

# Creative Hybrid Chemistry

## For a Better Tomorrow



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**Change  
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# Overview of FY2013 Performance

# FY2013 First Half Results

(Billions of yen)

	FY2012.1H	FY2013.1H	Change
<b>Sales</b>	961.4	1,050.8	+89.4
<b>Operating Income</b>	24.5	46.3	+21.8
<b>(Equity in Earnings of Affiliates)</b>	1.4	-1.3	-2.7
<b>Ordinary Income</b>	18.9	44.3	+25.4
<b>Net Income</b>	-13.1	12.5	+25.6
<b>Naphtha Price</b>	¥55,200/kl	¥64,800/kl	
<b>Exchange Rate</b>	¥79.41/\$	¥98.86/\$	

# Outlook for FY2013

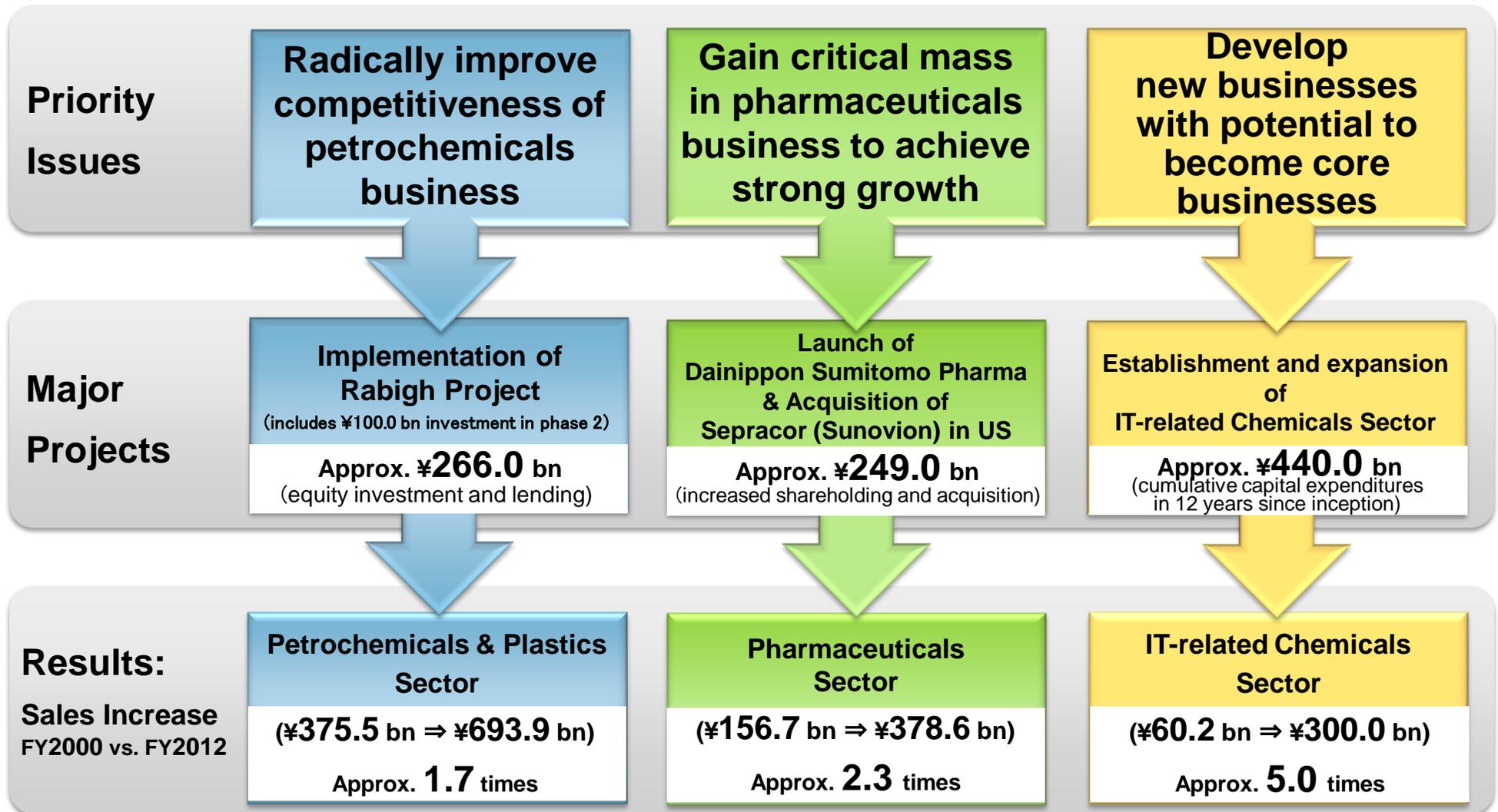
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	FY2012	FY2013 (Forecast)	Change
<b>Sales</b>	1,952.5	2,230.0	+277.5
<b>Operating Income</b>	45.0	105.0	+60.0
<b>(Equity in Earnings of Affiliates)</b>	5.4	3.0	-2.4
<b>Ordinary Income</b>	50.3	100.0	+49.7
<b>Net Income</b>	-51.1	30.0	+81.1
<b>Naphtha Price</b>	¥57,500/kl	¥64,900/kl	
<b>Exchange Rate</b>	¥82.91/\$	¥97.00/\$	

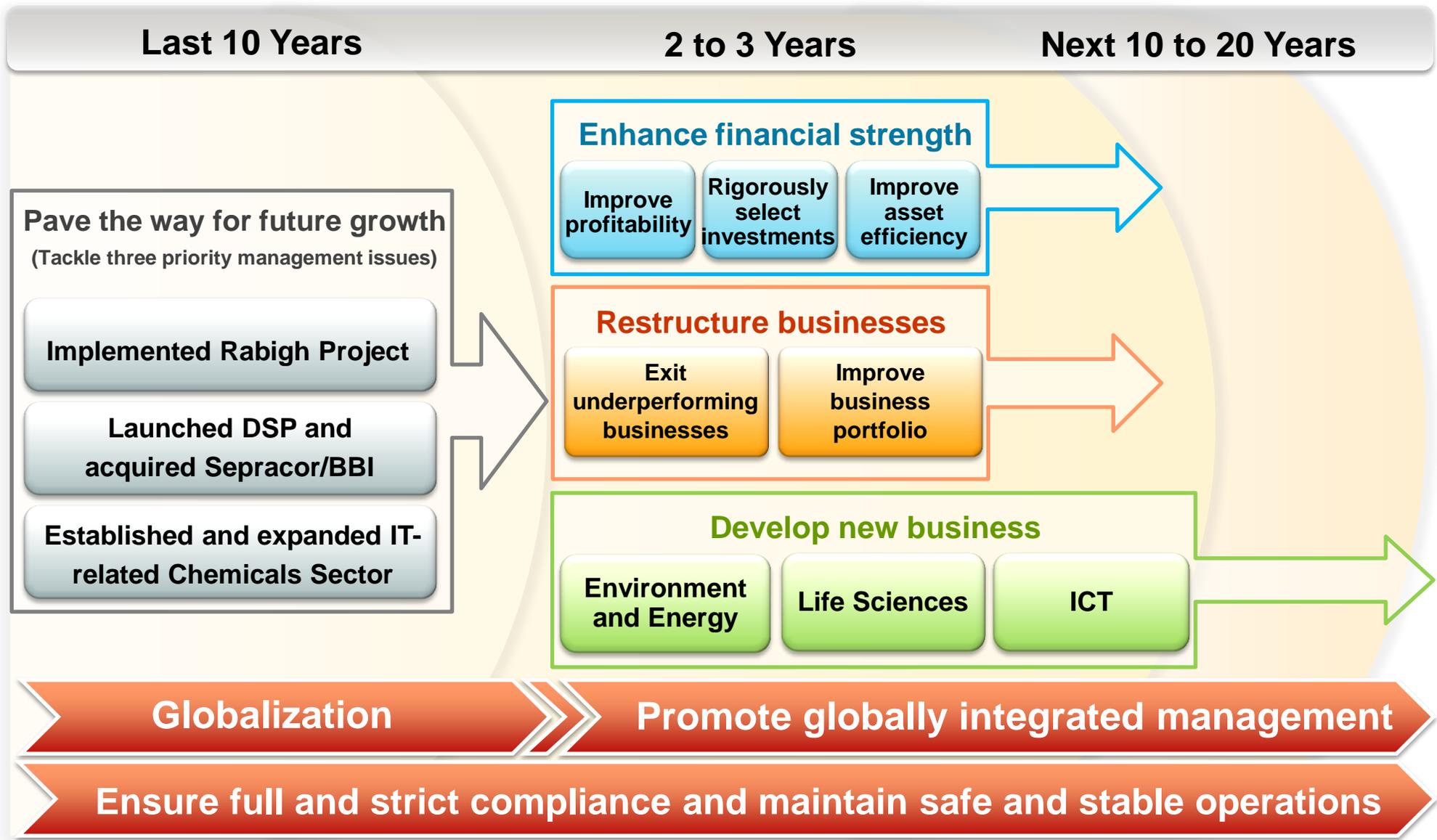
# Overview of Corporate Business Plan FY2013 - FY2015

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# Priority Management Issues & Business Strategy Since the Beginning of the Century



# Where We Have Been Heading



## Targets for FY2015

<b>Sales</b>	¥2,400 Billion
<b>Operating Income</b>	¥140 Billion
<b>Ordinary Income</b>	¥150 Billion
<b>(Equity in Earnings of Affiliates)</b>	¥25 Billion
<b>Net Income</b>	¥90 Billion
<b>Interest-Bearing Liabilities</b>	Below ¥900 Billion

### 【Assumptions】

<b>Exchange Rate</b>	¥80 /\$US
<b>Naphtha Price</b>	¥60,000 /kl

Sensitivity of operating income to currency fluctuations is approximately ¥2.5 billion per year for each one-yen change in the exchange rate of the yen against US\$

# Cash Flow Targets

	FY2010 – FY2012 Corporate Business Plan (Result)	FY2013 – FY2015 New Corporate Business Plan (Target)
Cash flows from operating activities	¥472.3 billion	¥540 billion
Cash flows from investing activities	- ¥445.7 billion	Below - ¥400 billion
Free cash flows	¥26.6 billion	<sup>*1</sup> Over ¥200 billion

Note \*1: Includes decreases in cash and cash equivalents

	End of FY2012 (Result)	End of FY2015 (Target)
Interest-bearing liabilities	¥1,060.6 billion	¥900 billion

# Progress on Corporate Business Plan

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# Restructure Businesses

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**Expand**  
**specialty chemicals**  
**business**

**Restructure**  
**bulk chemicals**  
**business**



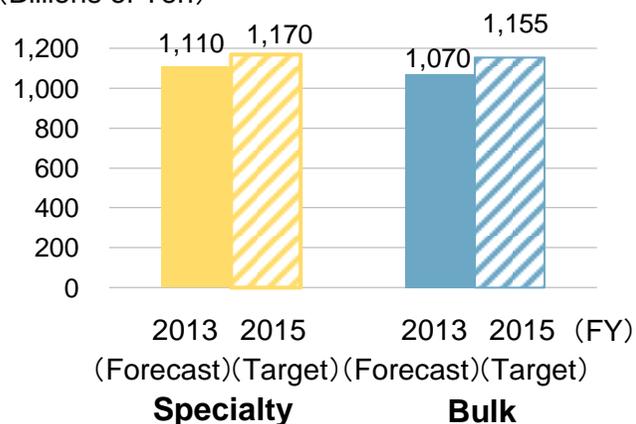
**Improve business portfolio**

# Characteristics by Business Area

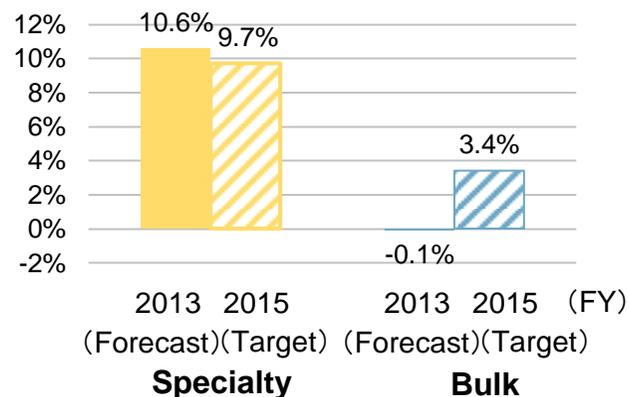
	Specialty chemicals	Bulk chemicals
Product type	Low-volume; high-performance	High-volume; standardized
Competitive advantage	Differentiation (originality)	Cost (economies of scale and feedstock cost advantage)
Characteristics	High profitability; short life-cycle (IT-related Chemicals); Large R&D investment	Large markets; susceptible to change in economic conditions
Growth potential	High	Stable

