

Highlights of Consolidated Financial Results for the Third Quarter Ended December 31, 2008

January 30, 2009
Sojitz Corporation

Results Highlights

1. Although first-half business performance was strong, profit decreased and we recorded losses on revaluation of investments in the third quarter in the wake of the rapid economic downturn from autumn.
As a result, sales, recurring profit, and net income were lower year on year.
(Figures in brackets represent year-on-year changes.)

Net sales: 4,210.2 billion yen (-30.6 billion yen; -0.7%)
- Increase in trading volume in energy and mineral resources
- Decrease in Overseas segment due to changes in accounting standards

Gross trading profit: 203.8 billion yen (+2.7 billion yen; +1.3%)
- Strong performance in energy and mineral resources
- Decrease in real estate development due to a slump in real estate market conditions

Recurring profit: 63.8 billion yen (-13.8 billion yen; -17.8%)
- Improvement in net financial revenue due to improvement in interest expense - net and increased dividend income
- Decrease in equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates

Net income: 27.3 billion yen (-26.3 billion yen; -49.1%)
- Decrease in income before income taxes and minority interests

2. Set up 100 billion long-term commitment line
Sojitz obtained a syndicated revolving credit facility in September 2008 to strengthen the stability of its financing structure.

3. Forecast for fiscal 2008(fiscal year ending March 31, 2009)

Sojitz has revised its full-year forecast as follows:

	As of October 29, 2008	As of January 30, 2009
Net sales	5,800.0 billion yen	⇒ 5,370.0 billion yen
Operating income	90.0 billion yen	⇒ 60.0 billion yen
Recurring profit	95.0 billion yen	⇒ 40.0 billion yen
Net income	60.0 billion yen	⇒ 20.0 billion yen

<Assumptions>

- Exchange rate (Annual Average:Yen/US\$) =100

- Crude oil price (US\$/BBL) = 90 (Average of Jan. - Dec.)(Brent)

Cash dividend per common stock for fiscal 2008
(fiscal year ending March 31, 2009)

Interim: 4.5 yen per share (executed)

Year-end (forecast): undecided

Consolidated Statements of Income

(Billions of yen)

	2008			2007		Full-year FY2008 forecast
	Year to date (a)	1st half	3rd quarter	Year to date (b)	Change (a - b)	
Net sales	4,210.2	2,905.1	1,305.1	4,240.8	(-30.6)	5,370.0
Gross trading profit (Gross trading profit ratio)	203.8 (4.84%)	143.7 (4.95%)	60.1 (4.61%)	201.1 (4.74%)	2.7 (0.10%)	245.0 (4.56%)
Personnel expenses	-66.2	-44.0	-22.2	-63.8	-2.4	
Non-personnel expenses	-60.6	-40.5	-20.1	-58.4	-2.2	
Depreciation expenses	-4.4	-2.8	-1.6	-5.5	1.1	
(Subtotal)	(-131.2)	(-87.3)	(-43.9)	(-127.7)	(-3.5)	
Allowance for doubtful receivables and write-offs	-3.7	-3.8	0.1	-1.5	-2.2	
Goodwill amortization	-4.0	-2.6	-1.4	-3.7	-0.3	
(Selling, general and administrative expenses)	(-138.9)	(-93.7)	(-45.2)	(-132.9)	(-6.0)	-185.0
Operating income (Operating income ratio)	64.9 (1.54%)	50.0 (1.72%)	14.9 (1.14%)	68.2 (1.61%)	-3.3	60 (1.12%)
Interest income	7.8	5.7	2.1	10.2	-2.4	
Interest expense	-22.0	-14.6	-7.4	-25.5	3.5	
(Interest expense - net)	(-14.2)	(-8.9)	(-5.3)	(-15.3)	(1.1)	
Dividends	5.2	4.2	1.0	3.8	1.4	
(Net financial revenue)	(-9.0)	(-4.7)	(-4.3)	(-11.5)	(2.5)	
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates	11.3	11.8	-0.5	23.5	(-12.2)	
Other income and expenses - net (Others-net)	-3.4 (-1.1)	-1.6 (5.5)	-1.8 (-6.6)	-2.6 (9.4)	-0.8 (-10.5)	-20.0
Recurring profit	63.8	55.5	8.3	77.6	-13.8	40.0
Gain on sale of fixed assets	4.7	4.3	0.4			
Gain on sale of investment securities	5.1	4.4	0.7			
Gain on reversal of allowance for doubtful accounts	1.4	0.9	0.5			
Gain on bad debt recovered	0.2	0.1	0.1			
Gain on dissolution of subsidiaries and affiliates	1.2	1.2	-			
(Extraordinary income)	(12.6)	(10.9)	(1.7)	(12.0)	(0.6)	
Loss on sale and disposal of properties	-0.4	-0.3	-0.1			
Impairment losses on fixed assets	-2.7	-2.1	-0.6			
Loss on sale of investment securities	-0.1	0.0	-0.1			
Loss on revaluation of investment securities	(-12.9)	-2.2	-10.7			
Loss on change in equity	-0.1	-	-0.1			
Loss, and provision for loss on dissolution of subsidiaries and affiliates	-4.1	-3.2	-0.9			
Restructuring loss	-0.1	-0.1	-			
Loss on valuation of inventories	(-5.4)	-5.4	-			
(Extraordinary losses)	(-25.8)	(-13.3)	(-12.5)	(-14.2)	(-11.6)	
(Extraordinary income/losses - net)	(-13.2)	(-2.4)	(-10.8)	(-2.2)	(-11.0)	-
Income before income taxes and minority interests	50.6	53.1	-2.5	75.4	-24.8	40.0
Income taxes: Current	-18.1	-13.0	-5.1	-14.4	-3.7	
Deferred	-1.2	-0.3	-0.9	-4.6	3.4	
Minority interests	-4.0	-3.9	-0.1	-2.8	-1.2	
Net income	27.3	35.9	-8.6	53.6	-26.3	20.0
Core earnings	70.9	60.9	10.0	81.7	-10.8	

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

This document contains forward-looking statements regarding the Company's business plans and initiatives based on information available to management at the time of disclosure. Accordingly, such statements are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties. Readers are advised that actual results may differ from forward-looking statements due to a wide variety of factors, including, but not limited to, changes in economic conditions in key markets in Japan and overseas and exchange rates. The Company will provide timely disclosure of any material changes or related issues.

