Fiscal Year ending March 2022 Interim Results Briefing (Apr.1 - Sept.30/2021)

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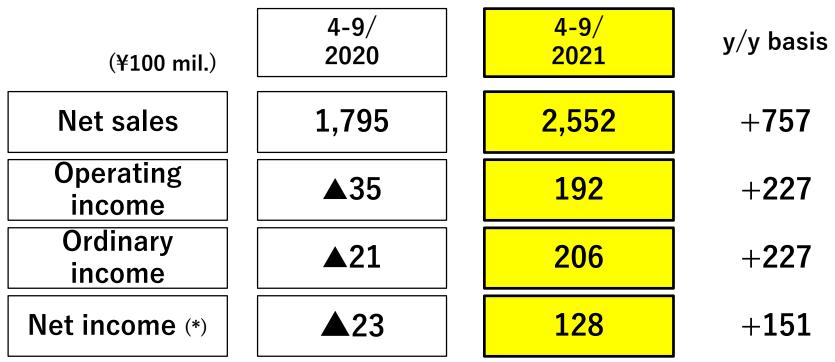


FY 2021 Interim Results (Apr.1 - Sep.30/2021)

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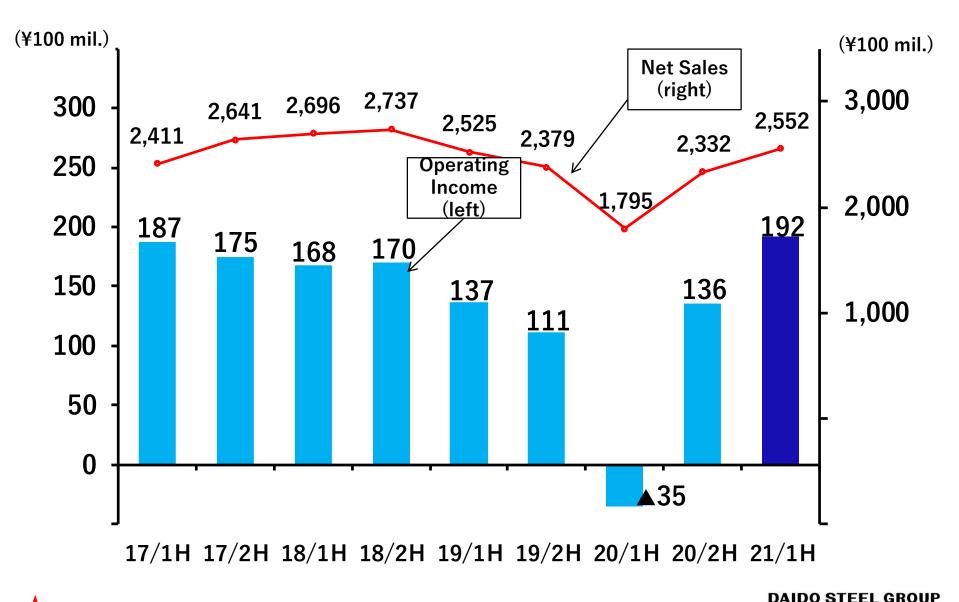
Overview of the FY 2021 2nd Quarter Results



* Quarterly net income that is profit attributable to owners of parent

Demand, including from the automobile-related industry, recovered from last year during which demand substantially decreased due to the economic downturn caused by COVID-19, and the second quarter results of the fiscal 2021 gained an increase in both revenue and profits. However, the recovery pace became less vigorous because of the lack of semiconductors and disrupted supply chains.
The raw material and fuel prices, including that of scrap steel, escalated to cause a temporary deterioration in earnings.

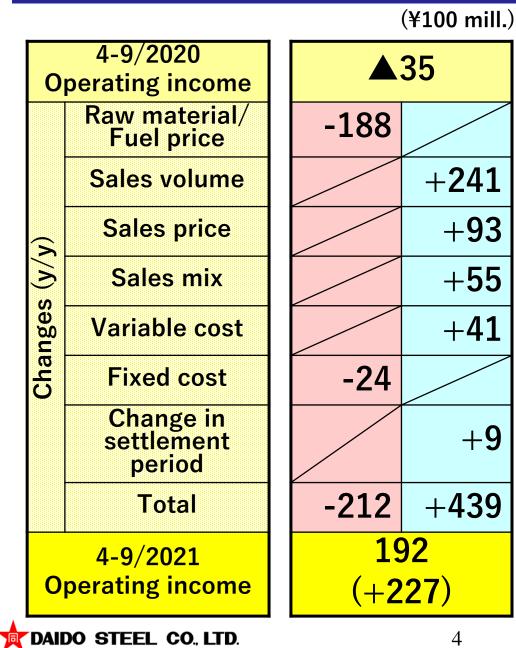
Changes in Net Sales & Operating Income (FY 2021 2nd Quarter Results)



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4-9/2021 Changes in Operating Income (y/y)



Breakdown of changes

Raw materials and fuel price

 Costs of scrap iron and alloys surged while energy costs decreased.