## Sales

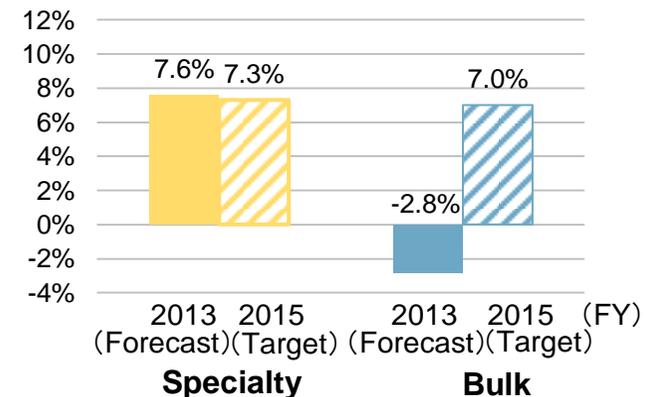
(Billions of Yen)



## Operating Margin



## Return on Investment



**Expand  
specialty chemicals  
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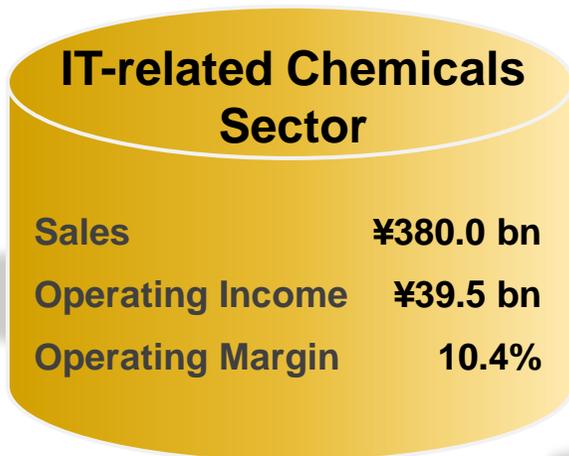
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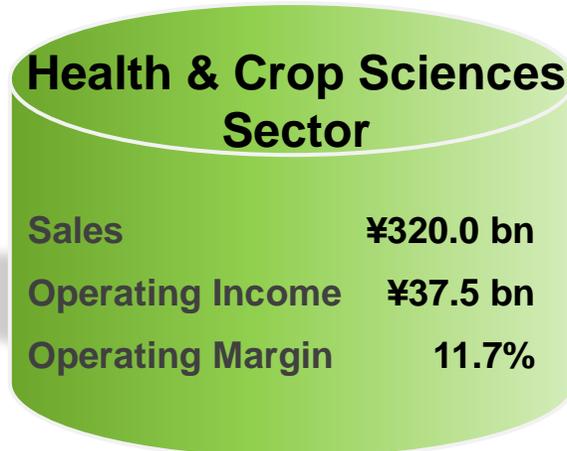
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# Three Specialty Chemicals Business Sectors

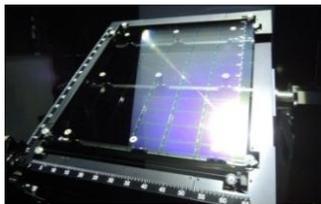
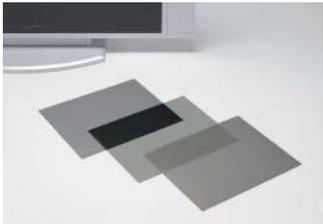
## Total of Three Business Sectors



**Sales** ¥1,110.0 bn  
**Operating Income** ¥118.0 bn  
**Operating Margin** 10.6%



Note: Forecasts for fiscal 2013



**Further expand these sectors as main growth drivers**

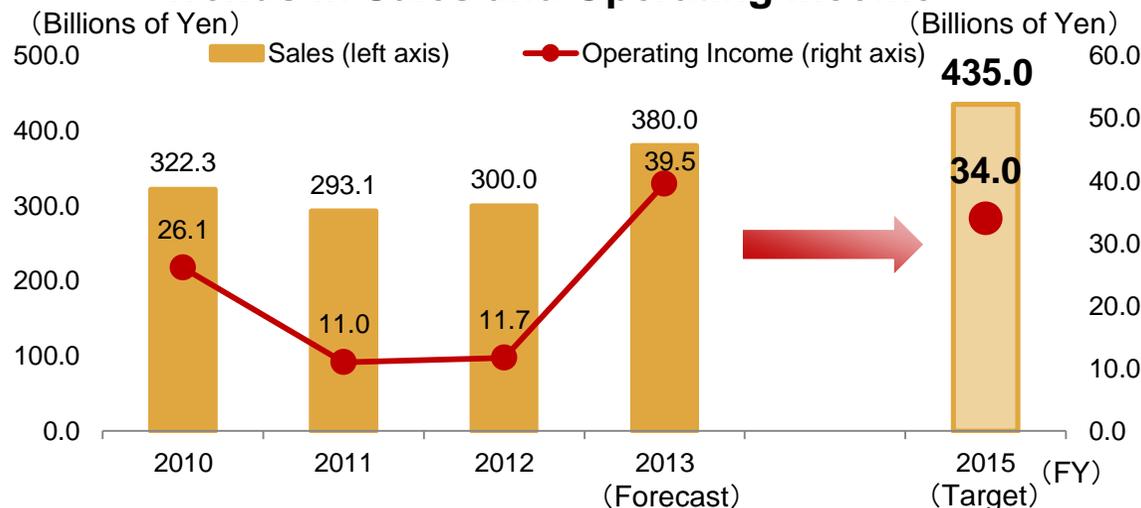
## Features and advantages

- Major products: display materials such as polarizing films, color filters and touchscreen panels
- Swiftly meeting customer needs by establishing production, sales and research bases in the places where our major customers are located, such as South Korea and Taiwan

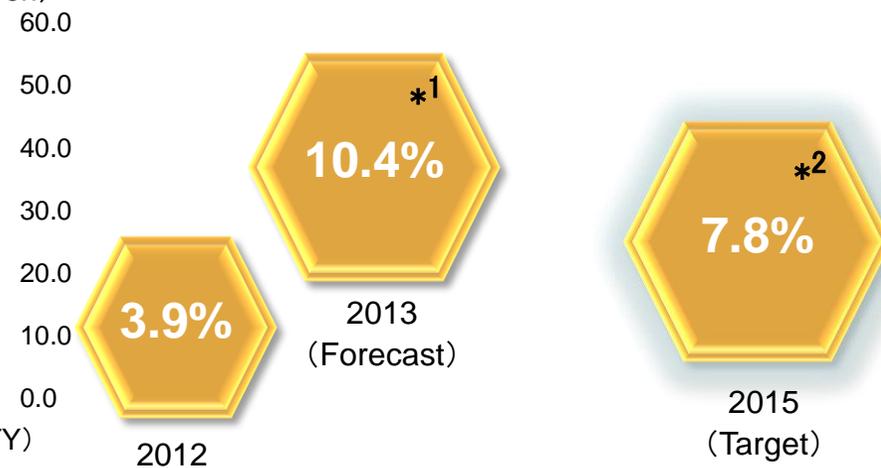
## Future growth drivers

- Increase in sales of polarizing films and touch screen panels for small- and medium-sized displays on the back of strong growth in smartphone and tablet PC sales
- Improvement in profitability on polarizing films for televisions by reducing costs

### Trends in Sales and Operating Income



### Trends in Operating Margin



Exchange rate

¥85.74/\$	¥79.08/\$	¥82.91/\$	¥97.0/\$	¥80.0/\$
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\*1: Assumed exchange rate: ¥97.0/\$

\*2: Assumed exchange rate: ¥80.0/\$

# Expand Sales of Polarizing Films for Small- And Medium- Sized Displays

## Business strategy

Target market: high-performance displays

## Product strategy

Offer high-performance products to meet customer needs

### ● Leading-edge panels

→ Offer products with higher performance (lightweight; thin; sturdy; wide viewing angle)

### ● High-end and mid-range panels

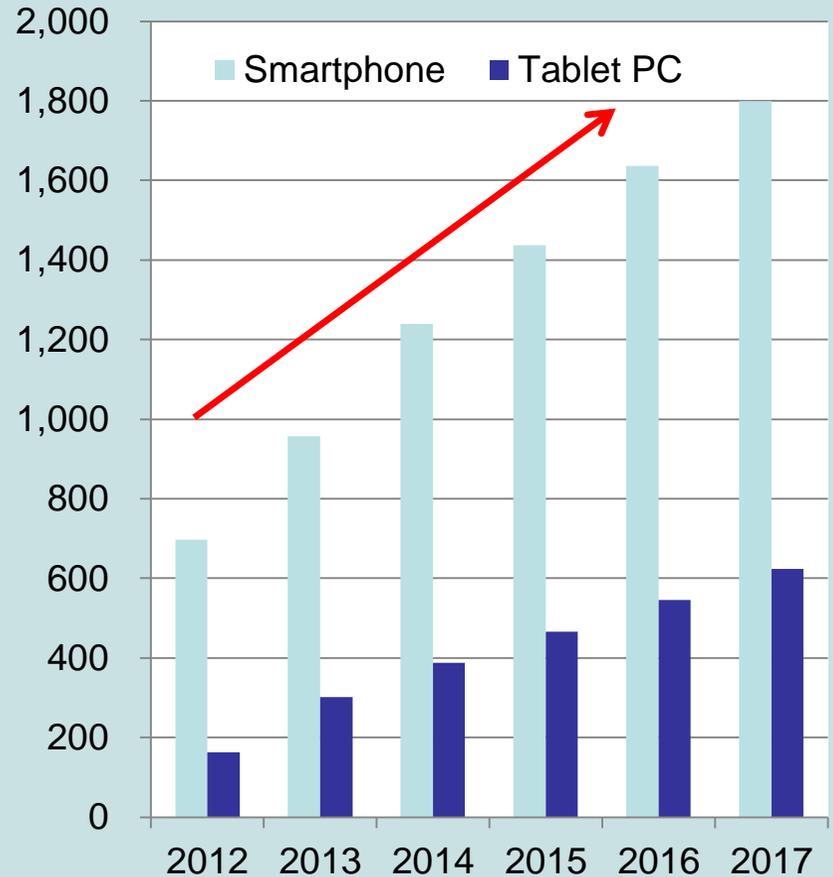
→ Offer high-performance products at lower cost



**The growing demand for smartphones and tablet PCs, which require high-performance polarizing films, offers us great opportunity.**

## Smartphone and Tablet PC Demand

(Million units)

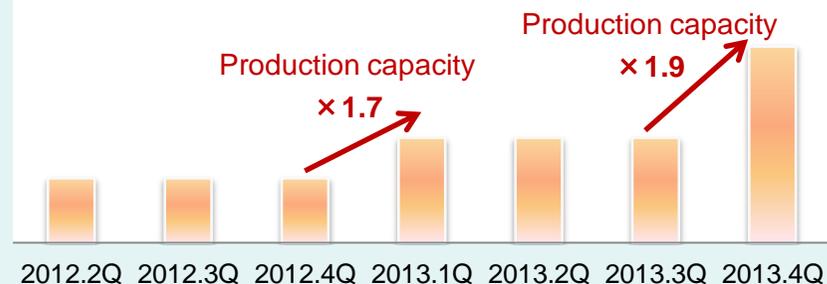


(Source: Display Search 2013/7)

