Financial Information

- 1. Basis of preparing consolidated financial statements and non-consolidated financial statements
 - (1) Nippon Carbon Co., Ltd. (the "Company") prepares its consolidated financial statements in accordance with the Regulation on Terminology, Forms, and Preparation Methods of Consolidated Financial Statements (Ministry of Finance Order No. 28 of 1976).
 - (2) The Company prepares its non-consolidated financial statements in accordance with the Regulation on Terminology, Forms, and Preparation Methods of Financial Statements (Ministry of Finance Order No. 59 of 1963; the "Regulation on Financial Statements"). Furthermore, the Company is a special company submitting financial statements, and prepares its nonconsolidated financial statements pursuant to the provisions of Article 127 of the Regulation on Financial Statements.

2. Independent audit

The Company's consolidated and non-consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 (from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024) were audited by Gyosei & Co., pursuant to the provisions of Article 193-2, paragraph (1) of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act.

The Company has changed its independent auditor as follows:

165th fiscal year: Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC

166th fiscal year: Gyosei & Co.

3. Extra measures to ensure fair presentation of consolidated financial statements and other information

The Company takes extra measures to ensure fair presentation of consolidated financial statements and other information. Specifically, the Company strives to understand and properly address changes in accounting systems and details of accounting standards by maintaining membership in the Financial Accounting Standards Foundation, attending seminars held by audit firms and other external organizations, subscribing to accounting magazines, and other means.

1. Consolidated Financial Statements and Other Information

- (1) Consolidated Financial Statements
 - (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets

(i) Consolidated Balance Sheets		(Millions of ye
	As of December 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2024
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and deposits	14,527	12,299
Notes and accounts receivable - trade, and contract assets	*3, *4 11,703	*3, *4 11,277
Electronically recorded monetary claims - operating	*3, *4 1,878	*3, *4 1,927
Merchandise and finished goods	10,760	11,301
Work in process	4,555	4,543
Raw materials and supplies	3,545	3,991
Income taxes refund receivable	-	27
Other	459	964
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(12)	(12)
Total current assets	47,416	46,319
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment		
Buildings and structures	17,608	19,096
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(11,146)	(11,586)
Buildings and structures, net	6,462	7,509
Machinery and equipment	49,318	51,150
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(41,059)	(42,339)
Machinery and equipment, net	8,259	8,811
Vehicles, tools, furniture and fixtures	3,803	4,230
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(3,225)	(3,446)
Vehicles, tools, furniture and fixtures, net	578	784
Land	3,565	3,575
Construction in progress	732	2,183
Total property, plant and equipment	*2 19,599	*2 22,863
Intangible assets	215	182
Investments and other assets		
Investment securities	*1 8,667	*1 10,431
Deferred tax assets	514	599
Other	*1 2,057	*1 1,953
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(3)	(2)
Total investments and other assets	11,235	12,982
Total non-current assets	31,049	36,029
Total assets	78,466	82,348

	As of December 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2024
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Notes and accounts payable - trade	*3 4,091	*3 3,435
Electronically recorded obligations - operating	*3 835	*3 653
Short-term borrowings	*2 8,576	*2 9,016
Accrued expenses	635	504
Income taxes payable	1,410	1,165
Advances received	454	270
Provision for bonuses	236	237
Provision for bonuses for directors (and other officers)	72	64
Other	*3 1,609	*3 3,191
Total current liabilities	17,923	18,538
Non-current liabilities	- 7	-7
Long-term borrowings	278	196
Deferred tax liabilities	1,254	1,570
Retirement benefit liability	766	698
Provision for retirement benefits for directors (and other officers)	32	36
Provision for share awards for directors (and other officers)	104	60
Provision for environmental measures	0	0
Asset retirement obligations	62	62
Other	361	365
Total non-current liabilities	2,861	2,990
Total liabilities	20,784	21,529
Jet assets	20,70	21,622
Shareholders' equity		
Share capital	7,402	7,402
Capital surplus	7,858	7,858
Retained earnings	32,586	34,454
Treasury shares	(2,012)	(1,969
Total shareholders' equity	45,835	47,745
Accumulated other comprehensive income	- ,	.,,,,
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	3,421	3,921
Deferred gains or losses on hedges	(1)	
Foreign currency translation adjustment	258	336
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	(57)	11
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	3,620	4,268
Non-controlling interests	8,226	8,804
Total net assets	57,681	60,819
Fotal liabilities and net assets	78,466	82,348

(ii) Consolidated Statements of Income and Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income Consolidated Statements of Income

(Millions of yen) Fiscal year ended Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 December 31, 2024 *1 37,956 *1 37,867 Net sales *2, *4 26,016 *2, *4 26,471 Cost of sales 11,850 11,485 Gross profit *3, *4 5,276 *3, *4 5,165 Selling, general and administrative expenses 6,573 6,319 Operating profit Non-operating income Interest income 3 11 Dividend income 176 256 Foreign exchange gains 227 149 Share of profit of entities accounted for using equity 146 166 method *6 185 Insurance claim income 182 Other 140 879 Total non-operating income 766 Non-operating expenses 44 62 Interest expenses Loss on retirement of non-current assets 87 117 Depreciation of inactive non-current assets 146 146 Other 59 66 337 393 Total non-operating expenses 7,115 6,692 Ordinary profit Extraordinary income *5 196 Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment Gain on sale of investment securities 22 6 Total extraordinary income 22 203 Extraordinary losses Loss of fire *6 158 158 Total extraordinary losses Profit before income taxes 6,979 6,895 2,197 2,104 Income taxes - current Income taxes - deferred 34 (10)2,232 2,093 Total income taxes Profit 4,747 4,801 Profit attributable to non-controlling interests 696 723

Profit attributable to owners of parent

4,050

4,078

	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024
Profit	4,747	4,801
Other comprehensive income		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	1,930	493
Deferred gains or losses on hedges	(1)	1
Foreign currency translation adjustment	141	119
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans, net of tax	36	64
Total other comprehensive income	* 2,107	* 678
Comprehensive income	6,854	5,480
Comprehensive income attributable to		
Comprehensive income attributable to owners of parent	6,101	4,723
Comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests	753	756

(iii) Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

	Shareholders' equity				
	Share capital	Capital surplus	Retained earnings	Treasury shares	Total shareholders' equity
Balance at beginning of period	7,402	7,858	30,744	(2,012)	43,992
Changes during period					
Dividends of surplus			(2,208)		(2,208)
Profit attributable to owners of parent			4,050		4,050
Purchase of treasury shares				(3)	(3)
Disposal of treasury shares				4	4
Net changes in items other than shareholders' equity					-
Total changes during period	-	-	1,841	0	1,842
Balance at end of period	7,402	7,858	32,586	(2,012)	45,835

	Accumulated other comprehensive income						
	Valuation difference on available-for- sale securities	Deferred gains or losses on hedges	Foreign currency translation adjustment	Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	Total accumulated other comprehensive income	Non-controlling interests	Total net assets
Balance at beginning of period	1,493	-	170	(93)	1,570	7,647	53,210
Changes during period							
Dividends of surplus					-		(2,208)
Profit attributable to owners of parent					-		4,050
Purchase of treasury shares					-		(3)
Disposal of treasury shares							4
Net changes in items other than shareholders' equity	1,927	(1)	87	36	2,050	579	2,629
Total changes during period	1,927	(1)	87	36	2,050	579	4,471
Balance at end of period	3,421	(1)	258	(57)	3,620	8,226	57,681

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024

		S	Shareholders' equit	y	
	Share capital	Capital surplus	Retained earnings	Treasury shares	Total shareholders' equity
Balance at beginning of period	7,402	7,858	32,586	(2,012)	45,835
Changes during period					
Dividends of surplus			(2,210)		(2,210)
Profit attributable to owners of parent			4,078		4,078
Purchase of treasury shares				(2)	(2)
Disposal of treasury shares				44	44
Net changes in items other than shareholders' equity					-
Total changes during period	_	=	1,868	42	1,910
Balance at end of period	7,402	7,858	34,454	(1,969)	47,745

	Accumulated other comprehensive income						
	Valuation difference on available-for- sale securities	Deferred gains or losses on hedges	Foreign currency translation adjustment	Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	Total accumulated other comprehensive income	Non-controlling interests	Total net assets
Balance at beginning of period	3,421	(1)	258	(57)	3,620	8,226	57,681
Changes during period							
Dividends of surplus					-		(2,210)
Profit attributable to owners of parent					-		4,078
Purchase of treasury shares					-		(2)
Disposal of treasury shares					ı		44
Net changes in items other than shareholders' equity	500	1	78	68	648	577	1,226
Total changes during period	500	1	78	68	648	577	3,137
Balance at end of period	3,921	-	336	11	4,268	8,804	60,819

	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit before income taxes	6,979	6,895
Depreciation	2,666	2,986
Increase (decrease) in retirement benefit liability	35	24
Increase (decrease) in provision for retirement benefits	13	4
for directors (and other officers)	13	4
Interest and dividend income	(180)	(267)
Insurance claim income	(185)	_
Interest expenses	44	62
Share of loss (profit) of entities accounted for using	(146)	(166)
equity method	(140)	(100)
Gain on sale of non-current assets	_	(196)
Loss (gain) on sale of investment securities	(22)	(6)
Loss on fire	158	_
Loss on retirement of non-current assets	87	117
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable - trade, and	(1,578)	428
contract assets	* * *	
Decrease (increase) in inventories	(2,243)	(891)
Increase (decrease) in trade payables	(499)	(843)
Increase (decrease) in accrued expenses	(103)	(130)
Increase (decrease) in advances received	(346)	(184)
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable - other	357	(351)
Other, net	(125)	(765)
Subtotal	4,910	6,715
Interest and dividends received	221	343
Interest paid	(45)	(64)
Income taxes refund	24	_
Income taxes paid	(2,119)	(2,321)
Proceeds from insurance income	197	562
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	3,189	5,234
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(3,056)	(4,667)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	_	196
Purchase of intangible assets	(55)	(53)
Purchase of investment securities	(1,343)	(1,032)
Proceeds from sale of investment securities	28	9
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(4,426)	(5,546)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net increase (decrease) in short-term borrowings	800	430
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	300	100
Repayments of long-term borrowings	(1,337)	(171)
Net decrease (increase) in treasury shares	0	42
Dividends paid	(2,203)	(2,206)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	(174)	(178)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(2,614)	(1,985)
Effect of exchange rate change on cash and cash	57	68
equivalents	31	UO
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(3,794)	(2,228)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	18,177	14,382
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	* 14,382	* 12,154

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements

1. Scope of consolidation

The Company has nine consolidated subsidiaries, namely Nippon Techno-Carbon Co., Ltd., Nippon Carbon Engineering Co., Ltd., NGS Advanced Fibers Co., Ltd., NTC Machining Co., Ltd., Central Carbon Co., Ltd., Nikka-en Co., Ltd., Nippon Carbon Europe GmbH, NIPPON CARBON OF AMERICA, LLC, and Nippon Carbon Shanghai Co., Ltd.