Consolidated Balance Sheets and Principal Management Indices

(Billions of yen, except ratio data)

	Dec. 31	Mar. 31	Change (c - d)	Reasons for changes
	2008 (c)	2008 (d)		
Current assets	1,664.1	1,676.0	-11.9	
Cash and deposits	396.0	380.2	15.8	
Trade notes and trade accounts receivable	667.4	691.5	(-24.1)	Due to decrease in the 3rd quarter net sales in energy & mineral resources etc.
Securities	4.4	9.2	(-4.8)	
Inventories	435.8	422.2	13.6	Increase due to higher volumes for fertilizer and property for sale; decrease due to cigarettes
Short-term loans receivable	9.3	11.6	(-2.3)	
Deferred tax assets - current	22.3	19.2	3.1	
Other current assets	142.1	156.0	(-13.9)	
Allowance for doubtful receivables	(-13.2)	(-13.9)	0.7	
Fixed assets	913.3	990.9	-77.6	
Tangible assets	216.7	232.0	(-15.3)	Decrease due to sale of gas field and withdrawal from certain business
Goodwill	62.3	65.5	(-3.2)	
Other intangible assets	76.3	67.9	8.4	
Investment securities	401.0	481.0	(-80.0)	Decrease due to stock market declines
Long-term loans receivable	32.0	37.0	(-5.0)	
Non-performing receivables	95.7	109.4	(-13.7)	
Deferred tax assets - non-current	49.8	31.0	18.8	Due to decrease in deferred tax liabilities on stock market declines (offset against deferred tax liabilities)
Others	44.3	44.4	(-0.1)	
Allowance for doubtful receivables	(-64.8)	(-77.3)	12.5	
Deferred assets	2.0	2.5	-0.5	
Total assets	2,579.4	2,669.4	-90.0	
Liabilities	1,192.4	1,383.5	-191.1	
Trade notes and trade accounts payable	546.7	579.0	(-32.3)	Due to decrease in the 3rd quarter net sales in energy & mineral resources etc.
Short-term loans payable	388.8	497.2	(-108.4)	Decrease due to shift to long-term funding
Commercial paper	15.5	25.0	(-9.5)	
Bonds redeemable within one year	42.2	75.1	(-32.9)	
Other current liabilities	199.2	207.2	(-8.0)	
Non-current liabilities	952.6	765.6	187.0	
Bonds, less current portion	165.1	141.5	23.6	Increase due to issuance of bonds (+40.0); decrease due to reclassification of current portion (-16.4)
Long-term loans payable	726.5	560.3	166.2	Increase due to shift to long-term funding
Allowance for retirement benefits	16.5	19.4	(-2.9)	
Other non-current liabilities	44.5	44.4	0.1	
Total liabilities	2,145.0	2,149.1	(-4.1)	
Common and preferred shares	160.3	160.3	-	
Capital surplus	152.2	152.2	-	
Retained earnings	151.3	139.2	12.1	Net income (+27.3); Payment of dividends (-11.1)
Treasury stock	(-0.2)	(-0.1)	(-0.1)	Impact of changes in accounting standards (-3.7)
(Total shareholders' equity)	(463.6)	(451.6)	(12.0)	
Net unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities	16.4	60.3	(-43.9)	Decrease due to stock market declines
Loss (gain) on deferred hedges	(-0.5)	1.3	(-1.8)	
Land revaluation difference	(-2.5)	(-2.5)	-	
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(-85.0)	(-34.7)	(-50.3)	Translation adjustments at overseas subsidiaries resulting from the yen's appreciation
(Total valuation and translation adjustments)	(-71.6)	(24.4)	(-96.0)	
Minority interests	42.4	44.3	(-1.9)	
Total net assets	434.4	520.3	(-85.9)	
Total liabilities and net assets	2,579.4	2,669.4	-90.0	
Gross interest-bearing debt	1,338.1	1,299.1	39.0	
Net interest-bearing debt	942.1	918.9	23.2	
Net debt/equity ratio (times)	* 2.40	* 1.93	0.47	The figure for equity used as the denominator in the debt/equity ratio and the numerator in the shareholders' equity ratio excludes minority interests.
Shareholders' equity ratio	* 15.2%	* 17.8%	(-2.6%)	

Highlights of Consolidated Financial Results for the Third Quarter Ended December 31, 2008 Supplementary Materials (1) -Gross Trading Profit and Recurring Profit (by Industry Segment)-

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(Billions of yen)

	Gross Trading Profit				Recurring Profit			
	Apr to Dec, 2008	Apr to Dec, 2007	Change	Main factors for change	Apr to Dec, 2008	Apr to Dec, 2007	Change	Main factors for change
	Results	Results			Results	Results		
Machinery & Aerospace*	64.8	63.4	1.4	- Automobiles: increase (+2.8) due to strong performance in Russia and NIS region and at Sojitz Corporation in Middle East. - Ships: increase (+2.0) due to overall growth in ship-owning business and marine-related equipment transactions. - Information and Industrial Machinery: Increase (+0.8), due to growth in plant-related equipment transactions. - Aircraft: decrease (-2.1) due to reduced sales in Boeing-related transactions.	16.1	16.9	(0.8)	- Ships: increase due to growth in ship-owning business and marine-related equipment transactions. - Automobiles: decrease due to higher SG&A expenses, foreign exchange losses, and other negative factors.
Energy & Mineral Resources	41.0	30.5	10.5	- Oil and Gas: increase (+5.4) due to soaring market prices. - Coal: increase (+7.1) due to higher unit prices and growing transaction volume.	31.8	27.2	4.6	- Increase overall due to continuing high market prices, despite reduced equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates of bioethanol production company and nickel manufacturing company.
Chemicals & Plastics	41.7	40.8	0.9	- Fertilizer: increase (+4.4) due to strong sales in the first half of the fiscal year. - Methanol: decrease (-2.0) due to a reduction in sales volume.	14.0	14.1	(0.1)	- Slightly decreased due to reduce equity earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates of agricultural-chemical company, sold in the previous fiscal year.
Real Estate Development & Forest Products	5.1	12.3	(7.2)	- Real Estate Development: sharp decrease (-9.0) due to a slump in the real estate market. - Forest Products: increase (+1.8) due to improvement in the profitability by domestic plywood market upturn.	(13.7)	(0.4)	(13.3)	- Sharp decrease, as increase in forest products was outweighed by a slump in the real estate market and equity in loss of unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates in real estate development.
Consumer Lifestyle Business	26.4	28.5	(2.1)	- Textiles: decrease (-3.7) due to withdrawal from businesses in conjunction with the restructuring of the textiles business. - Foods: increase (+1.5) due to a soaring market prices of wheat and other grains.	(3.5)	0.7	(4.2)	- Textiles: decrease due to withdrawal from businesses in conjunction with the restructuring of the textiles business.
Overseas Subsidiaries	19.9	20.6	(0.7)	- Decrease (-0.7) due to the appreciation of the yen despite totally steady performance.	7.9	9.7	(1.8)	- Decrease due to lower gross trading profit and lower equity in loss of unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates, primarily in Americas. - Decrease due to the appreciation of the yen.
Other*	4.9	5.0	(0.1)	- overall unchanged	11.2	9.4	1.8	- Increase due to gains on foreign currency translations in corporate divisions.
Total	203.8	201.1	2.7		63.8	77.6	(13.8)	

*From the third quarter of fiscal 2008, IT-related business were reclassified from the Other segment to the Machinery & Aerospace segment. Though, above figures are showed as if this reclassification had instead taken effect from the first quarter of fiscal 2008, the 9 months ended Dec. 31, 2007 and 2008 results are included to the Machinery & Aerospace segment.