## Touch sensors for OLED panels

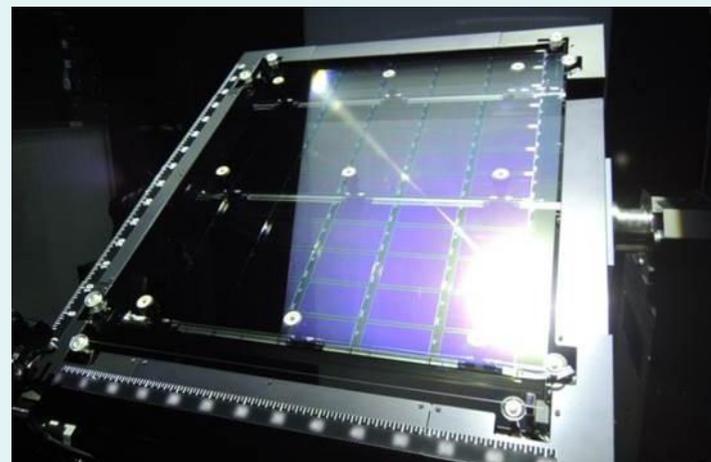
- Capacitive on-cell touch sensor
- Mainly used in smartphones
- May 2012 Started production
- June 2013 Increased production capacity
- Dec. 2013 Start a new production line

## Production capacity for touch sensors for OLED panels



## Touch sensors for LCDs

- Capacitive, cover glass-integrated touch sensor
- Dec. 2013 Start production
- Initially supply touch sensors for tablet PCs



**Develop the touchscreen panel business into the IT-related Chemicals Sector's new core business**

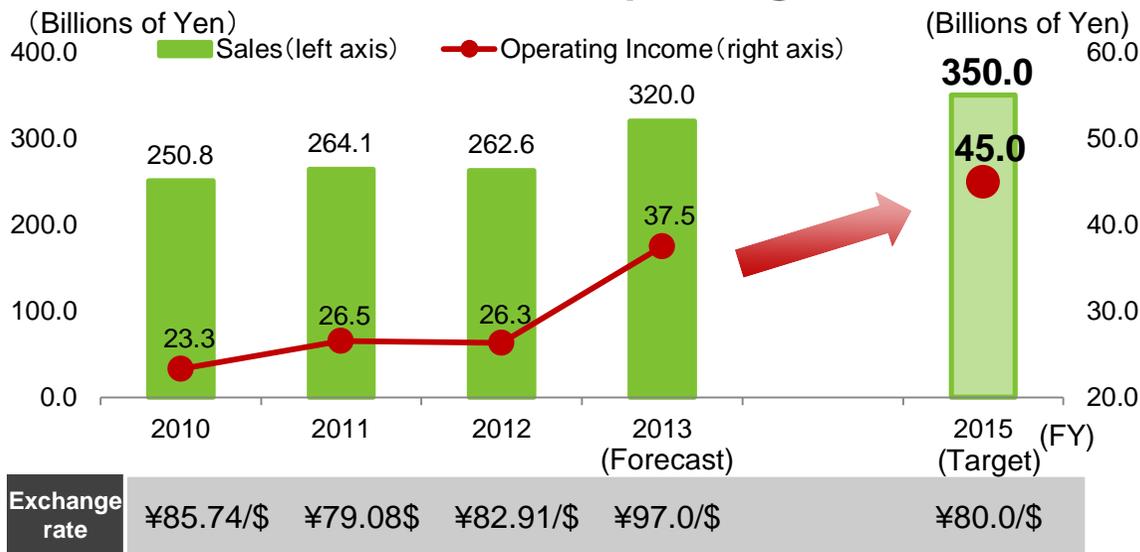
## Features and advantages

- Strong R&D capabilities and robust product pipeline
- Product lines differentiated from major competitors
- Global sales network built on the combination of our own sales channels and alliances
- Holding the largest market share in Japanese crop protection chemicals, pharmaceutical chemicals and other markets
- Holding large shares in the global household insecticide and methionine markets

## Future growth drivers

- Achieve greater synergy with Nufarm and expand alliance with major overseas players
- Expand into seed treatment and post-harvest businesses
- Continuously launch new products

### Trends in Sales and Operating Income



### Trends in Operating Margin



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# Expand Sales of Flumioxazin Herbicide

## Expand collaboration with Monsanto

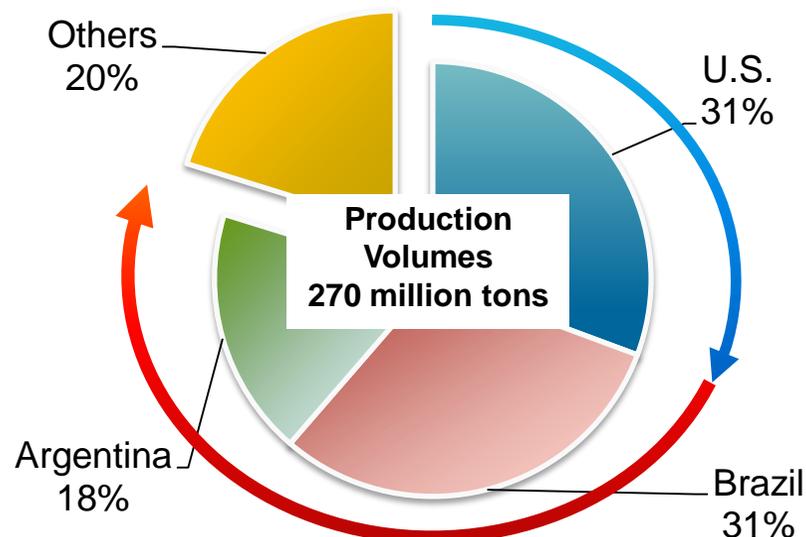
2010: Started collaboration in U.S.

2013: Expanding collaboration in Brazil and Argentina



**Expanding the collaboration in these three markets, which produce 80% of the world soybean output**

## World Soybean Production (2012/2013)

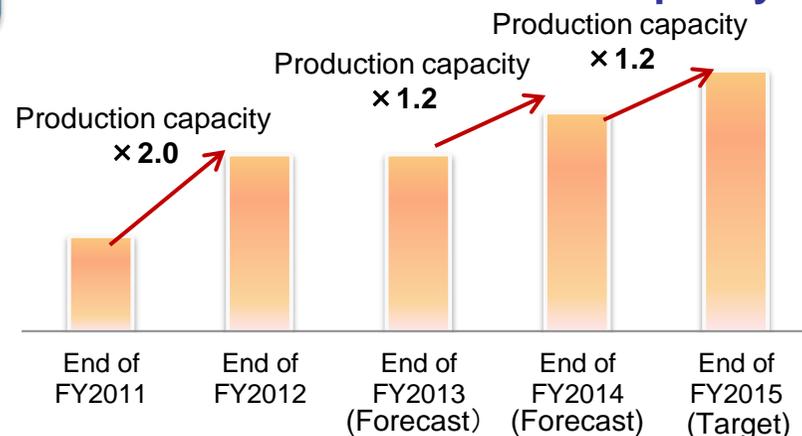


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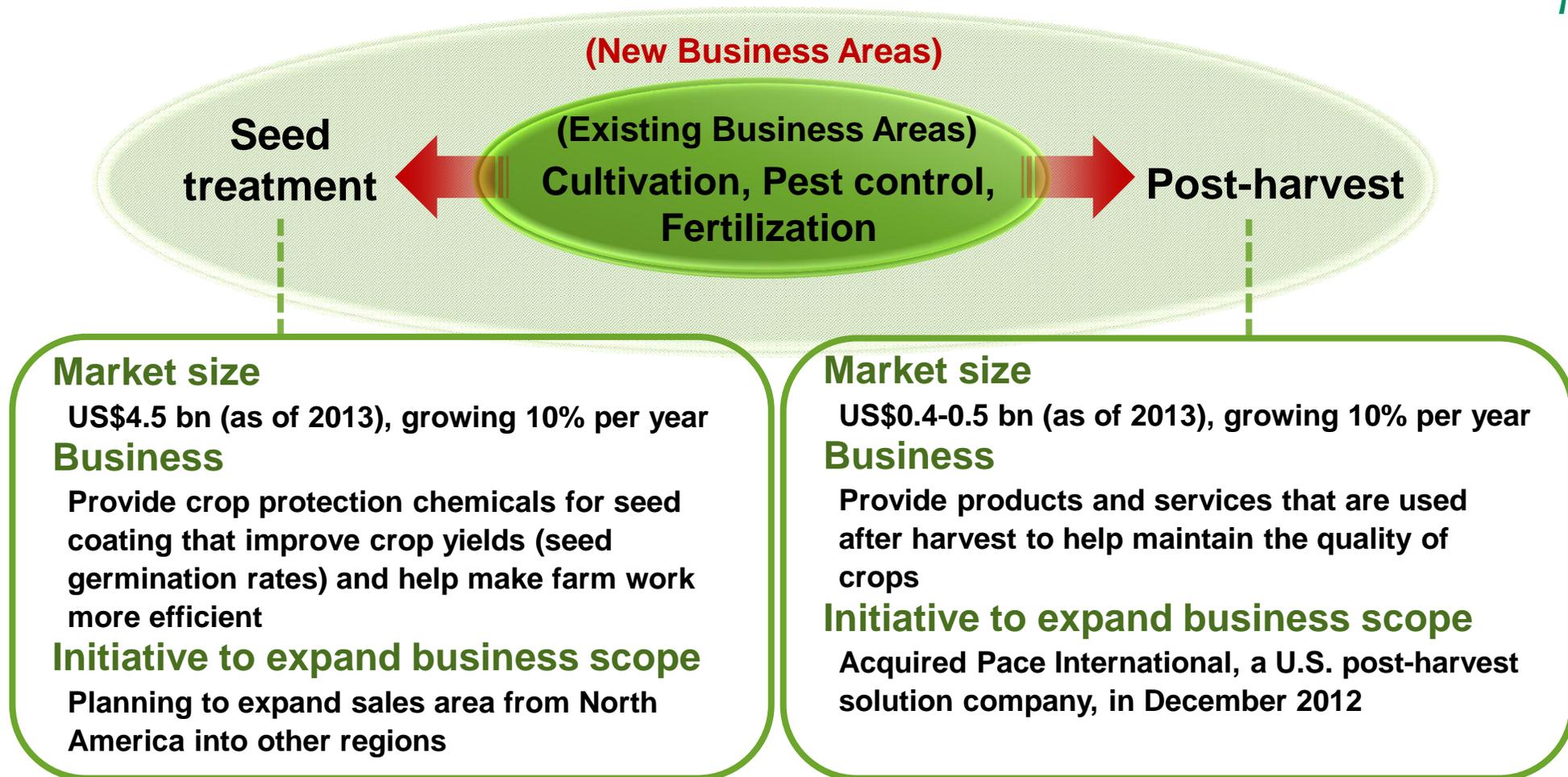
## Decided to expand Flumioxazin production capacity

- Increase Flumioxazin production capacity by about 50% in stages from FY2014 to FY2015
- Production capacity to triple by the end of FY2015 from FY2011 year-end level

## Flumioxazin Production Capacity



# Expand Crop Sciences Business into Downstream and Related Areas



**Expand into seed treatment and post-harvest businesses**

# Expand into Niche Areas

## (Plant Growth Regulators and Biological Pesticides)

### Overview of Valent BioSciences

**Established:** In 2000 (acquired from Abbott Laboratories)  
**Business:** Production and sales of biological pesticides and plant growth regulators  
**Shareholding:** 100% (subsidiary of Valent USA)  
**Headquarters:** Illinois, USA  
**Sales regions:** Over 90 countries worldwide



Plant Growth Regulator  
ProTone

Biological Pesticide  
DiPel

### Plant Growth Regulators

#### Market Size

US\$800 Million

#### Business

Provide crop protection chemicals that improve crop yields and quality

#### Initiatives to expand business scope

Expand into new areas such as rice and pasture grass; explore the expansion into crop stress management