The Company's subsidiary STS Co., Ltd. is excluded from the scope of consolidation, because it is small in scale and the aggregate amounts of its total assets, net sales, profit or loss (the Company's share), and retained earnings (the Company's share) do not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

2. Application of equity method

Number of associates accounted for using the equity method: one company

Nippon Kornmeyer Carbon Group GmbH is accounted for using the equity method.

The non-consolidated subsidiary as well as the Company's associate Toho Tanso Kogyo Co., Ltd. are not accounted for using the equity method, because their exclusion from the scope of equity method application has a minimal impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements and they are immaterial given their profit or loss (the Company's share) and retained earnings (the Company's share).

3. Fiscal year of consolidated subsidiaries

All consolidated subsidiaries have the same fiscal year as the consolidated fiscal year.

4. Accounting policies

- (1) Valuation basis and methods for significant assets
 - (i) Securities

Available-for-sale securities

Securities other than equity securities, etc. without market value

Stated at fair value based on the market price on the consolidated balance sheet date.

(Valuation differences are booked directly in a separate component of net assets, and cost of securities sold is determined by the moving average method)

Equity securities, etc. without market value

Stated at cost determined by the moving average method.

(ii) Inventories

Generally stated at cost, determined by the periodic average method (carrying amounts calculated with consideration of write-downs due to decreased profitability).

(iii) Net receivables and payables arising from derivatives

Stated at fair value.

- (2) Accounting methods for depreciation and amortization of significant depreciable assets
 - (i) Property, plant and equipment (excluding leased assets)

The Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries Nippon Carbon Engineering Co., Ltd., NGS Advanced Fibers Co., Ltd., and Nikka-en Co., Ltd. use the straight-line method. Domestic consolidated subsidiaries Nippon Techno-Carbon Co., Ltd. and NTC Machining Co., Ltd. use the straight-line method for buildings and structures and the declining balance method for other depreciable assets. Overseas consolidated subsidiaries Central Carbon Co., Ltd., Nippon Carbon Europe GmbH, NIPPON CARBON

OF AMERICA, LLC, and Nippon Carbon Shanghai Co., Ltd. use the straight-line method. Major useful lives are as follows:

Buildings and structures: 10 to 50 years Machinery and equipment: 9 years

(ii) Intangible assets (excluding leased assets)

Software (for internal use)

For amortization of software, the straight-line method based on the estimated internal use period (five years) is applied.

(iii) Leased assets

Leased assets related to finance lease transactions that transfer ownership

The same depreciation method is used as that applied to non-current assets owned by the Company.

(3) Accounting policy for significant allowance and provisions

(i) Allowance for doubtful accounts

To allow for losses on bad debts arising from trade receivables, loans receivable, and other receivables, the Company provides an allowance for the estimated amount of doubtful receivables deemed uncollectible. This allowance is based on historical default rates for general receivables and on an individual analysis of collectability for doubtful receivables and other specific receivables.

(ii) Provision for bonuses

To allow for payment of bonuses to employees, the Company records a provision for the estimated payment amount to be borne in the fiscal year under review.

(iii) Provision for bonuses for directors (and other officers)

To allow for payment of bonuses to Directors and other officers, the Company records a provision for the estimated payment amount to be borne in the fiscal year under review.

(iv) Provision for loss on orders received

To allow for future losses on contractual orders received, Nippon Carbon Engineering Co., Ltd., a consolidated subsidiary of the Company, records a provision for estimated losses that would be incurred in future fiscal years.

(v) Provision for retirement benefits for directors (and other officers)

To allow for payment of retirement benefits to Directors and other officers, some of the consolidated subsidiaries record a provision for amounts required to be paid as of the end of each fiscal year based on regulations on officer retirement benefits.

(vi) Provision for share awards for directors (and other officers)

To allow for granting of the Company's shares to Directors based on regulations for granting of shares to officers, the Company records a provision for the estimated granting amount to be borne as of the end of the fiscal year under review.

(vii) Provision for environmental measures

To allow for future expenses on treatment of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) wastes expected to be incurred pursuant to the Act on Special Measures concerning Promotion of Proper Treatment of PCB Wastes, the Company and its consolidated subsidiary Nippon Techno-Carbon Co., Ltd. record provisions for estimated amounts required.

(4) Accounting methods for retirement benefits

(i) Method of attributing expected retirement benefits to periods

In the calculation of retirement benefit obligations, expected retirement benefits are attributed to the period up to the end of the current fiscal year on a benefit formula basis.

(ii) Method of amortizing actuarial gains and losses and past service cost

Past service cost is primarily amortized using the straight-line method over a certain period (13 years) that is shorter than the average remaining years of service of employees at the time of incurring the cost. Actuarial gains and losses are primarily amortized using the straight-line method over a certain period (10 years) that is shorter than the average remaining years of service of employees at the time of accruing the gain or loss in each fiscal year, from the fiscal year following the accrual of each gain or loss. Unrecognized actuarial gains and losses and unrecognized past service cost are recorded as remeasurements of defined benefit plans in accumulated other comprehensive income under net assets, after adjusting for tax effects.

(iii) Application of simplified accounting method used by consolidated subsidiaries

The Company's consolidated subsidiaries use the simplified accounting method in calculating retirement benefit liability and retirement benefit expenses.

(5) Accounting policy for recognition of significant revenues and expenses

Revenues of the Group primarily come from the sale of its products. The performance obligations are fully satisfied when goods or services are delivered. For transactions in Japan, paragraph 98 of the "Implementation Guidance on Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition" is applied to recognize revenue at the time of shipment of products. As for export transactions, revenue is recognized at the time of transfer of risks to customers based on the trade terms provided in the Incoterms and others. With respect to revenues of subsidiaries, performance obligations for construction work contracts are satisfied over a certain period of time. For such contracts, the degree of completion of performance obligations is reasonably estimated to recognize revenue over a certain period of time. Where the degree of completion of performance obligations under relevant contracts cannot be reasonably estimated, the cost recovery method based on incurred costs expected to be recovered is used to recognize revenue. Promised consideration is collected generally within six months from the time of satisfaction of relevant performance obligations. Further, no material financing factors are included in consideration for transactions.

(6) Accounting policy for translation of significant foreign currency assets and liabilities into Japanese yen Monetary receivables and payables in foreign currencies are translated into Japanese yen at the spot exchange rate prevailing as of the consolidated balance sheet date, and translation differences are accounted for as profit or loss. Assets, liabilities, income, and expenses of overseas subsidiaries are translated into Japanese yen at the spot exchange rate prevailing as of the consolidated balance sheet date, and translation differences are included in foreign currency translation adjustment and non-controlling interests under net assets.

(7) Significant hedge accounting methods

(i) Hedge accounting

In principle, the deferral hedge accounting is applied. The exceptional accounting treatment is applied to interest rate swap contracts that meet the requirements for exceptional accounting. The assignment accounting treatment is applied to forward exchange contracts and currency swap contracts that meet the requirements for assignment accounting.

- (ii) Hedged items and hedge instruments
 - a. Hedge instruments: forward exchange contracts and currency swap contracts
 Hedged items: accounts receivable trade and forecast transactions denominated in foreign currencies
 - b. Hedge instruments: interest rate swap contracts Hedged items: interest on borrowings

(iii) Hedging policies

Pursuant to the Group's internal management regulations, interest rate swap contracts are used for the purpose of hedging the interest rate fluctuation risks on borrowings, and forward exchange contracts and currency swap contracts are used for the purpose of hedging the exchange rate fluctuation risks.

(iv) Assessing hedge effectiveness

If hedge instruments and hedged items have the same material conditions, they are deemed highly effective and thus assessment of hedge effectiveness is omitted. For other hedges, hedge effectiveness is assessed by comparing the accumulated fluctuations in market rates or cash flows of the hedged items and the hedge instruments based on the ratio of those fluctuations.

(8) Scope of cash and cash equivalents in consolidated statements of cash flows

Cash and cash equivalents in consolidated statements of cash flows consist of cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition that are readily convertible into cash and have an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Significant Accounting Estimates

Loss on valuation of inventories

(1) Carrying amount in the consolidated financial statements for the current fiscal year

Merchandise and finished goods (Millions of yen)
Work in process 4,543
Cost of sales (loss (gain) on valuation of inventories) 146

Loss on valuation of inventories is stated at a net amount reflecting recorded amounts and reversals.

(2) Description of accounting estimates

If the net realizable value of inventories falls below the carrying amount, the carrying amount is reduced to the net realizable value, and the amount of reduction is recorded in cost of sales as a loss on valuation of inventories. In addition, inventories that are no longer in the ordinary process of sales cycle are deemed to be long-term dead stock when a certain period has passed since the end of the previous fiscal year. Valuation of such inventories is reduced to the disposal value, and a corresponding loss is recorded in cost of sales.

Because the Group's products have a relatively long lead time from manufacturing to shipping and some products cannot be readily repurposed after processing, results may be affected by future changes in the market environment and other uncertainties. Accordingly, these estimates may have an impact on consolidated financial statements for future fiscal years.

Accounting Standards Issued But Not Yet Applied

Accounting Standard for Leases, etc.

- "Accounting Standard for Leases" (ASBJ Statement No. 34, September 13, 2024, Accounting Standards Board of Japan)
- "Implementation Guidance on Accounting Standard for Leases" (ASBJ Guidance No. 33, September 13, 2024, Accounting Standards Board of Japan), etc.

(1) Overview

The Accounting Standards Board of Japan has been working to align Japanese standards with international standards. As part of this initiative, they have developed and issued accounting standards for leases that recognize assets and liabilities for all leases by lessees, based on international accounting standards. As a fundamental policy, these standards are based on the single accounting model of IFRS 16. However, instead of including all provisions of IFRS 16, they incorporate only the main provisions, aiming to establish lease accounting standards that are simple, user-friendly, and generally require no modifications when applied to non-consolidated financial statements using IFRS 16 provisions.

For the lessee's accounting treatment concerning the method of expense distribution for leases, similar to IFRS 16, a single accounting model applies to all leases, regardless of whether they are finance leases or operating leases. Under this model, depreciation for right-of-use assets and interest expense for lease liabilities are recognized.

(2) Scheduled date of application

This accounting standard and related implementation guidance will be applied effective from the beginning of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2028.

(3) Effects of application of the accounting standard, etc.

The effects of applying the "Accounting Standard for Leases" and related implementation guidance on the consolidated financial statements are currently under evaluation.