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Supplementary Materials (2) -FY2008 Full-year Forecast-

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(Billions of yen)

P/L

	Nine months ended December 31,		Change	FY2008 Full-year Forecast (Announced on Oct 29, 2008)	Percent achieved
	2008	2007			
Net sales	4,210.2	4,240.8	(30.6)	5,800.0	72.6%
Gross trading profit	203.8	201.1	+2.7	280.0	72.8%
[Gross trading profit ratio]	[4.84%]	[4.74%]		[4.83%]	
Machinery & Aerospace*1	64.8	63.4	+1.4	90.0	72.0%
Energy & Mineral Resources	41.0	30.5	+10.5	53.0	77.4%
Chemicals & Plastics	41.7	40.8	+0.9	52.0	80.2%
Real Estate Development & Forest Products	5.1	12.3	(7.2)	15.0	34.0%
Consumer Lifestyle Business	26.4	28.5	(2.1)	36.0	73.3%
Overseas Subsidiaries	19.9	20.6	(0.7)	26.0	76.5%
Other*1	4.9	5.0	(0.1)	8.0	61.3%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(138.9)	(132.9)	(6.0)	(190.0)	73.1%
Operating income	64.9	68.2	(3.3)	90.0	72.1%
[Operating income ratio]	[1.54%]	[1.61%]		[1.55%]	
Non-operating income/expense - net	(1.1)	9.4	(10.5)	5.0	-
Recurring profit *2	63.8	77.6	(13.8)	95.0	67.2%
[Recurring profit ratio]	[1.52%]	[1.83%]		[1.64%]	
Machinery & Aerospace*1	16.1	16.9	(0.8)	22.0	73.2%
Energy & Mineral Resources	31.8	27.2	+4.6	43.0	74.0%
Chemicals & Plastics	14.0	14.1	(0.1)	18.0	77.8%
Real Estate Development & Forest Products	(13.7)	(0.4)	(13.3)	(8.0)	-
Consumer Lifestyle Business	(3.5)	0.7	(4.2)	(3.0)	-
Overseas Subsidiaries	7.9	9.7	(1.8)	9.0	87.8%
Other*1	11.2	9.4	+1.8	14.0	80.0%
Extraordinary income (loss) - net	(13.2)	(2.2)	(11.0)	(5.0)	-
Income before income taxes	50.6	75.4	(24.8)	90.0	56.2%
Net income	27.3	53.6	(26.3)	60.0	45.5%
Core earnings *3	70.9	81.7	(10.8)	104.0	68.2%

*1 Effective from the third quarter of fiscal 2008, IT-related businesses were reclassified from the Other segment to the Machinery & Aerospace segment. To enable comparison, figures for IT-related businesses are included in Machinery & Aerospace in the above table for the nine months from April 1 to December 31, 2007 and 2008 (i.e., as though the reclassification took effect from the fiscal first quarter in both years).

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

*3 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

B/S

	December 31, 2008	March 31, 2008	Change	March 31, 2009 Forecast (Announced on January 30, 2009)
Total assets	2,579.4	2,669.4	(90.0)	2,500.0
Shareholders' Equity *4	392.0	476.0	(84.0)	350.0
[Total net assets]	[434.4]	[520.3]	[-85.9]	-
Shareholders' Equity ratio (%)	15.2%	17.8%	(2.6%)	14.0%
Net interest-bearing debt	942.1	918.9	+23.2	950.0
Net D/E ratio (times)	2.4	1.9	+0.5	2.7
[Net D/E ratio based on total net assets (times)]	[2.2]	[1.8]	[0.4]	-

*4 Equity = Total net assets – Stock acquisition rights – Minority interests ("equity" has the same meaning as "shareholders' equity" as previously used)

Recurring Profit Performance

The full-year FY2008 forecast was revised downwards on expectations of a further slowdown in the fourth quarter, continuing the third-quarter trend, due to the worsening economic climate.

Machinery & Aerospace
- We expect significantly lower profits in the automotive business caused by a steep drop in demand due to financial market turmoil and unfavorable foreign exchange effects.

Energy & Mineral Resources
- The recession will only marginally affect coal and mineral resources because business is based on long-term contracts.
- We expect lower profits trading business (oil, gas, naphtha, etc.) due to market slumps.

Chemicals & Plastics
- We expect lower profits due to contractions in actual demand across all products.
Fertilizer businesses in Asia will be significantly affected due to the steep decline in grain prices.
- Methanol will maintain its steady performance.

Real Estate Development & Forest Products
- We expect lower profits due to the real estate market slump combined with financial market turmoil.

Consumer Lifestyle Business
- We expect reduced sales and profits due to the recession.

Overseas Subsidiaries
- Performance will be comparatively steady in all areas except the Americas, where we expect lower profits.

Other
- Net-interest income and SG&A expenses in corporate divisions will improve.

FY2008 Full-year Forecast (Announced on January 30, 2009)
5,370.0
245.0
[4.56%]
85.0
50.0
41.0
2.0
34.0
26.0
7.0
(185.0)
60.0
[1.12%]
(20.0)
40.0
[0.74%]
9.0
30.0
4.0
(22.0)
(6.0)
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0.0
40.0
20.0
57.0

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1. Consolidated Financial Results for the Third Quarter Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

(1) Consolidated Operating Results (Accumulated) Description of % is indicated as the change rate compared with the same period last year.

	Net Sales		Operating Income		Recurring Profit		Net Income	
	Millions of Yen	%	Millions of Yen	%	Millions of Yen	%	Millions of Yen	%
For the third quarter ended December 31, 2008	4,210,238	-	64,878	-	63,818	-	27,278	-
December 31, 2007	4,240,807	10.0	68,174	14.3	77,576	13.2	53,560	12.4

	EPS	Adjusted EPS
	Yen	Yen
For the third quarter ended December 31, 2008	22.10	21.98
December 31, 2007	44.76	43.15

(2) Financial Position (Consolidated)

	Total Assets	Total Net Assets	Equity Ratio	Net Assets per Share
	Millions of Yen	Millions of Yen	%	Yen
As of December 31, 2008	2,579,356	434,400	15.2	315.38
March 31, 2008	2,669,352	520,327	17.8	383.46

Notes: (Millions of Yen)

Shareholders' Equity

As of December 31, 2008: 392,009

As of March 31, 2008: 476,031

2. Cash Dividends

	Cash Divided per Share(Yen)				
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Year-end	Annual
For the year ended	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen
March 31, 2008	-	3.50	-	4.50	8.00
March 31, 2009	-	4.50	-	-	-
March 31, 2009 (forecast)	-	-	-	-	-

Note. 1. Change in Cash Dividends in the Third Period : Yes

2. The above "Cash Dividends" refers to common stock. For details on the payment of dividends for other (unlisted) classified stocks that have rights different from those of common stock issued by the Company, please refer to "Dividends on Preferred Shares" (page 3).

3. Forecast Cash Dividend March 31, 2009 is undecided.

3. Consolidated Earnings Forecast for the Year Ending March 31, 2009 (April 1, 2008-March 31, 2009)

	Net Sales		Operating Income		Recurring Profit		Net Income		EPS
	Millions of Yen	%	Millions of Yen	%	Millions of Yen	%	Millions of Yen	%	Yen
For the year ending March 31, 2009	5,370,000	(6.9)	60,000	(35.0)	40,000	(60.6)	20,000	(68.1)	16.2
Full year									

Note. Changes in consolidated earnings forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009 : Yes

Dividends on Preferred Shares

The table below sets out details of dividends per share and total dividends paid for classified stock conferring rights not offered by common stock.