### Biological Pesticides

#### Market Size

US\$400 Million

#### Business

Provide natural, microbially-derived pesticides that can be used in organic farming

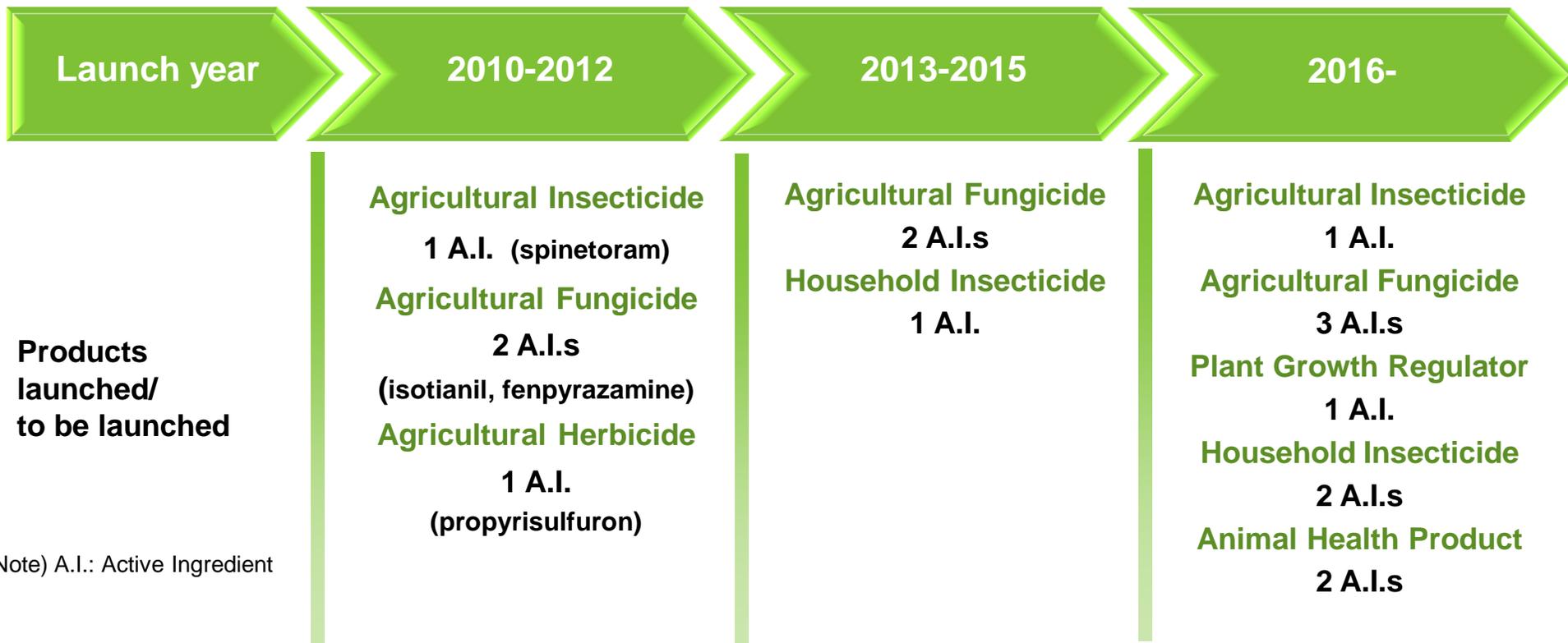
#### Initiatives to expand business scope

Constructing a plant to produce active ingredients for biological pesticides (to be operational in 2014)

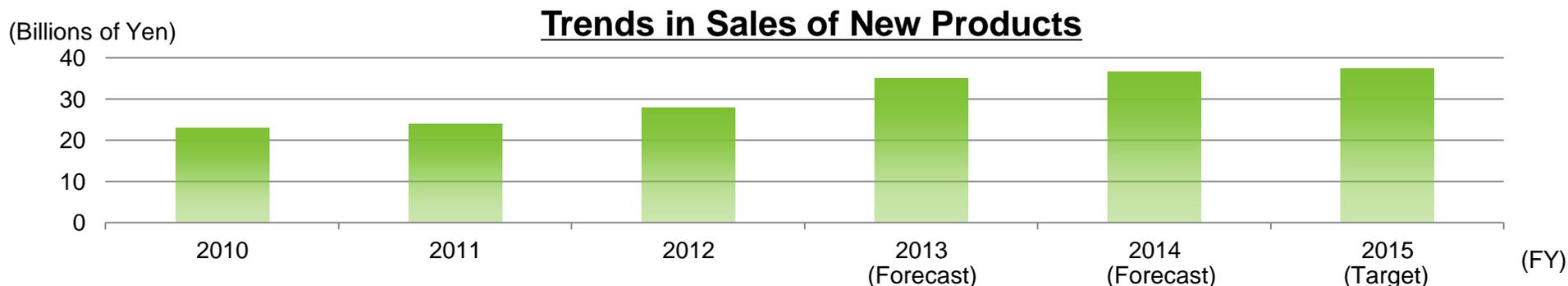
Osage Plant  
(Rendering)



# Pipeline of New Crop Protection Chemicals



(Note) A.I.: Active Ingredient



(Note) Sales of new products: Sales of crop protection chemicals and household insecticides launched (including new applications) within the past five years

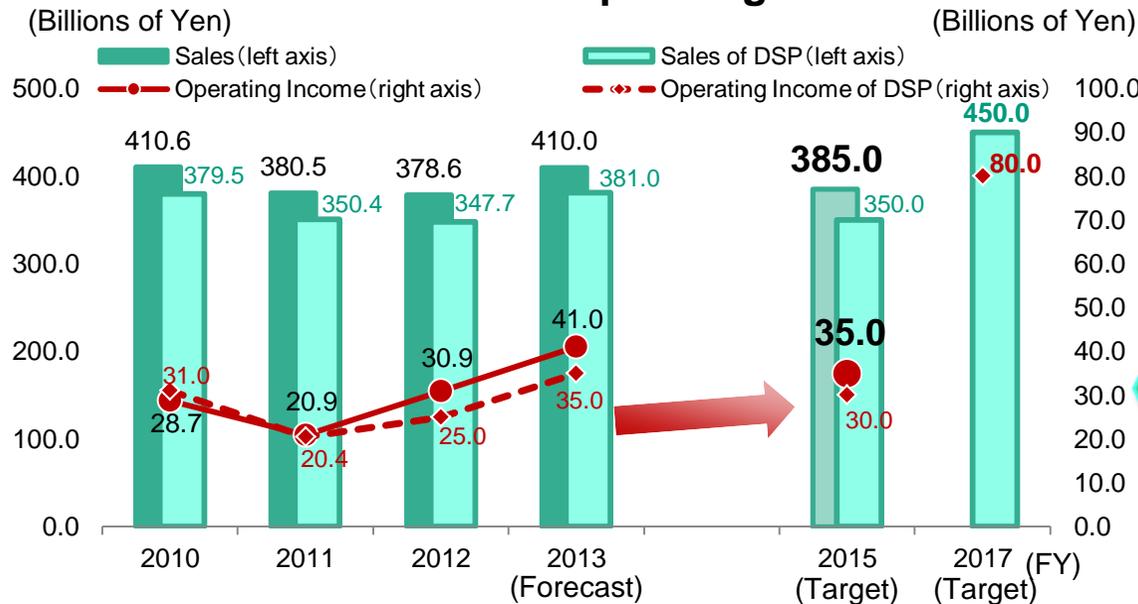
## Features and advantages

- Drug discovery platform in the areas of psychiatry & neurology and oncology, where there are significant unmet medical needs
- New drug development capabilities and sales network in the United States, the world's largest pharmaceutical market

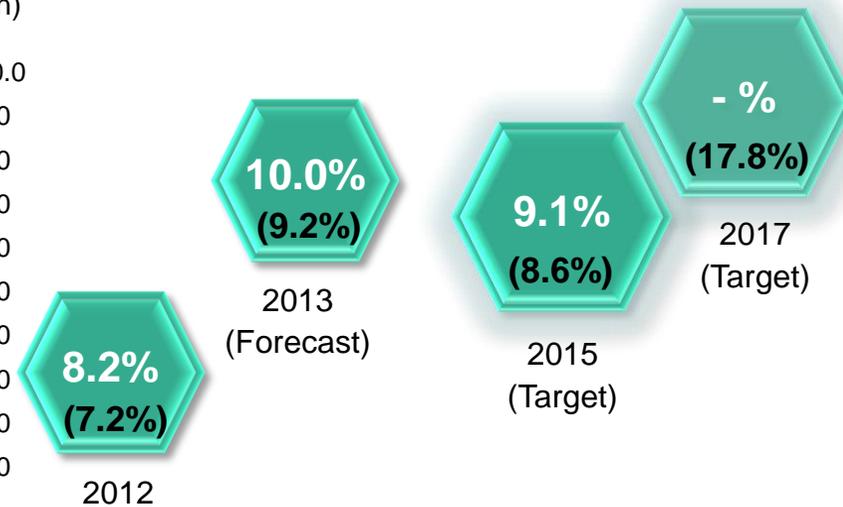
## Future growth drivers

- Maximize earnings and realize further growth in overseas business
- Enhance the product pipeline globally

### Trends in Sales and Operating Income



### Trends in Operating Margin



The figures in parentheses are the operating margin of Dainippon Sumitomo Pharma

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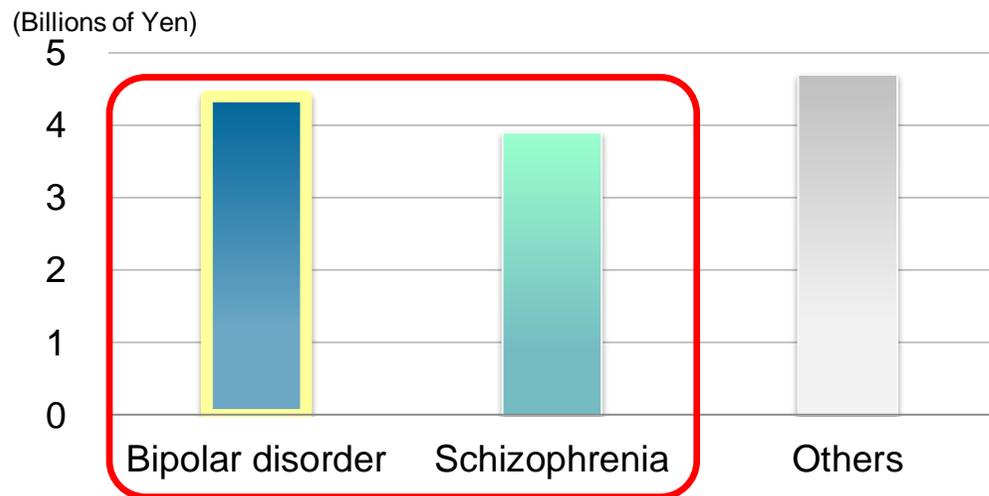
## Obtained approval for additional indications for bipolar I disorder