Changes in Presentation

Consolidated balance sheets

"Electronically recorded monetary claims - operating," which was included in "Notes and accounts receivable - trade, and contract assets" under "Current assets" in the previous fiscal year, and "Electronically recorded obligations - operating," which was included in "Notes and accounts payable - trade" under "Current liabilities" in the previous fiscal year, are now presented separately to enhance clarity. To reflect these changes in presentation, reclassification has been made for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

As a result, 13,581 million yen presented as "Notes and accounts receivable - trade, and contract assets" under "Current assets" in the consolidated balance sheets for the previous fiscal year has been reclassified as "Notes and accounts receivable - trade, and contract assets" of 11,703 million yen and "Electronically recorded monetary claims - operating" of 1,878 million yen, and 4,926 million yen presented as "Notes and accounts payable - trade" under "Current liabilities" for the previous fiscal year has been reclassified as "Notes and accounts payable - trade" of 4,091 million yen and "Electronically recorded obligations - operating" of 835 million yen.

Additional Information

Board benefit trust (BBT) for Directors

The Company has put in place a board benefit trust (BBT), which is a performance-linked share-based remuneration plan, to incentivize Directors to improve performance and increase corporate value over the medium to long term.

Accounting treatment related to this trust agreement is based on the "Practical Solution on Transactions of Delivering the Company's Own Stock to Employees etc. through Trusts" (PITF No. 30, March 26, 2015).

(1) Overview of the transaction

This plan is a performance-linked share-based remuneration plan, under which the Company's shares are acquired by a trust using funds contributed by the Company, and the Company's shares and cash equivalent to the market value of the Company's shares are provided to Directors from the trust in accordance with the regulations for granting of shares to officers established by the Company. In principle, the Company's shares and associated remuneration will be provided to Directors on their retirement.

(2) Treasury shares remaining in trust

The shares of the Company remaining in trust are recorded as treasury shares under net assets based on the book value in trust (excluding the amount of incidental costs). As of December 31, 2024, the number of such treasury shares was 468 hundred shares, amounting to a book value of 164 million yen. The average number of such shares for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, was 507 hundred shares. These shares are included in treasury shares to be deducted for the calculation of per share information.

Notes to Consolidated Balance Sheets

*1 "Investment securities (shares)" and "Investments in capital of subsidiaries" under "Investments and other assets" invested in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associates are as follows:

		(Millions of yen)
	As of December 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2024
Investment securities (shares)	1,128	1,152
Investments in capital of subsidiaries	1	1

Investments in capital of subsidiaries are included and presented in "Other" under investments and other assets.

*2 Assets pledged as collateral and obligations related to collateral

The following property is registered as a factory foundation, which comprises buildings, structures, machinery and equipment, vehicles, tools, furniture and fixtures, and land of Nippon Carbon Co., Ltd.'s factory. This factory foundation has been pledged as collateral for obligations as follows.

[Pledge]

(Millions of yen)

As of December 31, 2023 As of December 31, 2024

Property, plant and equipment 7,785 8,407

[Obligations] (Millions of yen)

	As of December 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2024
Short-term borrowings	2 710	2 710

*3 Notes matured at the end of the fiscal year

Notes are settled as of the note exchange date. The following notes matured at the end of the fiscal year were included in the closing balance, because December 31, 2024, was a non-business day for financial institutions.

(Millions of yen)

	As of December 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2024
Notes receivable - trade	22	24
Electronically recorded monetary claims - operating	138	139
Notes payable - trade	32	42
Electronically recorded obligations - operating	68	62
Notes payable - facilities	75	21
Electronically recorded obligations - facilities	7	67

Notes payable - facilities and electronically recorded obligations - facilities are included and presented in "Other" under current liabilities.

*4 Claims arising from contracts with customers

Claims and contract assets arising from contracts with customers are as follows:

	As of December 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2024
Notes receivable - trade	386	333
Accounts receivable - trade	11,195	10,850
Contract assets	120	94
Electronically recorded monetary claims - operating	1,878	1,927

Notes to Consolidated Statements of Income

*1 Revenue from contracts with customers

For net sales, revenue from contracts with customers is not shown separately from other revenues. The amount of revenue from contracts with customers is provided in "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Segment Information, Etc., 3. Disclosure of sales, profit (loss), assets, and other items for each reportable segment and information on disaggregation of revenue."

*2 Ending balance of inventories is an amount with consideration of write-downs due to decreased profitability, and the following loss on valuation of inventories is included in cost of sales.

(Millions of yen)

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Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024
(652)	146

(Note) Loss on valuation of inventories is stated at a net amount reflecting recorded amounts and reversals, with a negative amount indicating a reversal.

*3 Of these, major expenses and amounts are as follows:

(Millions of yen)

	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024
Salaries, bonuses and allowances	976	1,018
Sales commission	311	268
Freight-out and packing cost	1,341	1,299
Provision for retirement benefits for directors	13	14
(and other officers)	13	14
Retirement benefit expenses	58	30
Provision for share awards for directors (and	25	18
other officers)	23	18
Provision for bonuses	66	61
Provision for bonuses for directors (and other	61	49
officers)	01	49
Research and development expenses	324	437

^{*4} Research and development expenses included in general and administrative expenses and manufacturing costs for period are as follows:

(Millions of yen)

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Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024
403	578

*5 Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024

Gain on sale was recorded for the sale of the former Yamanashi Plant site to Yamanashi City.

*6 Loss of fire

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

This is the cost of restoring production facilities lost in a fire at the Company's Shiga Plant in June 2023. In addition, the Company has received the finalized amount of fire insurance proceeds and recorded it under insurance claim income under non-operating income.

Notes to Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

* Reclassification adjustments and income tax effects relating to other comprehensive income

(Millions of yen)

	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities		
Gains or losses arising during the year	2,782	717
Reclassification adjustments to profit or loss	_	(6)
Amount before income tax effect	2,782	710
Income tax effect	(851)	(217)
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	1,930	493
Deferred gains or losses on hedges		
Gains or losses arising during the year	(1)	1
Amount before income tax effect	(1)	1
Income tax effect	0	_
Deferred gains or losses on hedges	(1)	1
Foreign currency translation adjustment		
Gains or losses arising during the year	141	119
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans, net of tax		
Gains or losses arising during the year	32	78
Reclassification adjustments to profit or loss	19	15
Amount before income tax effect	52	93
Income tax effect	(16)	(28)
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans, net of tax	36	64
Total other comprehensive income	2,107	678
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Notes to Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

1. Issued shares

Class of shares	Number of shares at beginning of the fiscal year	Increase	Decrease	Number of shares at end of the fiscal year
Common shares	110 225			110 225
(hundreds of shares)	118,325	=	_	118,325

2. Treasury shares

Class of shares	Number of shares at beginning of the fiscal year	Increase Decrease		Number of shares at end of the fiscal year
Common shares	7,890	0	13	7,886
(hundreds of shares)	7,090	0	13	7,000

(Note) The above figures include shares in the Company held by the board benefit trust (BBT), which amounted to 609 hundred shares at the beginning of the fiscal year and 596 hundred shares at the end of the fiscal year.

Overview of reasons for changes

The breakdown of increases and decreases is as follows:

Increase due to purchase of shares less than one unit: 8 hundred shares

Decrease due to delivery of shares to the board benefit trust (BBT): (13) hundred shares

3. Dividends

(1) Dividends paid

Resolution	Class of shares	Total dividends (Millions of yen)	Dividends per share (Yen)	Record date	Effective date
March 29, 2023 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders	Common shares	1,110	100.00	December 31, 2022	March 30, 2023
August 10, 2023 Board of Directors	Common shares	1,110	100.00	June 30, 2023	September 6, 2023

- (Notes) 1. The total amount of dividends pursuant to the resolution at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on March 29, 2023 includes dividends of 6 million yen for shares in the Company held by the board benefit trust (BBT).
 - The total amount of dividends pursuant to the resolution at the Board of Directors meeting held on August 10, 2023 includes dividends of 5 million yen for shares in the Company held by the board benefit trust (BBT).

(2) Dividends whose effective date falls in the fiscal year following the fiscal year of the record date

Resolution	Class of shares	Total dividends (Millions of yen)	Source of dividends	Dividends per share (Yen)	Record date	Effective date
March 28, 2024 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders	Common shares	1,110	Retained earnings	100.00	December 31, 2023	March 29, 2024

The total amount of dividends pursuant to the resolution at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on March 28, 2024 includes dividends of 5 million yen for shares in the Company held by the board benefit trust (BBT).

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024

Issued shares

Class of shares	Number of shares at beginning of the fiscal year	Increase	Decrease	Number of shares at end of the fiscal year
Common shares (hundreds of shares)	118,325	1	1	118,325

2. Treasury shares

Class of shares	Number of shares at beginning of the fiscal year	Increase	Decrease	Number of shares at end of the fiscal year
Common shares (hundreds of shares)	7,886	5	128	7,763

(Note) The above figures include shares in the Company held by the board benefit trust (BBT), which amounted to 596 hundred shares at the beginning of the fiscal year and 468 hundred shares at the end of the fiscal year.

Overview of reasons for changes

The breakdown of increases and decreases is as follows:

Increase due to purchase of shares less than one unit: 5 hundred shares

Decrease due to delivery of shares to the board benefit trust (BBT): (128) hundred shares

3. Dividends

(1) Dividends paid

Resolution	Class of shares	Total dividends (Millions of yen)	Dividends per share (Yen)	Record date	Effective date
March 28, 2024 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders	Common shares	1,110	100.00	December 31, 2023	March 29, 2024
August 9, 2024 Board of Directors	Common shares	1,110	100.00	June 30, 2024	September 6, 2024

- (Notes) 1. The total amount of dividends pursuant to the resolution at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on March 28, 2024 includes dividends of 5 million yen for shares in the Company held by the board benefit trust (BBT).
 - 2. The total amount of dividends pursuant to the resolution at the Board of Directors meeting held on August 9, 2024 includes dividends of 4 million yen for shares in the Company held by the board benefit trust (BBT).

(2) Dividends whose effective date falls in the fiscal year following the fiscal year of the record date

Resolution	Class of shares	Total dividends (Millions of yen)	Source of dividends	Dividends per share (Yen)	Record date	Effective date
March 28, 2025 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders	Common shares	1,110	Retained earnings	100.00	December 31, 2024	March 31, 2025

(Note) The total amount of dividends pursuant to the resolution at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on March 28, 2025 includes dividends of 4 million yen for shares in the Company held by the board benefit trust (BBT).

Notes to Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

* Reconciliation of closing balance of cash and cash equivalents and the related accounts on the consolidated balance sheets

		(Millions of yen)
	Fiscal year ended	Fiscal year ended
	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2024
Cash and deposits	14,527	12,299
Time deposits with maturity of over three	(145)	(145)
months	(143)	(143)
Cash and cash equivalents	14,382	12,154

Financial Instruments

- 1. Status of financial instruments
 - (1) Policy on financial instruments

The Group manages its funds only using deposits and other instruments with limited risk and procures its funds through borrowings from financial institutions such as banks. Derivatives are used to mitigate the risks described below, and the Group does not conduct speculative transactions.