Sales volume

 Sales volumes of all items, including specialty steel, recovered.

Sales price

- Selling prices went up du to the effects of scrap and alloy surcharges.
- Operating income decreased 3.3 billion yen due to the effects of sliding scale pricing system.

Sales mix

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 Sales of tool steel recovered and those of semiconductor-related products increased. Severe market conditions continued for our engineering business.

Fixed costs

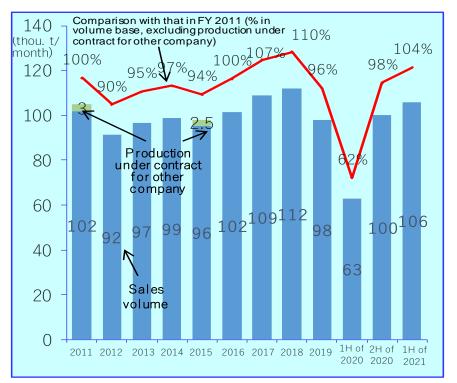
Costs increased due to production • recovery.

Overview of Our Major Products in FY 2021 (1)

Specialty steel

< Demand environment >

Sales volume of specialty steel (non-consolidated)

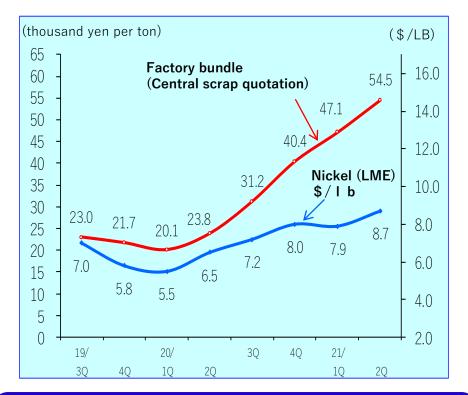


Orders, including those from the automobile industry, have increased rapidly since the second half of the FY 2020. Sales volume of structural steel, stainless steel and tool steel further increased in the first half of the FY2021.

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< Market conditions of raw materials >

Changes in scrap iron and nickel prices



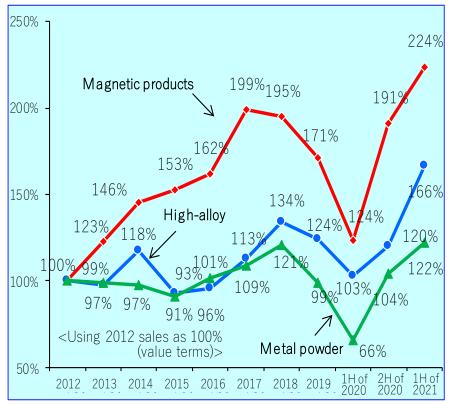
 Scrap iron: Supply and demand conditions further tightened due to reduced supply of scrap iron attributable to reduction in automobile production.
Nickel: Nickle prices rose further due to strong demand.

Overview of Our Major Products in FY 2021 (2)

High-performance and magnetic materials

Parts for automobile and industrial equipment

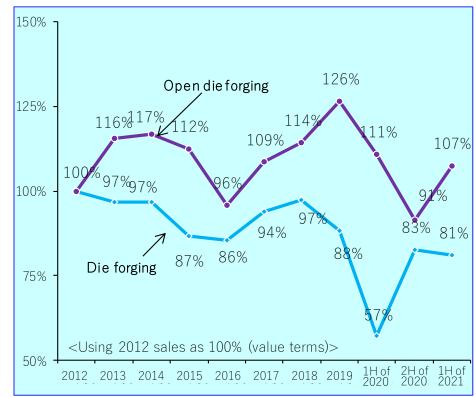
<High-alloy, magnetic products and metal powder>



- Magnetic products: Demand, including that for magnetic products from the FA industry, remained strong despite the adjustment phase in drivemotor-related items.
- Metal powder: Demand recovered, including that from the automotive industry

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<Die forging and open die forging>



- Open die forging: Aircraft-related demand continued to be weak, but demand from the field of heavy electricity machinery and semiconductors increased.
- Die forging: Demand remained high, including that from the automotive industry.