### Sales promotion for LATUDA as bipolar disorder treatment

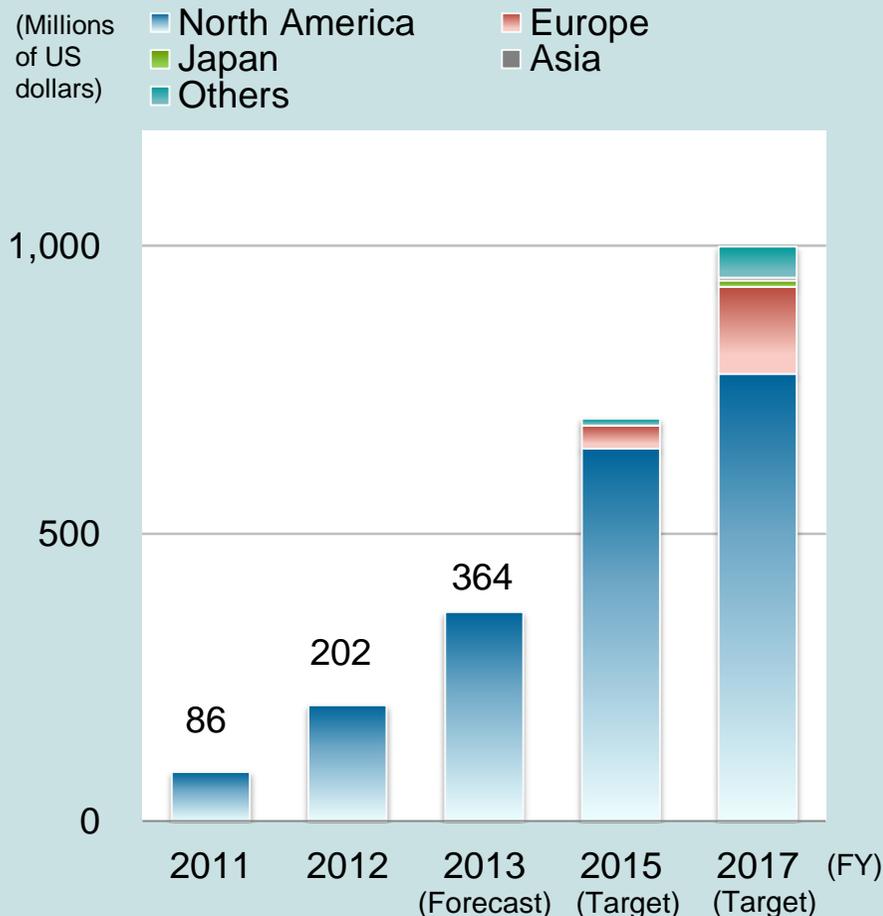
- June 2013 Obtained approval for additional indications for bipolar I disorder
- July 2013 Started promotion
- Sept. 2013 Launched full-scale promotion using sales promotion materials
- 2014.1Q Start advertising including TV commercials

### U.S. Market for Atypical Antipsychotic Agent (2012)



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### LATUDA Sales Projections



Note: Data for sales of our business partners in Europe (except U.K.) are our estimate.

# Develop Anti-cancer Stem Cell Drugs

## Advantages of BBI608/503

BBI608 and BBI503, targeting both cancer cells and cancer stem cells, are expected to have an effect on drug resistance, recurrence or metastasis of cancer

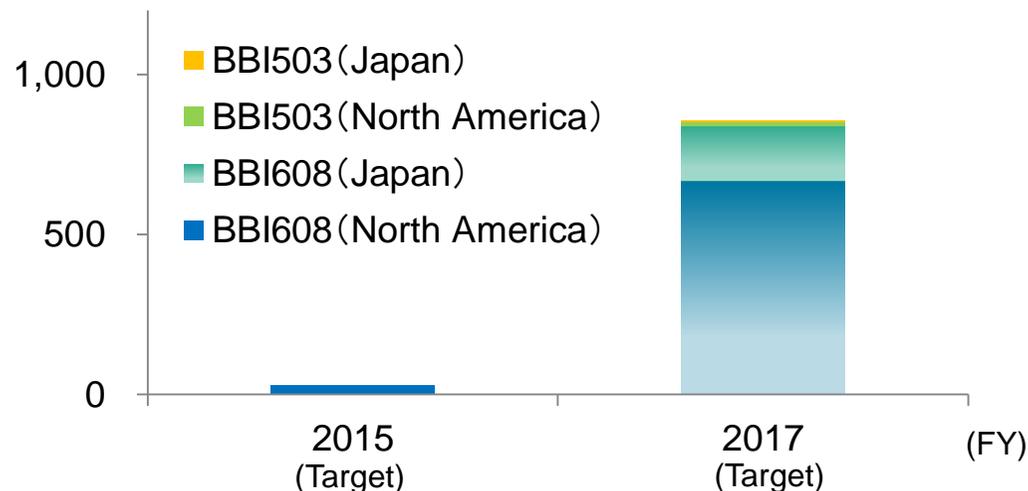
## Target Launch Year for BBI608

**U.S. & Canada:** **FY2015** (applications to be filed in FY2014 at the earliest)

**Japan:** **FY2016**

## BBI608/503 Sales Projections

(Millions of US dollars)



## Clinical Development

Product	Target Indication		Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Application
BBI608	Colorectal (monotherapy) (international joint clinical trial)	U.S., Canada, Japan and others	[Progress bar]			
	Colorectal (combo)	U.S. and Canada	[Progress bar]			
	Solid tumor (combo with Paclitaxel)	U.S. and Canada	[Progress bar]			*
BBI503	Solid tumor (monotherapy)	U.S. and Canada	[Progress bar]			

\* in Phase 2 of Phase 1/2 study

**Expand  
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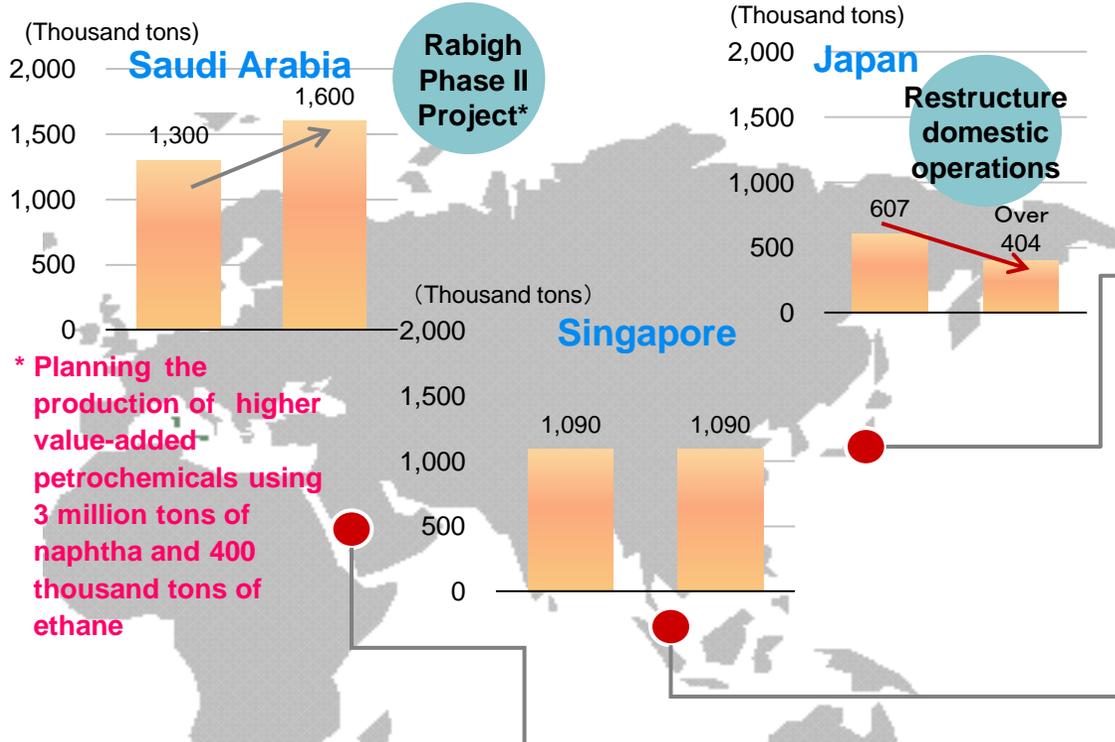
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**Improve business portfolio**

# Global Petrochemical Operations

## Ethylene production capacity by area



Location	Japan
Advantage	“Mother plant/laboratory,” leading the effort to develop high value-added new technologies, products and know-how
Priority	Restructure domestic operations (exit underperforming businesses and restructure production operations)
Measures	Shut down Sumitomo Chemical’s ethylene plant and procure ethylene from Keiyo Ethylene Downsize/exit underperforming businesses

Location	Saudi Arabia
Advantage	Robust cost competitiveness, taking advantage of low-cost feedstocks and fuels
Priority	Maximize Petro Rabigh’s profitability (achieve more stable operations)

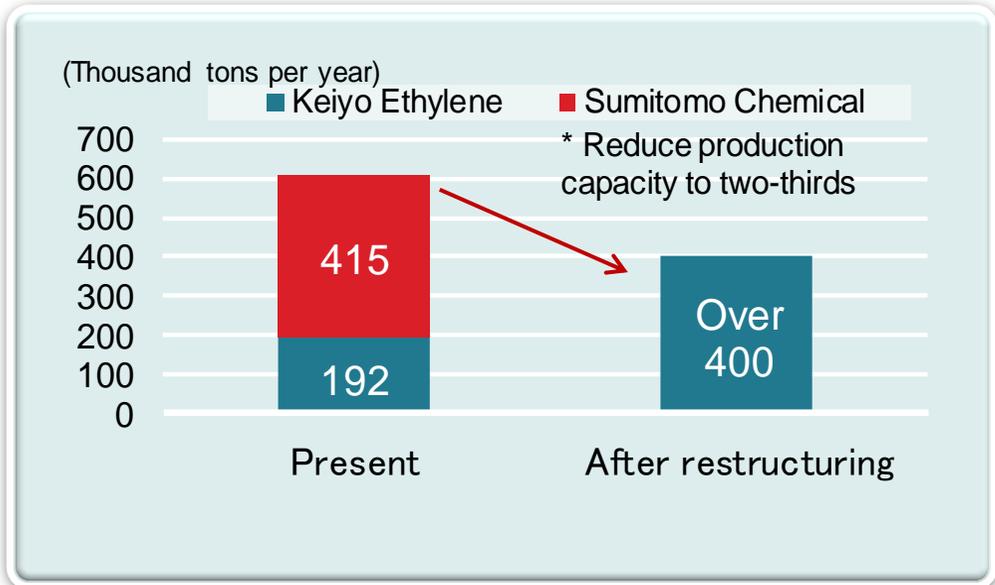
Location	Singapore
Advantage	A solid customer base and high-value added products meeting the needs of key customers in Asian markets
Priority	Strengthen competitiveness by enhancing higher value-added petrochemicals business

# Restructuring of Chiba Works:

## Shut down ethylene plant and procure ethylene from Keiyo Ethylene



### Reduce our ethylene production capacity in Japan (by May 2015)



### Our ethylene production capacity in Japan

	Start-up of operation	Annual production capacity
Keiyo Ethylene	1994	768,000 tons*
Sumitomo Chemical	1970	415,000 tons

\* Includes 192,000 tons of allotment to Sumitomo Chemical

- Keiyo Ethylene's plant is the newest and largest ethylene production facility in Japan.
- Sumitomo Chemical's ethylene plant came on stream more than 40 years ago.