	Cash Dividends per Share				
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Year-end	Annual
	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen
FY2007					
1st Series Class III		7.50		7.50	15.00
(1st Series Class IV	-	-	-	-	0.00)
(1st Series Class V	-	-	-	-	0.00)
FY2008					
1st Series Class III	-	7.50			-
FY2008 (forecast)				-	
1st Series Class III					

* Forecast Cash Dividend is undecided.

Analysis of business results

1. Overview of the nine months ended December 31, 2008

Economic environment

In the nine months ended December 31, 2008, the global economy was severely roiled by extreme resource price volatility and recession. In the fiscal first half, the global economy maintained a solid growth trajectory, led by emerging economies such as Brazil and Russia that continued to grow briskly against a backdrop of rising resource prices. Subsequently, however, crude oil prices plunged from an all-time high above \$140/bbl in July to below \$40/bbl in December after previously rising steadily since the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008 (fiscal 2007). Meanwhile, financial systems throughout the world, remaining under stress following Lehman Brothers' September 2008 bankruptcy, caused financial confusion and credit crunch. These financial crisis are adversely affecting the global real economy as yen appreciation, stock market downturn, commodity demand decline and fall of the resource prices. The economic deterioration ensuing from these drastic changes has aroused mounting concern that the world is heading into the most severe global recession of the postwar era. With the global economic outlook growing increasingly murky, Japan and other countries throughout the world are intently watching for US economic stimulus and fiscal policy measures forthcoming from the new Obama administration.

Financial performance

Sojitz Corporation's consolidated business results for the nine months ended December 31, 2008, are presented below.

Net sales

Consolidated net sales fell 0.7% year on year to ¥4,210,238 million. The decline was largely attributable to a falloff in the Energy & Mineral Resources Division's sales volume in the wake of precipitous deterioration in the economic environment in the third quarter, however the Energy & Mineral Resources Division and Consumer Lifestyle Business Division had achieved sales growth by virtue of high resource and foodstuff prices through fiscal first half.

Gross trading profit

Consolidated gross trading profit grew 1.3% year on year to ¥203,799 million as strong profits in the Energy & Mineral Resources Division offset a profit decline in the domestic condominium business due to a real estate market downturn.

Operating income

Despite growth in gross trading profit, consolidated operating income was down 4.8% year on year to ¥64,878 million as a result of increase in selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses, particularly non-personnel expenses, in conjunction with expansion of sales activities.

Recurring profit

Consolidated recurring profit declined 17.7% year on year to ¥63,818 million. Although net financial revenue improved by virtue of an upgrade of Sojitz's credit rating, this improvement was overshadowed by a decrease in equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates, largely due to decreased earnings at companies in the real estate and nickel production businesses.

Extraordinary gains and losses

Extraordinary gains totaled ¥12,564 million, including a ¥5,140 million gain on the sale of investment securities and a ¥4,708 million gain on the sale of fixed assets. Extraordinary losses totaled ¥25,782 million, including a ¥12,971 million revaluation loss on investment security holdings, largely reflecting declines in listed equity prices, a ¥5,421 million inventory valuation loss stemming from a change of accounting standards, and ¥4,141 million in losses, and provisions for prospective losses, on liquidation of affiliated companies. On balance, these gains and losses netted to an extraordinary loss of ¥13,218 million.

Net income

Income before income taxes and minority interests was ¥50,601 million. After deduction of income taxes (¥18,123 million), deferred income taxes (¥1,174 million), and income from minority interests (¥4,025 million), net income came to ¥27,278 million, a 49.1% year on year decrease.

Results for the nine months ended December 31, 2008, are summarized by business segment below.

Machinery & Aerospace

Net sales fell 7.2% year on year to ¥859,934 million as a result of a decline in the aircraft business's sales, however sales held firm in the automotive business and information and industrial machinery business. Operating income declined 13.0% year on year to ¥21,050 million, largely reflecting a decrease in the aircraft business's gross trading profit.

Energy & Mineral Resources

Although sales decreased in the third quarter due to the decline in crude oil prices and a falloff in unit volumes, net sales nonetheless grew 11.8% year on year to ¥1,206,704 million by virtue of buoyant resource prices until the second quarter. Operating income also grew, up a hefty 66.9% year on year to ¥22,594 million, largely reflecting growth in gross trading profit in energy resource (i.e., coal, oil and gas) businesses.

Chemicals & Plastics

Net sales increased 1.3% year on year to ¥537,356 million, buoyed by growth in the overseas fertilizer business until the second quarter. Operating income likewise grew, up 2.5% year over year to ¥18,812 million.

Real Estate Development & Forest Products

Net sales declined 6.0% year on year to ¥220,878 million, largely due to a decrease in low-margin sales of residential building materials. Despite improvement in the plywood business's profitability, the segment incurred an operating loss of ¥5,489 million because of deterioration in the domestic condominium business's profitability.

Consumer Lifestyle Business

Net sales rose 4.9% year on year to ¥991,048 million, largely by virtue of growth in the food business driven by rising prices. Operating income, however, fell 51.8% year on year to ¥1,704 million, largely owing to a decline in the textiles business's gross trading profit.

Overseas Subsidiaries

Net sales declined 32.6% year on year to ¥324,656 million as a result of changes in accounting standards to unify overseas subsidiaries' accounting practices. Despite reduced SG&A expenses, operating income was down 18.9% year on year to ¥1,507 million because of a decrease in gross trading profit.

Other

Net sales grew 61.6% year on year to ¥69,659 million, but operating income fell 16.4% year on year to ¥1,852 million, dragged down by IT subsidiaries' lackluster performance.

Effective from the third quarter of fiscal 2008, IT-related businesses were reclassified from the Other segment to the Machinery & Aerospace segment in the aim of realizing synergies.