(2) Details of financial instruments and associated risks

Notes and accounts receivable - trade and electronically recorded monetary claims - operating, which are trade receivables, are exposed to customer credit risks. Trade receivables denominated in foreign currencies, which arise mainly from the export business, are exposed to exchange rate fluctuation risks. Investment securities are mainly stocks and are exposed to market price fluctuation risks. Notes and accounts payable - trade and electronically recorded obligations - operating, which are trade payables, have due dates within one year. Some of them, arising from the import of raw materials and other goods, are denominated in foreign currencies and are exposed to exchange rate fluctuation risks. However, they do not exceed the balance of accounts receivable - trade denominated in the same foreign currency at any time. Borrowings are used as operating funds (short-term) and as funds for capital investment (long-term). Borrowings with floating interest rates are exposed to interest rate fluctuation risks.

Derivatives used by the Group are forward exchange contracts and currency swap contracts, which are used for the purpose of hedging the exchange rate fluctuation risks on trade receivables denominated in foreign currencies, as well as interest rate swap contracts, which are used for the purpose of hedging the interest rate fluctuation risks on borrowings. Hedge accounting methods, including hedge instruments, hedged items, hedging policies, and means of assessing hedge effectiveness, are described in "4. Accounting policies, (7) Significant hedge accounting methods."

(3) Risk management system for financial instruments

(i) Management of credit risks (default risks, etc.)

The Company's sales departments and accounting and finance departments manage due dates and balances of trade receivables for each counterparty, and they strive to quickly identify and mitigate concerns over collections due to deteriorating financial conditions and other reasons, in accordance with the Company regulations on managing receivables. Consolidated subsidiaries of the Company also manage trade receivables in the same manner, applying the Company regulations on managing receivables.

When using derivatives, the Group conducts transactions only with financial institutions that have high ratings to mitigate credit risks. Credit risks on derivatives are therefore minimal.

(ii) Management of market risks (risks associated with foreign exchange rates, interest rates, etc.)

For trade receivables denominated in foreign currencies, the Company enters into forward exchange contracts and currency swap contracts as needed based on the real demand principle. Regarding investment securities, the Company periodically reviews market prices and financial conditions of the issuers (counterparty companies).

Furthermore, the Company and some of its consolidated subsidiaries use interest rate swap contracts to reduce the interest rate fluctuation risks on borrowings.

The Group has established regulations on managing derivatives, limiting the use of derivatives for risk hedging purposes.

(iii) Management of liquidity risks associated with funding

The Company manages liquidity risks such as by having accounting and finance departments prepare and update cash flow plans based on reports from each department and maintaining a certain level of on-hand liquidity.

(4) Supplementary explanation related to fair values, etc. of financial instruments

Because calculations of the fair values of financial instruments involve variable inputs, the results of calculations may vary depending on what premises and assumptions are used. Furthermore, the contract amount, etc. of derivatives stated in the notes on "Derivatives" do not represent the market risks related to derivatives.

2. Fair values of financial instruments

Carrying amounts in the consolidated balance sheets, fair values and the differences between them are as follows.

(Millions of yen)

	Carrying amount (A)	Fair value (B)	Difference (B) - (A)
(1) Investment securities (*2)			
Available-for-sale securities	7,519	7,519	_
Total assets	7,519	7,519	-
(1) Long-term borrowings (current portion of long-term borrowings included)	444	445	0
Total liabilities	444	445	0

- (*1) Notes on cash are omitted, and notes to deposits, notes and accounts receivable trade, and contract assets, electronically recorded monetary claims operating, income taxes refund receivable, notes and accounts payable trade, electronically recorded obligations operating, notes payable facilities, electronically recorded obligations facilities, advances received, short-term borrowings, and income taxes payable are omitted since they are scheduled to be settled in a short period of time, causing the fair value to approximate the book value.
- (*2) Equity securities, etc. without market value are not included in "(1) Investment securities." Carrying amount of such financial instruments on the consolidated balance sheets is as follows:

(Millions of yen)

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Category	As of December 31, 2023
Unlisted shares	
Shares of subsidiaries and associates	1,128
Available-for-sale securities	19

As of December 31, 2024

(Millions of yen)

	Carrying amount (A)	Fair value (B)	Difference (B) - (A)
(1) Investment securities (*2)			
Available-for-sale securities	9,221	9,221	_
Total assets	9,221	9,221	_
(1) Long-term borrowings (current portion of long-term borrowings included)	373	372	(1)
Total liabilities	373	372	(1)

- (*1) Notes on cash are omitted, and notes to deposits, notes and accounts receivable trade, and contract assets, electronically recorded monetary claims operating, income taxes refund receivable, notes and accounts payable trade, electronically recorded obligations operating, notes payable facilities, electronically recorded obligations facilities, advances received, short-term borrowings, and income taxes payable are omitted since they are scheduled to be settled in a short period of time, causing the fair value to approximate the book value.
- (*2) Equity securities, etc. without market value are not included in "(1) Investment securities." Carrying amount of such financial instruments on the consolidated balance sheets is as follows:

Category	As of December 31, 2024
Unlisted shares	
Shares of subsidiaries and associates	1,152
Available-for-sale securities	57

(Note 1) Expected redemption amounts of monetary claims and securities with maturity after the consolidated balance sheet date

As of December 31, 2023

(Millions of yen)

	Within one year	Over one year and within five years	Over five years and within ten years	Over ten years
Cash and deposits	14,527	_	-	
Notes receivable - trade	386	_	-	-
Electronically recorded monetary claims - operating	1,878	_	-	_
Accounts receivable - trade	11,195	_	-	_
Total	27,988	_	-	_

As of December 31, 2024

(Millions of yen)

	Within one year	Over one year and within five years	Over five years and within ten years	Over ten years
Cash and deposits	12,299	_	=	=
Notes receivable - trade	333	_	-	_
Electronically recorded monetary claims - operating	1,927	_	_	_
Accounts receivable - trade	10,850	_	-	_
Total	25,410	_	_	_

(Note 2) Repayment schedule of short-term borrowings and long-term borrowings after the consolidated balance sheet date

As of December 31, 2023

(Millions of yen)

Category	Within one year		Over two years and within three years	Over three years and within four years	Over four years and within five years	Over five years
Short-term borrowings	8,410	_	ı	I	ı	1
Long-term borrowings	166	156	71	35	15	ı

As of December 31, 2024

Category	Within one year		Over two years and within three years		Over four years and within five years	Over five years
Short-term borrowings	8,840	_	-	-	ı	-
Long-term borrowings	176	91	55	35	15	-

3. Breakdown, etc. by level of fair values of financial instruments

The fair values of financial instruments are classified into the following three levels depending on the observability and significance of the input used in the fair value measurement.

Level 1: Fair value measured by the market price of an asset or liability in active markets among the observable inputs

Level 2: Fair value measured by the observable inputs other than the Level 1 inputs

Level 3: Fair value measured by unobservable inputs

If multiple inputs are used with a significant impact on fair value measurement, the fair value measurement is categorized in its entirety in the same level of the fair value hierarchy as the lowest level input.

(1) Financial instruments recorded at fair value on the consolidated balance sheets

As of December 31, 2023

(Millions of yen)

Category	Fair value					
Category	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total		
Investment securities						
Available-for-sale securities						
Shares	7,519	_	_	7,519		
Total assets	7,519	-	-	7,519		

As of December 31, 2024

(Millions of yen)

Catagory	Fair value					
Category	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total		
Investment securities						
Available-for-sale securities						
Shares	9,221	_	_	9,221		
Total assets	9,221	=	-	9,221		

(2) Financial instruments other than those that are recorded at fair value on the consolidated balance sheets As of December 31, 2023

(Millions of yen)

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Catagory	Fair value				
Category	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	
Long-term borrowings		445	1	445	
Total liabilities	-	445	-	445	

As of December 31, 2024

Catagoriu	Fair value				
Category	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	
Long-term borrowings	_	372	_	372	
Total liabilities	_	372	_	372	

(3) Description of the valuation techniques and inputs used in the fair value measurement

Investment securities

The fair value of listed shares is measured using quoted prices. Listed shares are traded in active markets and their fair value is categorized within Level 1.

Long-term borrowings

The fair value of long-term borrowings is determined by using discounted cash flow based on the total amount of the principal and interest and an interest rate that takes into consideration the remaining tenor of the relevant debt and credit risk, and it is classified into Level 2 fair value.

Securities

1. Available-for-sale securities with market value

As of December 31, 2023

(Millions of yen)

Category	Туре	Carrying amount (A)	Acquisition cost (B)	Difference (A) - (B)
Items whose carrying amount exceeds acquisition cost	Shares	7,469	2,514	4,955
Subtotal		7,469	2,514	4,955
Items whose carrying amount does not exceed acquisition cost	Shares	49	63	(13)
Subtotal		49	63	(13)
Total		7,519	2,578	4,941

As of December 31, 2024

Category	Туре	Carrying amount (A)	Acquisition cost (B)	Difference (A) - (B)
Items whose carrying amount exceeds acquisition cost	Shares	8,286	2,534	5,751
Subtotal		8,286	2,534	5,751
Items whose carrying amount does not exceed acquisition cost	Shares	934	1,034	(99)
Subtotal		934	1,034	(99)
Total		9,221	3,568	5,652

2. Available-for-sale securities sold during the fiscal year

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

(Millions of yen)

Category	Sale proceeds	Total gain on sale	Total loss on sale
(1) Shares	28	22	_
(2) Other	_	_	-
Total	28	22	-

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024

(Millions of yen)

Category	Sale proceeds	Total gain on sale	Total loss on sale
(1) Shares	9	6	_
(2) Other	_	_	_
Total	9	6	-

Derivatives

 Derivatives to which hedge accounting is not applied Not applicable

- 2. Derivatives to which hedge accounting is applied
 - (1) Foreign currency-related contracts

As of December 31, 2023

(Millions of yen)

Hedge accounting	Type of derivatives, etc.	Hedged item	Contract amount, etc.	Of contract amount, etc., those over one year	Fair value
	Forward exchange contracts Short				
Principle method	USD	Forecast transactions denominated in foreign currencies	84	_	0
	Euro	Forecast transactions denominated in foreign currencies	600	_	(4)
	Total		684	_	(4)

As of December 31, 2024 Not applicable

(2) Interest rate-related contracts

Not applicable

Retirement Benefits

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

1. Overview of retirement benefit plans adopted

The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries have adopted funded defined benefit plans to provide retirement benefits to employees.

Under retirement benefit corporate pension plans, lump-sum payments or pension payments are made based on salaries and years of service.

Furthermore, the Company's consolidated subsidiaries calculate retirement benefit liability and retirement benefit expenses using a simplified method in which the amount that would be required to be paid if all their eligible employees voluntarily terminated their employment as of the end of the fiscal year is treated as retirement benefit obligation. Extra retirement payments may be provided upon retirement of certain employees, where those payments are not considered to be retirement benefit obligations as calculated under actuarial methods in accordance with accounting policies on retirement benefits.