### Keiyo Ethylene: Allotment and Equity Share Holding

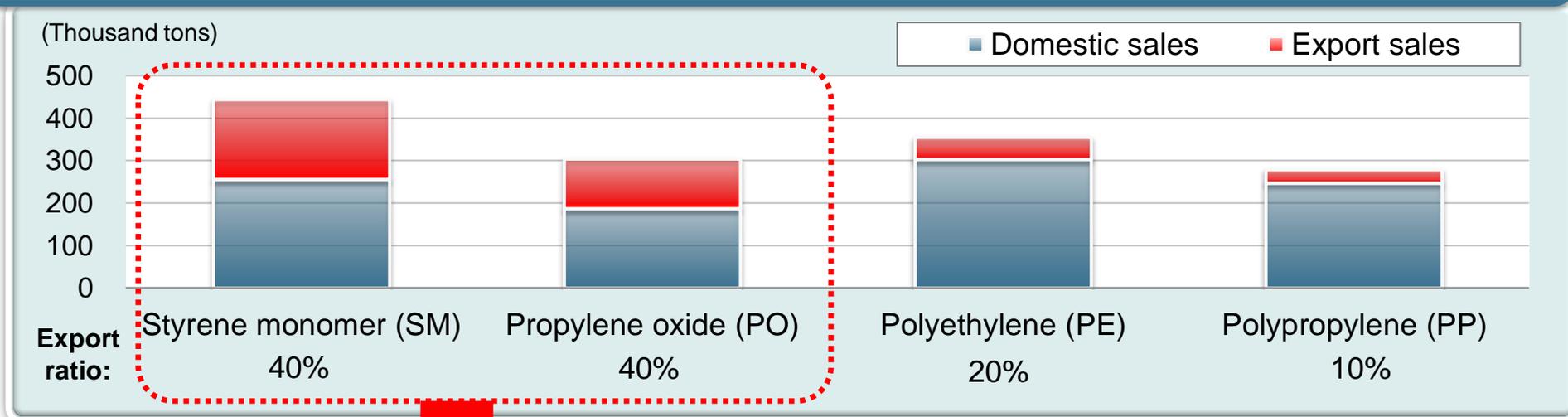
	Allotment	Shareholdings		Allotment	Shareholdings
Maruzen Petrochemical	50.0%	55.0%	➔	40.6%	55.0%
Sumitomo Chemical	25.0%	22.5%		59.4%	45.0%

# Restructuring of Chiba Works: Downsize/exit underperforming businesses

**Export sales have significantly fluctuated, only generating lower-than-expected profits**

**>>> Decided to exit businesses with a high export ratio**

## Sales volume of major products: domestic vs. export sales (FY 2012)



## Exit businesses with a high export ratio

**April 2012** Dissolved joint venture with Chiba Styrene Monomer

**By May 2015** Stop SM and PO production at Nihon Oxirane\*

\*Planning to assume a 100% ownership stake in Nihon Oxirane in December 2013

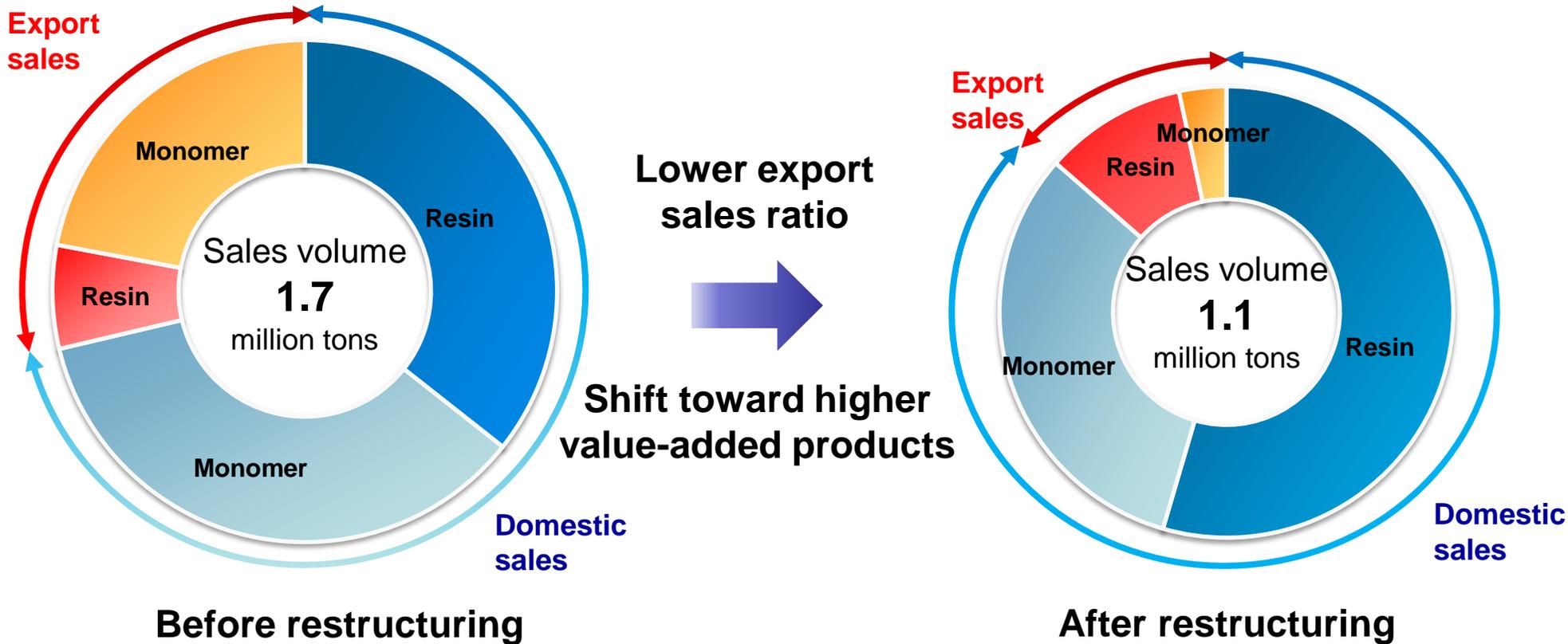
## Products and Production Capacity

	Products	Production capacity
Chiba Styrene Monomer	SM	108,000 tons*
Nihon Oxirane	SM	425,000 tons
	PO	181,000 tons
Sumitomo Chemical	PO	200,000 tons**

\*Allotment to Sumitomo Chemical \*\*Continue production after restructuring

# Petrochemical Business in Japan after Restructuring

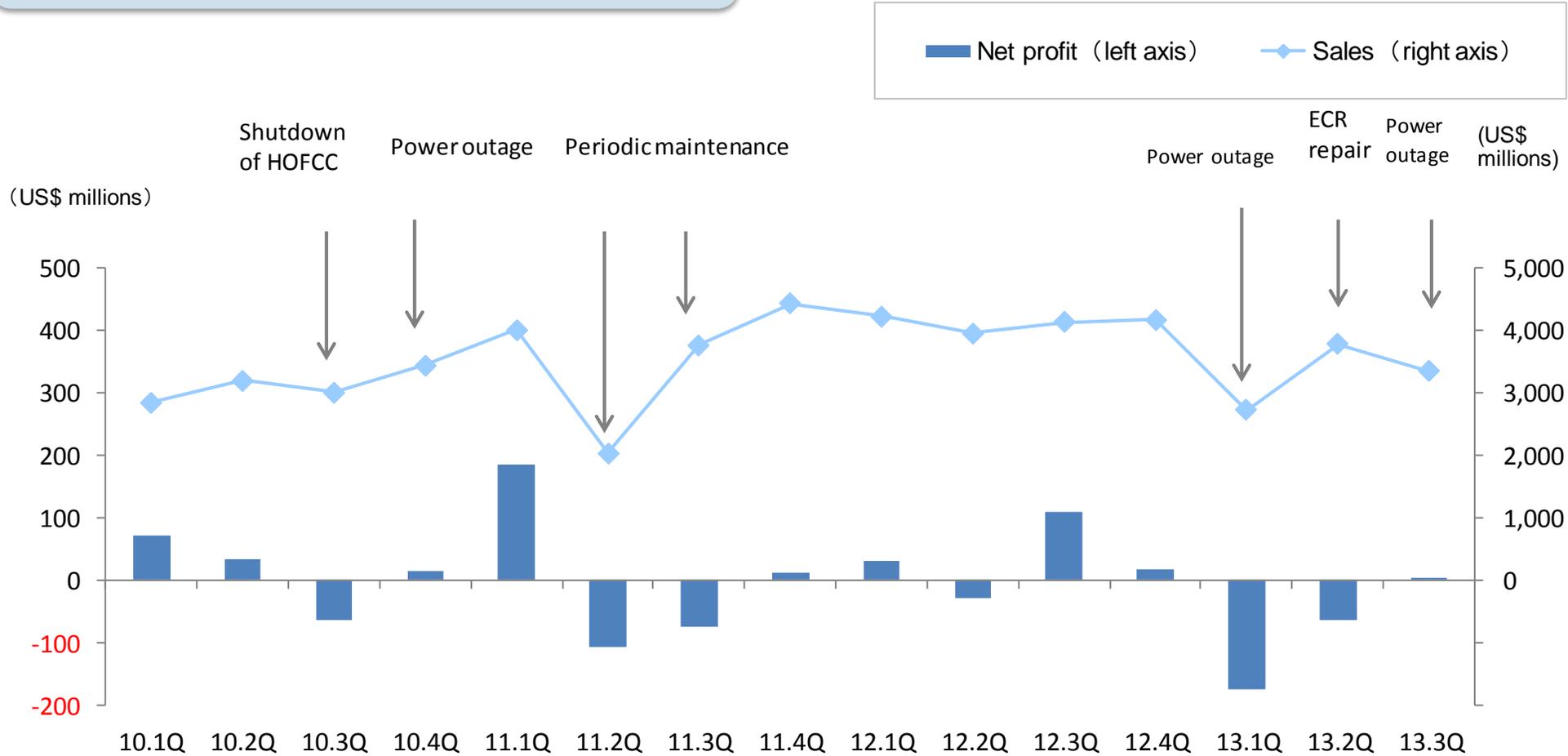
## Sales of major products: domestic vs. export sales



**Revitalize and maintain petrochemical business in Japan by optimizing production operations**

# Efforts to Achieve More Stable Operations at Petro Rabigh

## Earnings of Petro Rabigh



# Restructure Core Businesses of Basic Chemicals Sector



## MMA Business

### Current state

Increase in demand in China and other Asian countries  
Sharp decline in the demand for use in light-guide plates, the major application of PMMA

### Restructuring measures under consideration

- Shift production, sales and research bases to Singapore
  - Stop PMMA production in Ehime in December 2013
- Develop new applications (Optimize product portfolio)
- Develop an innovative production process

## Caprolactam Business

### Current state

Change in the supply-demand structure due to large increases in supply in China

### Restructuring measures under consideration

- Measures to improve competitiveness
  - Drastically reduce raw material costs
  - Build business alliance with upstream and downstream players
- Optimize production operations

**Radically improve the competitiveness and profitability of Basic Chemicals Sector**

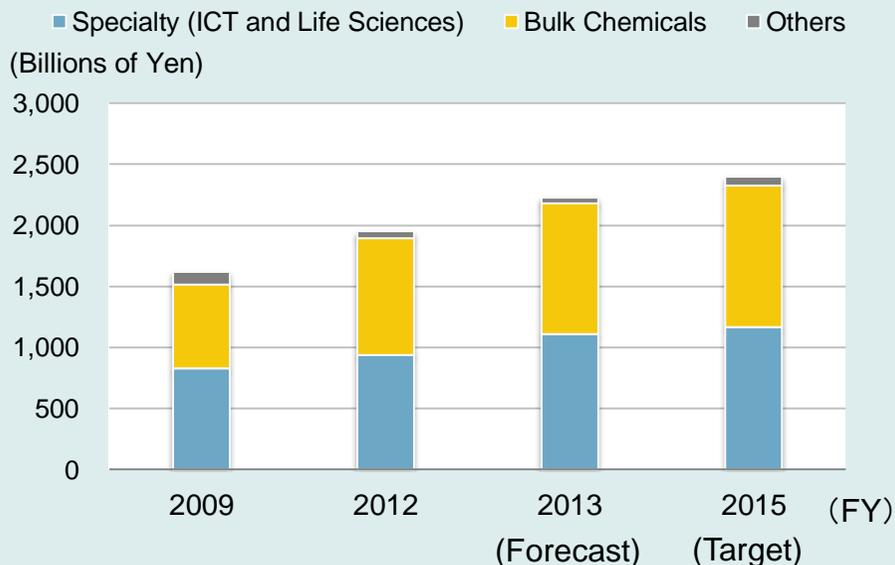
# Business Restructuring (Downsize/exit underperforming businesses)

Sector	Business	Timeframe
Basic Chemicals Sector	Rubber antioxidant ANTIGENE® 6C	Stopped production in March 2012
Petrochemicals & Plastics Sector	PP (United States)	Stopped production in January 2012
	Styrene monomer manufacturing joint venture (Japan)	Dissolved in April 2012
	Ethylene (Japan)	Stop production in May 2015
	PO/SM plant (Japan)	Stop production in May 2015
IT-related Chemicals Sector	Light-guide plates (Japan)	Stopped production in March 2012
	Polarizing films/ light-guide plates (Poland)	Stopped production and sales in June/December 2012
	Metal organics (trimethylindium)	Stopped production in June 2013
Pharmaceuticals Sector	Optimize sales operations (North America)	FY2011-2013

