

Results Highlights

◆ Net income was lower year on year due to extraordinary losses resulting from changes in accounting standards, which outweighed steady progress in net sales, gross trading profit and recurring profit

The accomplishment rates for gross trading profit, recurring profit and net income surpassed 50% of initial first-half forecasts

(Figures in brackets represent year-on-year changes)

Net sales: 1,407.2 billion yen (+29.9 billion yen/+2.2%)

-Increase in trading volume in energy and mineral resources
-Increase in trading volume in food business
-Decrease in Overseas segment

Gross trading profit: 68.5 billion yen (+3.3 billion yen/+5.1%)

-Strong performance in energy and mineral resources
-Strong performance in fertilizer overseas
-Decrease in real estate development due to slow-down in real estate market conditions

Recurring profit: 28.5 billion yen (+0.1 billion yen/+0.4%)

-Improvement in interest expense-net
-Decrease in equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates

Net income: 16.3 billion yen (-10.8 billion yen/-39.9%)

-Decrease in income before income taxes and minority interests influenced by change in accounting standards

◆ Forecasts

Forecasts for fiscal 2008, ending March 31, 2009

	Interim	Full year
Net sales	2,800.0 billion yen	5,800.0 billion yen
Operating income	41.0 billion yen	95.0 billion yen
Recurring profit	41.0 billion yen	100.0 billion yen
Net income	5.0 billion yen	60.0 billion yen

<Assumptions>
-Exchange rate (Yen/US\$) = 100
-Crude oil price (US\$/BBL) = 90 (Brent)

Cash dividend per share for fiscal 2008 ending March 31, 2009 (expected)
Interim: 4.5 yen per share
Year-end: 4.5 yen per share

Consolidated Statements of Income

	FY2008 (1st quarter)		FY2007 (1st quarter)		Forecast FY2008 (1st-half)		Reasons for changes
	Results	Change	Results	Change	Results	Percentage achieved	
	a	a-b	b	a-b	c	a/c	
Net sales	1,407.2	29.9	1,377.3		2,800.0	50%	Net sales Energy & Mineral Resources +86.0 Consumer Lifestyle +28.5 Overseas +61.3
Gross trading profit	68.5	3.3	65.2		135.0	51%	Gross trading profit Energy & Mineral Resources +4.1 Real Estate Development & Forest Products -1.8
(Gross trading profit ratio)	(4.87%)	(0.13%)	(4.73%)		(4.82%)		
Personnel expenses	-21.6	-0.7	-20.9				
Non-personnel expenses	-19.5	-0.4	-19.1				
Depreciation expenses	-1.3	0.4	-1.7				
(Subtotal)	(-42.4)	(-0.7)	(-41.7)				
Allowance for doubtful receivables and write-offs	-1.2	-0.8	-0.4				
Goodwill amortization	-1.3	-0.1	-1.2				
(Selling, general and administrative expenses)	(-44.9)	(-1.6)	(-43.3)				
Operating income	23.6	1.7	21.9		41.0	58%	
(Operating income ratio)	(1.68%)	(1.59%)	(1.59%)		(1.46%)		
Interest income	3.0	-0.9	3.9				
Interest expense	-7.4	1.5	-8.9				
(Interest expense-net)	(-4.4)	(0.6)	(-5.0)				Improvement in interest expenses-net due to improvement in funding conditions
Dividends	2.2	0.5	1.7				
(Net financial revenue)	(-2.2)	(1.1)	(-3.3)				
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates	6.7	(-1.1)	7.8				Decrease due to sale of an agricultural chemical-related company (-0.9)
Other income	3.4	-0.9	4.3				
Other expenses	-3.0	-0.7	-2.3				
(Others-net)	(4.9)	(-1.6)	(6.5)		0.0	-	
Recurring profit	28.5	0.1	28.4		41.0	70%	
Gain on sale of investment securities	0.5						
Gain on reversal of allowance for doubtful accounts	0.3						
Gain on bad debt recovered	0.1						
(Extraordinary income)	(0.9)	(-5.9)	(6.8)				
Loss on sale and disposal of properties	-0.1						
Loss on revaluation of securities	-0.2						
Loss, and provision for loss on dissolution of subsidiaries and affiliates	-1.4						
Loss on valuation of inventories	(-5.4)						Loss on valuation of inventories (condominiums, etc.) due to changes in accounting standards
(Extraordinary losses)	(-7.1)	(-6.7)	(-0.4)				
(Extraordinary income/losses-net)	(-6.2)	(-12.6)	(6.4)		-4.0	-	
Income before income taxes and minority interests	22.3	-12.5	34.8		37.0	60%	
Income taxes: Current	-5.4	-0.1	-5.3				
Deferred	0.9	2.0	-1.1				
Minority interests	-1.5	-0.2	-1.3				
Net income	16.3	-10.8	27.1		25.0	65%	