2. Financial position

Consolidated balance sheet

As of the end of the fiscal third quarter (December 31, 2008), trade notes and accounts receivable had decreased ¥24,101 million from the end of fiscal 2007 (March 31, 2008), largely reflecting a falloff in energy and mineral resource sales volume. Inventories ended the third quarter ¥13,683 million higher than at the end of fiscal 2007. Despite the impact of the adoption of lower-of-cost-or-market inventory valuation and a reduction of cigarette trading volume, inventories expanded due to increase in fertilizer inventories and in real estate held for sale in the form of a newly opened, large-scale retail property. Sojitz increased cash and cash equivalents by ¥15,776 million from the end of fiscal 2007 to stabilize liquidity on hand, but investment securities holdings decreased ¥80,016 million over the same timeframe, largely owing to a major decline in equity prices amid the recent equity market turmoil. Fixed tangible assets also decreased, down ¥15,333 million from the end of fiscal 2007, as a result of divestment of a UK North Sea gas field and discontinuation of certain operations in the aim of concentrating resources in selected core businesses. In sum, total assets ended the third quarter at ¥2,579,356 million, down ¥89,996 million from the end of fiscal 2007. On the liability side of the balance sheet, Sojitz has made progress in improving its current ratio and ratio of long-term liabilities by

diversifying funding methods (e.g., new long-term borrowings, straight bond issuance) in the aim of improving the stability of its financial constitution. In terms of direct financing, Sojitz raised a total of ¥40,000 million through bond issuance in June and July 2008 from the bond market. In terms of indirect financing, Sojitz has been proactively refinancing short-term borrowings with long-term borrowings to improve stability and efficiency of its financial structure. Shareholders' equity ended the fiscal third quarter at ¥463,624 million, an increase of ¥1,205 million from the end of fiscal 2007. This growth was attributable to net income earned in the nine months ended December 31, 2008, partially offset by dividend payments and downward restatement of retained earnings in conjunction with changes in accounting standards. In valuation and translation adjustment accounts, net unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities decreased ¥43,885 million from the end of fiscal 2007, while foreign currency translation adjustments likewise decreased, down ¥50,247 million over the same timeframe. These decreases were largely attributable to falling equity prices and yen appreciation. Total net assets inclusive of minority interests ended the fiscal third quarter at ¥434,400 million, down ¥85,927 million from the end of fiscal 2007.

Net interest-bearing debt (total interest-bearing debt less cash and cash equivalents) ended the third quarter at ¥942,178 million, an increase of ¥23,288 million from the end of fiscal 2007. The net debt-to-equity ratio ended the fiscal third quarter at 2.40 times.

3. Consolidated earnings forecast

Sojitz's consolidated earnings forecast assumes a dollar/yen exchange rate of ¥100/US\$1 and a crude oil price of US\$90/bbl (Brent).

After reviewing its earnings forecast in light of its operating results for the nine months ended December 31, 2008, Sojitz has revised its full-year consolidated earnings forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, last updated in its report of consolidated financial results for the second quarter ended September 30, 2008, released on October 29, 2008.

For details of the revised forecast, please refer to the notice regarding the revision of full-year earnings and dividend forecasts released separately.

**Summary of consolidated Profit and Loss
for the 9 months ended December 31, 2008**

Millions of Yen

	For the 9 months (From April 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008)
Net sales	4,210,238
Cost of sales	4,006,439
Gross trading profit	203,799
Selling, general and administrative expenses	138,920
Operating income	64,878
Interest income	7,835
Dividends	5,209
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates	11,349
Other income	8,058
Non-operating income	32,452
Interest expense	21,790
Interest expense on commercial papers	223
Other expenses	11,497
Non-operating expense	33,511
Recurring profit	63,818
Gain on sales of noncurrent assets	4,708
Gain on sale of investment securities	5,140
Gain on change in equity	9
Reversal of allowance for doubtful accounts	1,365
Gain on bad debt recovered	170
Gain on dissolution of subsidiaries and affiliates	1,169
Extraordinary income	12,564
Loss on sales and retirement of noncurrent assets	356
Impairment loss	2,684
Loss on sales of investment securities	76
Loss on revaluation of securities	12,971
Loss on change in equity	81
Loss, and provision for loss, on dissolution of subsidiaries and affiliates	4,141
Restructuring losses	47
Loss on valuation of inventories	5,421
Extraordinary loss	25,782
Income before income taxes and minority interests	50,601
Income taxes-current	18,123
Income taxes-deferred	1,174
Total income taxes	19,297
Minority interests in income	4,025
Net income	27,278

**Summary of Consolidated Profit and Loss
for the Third Quarter ended December 31,2008**

Millions of Yen

	3rd Quarter (From October 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008)
Net sales	1,305,129
Cost of sales	1,244,990
Gross trading profit	60,138
Selling, general and administrative expenses	45,260
Operating income	14,877
Interest income	2,103
Dividends	986
Other income	3,077
Non-operating income	6,168
Interest expense	7,369
Interest expense on commercial papers	72
Equity in losses of affiliates	479
Foreign exchange losses	3,013
Other expenses	1,795
Non-operating expense	12,729
Recurring profit	8,315
Gain on sales of noncurrent assets	412
Gain on sales of investment securities	696
Reversal of allowance for doubtful accounts	456
Gain on bad debts recovered	114
Extraordinary income	1,680
Loss on sales and retirement of noncurrent assets	115
Impairment loss	558
Loss on sales of investment securities	47
Loss on revaluation of securities	10,769
Loss on change in equity	51
Loss, and provision for loss, on dissolution of subsidiaries and affiliates	995
Extraordinary loss	12,537
Income before income taxes and minority interests	(2,541)
Income taxes-current	5,106
Income taxes-deferred	868
Total income taxes	5,975
Minority interests in income	117
Net income	(8,634)

(Ref.) Previous 9 months Profits and Losses Ended December 31, 2007

(Millions of Yen)

	For the 9 months (From April 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008)
1 Net sales	4,240,807
2 Cost of sales	(4,039,692)
3 Gross trading profit	201,115
4 Selling, general and administrative expenses	(132,940)
5 Operating income	68,174
6 Non-operating income	45,528
7 Interest income	10,237
8 Dividends	3,840
9 Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates	23,526
10 Other income	7,924
11 Non-operating expense	(36,126)
12 Interest expense	(25,412)
13 Interest expense on commercial papers	(126)
14 Other expenses	(10,587)
15 Recurring profit	77,576
16 Extraordinary income/(loss)-net	(2,207)
17 Income before income taxes and minority interest	75,368
18 Income taxes-Current	(14,397)
19 Income taxes-Deferred	(4,572)
20 Minority interests	(2,837)
21 Net Income	53,560

Consolidated Balance Sheets

As of December 31, 2008

(Millions of Yen)

As of December 31, 2008 As of March 31, 2008

Assets	As of December 31, 2008	As of March 31, 2008
Current assets		
Cash and deposits	395,971	380,195
Notes and accounts receivable-trade	667,391	691,492
Short-term investment securities	4,357	9,180
Inventories	435,841	422,158
Short-term loans receivable	9,282	11,609
Deferred tax assets	22,278	19,179
Other	142,174	156,000
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(13,164)	(13,869)
Total current assets	1,664,132	1,675,946
Noncurrent assets		
Property, plant and equipment		
Buildings and structures	100,377	112,168
Accumulated depreciation	(45,698)	(48,638)
Buildings and structures (Net)	54,678	63,529
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	172,172	180,726
Accumulated depreciation	(79,057)	(83,943)
Machinery, equipment and vehicles (Net)	93,114	96,783
Land	51,205	56,393
Construction in progress	14,590	7,139
Other	12,804	19,649
Accumulated depreciation	(9,707)	(11,476)
Other (Net)	3,096	8,172
Total property, plant and equipment	216,685	232,018
Intangible assets		
Goodwill	62,261	65,466
Other	76,307	67,876
Total intangible assets	138,569	133,343
Investments and other assets		
Investment securities	400,977	480,993
Long-term loans receivable	32,003	36,961
Bad debts	95,692	109,440
Deferred tax assets	49,894	31,053
Other	44,211	44,400
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(64,781)	(77,335)
Total investments and other assets	557,998	625,514
Total noncurrent assets	913,253	990,875
Deferred assets	1,969	2,529
Total assets	2,579,356	2,669,352

