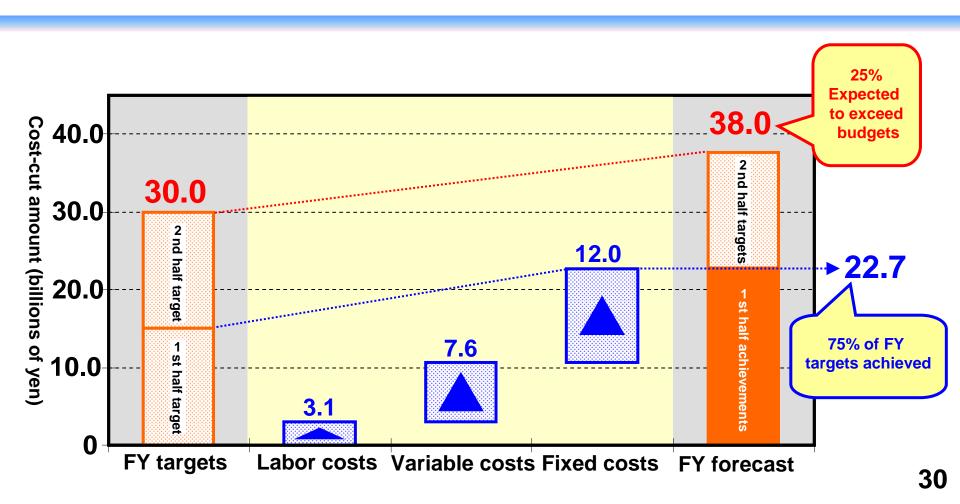
Formulation of new business models is under review (target within 3–5 years), including an affordable and stable supply of raw materials, by forming alliance with other companies



3. Strengthen Business Platforms

[1] Shift to a Muscular Structure

1 Progress of the "FY2009 Cost Cut-Plan"





[1] Shift to a Muscular Structure 2 Further Cost-Cut Targets

- **◆**Labor cost reduction (¥20.0 billion)
 - ➤ Reduce workforce by 1,270 employees (15% decrease) by spontaneous retirement by FY2015
 - >Review wages, compensation and other working conditions, pensions (under discussion)
- **◆**Reduce production costs (¥10.0 billion)
 - **➤ Cost cuts by rationalizing domestic six plants**

Target: ¥10.0 billion per year

Plant breakeven point operation ratio: 70% and below

- ♦Other (¥10.0 billion)
 - **➤ Logistic System rationalization**

(¥1.0 billion per year generated by selling own distribution companies to Third Party)

- **➢Optimization of R&D by prioritizing and refining themes**
- ➤ Optimization of the production in the Chiba area with Idemitsu



2. Promote Consolidation and Decommission Domestic Facilities

◆Approximate sales of ¥100.0 billion to be transferred to new and competitive edge to facilities

➤ Decommission complete: Ethylene Glycol (Ichihara) ⇒ Hexane-1

Polystyrene (Osaka) ⇒Business disengagement

Bisphenol A (Nagoya) ⇒SSMC (China)

➤ Decommission this year: Plant No.2 PTA ⇒ Plant No.3 PTA (Iwakuni)

Plant No.2 EPT ⇒Plant No.3 EPT (Ichihara)

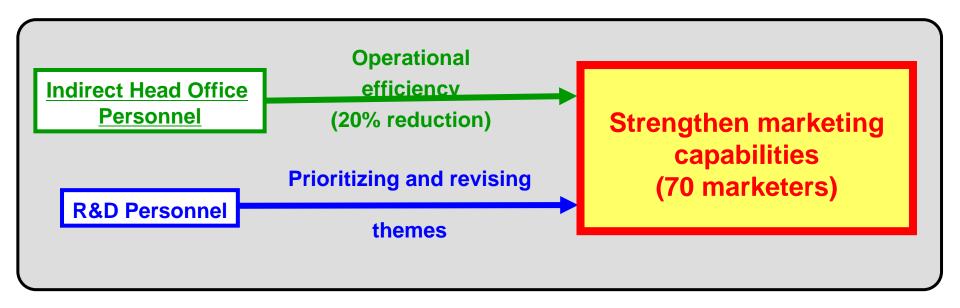
➤Under review: Decommission two PP plants ⇒New plant (S&B)