Core earnings	29.3	26.8	2.5
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NOTES

1. Core earnings

Core earnings = Operating income (Before allowance for doubtful receivables and write-offs) + Interest expense-net + Dividends received + Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates

2. Forward-looking Statements

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Consolidated Balance Sheets and Principal Management Indices

	June 30, 2008		March 31, 2008		Change	Reasons for changes
	d	e	d-e	e		
Current assets	1,646.2	1,676.0	-29.8			
Cash and deposits	362.8	380.2	-17.4			
Trade notes and trade accounts receivable	648.8	691.5	(-42.7)			Decrease due to payments for oil and food
Securities	8.1	9.2	-1.1			
Inventories	438.8	422.2	16.6			Increase due to higher volumes for fertilizer, oil and food
Short-term loans receivable	12.7	11.6	1.1			
Deferred tax assets-current	20.0	19.2	0.8			
Other current assets	167.5	156.0	11.5			
Allowance for doubtful receivables	-12.5	-13.9	1.4			
Fixed assets	967.2	990.9	(-23.7)			
Tangible assets	211.6	232.0	(-20.4)			Decrease due to exit from businesses and translation adjustments at overseas subsidiaries (with Dec. 31 fiscal year) resulting from the yen's appreciation
Goodwill	64.5	65.5	-1.0			
Other intangible assets	73.3	67.9	5.4			
Investment securities	484.1	481.0	3.1			
Long-term loans receivable	33.9	37.0	-3.1			
Non-performing receivables	105.8	109.4	-3.6			
Deferred tax assets-non-current	20.0	31.0	-11.0			
Others	43.5	44.4	-0.9			
Allowance for doubtful receivables	-69.5	-77.3	7.8			
Deferred assets	2.4	2.5	(-0.1)			
Total assets	2,615.8	2,669.4	(-53.6)			
Liabilities	1,296.9	1,383.5	(-86.6)			
Trade notes and trade accounts payable	531.7	579.0	(-47.3)			Decrease due to payments for cigarette and food transactions
Short-term loans payable	478.7	497.2	(-18.5)			Decrease due to loan repayment and shift to long-term funding
Commercial paper	37.0	25.0	12.0			
Bonds with redemption in one year	45.1	75.1	-30.0			
Other current liabilities	204.4	207.2	-2.8			
Non-current liabilities	825.9	765.6	60.3			
Bonds, less current portion	171.5	141.5	30.0			Increase due to issuance of bonds (+30.0)
Long-term loans payable	595.4	560.3	35.1			Increase due to shift to long-term funding
Allowance for retirement benefits	17.8	19.4	-1.6			
Other non-current liabilities	41.2	44.4	-3.2			
Total liabilities	2,122.8	2,149.1	(-26.3)			
Common and preferred shares	160.3	160.3	0.0			
Capital surplus	152.2	152.2	0.0			
Retained earnings	146.3	139.2	7.1			Net income (+16.3); payment of dividends (-5.6) Effect from changes in accounting standards (-3.7)
Treasury stock	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1			
(Total shareholders' equity)	(458.6)	(451.6)	(7.0)			
Net unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities	74.0	60.3	13.7			
Loss (gain) on deferred hedges	-0.7	1.3	-2.0			
Land revaluation difference	-2.5	-2.5	0.0			
Foreign currency translation adjustments	-79.3	-34.7	(-44.6)			Translation adjustments at overseas subsidiaries (with Dec. 31 fiscal year) resulting from the yen's appreciation
(Total valuation and translation adjustments)	(-8.5)	(24.4)	(-32.9)			
Minority interests	42.9	44.3	-1.4			
Total net assets	493.0	520.3	(-27.3)			
Total liabilities and net assets	2,615.8	2,669.4	(-53.6)			
Gross interest-bearing debt	1,327.7	1,299.1	28.6			
Net interest-bearing debt	964.9	918.9	46.0			
Net debt/equity ratio (Times)	* 2.14	* 1.93	0.21			* The denominator for the net debt/equity ratio and the numerator of the shareholders' equity ratio have been calculated after excluding minority interests.
Shareholders' equity ratio	* 17.2%	* 17.8%	-0.6%			