**Restructure underperforming businesses in all business areas**

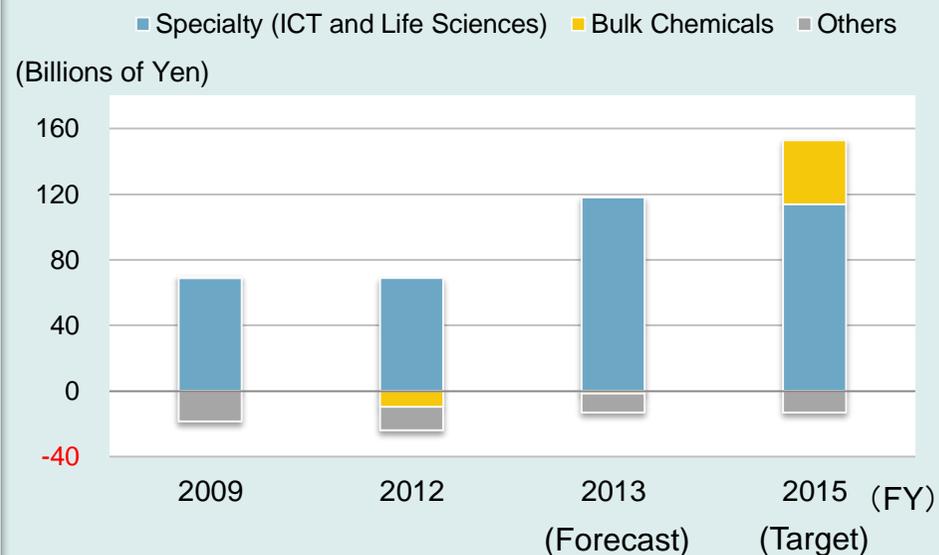
# Become a More Resilient Sumitomo Chemical through Business Restructuring

## Sales



Exchange rate	2009	2012	2013	2015
	¥92.89/\$	¥82.91/\$	¥97.0/\$	¥80.0/\$

## Operating Income



Exchange rate	2009	2012	2013	2015
	¥92.89/\$	¥82.91/\$	¥97.0/\$	¥80.0/\$

- Expand specialty businesses
- Restructure underperforming businesses
- Quickly maximize returns on major investments



Improve  
business portfolio



Establish robust  
business  
foundations

# Enhance Financial Strength

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## Enhance financial strength

Target:

Interest-bearing liability balance  
below ¥900 billion at the end of FY2015



Secure greater strategic freedom to  
aggressively pursue growth opportunities

# Initiatives to Improve Profitability

## Rationalization Initiatives under Corporate Business Plan: Targets and Progress

Item	Target for FY2015*	Major initiatives	Target for FY2013	Progress
<b>Variable manufacturing costs</b>	¥57 billion	Procure at lower cost; improve yields (IT-related Chemicals); restructure Chiba Works (Petrochemicals & Plastics)	¥30 billion	Solid progress on lower-cost procurement and improvement of yields
<b>Fixed manufacturing costs</b>	¥8 billion	Restructure Chiba Works (Petrochemicals & Plastics); streamline production processes (IT-related Chemicals)	¥7 billion	
<b>SG&amp;A expenses</b>	¥15 billion	Reduce selling expenses (Pharmaceuticals)	¥7 billion	Solid progress on the restructuring of pharmaceuticals sales operations (U.S.) and the reduction of head-office overhead costs
<b>Total</b>	¥80 billion		¥44 billion	

\*Comparison with FY2012



Accelerating rationalization efforts, mainly in the Basic Chemicals Sector, faced with a tougher than expected business environment

**Making good progress towards the targets**

# Initiatives to Rigorously Select Investments

**Investment Target under  
Corporate Business Plan**

**Limit investment cash flow  
for FY2013 to FY2015 to  
below 400 billion yen**

**Initiatives to  
Rigorously Select Investments**

**Strictly control total investment  
within the limit**

**Conditions for making investments  
not planned in the budget**

- 1. Review the planned projects to control the total investment amount under budget**
- 2. Take steps to avoid additional cash requirements (e.g.: asset sales and working capital reduction)**

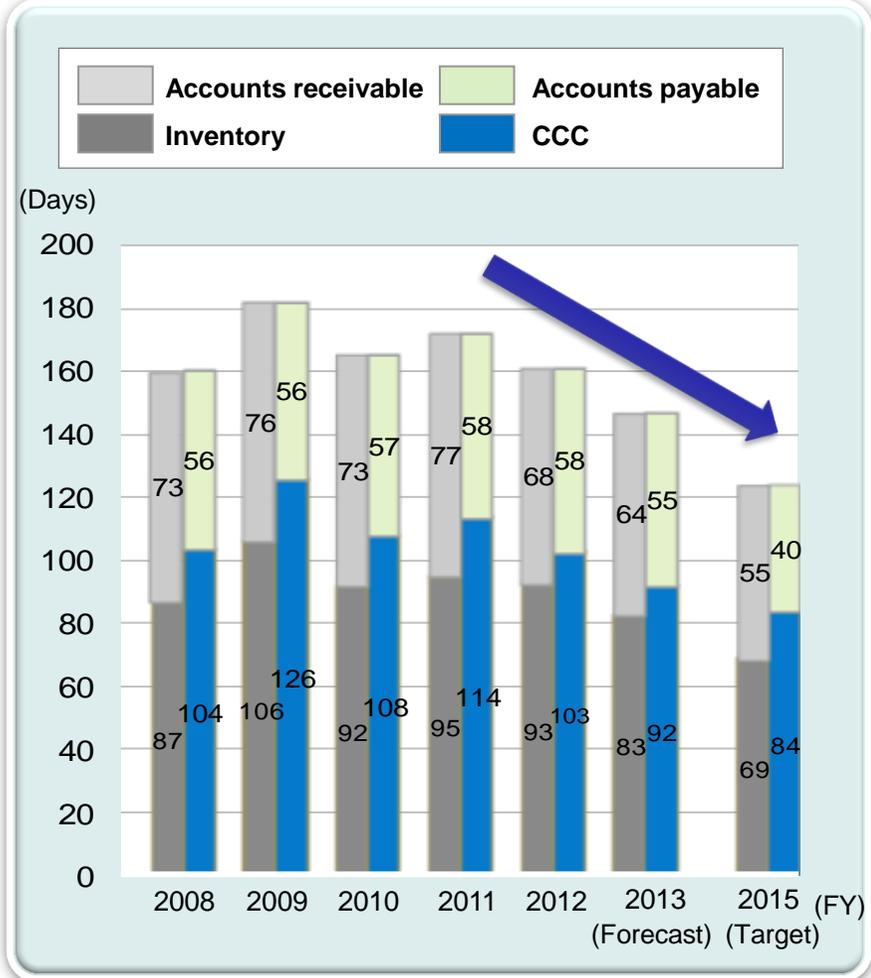
**Quarterly reviews of the investment  
plan for FY2013 to FY2015**

# CCC Improvement Initiatives

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Sector	Initiatives
Basic Chemicals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shorten accounts receivable terms</li> <li>- Optimize inventory levels</li> </ul>
Petrochemicals & Plastics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shorten accounts receivable terms for polymer business in Japan</li> <li>- Optimize inventory levels</li> </ul>
IT-related Chemicals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shorten accounts receivable terms</li> <li>- Reduce inventories by globally standardizing the grades and specifications of products</li> </ul>
Health & Crop Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reduce the number of crop protection chemicals</li> <li>- Optimize inventory levels</li> <li>- Production at appropriate time</li> <li>- Shorten accounts receivable terms</li> </ul>
Pharmaceuticals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Optimize inventory levels</li> </ul>

## Sumitomo Chemical's CCC



# Cash Flow Projections

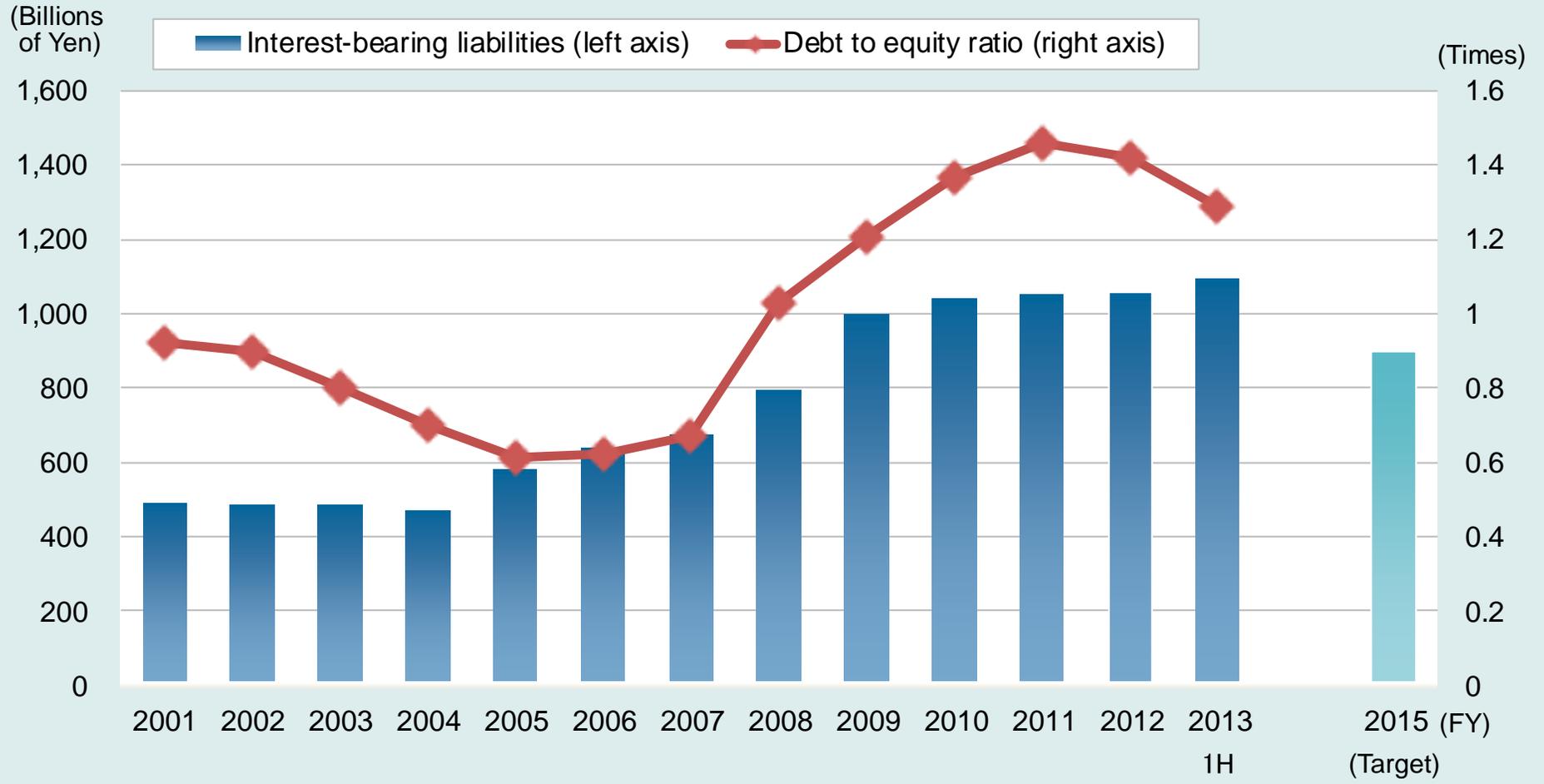
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		FY2013-FY2015 (Target)	FY2013.1H (Forecast)
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<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>	- ¥445.7 billion	Below - ¥400 billion	- ¥80.0 billion
<b>Free cash flows</b>	¥26.6 billion	*1 Over ¥200 billion	¥20.9 billion

