

Highlights of Consolidated Financial Results for the First Half of FY2009 (Ending March 31, 2010)

Although both sales and income declined year on year, operating income, ordinary income and net income exceeded the forecasts made at the start of the fiscal year under review.

Net sales	¥420.7 billion	down 34.0%
Operating income	¥6.4 billion	declining 51.6%
Ordinary income	¥4.6 billion	falling 58.0%
Net income	¥1.7 billion	down 52.6%

(Reference: Forecasts for the first half results announced May 8)

Net sales:	450.0 billion yen
Operating income:	5.5 billion yen
Ordinary income:	3.5 billion yen
Net income:	1.0 billion yer

(Unit: 100 million yen)

Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets	3/2009	9/2009	Comparison with 3/2009		Summary
			Change	Change (%)	
Total assets	4,149	4,027	-122	-3.0%	Total assets Total assets fell 12.2 billion yen, primarily reflecting a decline in operating receivables.
Gross interest-bearing debt	2,136	2,083	-53	-2.5%	
Net interest-bearing debt	1,346	1,195	-151	-11.2%	Interest-bearing debt Gross interest-bearing debt fell 5.3 billion yen, reflecting repayments of seasonal loans by overseas offices. Net interest-bearing debt dropped 15.1 billion yen, linked also to the rise in cash and bank deposits.
Shareholders' equity	510	527	17	3.4%	
(Retained earnings)	-38	-20	17	-	Net assets Equity capital rose due to net income. Valuation and translation adjustments improved slightly. As a result, the equity ratio and net debt-equity ratio improved to 6.8%, and 4.4 times, respectively.
Valuation and translation adjustments	-261	-255	5	-	
Minority interests	171	176	5	3.2%	
Total net assets	420	448	28	6.7%	
Equity capital (Note 1)	249	272	23	9.1%	
Equity ratio (Note 2)	6.0%	6.8%	0.8pt improvement	-	
Net debt-equity ratio (Note 3)	5.4 times	4.4 times	1.0pt improvement	-	

(Note 1) Equity capital = Net assets - Minority interests

(Note 2) Equity ratio = Equity capital / Total assets

(Note 3) Net debt-equity ratio = Net interest-bearing debt / Equity capital

(On a consolidated basis)		H1 of FY2008	H1 of FY2009	Year-on-year		FY2009	
				Change	Change (%)	Forecast	Progress
Net sales		6,371	4,207	-2,164	-34.0%	10,000	42.1%
Gross trading profit		477	374	-102	-21.5%	-	-
SG&A expenses		345	310	-34	-9.9%	-	-
Operating income		132	64	-68	-51.6%	155	41.3%
	Dividends received	5	3	-2	-33.9%	-	-
	Interest	-23	-19	4	-	-	-
	Gains on equity-method investment	-4	-6	-1	-	-	-
	Others	-1	3	4	-	-	-
Non-operating income/loss		-23	-18	5	-	-	-
Ordinary income		109	46	-63	-58.0%	115	39.8%
Extraordinary gain		8	6	-2	-28.3%	-	-
Extraordinary loss		-33	-7	25	-	-	-
Income before income taxes		85	45	-40	-47.5%	-	-
Income taxes and minority interest		-48	-27	21	-	-	-
Net income		37	17	-19	-52.6%	50	34.9%

Summary of Results for First Half

Net sales

Net sales declined in all segments, reflecting a fall in trading volume associated with weak demand and a decline in commodity prices.

Gross trading profit

Gross trading profit fell in association with the decline in net sales.

Operating income

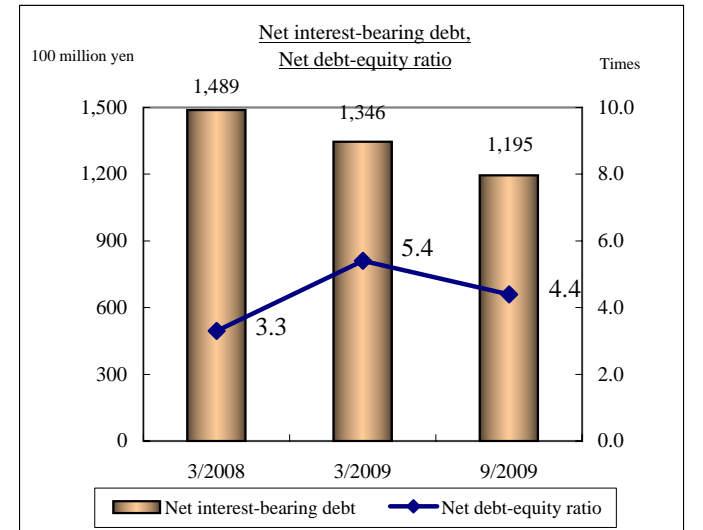
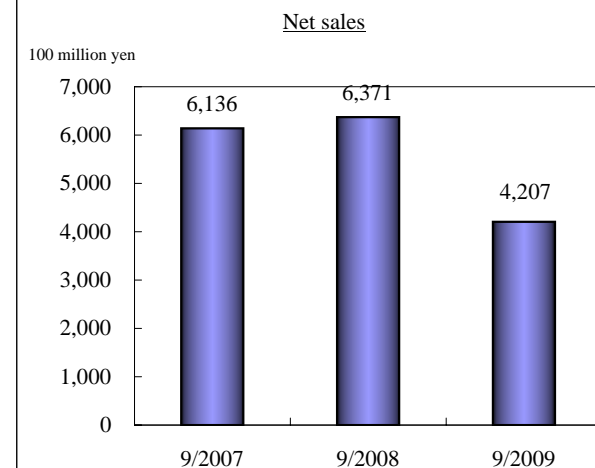
Operating income dropped in association with the fall in gross trading profit, despite a decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses.