Highlights of Consolidated Financial Results for the First Quarter Ended June 30, 2008
Supplementary Materials (1) -Gross Trading Profit and Recurring Profit (by Industry Segment)-

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(Unit: Billions of yen)

	Gross Trading Profit				Recurring Profit			
	Apr to Jun, 2008	Apr to Jun, 2007	Change	Main factors for change	Apr to Jun, 2008	Apr to Jun, 2007	Change	Main factors for change
	Results	Results			Results	Results		
Machinery & Aerospace	16.1	15.5	0.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ships: increase (+0.7) due to overall growth in ship-owing business and marine-related equipment transactions. •Information and Industrial Machinery: increase (+1.2) due to growth in plant-related equipment transactions. •Automobiles: slight decrease (-0.2) as net result of strong performance in the Russia and NIS region, and higher transaction volume at Sojitz Corporation in the Middle East, outweighed by temporary impact of restrictions on importing completely built-up vehicles to Venezuela in the Central and South America region. •Aircraft: decrease (-0.3) due to reduced sales in Boeing-related transactions. 	4.7	5.0	(0.3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ships: increase due to growth in ship-owing business and marine-related equipment transactions. •Information and Industrial Machinery: increase due to growth in plant-related equipment transactions. •Automobiles: decrease, due primarily to temporary impact of restrictions on importing completely built-up vehicles to Venezuela in the Central and South America region. •Aircraft: decrease due to reduced sales in Boeing-related transactions.
Energy & Mineral Resources	14.6	10.5	4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Overall increase due to higher market prices: Oil and Gas (+3.1) Coal (+1.0) Mineral Resources (+0.4) 	11.5	10.2	1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Increase overall due to continuing high market prices, despite reduced equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates due to a drop in nickel prices, and other negative factors.
Chemicals & Plastics	15.0	14.8	0.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Fertilizer: increase (+2.9) due to strong sales. •Methanol: decrease (-1.7) due to a reduction in sales volume during scheduled plant maintenance work. 	6.4	5.7	0.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Increase due to strong fertilizer performance outweighing lower profits in methanol, etc.
Real Estate Development & Forest Products	3.2	5.0	(1.8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Real Estate Development: decrease (-2.1) due to reduced profitability reflecting a slump in condominiums market. •Forest Products: increase (+0.3) due to improvement in domestic supply-demand balance for plywood. 	(0.7)	1.0	(1.7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Real Estate Development: decrease in gross trading profit. •Forest Products: increase in gross trading profit.
Consumer Lifestyle Business	9.0	8.2	0.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Textiles: decrease (-0.4) due to sluggish sales of apparel resulting from a slump in domestic consumer spending. •Foods: increase (+1.2) due to steep rise in trading prices of wheat, rice and corn etc. 	(1.8)	(0.5)	(1.3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Decrease due to sluggish sales of apparel in textiles.
Overseas Subsidiaries	6.3	6.5	(0.2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Unchanged. 	3.3	3.4	(0.1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Unchanged.
Other	4.3	4.7	(0.4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Decrease (-0.2) due to lower sales at Nissho Electronics. 	5.1	3.6	1.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Increase due to gains on foreign currency translations, primarily in corporate divisions.
Total	68.5	65.2	3.3		28.5	28.4	0.1	