(2011-2012) (Under planning)



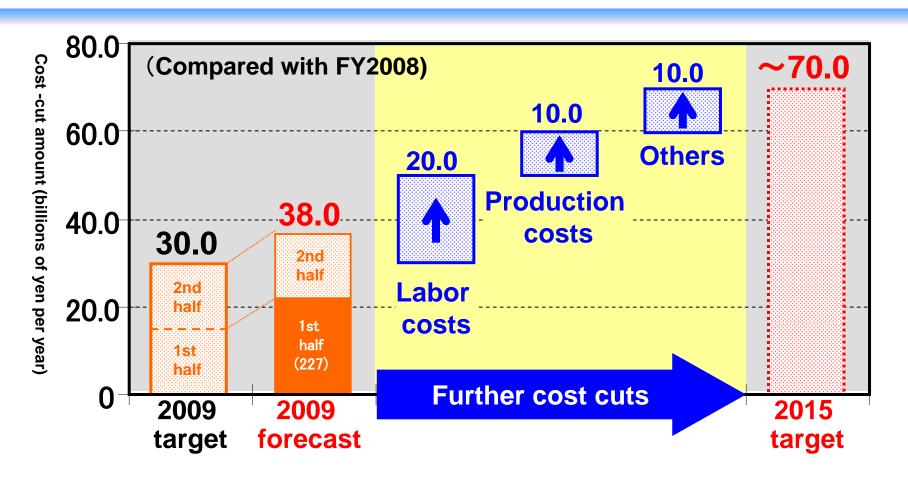
3. Strengthen Marketing Capabilities

◆Place 70 new marketers in the Business Division and Mitsui Chemical's bases in Asia by the first half of 2010





4. Status in Achieving Cost Cuts and Future Targets



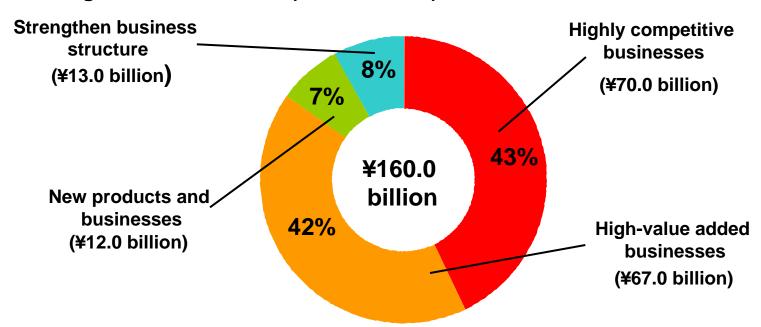
- **♦FY2009** cost-cut forecast: ¥38.0 billion per year
- **◆2015** target: Approx. ¥70.0 billion per year



4. Investment Program

- ♦ Mitsui Chemicals revised items of its financial investment plan from FY2008 to FY2011 (Total:¥680.0 billion).
 - Mitsui Chemicals will make investments related to carefully selected items amounting to ¥320.0 billion within the amount of depreciation from FY2009 to FY2012.
- ♦Included within this, half of this amount, ¥160.0 billion, will be allotted to main growth investments.

