Financial Results of FY2005 First Quarter



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Financial Summary

	FY2005 1st Quarter	FY2004 1st Quarter	Difference	Growth
Net Sales	336.1	299.9	36.2	12.1%
Operating Income	29.7	24.1	5.6	23.1%
Ordinary Income	39.6	30.1	9.5	31.7%
(Equity in earnings of affiliates, included in ordinary income)	(8.1)	(4.4)	(3.7)	(85.3%)
Net Income	21.7	16.7	5.0	29.6%
Naphtha Price (yen/KL)	36,900	29,100		
Exchange Rate (yen/US\$)	107.73	109.63		



Net Sales by Segment

	FY2005 1st Quarter	FY2004 1st Quarter	Difference	Growth	Sales Price Variance	Shipping Volume Variance
Basic Chemicals	57.4	54.0	3.4	6.3%	6.5	-3.1
Petrochemicals	114.5	91.9	22.6	24.6%	20.0	2.6
Fine Chemicals	18.7	20.5	-1.7	-8.5%	0.5	-2.2
IT-related Chemicals	47.5	39.9	7.5	18.9%	-4.0	11.5
Agricultural Chemicals	40.0	39.8	0.2	0.4%	-0.5	0.7
Pharmaceuticals	46.3	42.6	3.6	8.5%	0.0	3.6
Others	11.7	11.2	0.5	4.6%	0.0	0.5
Total	336.1	299.9	36.2	12.1%	22.5	13.7



Operating Income by Segment

Unit; billions of yen

	Basic Chemicals	Petro- chemicals	Fine Chemicals	IT-related Chemicals	Agricultural Chemicals	Pharma- ceuticals	Others	Total
Operating Income								
FY2005 1st Quarter	3.1	5.8	2.5	3.8	2.3	12.0	0.2	29.7
FY2004 1st Quarter	1.0	0.6	2.6	7.0	2.0	9.9	1.0	24.1
Difference	2.1	5.2	-0.2	-3.2	0.3	2.2	-0.8	5.6
Price Variance	3.5	3.0	0.0	-4.0	-0.5	0.0	0.0	2.0
Sales Price Variance	* ¹ 6.5	*2 20.0	0.5	-4.0	-0.5	0.0	0.0	22.5
Purchase Price Variance	-3.0	-17.0	-0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-20.5
Cost Variance	0.0	1.0	0.0	-0.5	-1.0	0.0	0.0	-0.5
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Shipping Volume Variance	-1.4	1.2	-0.2	1.3	1.8	2.2	-0.8	4.1
Total	2.1	5.2	-0.2	-3.2	0.3	2.2	-0.8	5.6

Main factors for variance in operating income;

*1 Favorite market conditions for caprolactam and acrylonitrille

 $\ast 2$ Improved market conditions for polyolefin in Asia, and those for petrochemical products

*3 Increase in depreciation due to expanded production capacity



Special Gains / Losses

		FY2005 1st Quarter	FY2004 1st Quarter	Difference
	Gain on business transfer	4.3	-	4.3
	Reversal of allowance for doubtful receivables	-	2.2	-2.2
	Gain on sale of securities	-	0.6	-0.6
S	pecial Gains	4.3	2.8	1.4
	Expenses for subsidiary merger	0.4	-	0.4
	Restructuring charges	0.1	0.7	-0.6
S	becial Losses	0.5	0.7	-0.2
S	oecial Gains / Losses	3.7	2.1	1.6



Consolidated Balance Sheets

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	30-Jun-05	31-Mar-05		30-Jun-05	31-Mar-05
Current Assets	717.3	694.6	Liabilities	1,013.1	971.9
Cash and cash equivalents	53.9	55.2	Trade notes and accounts	202.2	202.3
Trade notes and accounts	305.1	306.1	Short-term debt	166.3	120.2
Inventories	251.2	234.6	Long-term debt due within one year	34.3	43.5
Others	107.1	98.7	Long-term debt due after one year	329.0	307.0
Non-current Assets	972.9	954.2	Others	281.3	298.9
Property, plant and equipment	525.8	515.9	Minority interests in consolidated subsidiaries	95.3	107.3
Intangible assets	49.7	41.1	Shareholders' equity	581.8	569.6
Investment securities	345.3	349.0	Common stock	89.7	89.7
Others	52.1	48.2	Capital surplus	23.7	23.7
			Retained earnings	383.7	374.2
			Revaluation reserve	3.8	3.8
			Unrealized gains on investment securities	93.5	96.1
			Foreign currency translation adjustments	-11.3	-16.7
			Treasury stock, at cost	-1.3	-1.2
Total	1,690.2	1,648.8	Total	1,690.2	1,648.8

Interest-bearing debt balance	529.5	470.7
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Major Subsidiaries

Company	Net S	Sales	Operating
Company	FY05.1Q	FY04.1Q	Income Status
The Polyolefin Company (Singapore)	25.5	17.9	Significantlyimproved due to higher market price
Petrochemical Corporation of Singapore	56.2	41.2	Substantiallyimproved owing to higher market price
Dongwoo Fine-Chem	25.2	17.8	
Dongwoo STI	11.7	7.9	Slightlydecreased due to lower sales price
Dongwoo Optical Materials	5.6	4.6	
Valent U.S.A. and Subsidiaries	8.5	9.0	Almost same level as the previous year



Financial Estimates for 1st Half

	Revised Estimates	Estimates as of May-2005	Difference	Growth
Net Sales	700.0	670.0	30.0	4.5%
Operating Income	48.0	38.0	10.0	26.3%
Ordinary Income	58.0	44.0	14.0	31.8%
Net Income	32.0	24.0	8.0	33.3%