Highlights of Consolidated Financial Results for the First Quarter Ended June 30, 2008 Supplementary Materials (2) -FY2008 Full-year Forecast-

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Sojitz Corporation

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	April to June, 2008	April to June, 2007	Change	FY2008 Forecast	Progress
Net Sales	1,407.2	1,377.3	+29.9	5,800.0	24.3%
Gross trading profit	68.5	65.2	+3.3	285.0	24.0%
[Gross trading profit ratio]	[4.87%]	[4.73%]		[4.91%]	
Machinery & Aerospace	16.1	15.5	+0.6	75.0	21.5%
Energy & Mineral Resources	14.6	10.5	+4.1	48.0	30.4%
Chemicals & Plastics	15.0	14.8	+0.2	51.0	29.4%
Real Estate Development & Forest Products	3.2	5.0	(1.8)	23.5	13.6%
Consumer Lifestyle Business	9.0	8.2	+0.8	40.0	22.5%
Overseas Subsidiaries	6.3	6.5	(0.2)	26.0	24.2%
Other	4.3	4.7	(0.4)	21.5	20.0%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(44.9)	(43.3)	(1.6)	(190.0)	23.6%
Operating income	23.6	21.9	+1.7	95.0	24.8%
[Operating income ratio]	[1.68%]	[1.59%]		[1.64%]	
Non-operating income/expense-net	4.9	6.5	(1.6)	5.0	98.0%
Recurring profit *1	28.5	28.4	+0.1	100.0	28.5%
[Recurring profit ratio]	[2.03%]	[2.06%]		[1.72%]	
Machinery & Aerospace	4.7	5.0	(0.3)	24.5	19.2%
Energy & Mineral Resources	11.5	10.2	+1.3	37.0	31.1%
Chemicals & Plastics	6.4	5.7	+0.7	13.5	47.4%
Real Estate Development & Forest Products	(0.7)	1.0	(1.7)	11.0	-
Consumer Lifestyle Business	(1.8)	(0.5)	(1.3)	2.5	-
Overseas Subsidiaries	3.3	3.4	(0.1)	9.0	36.7%
Other	5.1	3.6	+1.5	2.5	204.0%
Extraordinary income (loss)-net	(6.2)	6.4	(12.6)	(10.0)	-
Income before income taxes	22.3	34.8	(12.5)	90.0	24.8%
Net income	16.3	27.1	(10.8)	60.0	27.2%
Core earnings *2	29.3	26.8	+2.5	100.0	29.3%

Recurring Profit Performance

© Overall progress towards reaching FY2008 forecast has been steady, at 29%.
Performance by industry segment is as follows.

Machinery & Aerospace

- Ships: overall strong performance in ship-owning business and marine-related equipment transactions.
- Information and Industrial Machinery: generally progress is on schedule due to steady plant-related equipment transactions.
- Automobiles: progress is slow in the first quarter as steady transaction volume in Russia and NIS, as well as at Sojitz Corporation in the Middle East, was offset by temporary impact of restrictions on importing completely built-up vehicles to Venezuela in the Central and South America region. A recovery is expected during the second half of the year.

Energy & Mineral Resources

- Strong performance due to continuing high market prices, combined with increased production and sales volume.

Chemicals & Plastics

- Strong performance led by fertilizer.

Real Estate Development & Forest Products

- Real Estate Development: generally in line with plans considering the seasonal tendency to higher earnings in the second half.
- Forest Products: Robust performance due to improvement in domestic supply-demand balance for plywood.

Consumer Lifestyle Business

- Weak performance due to sluggish sales of apparel resulting from a slump in domestic consumer spending.

Overseas Subsidiaries

- Steady overall due to strong performances from machinery transactions in the Americas and chemicals transactions in Europe and China.

Other

- Steady overall.