■ 4-9/2021 Net Sales & Operating Income by Segment

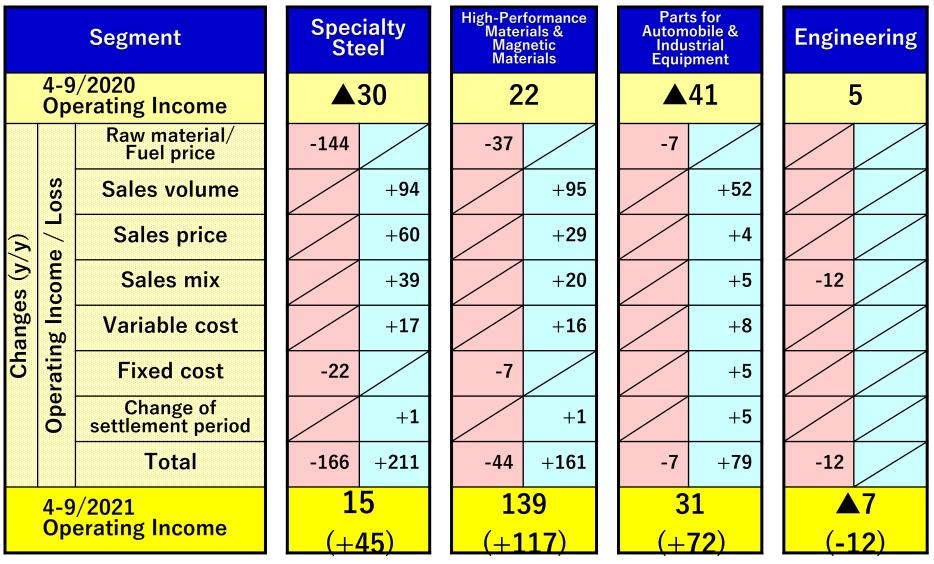
(¥100 mil.)

		4-9/2020	4-9/2021	
		Results (A)	Results (B)	y/y basis (B) - (A)
Specialty Steel	Net Sales	598	932	334
	Operating Income	▲ 30	15	45
High-Performance Materials	Net Sales	648	948	300
& Magnetic Materials	Operating Income	22	139	117
Parts for Automobile &	Net Sales	361	465	104
Industrial Equipment	Operating Income	▲ 41	31	72
Engineering	Net Sales	103	87	-16
	Operating Income	5	▲ 7	-12
Trading & Service	Net Sales	85	120	35
	Operating Income	9	14	5
Total	Net Sales	1,795	2,552	757
	Operating Income	▲ 35	192	227
Sales volume of specialty steel		378 thou.t	634 thou.t	256 thou.t



4-9/2021 Changes in Operating Income of Major Segments (y/y)

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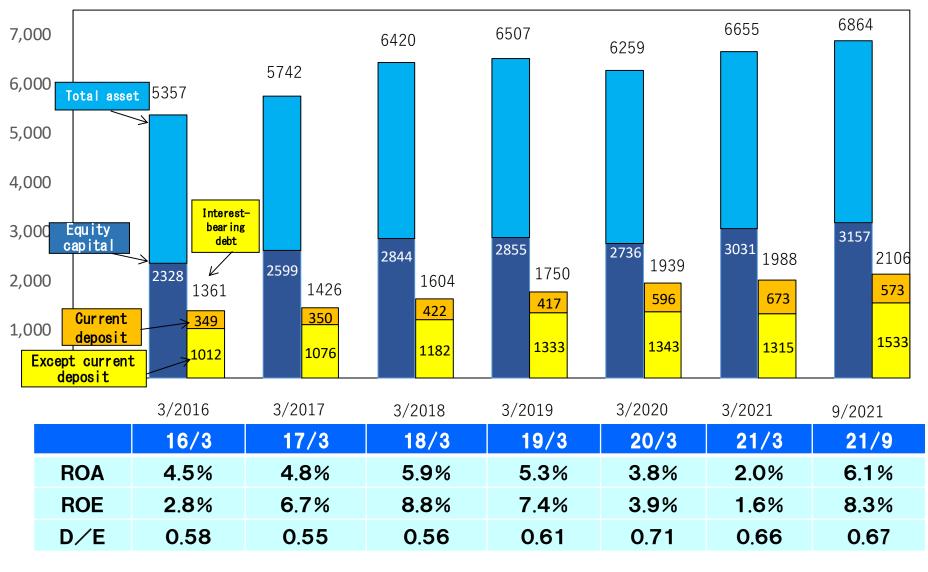
4-9/2021 Ordinary Income & Net Income

(¥100 mil.)