Ordinary income

Non-operating income increased with a fall in equity in earnings of affiliated companies more than offset by the improvement of interest income, thanks to the reduction in interest-bearing debt and improved foreign currency translation outcomes. However, ordinary income declined, reflecting a sharp fall in operating income.

Net income

Net income fell year on year, but exceeded the forecasts made at the beginning of the fiscal year under review, primarily owing to an improvement in the tax expense.



Segment Information		Net sales			Operating income		
		H1 of FY2008	H1 of FY2009	Year-on-year Change	H1 of FY2008	H1 of FY2009	Year-on-year Change
IT		1,463	1,141	-322	41	26	-16
Foods & Foodstuff		1,684	1,365	-319	29	16	-13
	Iron & Steel	815	432	-382	35	17	-17
	Plant	509	276	-233	10	-5	-15
Iron, Steel & Plant		1,324	709	-615	44	12	-32
	Energy	1,546	801	-744	13	3	-9
	Life Science	168	111	-57	4	2	-2
Life Science & Energy		1,714	913	-801	16	5	-11
Others		186	80	-106	-2	3	5
Adjustment & elimination		-	-	-	4	2	-2
Total		6,371	4,207	-2,164	132	64	-68

Summary of Segment Results

IT

While the mobile business performed strongly, turnover declined, especially in the vehicle electronics parts, semiconductor equipment and solution businesses. Overall, both sales and profit were down.

Foods & Foodstuff

The foods business remained profitable, thanks to strong sales of less expensive items and steady marine products transactions that focused on sales of highly processed foods. The foodstuffs business was affected by a fall in the unit prices of feedstuff transactions. Overall, both sales and profit declined.

Iron, Steel & Plant

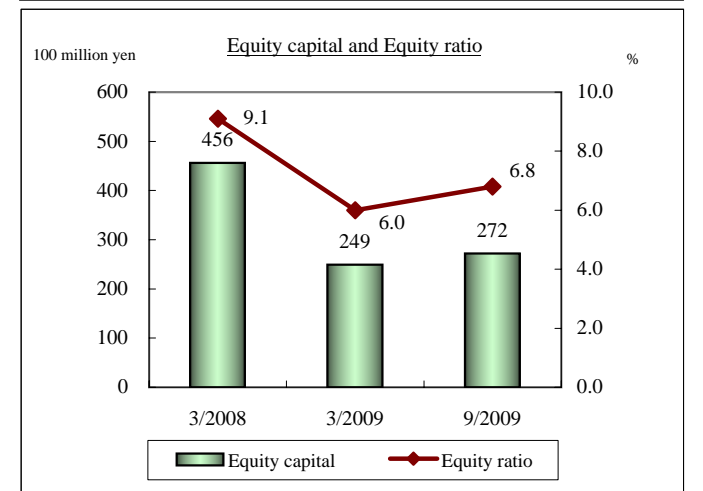
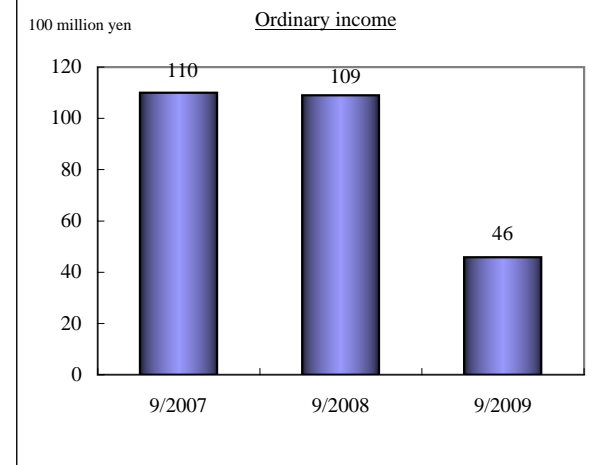
The operating environment remained difficult in the domestic steel, transportation machinery, and machine tools businesses. Overall, both sales and profit fell.

Life Science & Energy

Given a fall in prices of chemical products, reflecting lower prices of crude oil, as well as sluggish demand, both sales and profits were down.

Others

Net sales declined with the downsizing in the aluminum recycling business, but with an improvement in the profitability, overall operations of this segment moved into the black.



* The forecasts and forward-looking statements that are included in this document are based on information available at the time of the announcement as well as on calculations made using reasonable assumptions. Please note that actual results may differ materially depending on various factors.

* Since the figures above are rounded off to the nearest 100 million yen, the sum of each item and the total may differ.