*1 Figures for recurring profit by business segment are internal figures for reference only

*2 Core earnings = Operating income (Before allowance for doubtful receivables and write-offs) + Net interest income and expenses + Dividends received + Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates

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	June 30, 2008	March 31, 2008	Change	March 31, 2009 Forecast
Total assets	2,615.8	2,669.4	(53.6)	2,750.0
Shareholders' Equity *3	450.1	476.0	(25.9)	500.0
[Total net assets]	[493.0]	[520.3]	[-27.3]	-
Shareholders' Equity ratio (%)	17.2%	17.8%	(0.6%)	18.2%
Net interest-bearing debt	964.9	918.9	46.0	990.0
Net DER (Times)	2.1	1.9	0.2	2.0
[Net DER (times) based on total net assets]	[2.0]	[1.8]	[0.2]	-

*3 Equity = total net assets – stock acquisition rights – minority interests (same meaning as "shareholders' equity" as used previously)

Highlights of Consolidated Financial Results for the First Quarter Ended June 30, 2008

Supplementary Materials (3)

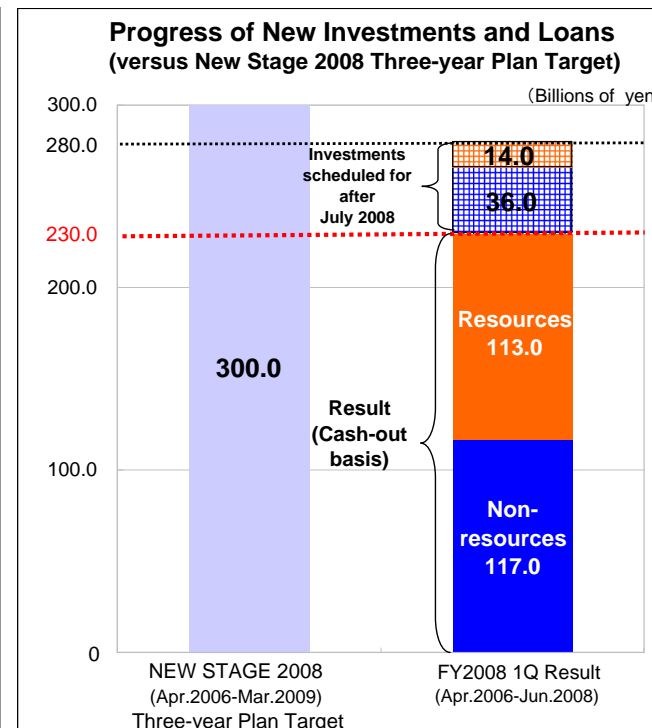
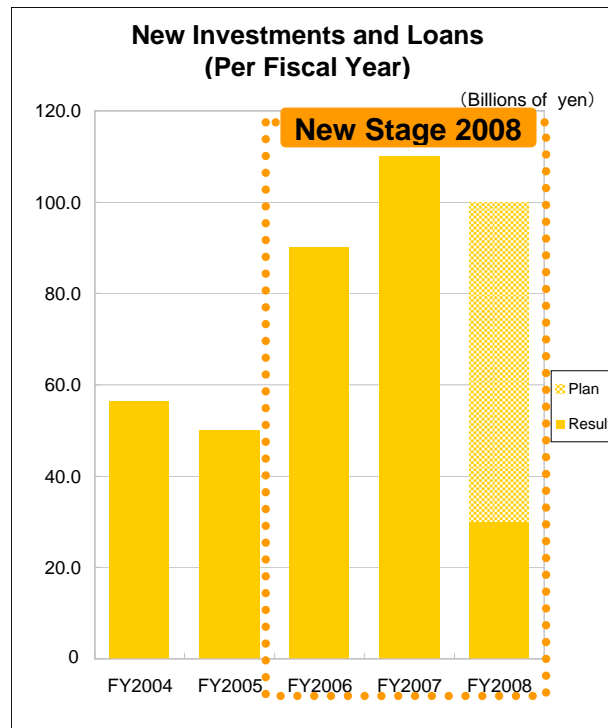
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New Investments and Loans