Consolidated Balance Sheets

As of December 31, 2008

(Millions of Yen)

	As of December 31, 2008	As of March 31, 2008
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Notes and accounts payable-trade	546,685	578,995
Short-term loans payable	388,766	497,208
Commercial papers	15,500	25,000
Current portion of bonds	42,249	75,100
Income taxes payable	9,132	8,246
Deferred tax liabilities	122	53
Provision for bonuses	4,610	7,686
Other	185,329	191,161
<u>Total current liabilities</u>	<u>1,192,394</u>	<u>1,383,451</u>
Noncurrent liabilities		
Bonds payable	165,120	141,496
Long-term loans payable	726,514	560,281
Deferred tax liabilities	15,948	16,685
Deferred tax liabilities for land revaluation	1,193	1,193
Provision for retirement benefits	16,537	19,410
Provision for directors' retirement benefits	1,045	958
Other	26,201	25,548
<u>Total noncurrent liabilities</u>	<u>952,560</u>	<u>765,572</u>
<u>Total liabilities</u>	<u>2,144,955</u>	<u>2,149,024</u>
Net assets		
Shareholders' equity		
Capital stock	160,339	160,339
Capital surplus	152,160	152,160
Retained earnings	151,289	139,264
Treasury stock	(165)	(145)
<u>Total shareholders' equity</u>	<u>463,624</u>	<u>451,619</u>
Valuation and translation adjustments		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	16,395	60,280
Deferred gains or losses on hedges	(547)	1,345
Revaluation reserve for land	(2,530)	(2,530)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(84,931)	(34,684)
<u>Total valuation and translation adjustments</u>	<u>(71,614)</u>	<u>24,412</u>
Minority interests	42,390	44,296
<u>Total net assets</u>	<u>434,400</u>	<u>520,327</u>
<u>Total liabilities and net assets</u>	<u>2,579,356</u>	<u>2,669,352</u>

Segment Information

for the 9 months ended December 31, 2008

Industry Segments

The business segment information for the 9 months ended December 31, 2008 and preceding the 9 months period are as follows:

For the 9 months ended December 31, 2008 (cumulative)

Millions of yen

	Machinery & Aerospace	Energy & Mineral Resources	Chemicals & Plastics	Real Estate Development & Forest Products	Consumer Lifestyle Business	Overseas Subsidiaries
Net sales						
Customers	859,934	1,206,704	537,356	220,878	991,048	324,656
Inter-segment	19,060	7,480	34,059	740	10,361	213,209
Total	878,995	1,214,184	571,416	221,618	1,001,409	537,865
Operating income(loss)	21,050	22,594	18,812	(5,489)	1,704	1,507

	Other	Total	Elimination & Unallocated	Consolidated
Net sales				
Customers	69,659	4,210,238	-	4,210,238
Inter-segment	7,178	292,090	(292,090)	0
Total	76,838	4,502,329	(292,090)	4,210,238
Operating income (loss)	1,852	62,032	2,845	64,878

Notes:

1. Unallocated costs and expenses not included in "Elimination and Unallocated".

2. RECLASSIFICATION OF BUSINESSES

Effective from the third quarter of fiscal 2008, IT-related businesses were reclassified from the Other segment to the Machinery & Aerospace segment in the aim of realizing synergies.

If this reclassification had instead taken effect from the first quarter of fiscal 2008, net sales would have been ¥23,766 million higher in the Machinery & Aerospace segment, ¥24,329 million lower in the Other segment, and ¥563 million higher in the "elimination and unallocated" account. Similarly, operating income would have been ¥82 million lower in the Machinery & Aerospace segment, ¥80 million higher in the Other segment, and ¥2 million higher in the "elimination and unallocated" account.

Segment Information

for the 3rd Quarter ended December 31, 2008

Industry Segments

For the Third Quarter ended December 31, 2008 (From October 1st, 2008 - December 31, 2008)

Millions of yen

	Machinery & Aerospace	Energy & Mineral Resources	Chemicals & Plastics	Real Estate Development & Forest Products	Consumer Lifestyle Business	Overseas Subsidiaries
Net sales						
Customers	269,880	323,166	164,483	67,416	331,180	133,665
Inter-segment	5,885	508	8,736	241	3,015	41,596
Total	275,766	323,674	173,219	67,657	334,196	175,262
Operating income(loss)	5,250	5,029	2,176	(2,445)	2,330	400

	Other	Total	Elimination & Unallocated	Consolidated
Net sales				
Customers	15,335	1,305,129	-	1,305,129
Inter-segment	1,847	61,830	(61,830)	-
Total	17,183	1,366,960	(61,830)	1,305,129
Operating income (loss)	872	13,614	1,262	14,877

Notes:

1. Unallocated costs and expenses not included in "Elimination and Unallocated".

Segment Information

for the interim 9 months ended December 31, 2007

Industry Segments

(Ref.) For the 9 months ended December 31, 2007

Millions of yen

	Machinery & Aerospace	Energy & Mineral Resources	Chemicals & Plastics	Real Estate Development & Forest Products	Consumer Lifestyle Business
Net sales					
Customers	926,779	1,079,009	530,661	235,010	944,488
Inter-segment	18,008	4,173	44,166	1,077	14,164
Total	944,787	1,083,183	574,827	236,088	958,653
Operating income	24,207	13,536	18,356	2,550	3,532

	Overseas Subsidiaries	Other	Total	Elimination and Unallocated	Consolidated
Net sales					
Customers	481,743	43,114	4,240,807	-	4,240,807
Inter-segment	242,710	7,776	332,078	(332,078)	-
Total	724,453	50,891	4,572,886	(332,078)	4,240,807
Operating income	1,858	2,216	66,258	1,916	68,174

Notes:

1. Unallocated costs and expenses not included in "Elimination and Unallocated" .
2. Company assets included in "Elimination and Unallocated" totaled 304,790 million yen and comprised mainly cash and deposits, bonds, and investment securities of the Company.
3. Effective from the third quarter of fiscal 2008, IT-related businesses were reclassified from the Other segment to the Machinery & Aerospace segment in the aim of realizing synergies.