Operating income	192
Non-operating income / expense	14
Ordinary income	206
Extraordinary income / loss	4
Income taxes	▲ 74
Net income that is profit attributable to owners of parent	128

Total Assets, Interest-Bearing Debt, and D/E Ratio

(¥100 mil.)





Plan for FY 2021 (Apr.1/2021 - Mar.31/2022)



Overview of the FY 2021 Plan

Perspectives on our business environment

- Global car sales in CY 2021 are expected to remain on the order of 80 million units, a slight increase from CY 2020, but still lower than desired, due to the semiconductor shortage and the reduction in production caused by disrupted supply chains in Southeast Asia.
 - → We need to keep an eye on the possibility of further reductions in automobile production and size up when production seems likely to begin to increase and recover to a normal level.
- Demand from the machine tool industry will remain high, due to recovery of capital investment both in Japan and abroad. Demand for semiconductor-related products will also be strong because demand in various industries will expand.

Prices of raw materials, including scrap steel, will rise and remain high.

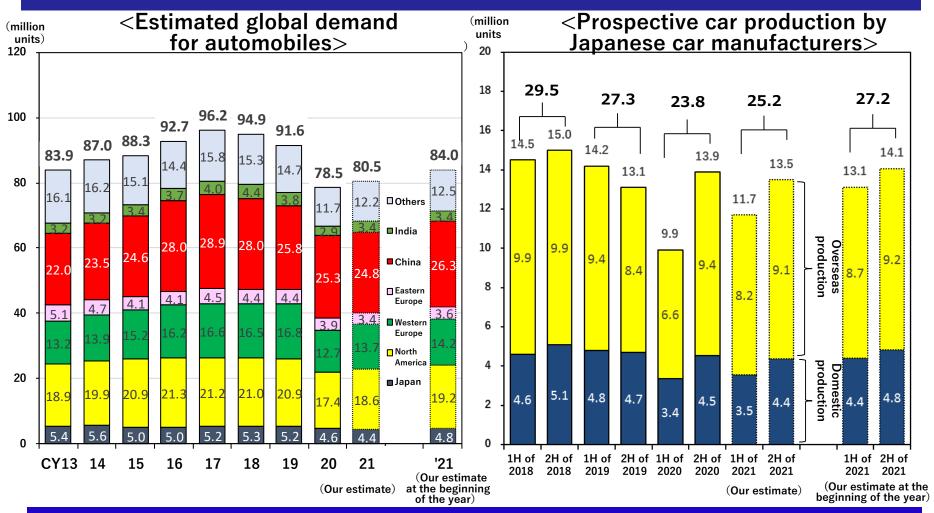
→ We will need to improve our margins by passing price increases on, through inclusion in the sales prices of our products.

Premises of the plan

- Car production by Japanese auto manufacturers will increase slightly, as compared with FY 2020. However, the steel sales volume is assumed to be around 1,262 thousand tons because orders, including those for machine-tool-related products, are high. Steel sales volumes: 1,176 thousand tons for 2019, 978 thousand tons for 2020, and 1,262 thousand tons for 2021.
- Demand for semiconductor manufacturing equipment-related products will remain high. Business in fabricated products will remain active, including in the fields of heavy electrical machinery and semiconductor manufacturing equipment, although aircraft-related demand is expected to remain sluggish. We will need to be in full-operation mode in order to meet demand.



Outlook for the Major Markets <**Automobile-Related Demand**>



- Global demand: Sales were revised down from the estimate we made at the beginning of the
- > Production by Japanese car manufacturers: Production in the first half of FY 2021 was adjusted downward due to the lack of semiconductors and automobile parts. However, it is expected that production will be normalized gradually during the second half of the year.