Progress on New Investments and Loans

- ¥230.0 billion (77% complete) of ¥300.0 billion New Stage 2008 Three-year Plan Target
¥280.0 billion including investments scheduled to be made after July 2008 (93% complete)

- ¥30 billion of fiscal year's ¥100.0 billion plan invested during 1st quarter (33% complete)

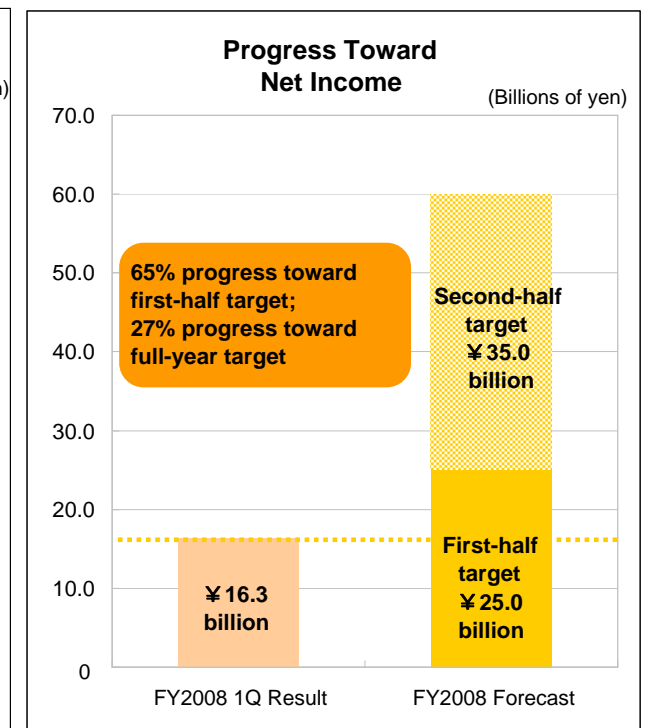
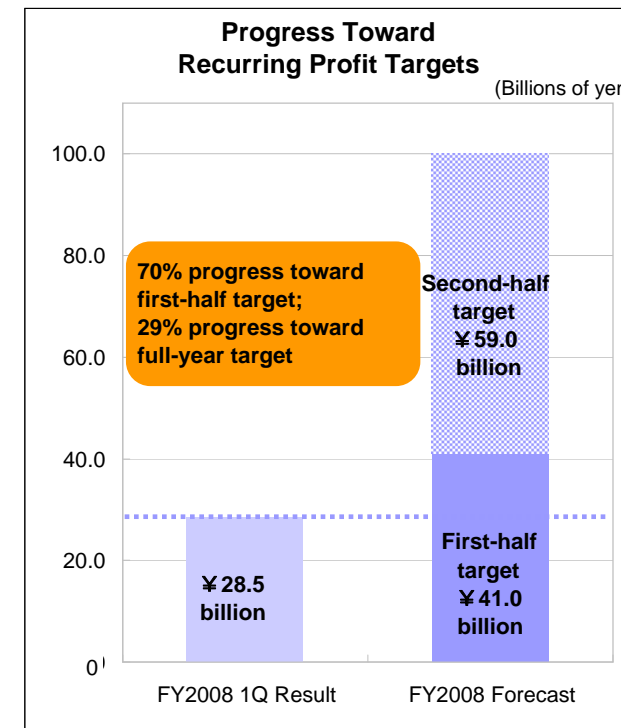


Progress Toward Achieving Earnings Targets

Progress toward earnings targets

-70% progress toward recurring profit target for first half of year
(¥28.5 billion result in FY2008 1st quarter, versus ¥41.0 billion target)

-65% progress toward net income target for first half of year
(¥16.3 billion result in FY2008 1st quarter, versus ¥25.0 billion target)