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Financial Results for the 3rd Quarter Ended December 31, 2008

January 30, 2009

Sojitz Corporation

□ Presentation Summary

Overview of the 3rd Quarter financial results for fiscal 2008, (fiscal year ending March 31, 2009)

- 3rd quarter results (Apr.-Dec. 2008) (Figures in brackets represent year-on-year changes)
 - Recurring profit : 63.8 billion yen (▲13.8 billion yen)
 - Net income : 27.3 billion yen (▲26.3 billion yen)
- Balance Sheet results as of Dec 31, 2008
 - Total assets : 2,579.4 billion yen (▲90.0 billion yen)
 - Net Interest-bearing Debt : 942.1 billion yen (+23.2 billion yen)
 - Shareholders' Equity : 392.0 billion yen (▲84.0 billion yen)
 - Net D/E ratio : 2.4 times (+0.5times)

FY08 full-year forecast revised downwards

- PL Full-year forecast (Figures in brackets represent forecast announced on Oct. 29, 2008)
 - Recurring profit : 40.0 billion yen (95.0 billion yen)
 - Net income : 20.0 billion yen (60.0 billion yen)
- BS March 31, 2009 forecast
 - Total assets : 2500.0 billion yen (2700.0 billion yen)
 - Net Interest-bearing Debt : 950.0 billion yen (950.0 billion yen)
 - Shareholders' Equity : 350.0 billion yen (450.0 billion yen)
 - Net D/E ratio : 2.7 times (2.1 times)
- Year-end cash dividend per common stock : undecided

□ Fiscal 2008: Main Factors Behind Downward Revision

- To reflect the abrupt slowdown in the real economy caused by the global financial crisis

(divergence from forecasts due to upheaval in the business environment)

- Real estate: Fall in properties delivered and prices due to the sluggish market; and affection of financial market turmoil
- Automobiles: To reflect rapid decrease in demand and weaker local currencies in emerging countries
- Fertilizer: Slowing demand due to soaring prices in the first half of 2008; the sudden drop in prices
- Energy & Mineral resources: Decline in allover demand due to slow down in economy
- Impairment of publicly traded shares etc. due to market downturn

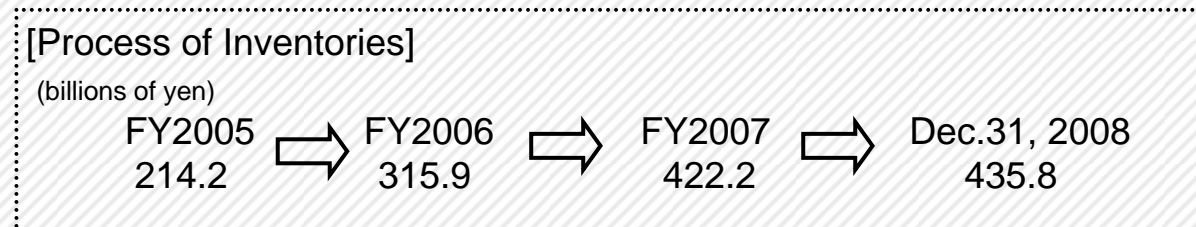
□ To strengthen Constitution of Management

● Strengthen financial constitution

- Long-term debt ratio :around 70%
- Current ratio :over 120%
- Net D/E ratio :around 2 times

● Control of risk assets to limit less than shareholders' equity, aiming for 100%

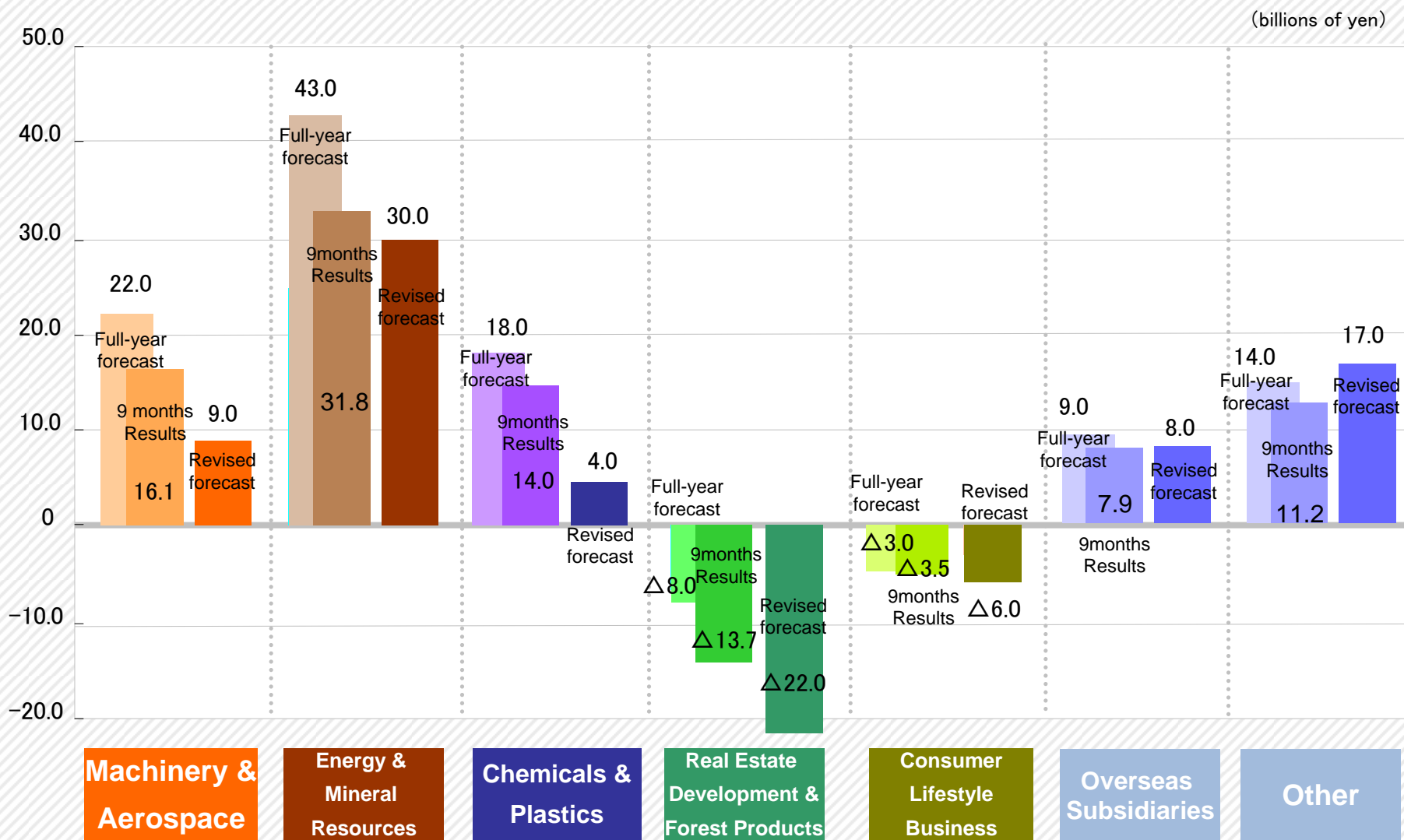
- Quality improvement through the renewal of assets
- Reduce inventories (regain the level of FY2005)