2. Defined benefit plans

(1) Reconciliation between retirement benefit obligations at beginning of period and end of period (excluding plans to which simplified method is applied stated in (3))

	(Millions of yen)
Balance of retirement benefit obligations at beginning of period	1,676
Service cost	107
Interest cost	6
Actuarial gains and losses accrued	(3)
Retirement benefits paid	(176)
Balance of retirement benefit obligations at	1,611
end of period	1,011

(2) Reconciliation between plan assets at beginning of period and end of period (excluding plans to which simplified method is applied stated in (3))

	(Millions of yen)
Balance of plan assets at beginning of period	1,243
Expected return on plan assets	24
Actuarial gains and losses accrued	29
Contribution from employer	57
Retirement benefits paid	(115)
Balance of plan assets at end of period	1,239

(3) Reconciliation between retirement benefit liabilities for plans to which simplified method is applied at beginning of period and end of period

	(Millions of yen)
Retirement benefit liability at beginning of period	350
Retirement benefit expenses	84
Retirement benefits paid	(34)
Contribution to plans	(4)
Retirement benefit liability at end of period	395

(4) Reconciliation between ending balance of retirement benefit obligations and plan assets, and retirement benefit liability/asset recorded in the consolidated balance sheets

	(Millions of yen)
Retirement benefit obligations of funded plans	1,610
Plan assets	(1,239)
	371
Retirement benefit obligations of unfunded plans	395
Net amount of liabilities and assets recorded in the consolidated balance sheets	766
Retirement benefit liability	766
Net amount of liabilities and assets recorded in the consolidated balance sheets	766

(Note) Include plans to which the simplified method was applied.

(5) Amounts of retirement benefit expenses and their components

	(Millions of yen)
Service cost	107
Interest cost	6
Expected return on plan assets	(24)
Amortization of actuarial gains and losses	20
Amortization of past service cost	(0)
Retirement benefit expenses applying	79
simplified method	19
Retirement benefit expenses under defined	187
benefit plans	187

(6) Remeasurements of defined benefit plans included in other comprehensive income

The components of remeasurements of defined benefit plans (before deduction of tax effects) are as follows:

	(Millions of yen)
Past service cost	(0)
Actuarial gains and losses	52
Total	52

(7) Remeasurements of defined benefit plans included in accumulated other comprehensive income

The components of remeasurements of defined benefit plans (before deduction of tax effects) are as follows:

	(Millions of yen)
Unrecognized past service cost	7
Unrecognized actuarial gains and losses	(89)
Total	(82)

(8) Plan assets

(i) Major components of plan assets

The ratio of each major category to total plan assets is as follows:

	(%)
General accounts (life insurance companies)	60
Other	40
Total	100

(ii) Method for setting the long-term expected rate of return on plan assets

To determine the long-term expected rate of return on plan assets, the Company takes into account current and expected allocation of plan assets, and current and expected long-term return rate on various types of assets constituting plan assets.

(9) Actuarial assumptions

Major actuarial assumptions at the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

Discount rate: 0.4% Long-term expected rate of return: 2.0%

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024

1. Overview of retirement benefit plans adopted

The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries have adopted funded defined benefit plans to provide retirement benefits to employees.

Under retirement benefit corporate pension plans, lump-sum payments or pension payments are made based on salaries and years of service.

Furthermore, the Company's consolidated subsidiaries calculate retirement benefit liability and retirement benefit expenses using a simplified method in which the amount that would be required to be paid if all their eligible employees voluntarily terminated their employment as of the end of the fiscal year is treated as retirement benefit obligation. Extra retirement payments may be provided upon retirement of certain employees, where those payments are not considered to be retirement benefit obligations as calculated under actuarial methods in accordance with accounting policies on retirement benefits.

2. Defined benefit plans

(1) Reconciliation between retirement benefit obligations at beginning of period and end of period (excluding plans to which simplified method is applied stated in (3))

	(Millions of yen)
Balance of retirement benefit obligations at beginning of period	1,611
Service cost	103
Interest cost	6
Actuarial gains and losses accrued	(77)
Retirement benefits paid	(105)
Balance of retirement benefit obligations at	1 526
end of period	1,536

(2) Reconciliation between plan assets at beginning of period and end of period (excluding plans to which simplified method is applied stated in (3))

	(Millions of yen)
Balance of plan assets at beginning of period	1,239
Expected return on plan assets	24
Actuarial gains and losses accrued	0
Contribution from employer	56
Retirement benefits paid	(71)
Balance of plan assets at end of period	1,249

(3) Reconciliation between retirement benefit liabilities for plans to which simplified method is applied at beginning of period and end of period

	(Millions of yen)
Retirement benefit liability at beginning of period	395
Retirement benefit expenses	34
Retirement benefits paid	(8)
Contribution to plans	(9)
Retirement benefit liability at end of period	411

(4) Reconciliation between ending balance of retirement benefit obligations and plan assets, and retirement benefit liability/asset recorded in the consolidated balance sheets

	(Millions of yen)
Retirement benefit obligations of funded plans	1,536
Plan assets	(1,249)
	286
Retirement benefit obligations of unfunded plans	411
Net amount of liabilities and assets recorded in the consolidated balance sheets	698
Retirement benefit liability	698
Net amount of liabilities and assets recorded in the consolidated balance sheets	698

(Note) Include plans to which the simplified method was applied.

(5) Amounts of retirement benefit expenses and their components

	(Millions of yen)
Service cost	103
Interest cost	6
Expected return on plan assets	(24)
Amortization of actuarial gains and losses	15
Amortization of past service cost	(0)
Retirement benefit expenses applying simplified method	34
Retirement benefit expenses under defined benefit plans	133

(6) Remeasurements of defined benefit plans included in other comprehensive income

The components of remeasurements of defined benefit plans (before deduction of tax effects) are as follows:

	(Millions of yen)
Past service cost	(0)
Actuarial gains and losses	94
Total	93

(7) Remeasurements of defined benefit plans included in accumulated other comprehensive income

The components of remeasurements of defined benefit plans (before deduction of tax effects) are as follows:

	(Millions of yen)
Unrecognized past service cost	6
Unrecognized actuarial gains and losses	4
Total	11

(8) Plan assets

(i) Major components of plan assets

The ratio of each major category to total plan assets is as follows:

	(%)
General accounts (life	62
insurance companies)	02
Other	38
Total	100

(ii) Method for setting the long-term expected rate of return on plan assets

To determine the long-term expected rate of return on plan assets, the Company takes into account current and expected allocation of plan assets, and current and expected long-term return rate on various types of assets constituting plan assets.

(9) Actuarial assumptions

Major actuarial assumptions at the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024

Discount rate: 1.2% Long-term expected rate of return: 2.0% Expected rate of salary raise: 6.3%

Deferred Tax Accounting

1. Major components of deferred tax assets and liabilities

(Millions of yen)

	As of December 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2024
Deferred tax assets		
Excess of allowance for doubtful accounts	1	0
Retirement benefit liability	236	226
Loss on valuation of inventories	375	410
Enterprise taxes payable	87	73
Excess of provision for bonuses	86	86
Impairment losses	378	341
Tax effects relating to unrealized profit	236	272
Accrued expenses	42	6
Other	824	846
Subtotal	2,265	2,265
Valuation allowance	(1,254)	(1,256)
Total	1,011	1,008
Deferred tax liabilities		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	(1,513)	(1,730)
Tax effects relating to undistributed profit of overseas consolidated subsidiaries	(142)	(157)
Other	(96)	(90)
Total	(1,751)	(1,979)
Net deferred tax assets (liabilities)	(740)	(970)

(Note) Net deferred tax assets as of December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2024 are included in the following items on consolidated balance sheets.

		(Millions of yen)
	As of December 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2024
Non-current assets - deferred tax assets	514	599
Non-current liabilities - deferred tax liabilities	(1,254)	(1,570)

2. Reconciliation of significant differences between the statutory effective tax rate and the actual effective rate of income taxes after application of deferred tax accounting

As of December 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2024
The note is omitted, because the	The note is omitted, because the
difference between the statutory	difference between the statutory
effective tax rate and the actual	effective tax rate and the actual
effective rate of income taxes after	effective rate of income taxes after
application of deferred tax accounting	application of deferred tax accounting
is less than 5% of the statutory	is less than 5% of the statutory
effective tax rate.	effective tax rate.

Revenue Recognition

1. Information on the breakdown of revenue from contracts with customers

It is as per the description in "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Segment Information, Etc., 3. Disclosure of sales, profit (loss), assets, and other items for each reportable segment and information on disaggregation of revenue."

2. Underlying information to understand revenue from contracts with customers

It is as per the description in "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements, 4. Accounting policies, (5) Accounting policy for recognition of significant revenues and expenses."

3. Information on the relationship between the satisfaction of performance obligations pursuant to contracts with customers and the cash flows arising from relevant contracts, as well as the amount and timing of revenues expected to be recognized in the following fiscal years from contracts with customers that exist at the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

(1) Balance, etc. of contract assets and contract liabilities

(Millions of yen)

	As of the end of the previous fiscal year (December 31, 2023)
Claims arising from contracts with customers (Balance at beginning of period)	11,814
Claims arising from contracts with customers (Balance at end of period)	13,460
Contract assets (Balance at beginning of period)	108
Contract assets (Balance at end of period)	120

Contract assets are claims that are recognized as performance obligations under construction work contracts are satisfied with progresses in construction work.

(2) Transaction price allocated to remaining performance obligations

Since the initially planned term of contracts with customers at the Group is one year or less, information on transaction price allocated to remaining performance obligations is omitted.

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024

(1) Balance, etc. of contract assets and contract liabilities

(Millions of yen)

	As of the end of the current fiscal year (December 31, 2024)
Claims arising from contracts with customers (Balance at beginning of period)	13,460
Claims arising from contracts with customers (Balance at end of period)	13,110
Contract assets (Balance at beginning of period)	120
Contract assets (Balance at end of period)	94

Contract assets are claims that are recognized as performance obligations under construction work contracts are satisfied with progresses in construction work.

(2) Transaction price allocated to remaining performance obligations

Since the initially planned term of contracts with customers at the Group is one year or less, information on transaction price allocated to remaining performance obligations is omitted.

Segment Information, Etc.

[Segment information]

1. Overview of reportable segments

The reportable segments of the Company are components of the Company for which discrete financial information is available and regularly reviewed by the Board of Directors to make decisions about the allocation of managerial resources and to assess their performance.