Commodities and Exchange Rates

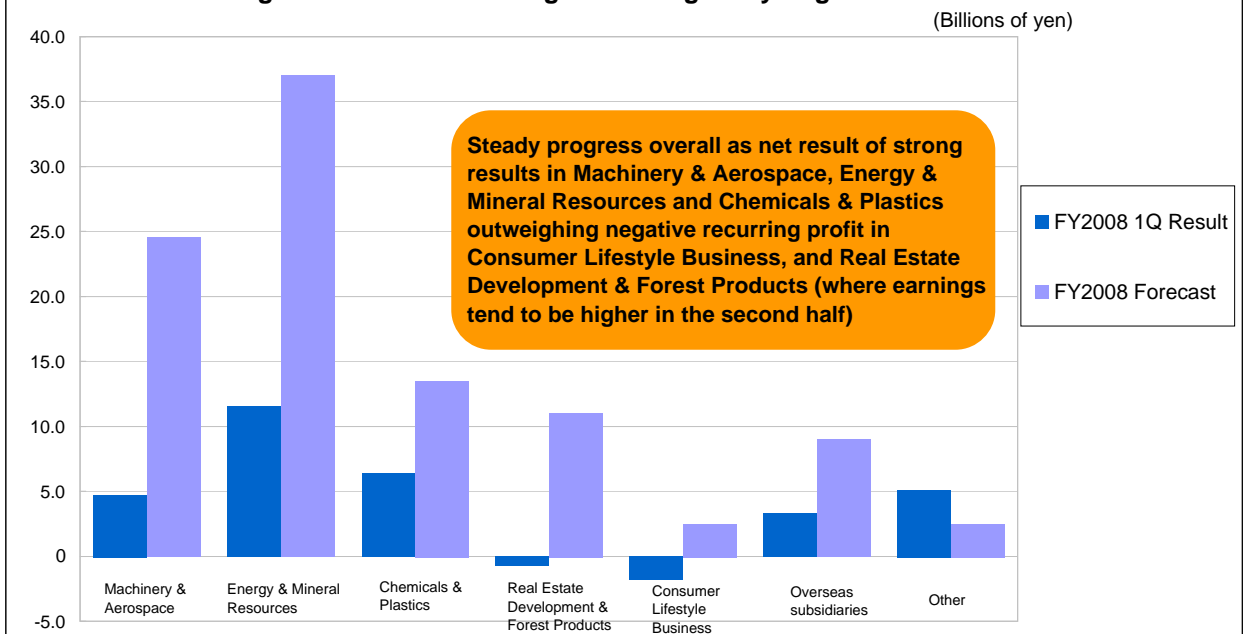
	FY2007 Average	FY2008 Forecast	Jan. to Jun. 2008 Average		Jan. to Jun. 2008 Average
			Jan. to Mar. 2008 Average	Apr. to Jun. 2008 Average	
Crude oil (Brent)*1 (\$/bbl)	73.2	90.0	96.5	122.3	109.4
Coal (Thermal Coal)*2 (\$/ton)	65.0	110.0	115.0	143.0	129.0
Molybdenum (\$/lb)	30.1	29.5	33.2	33.0	33.1
Vanadium (\$/lb)	7.4	6.5	12.7	16.1	14.4
Exchange Rates*3 (¥/\$)	Dec. year end	117.7	100.0	103.8	105.4
	Mar. year-end	113.8			

*1. Impact of fluctuations in the crude oil price on earnings: A \$1/bbl change alters recurring profit by approx. ¥0.2 billion.

*2. Prices for the majority of the (thermal) coal traded by Sojitz are fixed by the annual contracts during the previous fiscal year. The effect of the most recent spot prices is negligible. And Market forecast and average in above table differ from our sales price.

*3. Impact of fluctuations in the exchange rate on earnings: A ¥1/\$ change alters net sales by approx. ¥10.0 billion, recurring profit by approx. ¥0.3-0.4 billion, and shareholders' equity by approx. ¥1.5 billion.

Progress Toward Recurring Profit Targets by Segment



Steady progress overall as net result of strong results in Machinery & Aerospace, Energy & Mineral Resources and Chemicals & Plastics outweighing negative recurring profit in Consumer Lifestyle Business, and Real Estate Development & Forest Products (where earnings tend to be higher in the second half)