Breakdown of main growth investments (¥160.0 billion)





5. Summary

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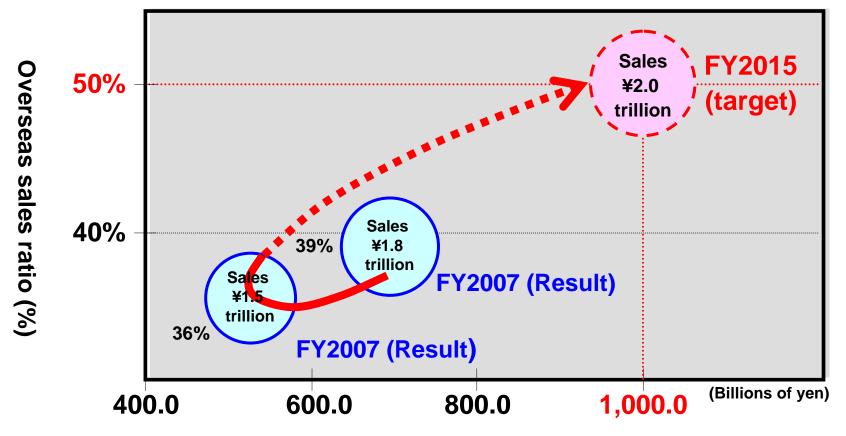
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1 Overseas Sales (Ratio) Targets

◆Aim to increase overseas sales (ratio) to ¥1 trillion /50% in 2015 by expanding highly competitive businesses

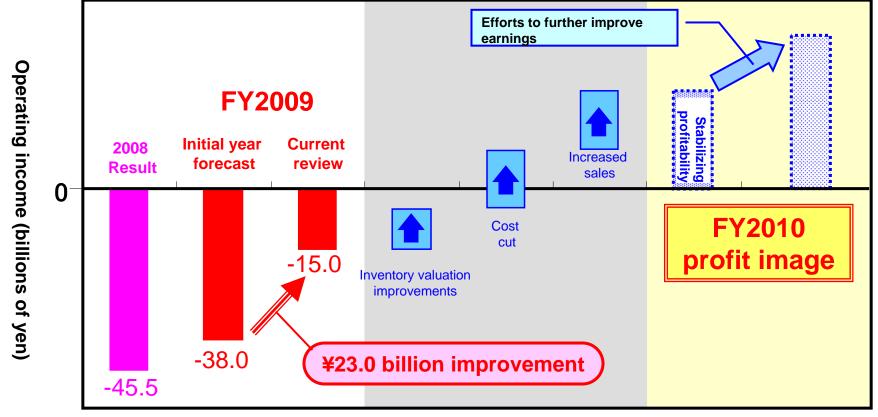


Overseas sales (exports + overseas production)



2 Profit Image for 2010

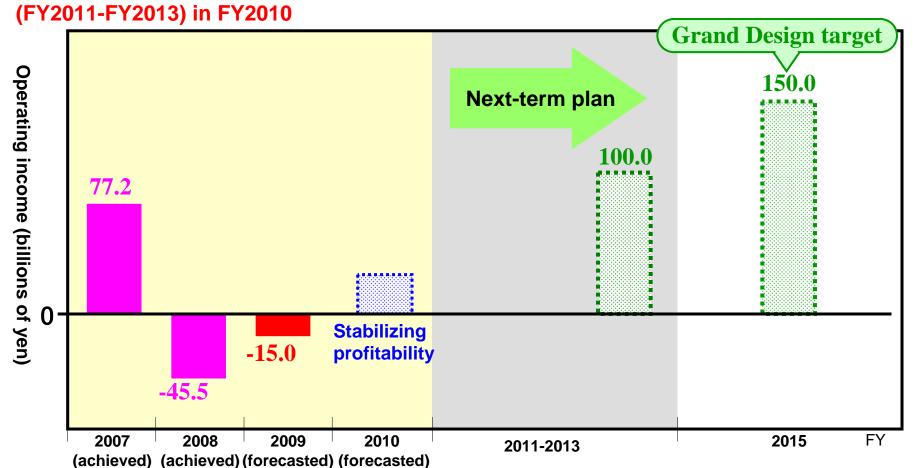
◆Boost profits by making efforts to further improve earnings ,based on stabilizing profitability by inventory valuation, cost cuts and increased sales.





3 Mid- to Long-Term Profit Image

◆After assessing the environmental changes in FY2009, Undertake a review of new growth strategies by formulating the next mid-term plan





Mitsui Chemicals will leverage its strengths to go on a new growth path, turning crisis into opportunity

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