The Company has reportable segments based on product and service categories, namely carbon product business, silicon carbide product business, and other businesses. In some cases, different carbon products are manufactured using the same production facilities, and multiple carbon products may be sold together. Accordingly, carbon products are treated as a single segment based on their close relation in making investment decisions. The main details of each reportable segment are as follows:

Reportable segment	Major details
Carbon product business	Artificial graphite electrodes, impervious graphite products, high-purity isotropic graphite products, graphite products for mechanical components, general-purpose carbon fibers and graphite fibers, PTFE-mixed graphite fiber packing materials, flexible graphite sealing materials, and anode materials for lithiumion batteries
Silicon carbide product business	Silicon carbide continuous fibers
Other businesses	Manufacturing of industrial machinery, repairs of machinery, and parking space rentals

2. Explanation of measurements of sales, profit (loss), assets, and other items for each reportable segment
The accounting method for the operating segments that are reportable is the same as described in "Basis of
Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements." The profit of reportable segments is based on operating
profit. Intersegment revenue or transfers are based on actual market price.

3. Disclosure of sales, profit (loss), assets, and other items for each reportable segment and information on disaggregation of revenue

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

(Millions of yen)

	Reportable segment					ivillions of yell)
	Carbon product business	Silicon	Other	Total	Adjustment (Note 1)	Carrying amount (Note 2)
Net sales						
Fine carbon-related products	24,007	-	_	24,007	_	24,007
Electrode-related products	10,610	_	_	10,610	-	10,610
Silicon carbide-related products	_	2,329	_	2,329	-	2,329
Other	_	=	920	920	-	920
Revenue from contracts with customers	34,617	2,329	920	37,867	_	37,867
Other revenue	_	_	_	-	-	_
Net sales to external customers	34,617	2,329	920	37,867	-	37,867
Inter-segment net sales or transfers	1	16	557	575	(575)	-
Total	34,619	2,345	1,478	38,442	(575)	37,867
Segment profit	5,799	508	248	6,556	17	6,573
Segment assets	50,225	5,021	1,151	56,397	22,068	78,466
Other items						
Depreciation	2,043	622	43	2,710	(43)	2,666
Increase in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	2,777	25	4	2,807	(53)	2,754

(Notes) 1. Adjustments are as follows.

⁽¹⁾ The adjustment to segment assets of 22,068 million yen primarily consists of assets related to surplus funds (cash) and long-term investment funds (investment securities).

⁽²⁾ The adjustment to depreciation of (43) million yen and the adjustment to increase in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets of (53) million yen under other items are for eliminating unrealized profit.

^{2.} Segment profit equals operating profit in the consolidated statements of income.

(1)							
		Reportable segment					
	Carbon product business	Silicon carbide product business	Other	Total	Adjustment (Note 1)	Carrying amount (Note 2)	
Net sales							
Fine carbon-related products	23,744	-	_	23,744	-	23,744	
Electrode-related products	10,626	_	_	10,626	-	10,626	
Silicon carbide-related products	_	2,700	_	2,700	-	2,700	
Other	_	_	722	722	-	722	
Revenue from contracts with customers	34,371	2,700	722	37,794	_	37,794	
Other revenue	_	-	162	162	_	162	
Net sales to external customers	34,371	2,700	885	37,956	-	37,956	
Inter-segment net sales or transfers	0	17	636	654	(654)	l	
Total	34,371	2,717	1,521	38,610	(654)	37,956	
Segment profit	5,203	855	243	6,302	16	6,319	
Segment assets	55,335	4,397	1,036	60,768	21,579	82,348	
Other items							
Depreciation	2,393	594	46	3,033	(47)	2,986	
Increase in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	6,243	36	21	6,301	(39)	6,261	

(Notes) 1. Adjustments are as follows.

⁽¹⁾ The adjustment to segment assets of 21,579 million yen primarily consists of assets related to surplus funds (cash) and long-term investment funds (investment securities).

⁽²⁾ The adjustment to depreciation of (47) million yen and the adjustment to increase in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets of (39) million yen under other items are for eliminating unrealized profit.

^{2.} Segment profit equals operating profit in the consolidated statements of income.

[Related information]

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

1. Information about products and services

The information is omitted, because the same information is disclosed in "[Segment information]."

2. Information about geographical areas

(1) Net sales

(Millions of yen)

Japan	USA	Germany	Other	Total	
19,502	5,038	3,620	9,705	37,867	

(Note) Net sales are classified by country or region based on customers' location.

(2) Property, plant and equipment

The information is omitted, because the amount of property, plant and equipment located in Japan accounted for more than 90% of total property, plant and equipment in the consolidated balance sheets.

3. Information about main customers

This information is omitted, because there were no customers from which more than 10% of the amount of gross sales in the consolidated statements of income was received.

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024

1. Information about products and services

The information is omitted, because the same information is disclosed in "[Segment information]."

2. Information about geographical areas

(1) Net sales

(Millions of yen)

Japan	USA Germany		Other	Total	
19,791	6,234	3,994	7,936	37,956	

(Note) Net sales are classified by country or region based on customers' location.

Changes in presentation

"Germany," which was included in "Other" in the previous fiscal year, is now presented separately as it exceeded 10% of net sales in the consolidated statements of income for the current fiscal year. To reflect this change in presentation, reclassification has been made for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. As a result, 13,325 million yen presented as "Other" in the segment information, etc. for the previous fiscal year has been reclassified as "Germany" of 3,620 million yen and "Other" of 9,705 million yen.

(2) Property, plant and equipment

The information is omitted, because the amount of property, plant and equipment located in Japan accounted for more than 90% of total property, plant and equipment in the consolidated balance sheets.

3. Information about main customers

This information is omitted, because there were no customers from which more than 10% of the amount of gross sales in the consolidated statements of income was received.

[Information about impairment loss of non-current assets by reportable segment]

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

Not applicable

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024

Not applicable

[Information about amortization and unamortized balance of goodwill by reportable segment]

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

Not applicable

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024

Not applicable

[Information about gain on bargain purchase by reportable segment]

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

Not applicable

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024

Not applicable

[Related party information]

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

Not applicable

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024

Туре	Name of company or individual	Location	Share capital or investments in capital (millions of yen)	Description of business or occupation	Ratio of voting rights ownership (held) (%)	Relationship with related party	Description of transactions	Transaction amount (millions of yen)	Account	Balance at end of period (millions of yen)
Associate	Nippon Kornmeyer Carbon Group GmbH	Windhagen, Germany	€50,000	Sale and manufacture of carbon products	(Ownership) directly: 49	Sale of products and outsourcing of processing (Note)	products	1,700	Accounts receivable - trade	1,346

Terms and conditions of transactions, policy for determining transaction terms and conditions, etc.

(Note) Regarding the sale of products, terms and conditions are determined in the same way as general terms and conditions, based on market prices. For the sale of semi-finished goods, terms and conditions are determined based on the Company's estimated costs and through negotiation in each fiscal year.

Per Share Information

(Yen)

	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024
Net assets per share	4,478.09	4,704.60
Basic earnings per share	366.75	369.03

- (Notes) 1. The amount of diluted earnings per share is not provided because there are no potential shares.
 - 2. Shares in the Company held by the board benefit trust (BBT) are deducted from the total number of outstanding shares at the end of the period when calculating net assets per share. Shares in the Company held by the board benefit trust (BBT), averaging 597 hundred shares for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 and 507 hundred shares for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, are deducted when calculating the average number of outstanding common shares during the period used as the basis for calculating basic earnings per share.
 - 3. Calculation basis of net assets per share is as follows.

Item	As of December 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2024
Total net assets (Millions of yen)	57,681	60,819
Difference between total net assets and net assets at end of period related to common shares used for calculating net assets per share (Millions of yen)	8,226	8,804
[Of which, non-controlling interests (Millions of yen)]	[8,226]	[8,804]
Net assets attributable to common shares (Millions of yen)	49,455	52,014
Number of common shares used in the calculation of net assets per share (hundreds of shares)	110,438	110,561

4. Calculation basis of basic earnings per share is as follows.

Item	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024
Profit attributable to owners of parent (Millions of yen)	4,050	4,078
Profit attributable to owners of parent attributable to common shares (Millions of yen)	4,050	4,078
Profit (loss) not attributable to common shareholders (Millions of yen)	_	-
Average number of outstanding common shares during the period (hundreds of shares)	110,442	110,524

Subsequent Events

Not applicable

(v) Annexed Consolidated Detailed Schedules

[Consolidated detailed schedule of corporate bonds]

Not applicable

[Consolidated detailed schedule of borrowings]

Category	Balance at beginning of period (Millions of yen)	Balance at end of period (Millions of yen)	Average interest rate (%)	Payment due
Short-term borrowings	8,410	8,840	1.02	_
Current portion of long-term borrowings	166	176	0.61	_
Long-term borrowings (excluding current portion)	278	196	0.83	2026 to 2029
Other interest-bearing debt	_	_	_	_
Total	8,854	9,213	_	_

- (Notes) 1. Average interest rate is the weighted average interest rate on the balance of borrowings at the end of the period.
 - 2. Total amounts of scheduled repayments of long-term borrowings (excluding current portion) by year for five years after the consolidated balance sheet date

(Millions of yen)

Category	Over one year and within two years	Over two years and within three years	Over three years and within four years	Over four years and within five years
Long-term borrowings	91	55	35	15

[Detailed schedule of asset retirement obligations]

The information is omitted, because the amounts of asset retirement obligations at the beginning and the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 were not more than 1% of the total of liabilities and net assets at the beginning and the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, respectively.

(2) Other Information

Semi-annual information, etc. for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024

		Three months ended March 31, 2024	Six months ended June 30, 2024	Nine months ended September 30, 2024	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024
Net sales	(Millions of yen)	8,438	18,800	27,423	37,956
Profit before income taxes	(Millions of yen)	1,760	3,972	5,062	6,895
Profit attributable to owners of parent	(Millions of yen)	969	2,292	2,887	4,078
Basic earnings per share	(Yen)	87.77	207.48	261.29	369.03

		First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter
		Three months ended	Three months ended	Three months ended	Three months ended
		March 31, 2024	June 30, 2024	September 30, 2024	December 31, 2024
Basic earnings per share	(Yen)	87.77	119.72	53.83	107.72

(Note) Review of financial information for the nine months ended September 30, 2024: None

2. Non-consolidated Financial Statements and Other Information

- (1) Non-consolidated Financial Statements
 - (i) Non-consolidated Balance Sheets

		(Millions of y
	As of December 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2024
ssets		
Current assets		
Cash and deposits	9,724	7,193
Notes receivable - trade	*1, *3 197	*1, *3 92
Electronically recorded monetary claims - operating	*1, *3 623	*1, *3 802
Accounts receivable - trade	*1 8,479	*1 8,411
Merchandise and finished goods	7,697	7,807
Work in process	749	683
Raw materials and supplies	1,336	1,394
Prepaid expenses	121	117
Short-term loans receivable	292	500
Other	*1 242	*1 760
Total current assets	29,462	27,765
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment		
Buildings	*2 2,084	*2 2,742
Structures	*2 465	*2 477
Machinery and equipment	*2 5,472	*2 6,082
Vehicles	*2 7	*2 19
Tools, furniture and fixtures	*2 245	*2 317
Land	*2 3,166	*2 3,166
Construction in progress	173	1,375
Total property, plant and equipment	11,616	14,180
Intangible assets		
Software	105	79
Other	7	7
Total intangible assets	112	86
Investments and other assets		
Investment securities	7,497	9,254
Shares of subsidiaries and associates	3,116	3,116
Long-term loans receivable	*1 2,000	*1 1,500
Long-term prepaid expenses	3	5
Other	2,023	1,913
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(3)	(2
Total investments and other assets	14,637	15,786
Total non-current assets	26,366	30,054
Total assets	55,829	57,819