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Premises of Profit Planning for FY 2021 (Market Trend)

	UNIT	4-9/2 Resu (Difference original pr	Its with the	10/2021 to Premises (Difference original pr	of plan with the
Scrap steel Upper: H2 Lower: Factory bundle	¥thou./t	44.0 50.8		54.0 60.0	(+10.0) (+9.2)
Nickel (LME)	\$/LB	8.3	(-0.2)	9.0	(+0.7)
Crude oil (Dubai)	\$/B	68.3	(+8.3)	70.0	(+1.7)
Exchange rate (TTM)	¥/\$	110.8	(+5.8)	115.0	(+4.2)



Market Trend of Raw Materials (Scrap Steel and Nickel)

Scrap steel and nickel prices are at the highest levels during the past 10 years



<Nickel price LME>

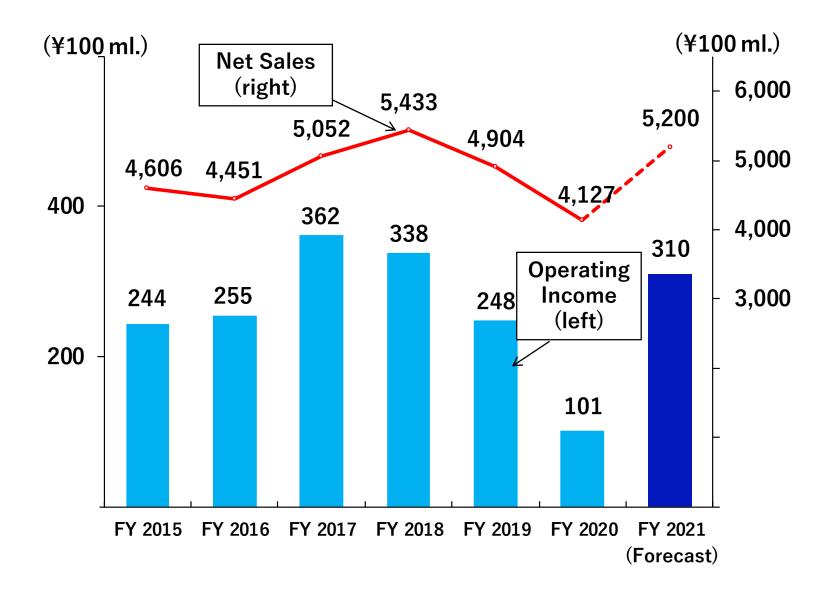
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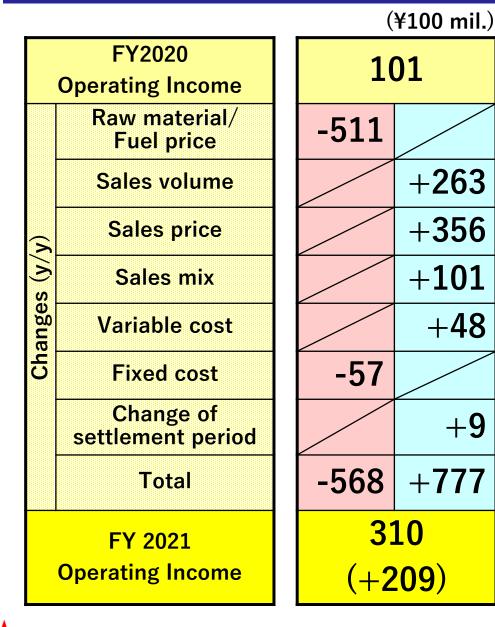


Changes in Net Sales & Operating Income (Forecast for FY 2021)





FY 2021 Changes in Operating Income (y/y)



Breakdown of changes

Raw materials and fuel price

Scrap steel and alloy costs will rise and energy costs will also be on the rise.

Sales volume

 Sales volumes, including that of specialty steel, will recover, but the pace of recovery will become less vigorous because of restrictions on the supply of parts.

Sales price

- Selling prices will go up due to the effects of scrap steel and alloy surcharges.
- Operating income will decrease by 4.2 billion yen due to the effects of the sliding scale pricing system (3.3 billion yen in the first half and 0.9 billion yen in the second half).

<u>Sales mix</u>

- Sales of tool steel and open die forgings will recover and demand for semiconductor-related products will also be strong. However, our engineering business will be sluggish.
- A review of the calculation of projected retirement benefit obligations will result in a decrease of 0.1 billion yen. (a decrease of 1.3 billion yen for the previous year and a decrease of 1.4 billion yen for this year)

Fixed costs

 Costs will increase due to increased production, but cost-cutting efforts will be carried out to reduce the amount of SGA as was achieved in the previous year.