Note \*1: Includes decreases in cash and cash equivalents

	End of FY2012 (Result)	End of FY2015 (Target)	End of FY2013.1H (Forecast)
<b>Interest-bearing liabilities</b>	¥1,060.6 billion	Below ¥900 billion	¥1,095.7 billion

Note : Rabigh Phase II advance payments: 24 bn yen at end of FY2012, 45 bn yen at end of FY2013.1H

# Interest-Bearing Liabilities and D/E Ratio



# Develop Next-Generation Businesses

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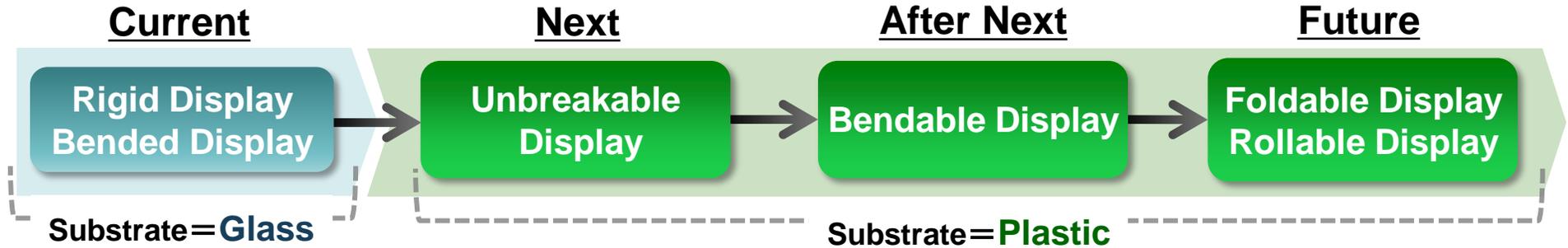
# Develop Next-Generation Businesses

Launch	2011	2015	2020-
<b>Environment and Energy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Silicon solar cells (HEVA, electrode paste, etc.)</li> <li>✓ Lithium-ion secondary batteries (separators)</li> <li>✓ LED lighting applications (sapphire substrates and alumina, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PLED lighting</li> <li>Power semiconductors (epitaxial wafers)</li> <li>High heat-resistant and high thermal-conductive resin</li> <li>✓ Diesel particulate filters</li> <li>CO<sub>2</sub> separation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organic thin-film photovoltaics</li> <li>Lithium-ion secondary batteries (Cathode materials)</li> </ul>
<b>ICT</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Next-generation polarizing films</li> <li>✓ Encapsulation materials for optical use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PLED (light emitting materials)</li> <li>Organic semiconductors</li> </ul>
<b>Life Sciences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Drug for Schizophrenia (LATUDA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anticancer drugs targeting cancer stem cells</li> <li>✓ Safety evaluation and drug discovery using ES and iPS cells</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crop stress management</li> <li>Cellular medicine</li> <li>Regenerative treatment</li> </ul>

✓ Commercialized/ready to be commercialized

# Development of Next-Generation Flexible Display Material and Component Business

## Next-Generation Display Road Map



**Plastic-based Next-Generation Displays: Thin, lightweight, strong, flexible**



**Greater flexibility in device designs and more convenience for consumers**

## Creating Next-Generation Displays

### Sumitomo Chemical's Strengths

**Outstanding material development capabilities as a diversified chemical company**



**Strong product development capabilities and advanced processing technologies developed in the display materials business**

# Promote Globally Integrated Management

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# Promote Globally Integrated Management



## Basic Chemicals

- **Korea**
  - ✓ High-purity alumina production
- **Poland**
  - ✓ DPF production

## Petrochemicals & Plastics

- **Singapore**
  - ✓ S-SBR production
- **Saudi Arabia**
  - ✓ Rabigh Phase II Project

## IT-related Chemicals

- **Korea**
  - ✓ Expansion of touchscreen panel production capacity
- **China**
  - ✓ Expansion and strengthening of supply chain

## Health and Crop Science

- **Australia**
  - ✓ Comprehensive business alliance with Nufarm
- **US**
  - ✓ Collaboration with Monsanto

## Pharmaceuticals

- **US**
  - ✓ Expansion of LATUDA's indications
  - ✓ Development of anti-cancer stem cell drugs
- **Europe**
  - ✓ Joint development and launch of LATUDA with Takeda Pharmaceuticals

## Others

- Establishment of regional headquarters
  - ✓ China : Sumitomo Chemical (China)
  - ✓ Asia : Sumitomo Chemical (Asia Pacific)
  - ✓ America : Sumitomo Chemical America
  - ✓ Europe : Sumitomo Chemical Europe

# **Ensure Full and Strict Compliance and Maintain Safe and Stable Operations**

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## Ensure full and strict compliance

- ✓ Strengthen compliance systems across the Sumitomo Chemical Group, including subsidiaries and affiliates at home and abroad

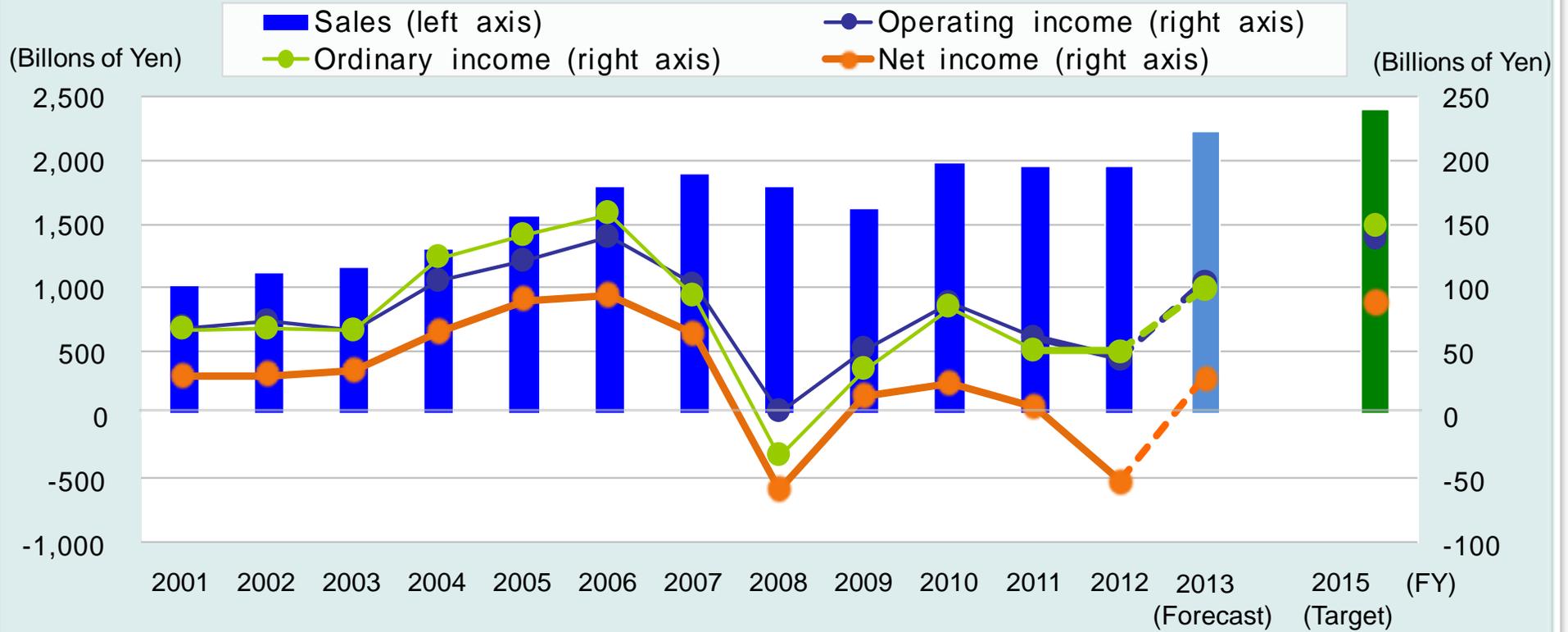
## Maintain safe and stable operations

- ✓ Ensure safe and stable operations by enhancing our culture of safety and increasing safety assurance capabilities

# Shareholder Return

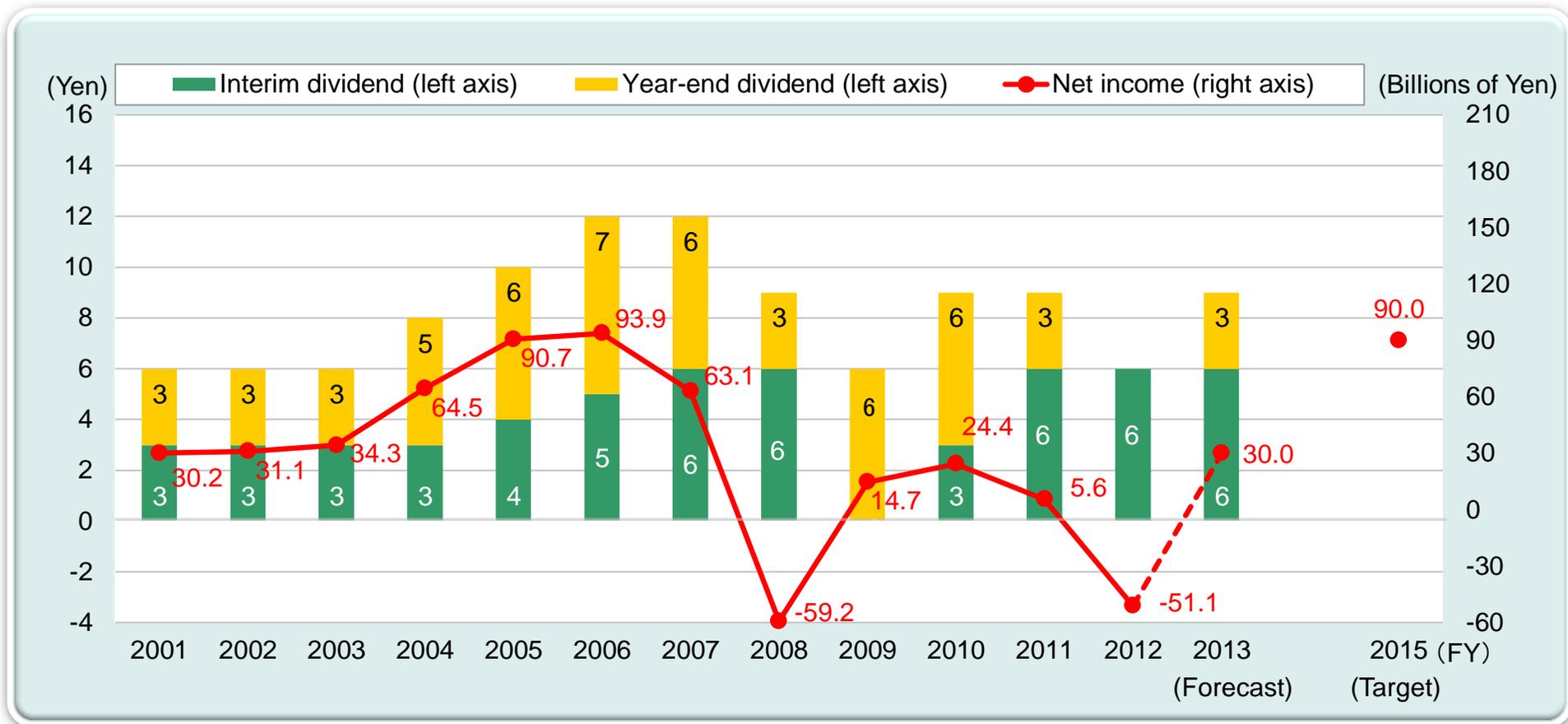
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# Performance Targets



# Dividend Policy

We consider shareholder return as one of our priority management issues and have made it a policy to maintain stable dividend payment, giving due consideration to our business performance and a dividend payout ratio for each fiscal period, the level of retained earnings necessary for future growth, and other relevant factors.



# Creative Hybrid Chemistry



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