	As of December 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2024
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Electronically recorded obligations - operating	395	343
Accounts payable - trade	*1 4,148	*1 3,503
Short-term borrowings	*2 3,576	*2 3,516
Accounts payable - other	*1 429	*1 1,656
Accrued expenses	*1 336	*1 172
Income taxes payable	565	621
Advances received	344	219
Provision for bonuses	121	110
Provision for bonuses for directors (and other	61	40
officers)	61	49
Electronically recorded obligations - facilities	404	565
Other	*1 89	*1 89
Total current liabilities	10,473	10,848
Non-current liabilities		
Long-term borrowings	278	196
Deferred tax liabilities	1,372	1,680
Provision for retirement benefits	289	297
Provision for share awards for directors (and other	104	60
officers)	104	60
Provision for environmental measures	0	0
Long-term guarantee deposits	261	261
Asset retirement obligations	60	60
Other	65	65
Total non-current liabilities	2,430	2,621
Total liabilities	12,904	13,470
Net assets		
Shareholders' equity		
Share capital	7,402	7,402
Capital surplus		
Legal capital surplus	1,851	1,851
Other capital surplus	6,007	6,007
Total capital surplus	7,858	7,858
Retained earnings	·	
Other retained earnings		
Retained earnings brought forward	26,263	27,136
Total retained earnings	26,263	27,136
Treasury shares	(2,012)	(1,969)
Total shareholders' equity	39,512	40,427
Valuation and translation adjustments	37,312	10,127
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	3,413	3,921
Deferred gains or losses on hedges	(1)	5,721
Total valuation and translation adjustments	3,411	3,921
Total net assets	42,924	44,349
Total liabilities and net assets	55,829	57,819
1 Otal Habilities and het assets	33,829	37,819

	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024
Net sales	*1 23,592	*1 23,384
Cost of sales	*1 16,247	*1 16,684
Gross profit	7,345	6,699
Selling, general and administrative expenses	*2 3,514	*2 3,413
Operating profit	3,831	3,285
Non-operating income		
Interest income	39	42
Dividend income	*1 500	*1 624
Insurance claim income	*5 185	=
Foreign exchange gains	225	125
Miscellaneous income	82	132
Total non-operating income	1,032	925
Non-operating expenses		
Interest expenses	17	24
Loss on retirement of non-current assets	*3 88	*3 13
Foreign withholding tax	21	25
Commission expenses	_	24
Miscellaneous expenses	27	21
Total non-operating expenses	155	109
Ordinary profit	4,708	4,101
Extraordinary income		
Gain on sale of non-current assets	_	*4 196
Gain on sale of investment securities	22	6
Total extraordinary income	22	203
Extraordinary losses		
Loss of fire	*5 158	_
Total extraordinary losses	158	_
Profit before income taxes	4,572	4,304
Income taxes - current	1,141	1,137
Income taxes - deferred	177	83
Total income taxes	1,318	1,221
Profit	3,253	3,083

(iii) Non-consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

(Millions of yen)

	Shareholders' equity					
		Capital surplus			Retained earnings	
	Share capital	Legal capital surplus	Other capital surplus	Total capital surplus	Other retained earnings Retained earnings brought forward	Total retained earnings
Balance at beginning of period	7,402	1,851	6,007	7,858	25,218	25,218
Changes during period						
Dividends of surplus				-	(2,208)	(2,208)
Profit				_	3,253	3,253
Purchase of treasury shares				_		_
Disposal of treasury shares				-		-
Net changes in items other than shareholders' equity				_		
Total changes during period	ı	_	-	_	1,045	1,045
Balance at end of period	7,402	1,851	6,007	7,858	26,263	26,263

	Sharehold	ers' equity	Valuatio	on and translation adju	stments	
	Treasury shares	Total shareholders' equity	Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	Deferred gains or losses on hedges	Total valuation and translation adjustments	Total net assets
Balance at beginning of period	(2,012)	38,466	1,488	_	1,488	39,955
Changes during period						
Dividends of surplus		(2,208)			=	(2,208)
Profit		3,253			=	3,253
Purchase of treasury shares	(3)	(3)			=	(3)
Disposal of treasury shares	4	4			-	4
Net changes in items other than shareholders' equity		ı	1,924	(1)	1,923	1,923
Total changes during period	0	1,045	1,924	(1)	1,923	2,968
Balance at end of period	(2,012)	39,512	3,413	(1)	3,411	42,924

	Shareholders' equity					
		Capital surplus			Retained earnings	
	Share capital	Legal capital surplus	Other capital surplus	Total capital surplus	Other retained earnings Retained earnings	Total retained earnings
			*		brought forward	,
Balance at beginning of period	7,402	1,851	6,007	7,858	26,263	26,263
Changes during period						
Dividends of surplus				-	(2,210)	(2,210)
Profit				-	3,083	3,083
Purchase of treasury shares				-		-
Disposal of treasury shares				-		-
Net changes in items other than shareholders' equity				-		_
Total changes during period	-	-	-	-	873	873
Balance at end of period	7,402	1,851	6,007	7,858	27,136	27,136

	Sharehold	ers' equity	Valuation and translation adjustments			
	Treasury shares	Total shareholders' equity	Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	Deferred gains or losses on hedges	Total valuation and translation adjustments	Total net assets
Balance at beginning of period	(2,012)	39,512	3,413	(1)	3,411	42,924
Changes during period						
Dividends of surplus		(2,210)			I	(2,210)
Profit		3,083			I	3,083
Purchase of treasury shares	(2)	(2)				(2)
Disposal of treasury shares	44	44			I	44
Net changes in items other than shareholders' equity		I	507	1	509	509
Total changes during period	42	915	507	1	509	1,425
Balance at end of period	(1,969)	40,427	3,921	-	3,921	44,349

Notes to Non-consolidated Financial Statements

Significant Accounting Policies

- 1. Valuation basis and methods for assets
 - (1) Valuation basis and methods for securities
 - (i) Shares of subsidiaries and affiliates

Stated at cost determined by the moving average method.

(ii) Available-for-sale securities

Securities other than equity securities, etc. without market value

Stated at fair value.

(Valuation differences are booked directly in a separate component of net assets, and cost of securities sold is determined by the moving average method.)

Equity securities, etc. without market value

Stated at cost determined by the moving average method.

(2) Valuation basis and methods for net receivables and payables arising from derivatives

Stated at fair value.

(3) Valuation basis and methods for inventories

Merchandise and finished goods, work in process, and raw materials and supplies are stated at cost, determined by the periodic average method (carrying amounts calculated with consideration of write-downs due to decreased profitability).

- 2. Accounting method for depreciation and amortization of non-current assets
 - (1) Property, plant and equipment

The straight-line method is applied.

Major useful lives are as follows:

Buildings and structures: 10 to 50 years

Machinery and equipment: 9 years

(2) Intangible assets

Software (for internal use)

For amortization of software, the straight-line method based on the estimated internal use period (five years) is applied.

- 3. Accounting policy for allowance and provisions
 - (1) Allowance for doubtful accounts

To allow for losses on bad debts arising from trade receivables, loans receivable, and other receivables, the Company provides an allowance for the estimated amount of doubtful receivables deemed uncollectible. This allowance is based on historical default rates for general receivables and on an individual analysis of collectability for doubtful receivables and other specific receivables.

(2) Provision for bonuses

To allow for payment of bonuses to employees, the Company records a provision for the estimated payment amount to be borne in the fiscal year under review.

(3) Provision for bonuses for directors (and other officers)

To allow for payment of bonuses to Directors and other officers, the Company records a provision for the estimated payment amount to be borne in the fiscal year under review.

(4) Provision for retirement benefits

To allow for employee retirement benefits, the Company records a provision based on expected amounts of retirement benefit obligations and plan assets as of the end of the fiscal year under review.

(i) Method of attributing expected retirement benefits to periods

In the calculation of retirement benefit obligations, expected retirement benefits are attributed to the period up to the end of the current fiscal year on a benefit formula basis.

(ii) Method of amortizing actuarial gains and losses and past service cost

Past service cost is amortized using the straight-line method over a certain period (13 years) that is shorter than the average remaining years of service of employees at the time of incurring the cost. Actuarial gains and losses are amortized using the straight-line method over a certain period (10 years) that is shorter than the average remaining years of service of employees at the time of accruing the gain or loss in each fiscal year, from the fiscal year following the accrual of each gain or loss.

(5) Provision for share awards for directors (and other officers)

To allow for granting of the Company's shares to Directors based on regulations for granting of shares to officers, the Company records a provision for the estimated granting amount to be borne as of the end of the fiscal year under review.

(6) Provision for environmental measures

To allow for future expenses on treatment of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) wastes expected to be incurred pursuant to the Act on Special Measures concerning Promotion of Proper Treatment of PCB Wastes, the Company records a provision for estimated amounts required.

4. Accounting policy for recognition of revenues and expenses

Revenues of the Company primarily come from the sale of its products. The performance obligations are fully satisfied when goods or services are delivered. For transactions in Japan, paragraph 98 of the "Implementation Guidance on Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition" is applied to recognize revenue at the time of shipment of products. As for export transactions, revenue is recognized at the time of transfer of risks to customers based on the trade terms provided in the Incoterms and others.

- 5. Other important matters forming the basis for preparation of non-consolidated financial statements
 - (1) Accounting policy for translation of foreign currency assets and liabilities into Japanese yen

Monetary receivables and payables in foreign currencies are translated into Japanese yen at the spot exchange rate prevailing as of the end of the fiscal year under review, and translation differences are accounted for as profit or loss.

- (2) Accounting methods for hedging
 - (i) Hedge accounting

In principle, the deferral hedge accounting is applied. The exceptional accounting treatment is applied to interest rate swap contracts that meet the requirements for exceptional accounting.

The assignment accounting treatment is applied to forward exchange contracts and currency swap contracts that meet the requirements for assignment accounting.

- (ii) Hedged items and hedge instruments
 - a. Hedge instruments: forward exchange contracts and currency swap contracts
 Hedged items: accounts receivable trade and forecast transactions denominated in foreign currencies
 - b. Hedge instruments: interest rate swap contracts Hedged items: interest on borrowings

(iii) Hedging policies

Pursuant to the Company's internal management regulations, interest rate swap contracts are used for the purpose of hedging the interest rate fluctuation risks on borrowings, and forward exchange contracts and currency swap contracts are used for the purpose of hedging the exchange rate fluctuation risks.