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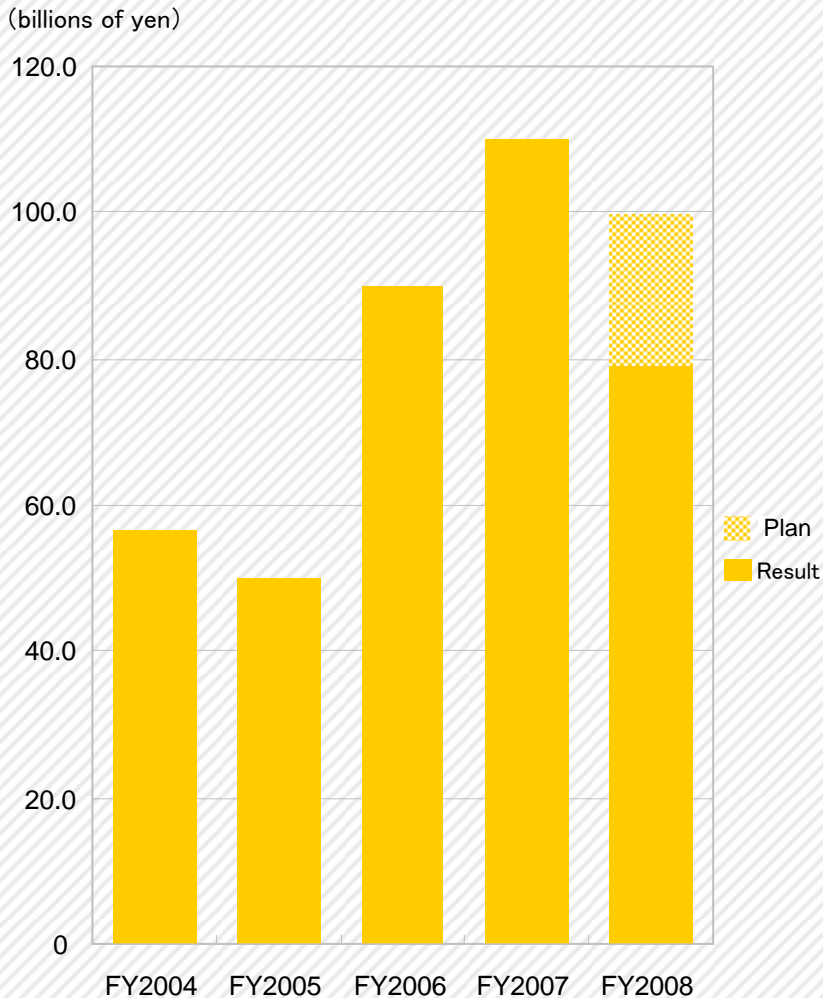
- Recurring profit by Industry segment
- Progress of New Investments and Loans
- Market Regarding Product Prices,
Exchange Rates and Interest Rates Results

□ Recurring profit by Industry Segment

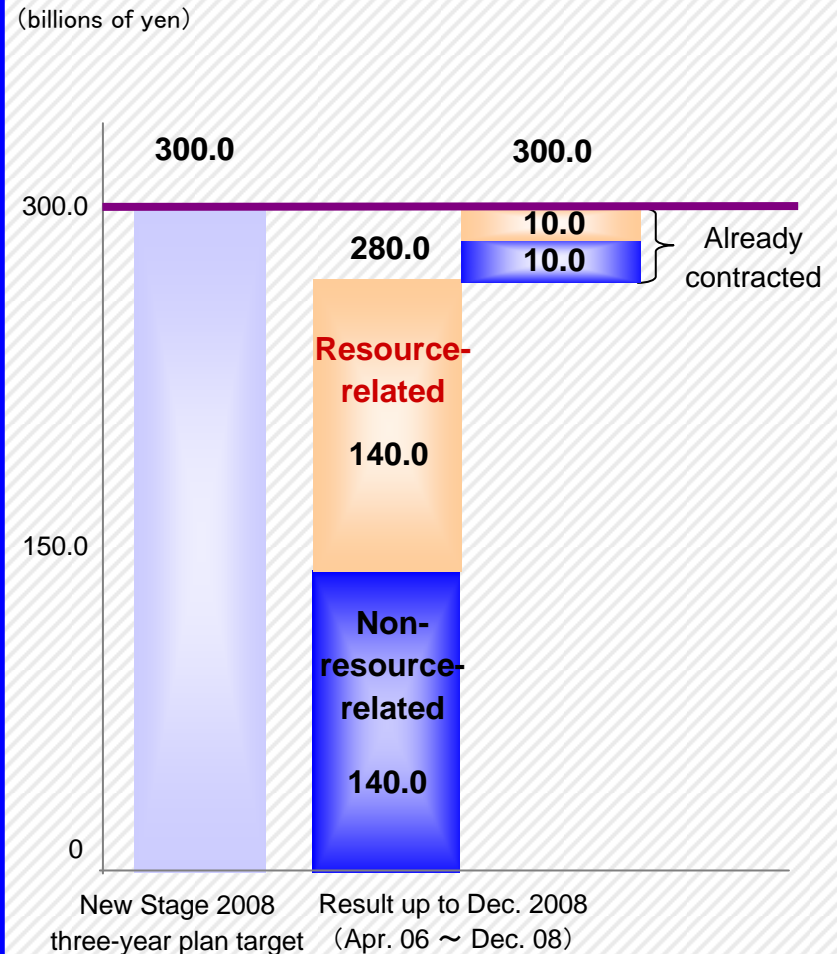


□ Progress of New Investments and Loans

New Investments and Loans (per fiscal year)



Achievement of New Investments and Loans for New Stage 2008



Market Regarding Product Prices, Exchange Rates and Interest Results

	Average for Jan.-Sep. 2008	Assumption for FY2008	Results for 2008			Average for Jan.-Dec 2008
			Jan.-Jun.	Jul.- Sep.	Oct.-Dec.	
Crude oil (Brent)* ₁	\$112.2/bbl	\$90.0/bbl	\$109.7/bbl	\$117.2/bbl	\$57.1/bbl	\$98.0/bbl
Coal (thermal coal)* ₂	\$146.2/t	\$110.0/t	\$129.0/t	\$163.4/t	\$92.2/t	\$127.8/t
Molybdenum	\$33.1/lb	\$29.5/lb	\$32.9/lb	\$33.5/lb	\$16.6/lb	\$29.1/lb
Vanadium	\$14.2/lb	\$6.5/lb	\$14.4/lb	\$15.7/lb	\$9.7/lb	\$13.6/lb
Exchange rates* ₃	¥ 105.4/\$	¥ 100/\$	¥ 104.6/\$	¥ 107.0/\$	¥ 95.0/\$	¥ 102.8/\$
Interest rates (TIBOR)* ₄	0.85% (Apr. – Dec.)	0.97%	0.84% (Apr. – Jun.)	0.85% (Jul. – Sep.)	0.86% (Oct. – Dec.)	

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

*2: Prices for coal are generally based on contracts for the year, so Sojitz is not impacted by spot market prices. The market results listed above differ from Sojitz's sales prices.

*3: Sensitivity of sales and earnings to exchange rates: An exchange rate change of ¥1/US\$ would alter sales and recurring profit by approx. ¥10 billion and ¥0.3~ ¥ 0.4 billion, respectively. The effect on the balance sheet would be around ¥1.6 billion on shareholders' equity.

*4: Sensitivity of earnings to interest rates: An interest rate change of 1% would alter annual earnings by around ¥2.0 billion.



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Forward-looking Statements

Readers are advised that the contents of this document are based on various assumptions and that forward-looking statements regarding the Company's business plans and initiatives involve risks and uncertainties.