(iv) Assessing hedge effectiveness

If hedge instruments and hedged items have the same material conditions, they are deemed highly effective and thus assessment of hedge effectiveness is omitted. For other hedges, hedge effectiveness is assessed by comparing the accumulated fluctuations in market rates or cash flows of the hedged items and the hedge instruments based on the ratio of those fluctuations.

(3) Accounting for retirement benefits

The method of accounting for unrecognized actuarial gains or losses and unrecognized past service cost pertaining to retirement benefits is different from the method of accounting for these items in consolidated financial statements.

(4) Additional information

Board benefit trust (BBT) for Directors

The Company has put in place a board benefit trust (BBT), which is a performance-linked share-based remuneration plan, to incentivize Directors to improve performance and increase corporate value over the medium to long term.

Accounting treatment related to this trust agreement is based on the "Practical Solution on Transactions of Delivering the Company's Own Stock to Employees etc. through Trusts" (PITF No. 30, March 26, 2015).

1) Overview of the transaction

This plan is a performance-linked share-based remuneration plan, under which the Company's shares are acquired by a trust using funds contributed by the Company, and the Company's shares and cash equivalent to the market value of the Company's shares are provided to Directors from the trust in accordance with the regulations for granting of shares to officers established by the Company. In principle, the Company's shares and associated remuneration will be provided to Directors on their retirement.

2) Treasury shares remaining in trust

The shares of the Company remaining in trust are recorded as treasury shares under net assets based on the book value in trust (excluding the amount of incidental costs). As of December 31, 2024, the number of such treasury shares was 468 hundred shares, amounting to a book value of 164 million yen. The average number of such shares for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, was 507 hundred shares. These shares are included in treasury shares to be deducted for the calculation of per share information.

Significant Accounting Estimates

Loss on valuation of inventories

(1) Carrying amount in the non-consolidated financial statements for the current fiscal year

Merchandise and finished goods:

¥7,807 million

Cost of sales (loss (gain) on valuation of inventories):

¥(1) million

Loss on valuation of inventories is stated at a net amount reflecting recorded amounts and reversals.

(2) Information regarding significant accounting estimates for identified items

This information is omitted, because it is the same as the information stated in "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Significant Accounting Estimates, Loss on valuation of inventories, (2) Description of accounting estimates" in the consolidated financial statements.

Changes in Presentation

Non-consolidated Balance Sheets

"Electronically recorded monetary claims - operating," which was included in "Notes receivable - trade" under "Current assets" in the previous fiscal year, as well as "Electronically recorded obligations - operating" and "Electronically recorded obligations - facilities," which were included in "Notes payable - trade" and "Notes payable - facilities," respectively, under "Current liabilities" in the previous fiscal year, are now presented separately to enhance clarity. To reflect these changes in presentation, reclassification has been made for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

As a result, 820 million yen presented as "Notes receivable - trade" under "Current assets" in the non-consolidated balance sheets for the previous fiscal year has been reclassified as "Notes receivable - trade" of 197 million yen and "Electronically recorded monetary claims - operating" of 623 million yen. In addition, 395 million yen presented as "Notes payable - trade" and 404 million yen presented as "Notes payable - facilities" under "Current liabilities" for the previous fiscal year have been reclassified as "Electronically recorded obligations - operating" of 395 million yen and "Electronically recorded obligations - facilities" of 404 million yen, respectively.

Notes to Non-consolidated Balance Sheets

*1 Monetary receivables from and monetary payables to subsidiaries and associates

(Millions of yen)

	As of December 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2024
Short-term monetary receivables	4,342	4,451
Long-term monetary receivables	2,000	1,500
Short-term monetary payables	1,263	989

*2 Assets pledged as collateral

The following properties are registered as factory foundations, which comprise the factory's buildings, structures, machinery and equipment, vehicles, tools, furniture and fixtures, and land. These factory foundations have been pledged as collateral for obligations as follows.

[Pledge]

(Millions of yen)

		(initialization)
	As of December 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2024
Toyama Plant	4,613	4,359
Shiga Plant	3,171	4,047
Total	7,785	8,407

[Obligations]

(Millions of yen)

	As of December 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2024
Short-term borrowings	2,710	2,710
Total	2,710	2,710

*3 Notes matured at the end of the fiscal year

Notes are settled as of the note exchange date.

The following notes matured at the end of the fiscal year were included in the closing balance, because December 31, 2024 was a non-business day for financial institutions.

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	As of December 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2024	
Notes receivable - trade	14		19
Electronically recorded monetary claims -	62		78
operating	02		70

Notes to Non-consolidated Statements of Income

*1 Items related to subsidiaries and associates

(Millions of yen)

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	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024
Amount of transactions from business transactions		
Net sales	7,948	7,990
Purchase of goods	2,071	2,216
Amount of transactions through transactions	705	694

*2 Major components of selling, general and administrative expenses and their approximate ratio are as follows:

(Millions of yen)

		(Millions of yen)
	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024
Depreciation	31	28
Packing cost	355	358
Freight costs	526	517
Sales commission	267	193
Salaries	385	387
Retirement benefit expenses	34	30
Provision for share awards for directors (and other officers)	25	18
Provision for bonuses	63	43
Provision for bonuses for directors (and other officers)	61	49
Research and development expenses	324	437
Approximate ratio		
Selling expenses:	38%	36%
General and administrative expenses:	62%	64%

*3 The breakdown of loss on retirement of non-current assets is as follows:

(Millions of yen)

	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024
Facilities related to electrodes and fine carbon	88	13
Total	88	13

*4 Gain on sale of non-current assets

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2024

Gain on sale was recorded for the sale of the former Yamanashi Plant site to Yamanashi City.

*5 Loss of fire

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

This is the cost of restoring production facilities lost in a fire at the Shiga Plant in June 2023. In addition, the Company has received the finalized amount of fire insurance proceeds and recorded it under insurance claim income under non-operating income.

Securities

Shares of subsidiaries and associates

As of December 31, 2023

Carrying amounts of shares, etc. without market value

(Millions of yen)

Category	As of December 31, 2023
(1) Shares of subsidiaries	1,639
(2) Share of associates	1,477
Total	3,116

As of December 31, 2024

Carrying amounts of shares, etc. without market value

(Millions of yen)

Category	As of December 31, 2024
(1) Shares of subsidiaries	1,639
(2) Share of associates	1,477
Total	3,116

Deferred Tax Accounting

1. Major components of deferred tax assets and liabilities

(Millions of yen) As of December 31, 2023 As of December 31, 2024 Deferred tax assets Excess of allowance for doubtful accounts 1 0 Provision for retirement benefits 91 88 Loss on valuation of inventories 47 41 Enterprise taxes payable 38 40 Provision for bonuses 37 33 Gain on sale of businesses 306 306 378 Impairment losses 341 Other 260 208 Subtotal 1,158 1,064 Valuation allowance (929)(924)Total 229 139 Deferred tax liabilities Valuation difference on available-for-sale (1,506)(1,730)securities Other (95)(89)Total (1,601)(1,819)Net deferred tax liabilities (1,372)(1,680)

(Note) Net deferred tax assets as of December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2024 are included in the following items on non-consolidated balance sheets.

		(Millions of yen)
_	As of December 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2024
Non-current liabilities - deferred tax liabilities	(1,372)	(1,680)

2. Reconciliation of significant differences between the statutory effective tax rate and the actual effective rate of income taxes after application of deferred tax accounting

	As of December 31, 2023 (%)	As of December 31, 2024 (%)		
Statutory effective tax rate	30.6	30.6		
(Adjustments)				
Income not taxable permanently, such as dividend	(2.4)	(2.9)		
income	(2.4)	(2.9)		
Expenses not deductible permanently, such as	1.0	1.1		
entertainment expenses	1.0	1.1		
Expenses not deductible permanently, such as	0.4	0.4		
bonuses for directors (and other officers)	0.4	0.4		
Increase (decrease) of valuation allowance	(0.6)	(0.1)		
Tax credits	(1.9)	(2.0)		
Other	1.7	1.3		
Effective rate of income taxes after application of	20.0	29.4		
deferred tax accounting	28.8	28.4		

Revenue Recognition

The note for underlying information to understand revenue from contracts with customers is omitted, because the same information is provided in "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Revenue Recognition."

Subsequent Events

Not applicable

(iv) Annexed Non-consolidated Detailed Schedules

[Annexed detailed schedule of property, plant and equipment, etc.]

(Millions of yen)

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Type of assets	Balance at beginning of period	Increase	Decrease	Balance at end of period	Accumulated depreciation and amortization at end of period	Depreciation and amortization	Net balance at end of period
Property, plant and equipment							
Buildings	8,667	819	42	9,444	6,702	160	2,742
Structures	1,527	67	14	1,580	1,102	55	477
Machinery and equipment	30,581	1,642	352	31,872	25,789	1,025	6,082
Vehicles	120	16	1	135	115	4	19
Tools, furniture and fixtures	1,304	152	36	1,420	1,102	75	317
Land	3,166	_	_	3,166	_	_	3,166
Construction in progress	173	3,848	2,646	1,375	_	_	1,375
Total	45,541	6,545	3,093	48,993	34,812	1,320	14,180
Intangible assets							
Software	_	_	_	125	_	46	79
Other	_	_	-	7	_	_	7
Total	-	-	-	132	-	46	86
Long-term prepaid expenses	233	5	226	12	7	4	5

(Notes) 1. Major increases of property, plant and equipment included the following.

(Millions of yen)

Toyama Plant Upgrades to electrode production facilities

Shiga Plant Enhancement of and upgrades to carbon fiber production facilities

410 1,073

- 2. Balance at beginning of period, increase, and decrease of intangible assets are omitted, because intangible assets accounted for no more than 1% of total assets.
- 3. Accumulated depreciation and amortization at end of period includes accumulated impairment losses.
- 4. Balance at beginning of period and balance at end of period are stated at acquisition cost.

[Annexed detailed schedule of allowance and provisions]

(Millions of yen)

Account title	Balance at beginning of period	Increase	Decrease	Balance at end of period
Allowance for doubtful accounts	3	2	3	2
Provision for bonuses	121	110	121	110
Provision for bonuses for directors (and other officers)	61	49	61	49
Provision for share awards for directors (and other officers)	104	18	62	60
Provision for environmental measures	0	_	_	0

- (Notes) 1. Reasons for recording allowance and provisions and methods of calculating their amounts are stated in "Significant Accounting Policies."
 - 2. The decrease in allowance for doubtful accounts was due to an annual reversal.
 - 3. The decrease in provision for share awards for directors (and other officers) was due to the reversal of points scheduled to be granted that were accumulated in prior years.
- (2) Components of Major Assets and Liabilities
 This information is omitted because the Company prepares consolidated financial statements.
- (3) Other Not applicable