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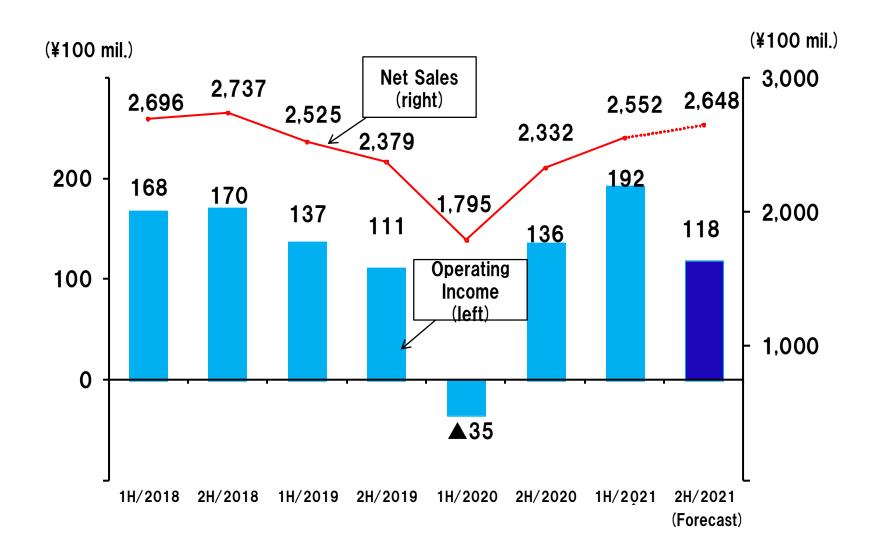
Net Sales & Operating Income by Segment (y/y)

(¥100 mil.)

		FY2020	FY2021	
		Results (A)	Forecast (B)	y/y (B) – (A)
Specialty Steel	Net Sales	1,458	1,950	492
	Operating Income	▲ 26	29	55
High-Performance Materials	Net Sales	1,494	1,920	426
& Magnetic Materials	Operating Income	122	232	110
Parts for Automobile &	Net Sales	808	940	132
Industrial Equipment	Operating Income	▲ 21	38	59
Engineering	Net Sales	202	185	-17
	Operating Income	8	▲ 15	-23
Trading & Service	Net Sales	165	205	40
	Operating Income	18	26	8
Total	Net Sales	4,127	5,200	1,073
	Operating Income	101	310	209
Sales volume of specialty stee	 	978 thou.t	1,262 thou.t	284 thou.t



Changes in Net Sales & Operating Income (Interim)





Sales and Operating Income by Segment (Difference between the First and Second Halves)

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		4-9/2021 (A)	10/2021- 3/2022 Forecast (B)	FY2021 Forecast (A) + (B)	FY2021 Difference between the 1H and the 2H (B) – (A)
Specialty Steel	Net Sales	932	1,018	1,950	86
	Operating Income	15	14	29	-1
High-Performance Materials	Net Sales	948	972	1,920	24
& Magnetic Materials	Operating Income	139	93	232	-46
Parts for Automobile &	Net Sales	465	475	940	10
Industrial Equipment	Operating Income	31	7	38	-24
Engineering	Net Sales	87	98	185	11
	Operating Income	▲ 7	▲ 8	▲ 15	-1
Trading & Service	Net Sales	120	85	205	-35
	Operating Income	14	12	26	-2
Total	Net Sales	2,552	2,648	5,200	96
	Operating Income	192	118	310	-74
Sales volume of specialty	634 thou.t	628 thou.t	1,262 thou.t	—6 thou.t	

Specialty steel:The effects of the sliding-scale pricing system will be reduced, but fixed costs will increase
in association with the recovery of production. We will offset the increase in fuel and alloy
prices by raising the base price. However, it will take energetic sales activities to get further
price increases effected.High-performance materials:Sales of SUS steel will increase slightly, but sales volumes of other items will drop.
Raw materials and fixed costs will also increase.Automobile parts:While demand for open die forgings is expected to increase, sales volumes of turbocharger
components and engine valves will decrease. Fixed costs will also increase.Temporary factors:Operating income will be affected by temporary factors other than actual operations: the
changed settlement period in the first half of the year (+ 0.9 billion yen) and an increase in
the cost of retirement benefits payments in the second half (-1.4 billion yen).

(¥100 mil)

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FY 2021 Ordinary Income & Net Income

(¥100 mil.)

Operating income	310
Non-operating income / expense	20
Ordinary income	330
Extraordinary income / loss	▲ 4
Income taxes	▲ 106
Net income that is profit attributable to owners of parent	220

FY 2021 Dividend Per Share

	FY 2	2020	FY 2021(Forecast)
	Interim	Year-end	Interim	Year-end
Ordinary income (¥ 100 mill.)	▲21	126	206	330
Net income * (¥ 100 mill.)	▲23	4 5	128	220
Dividend per share (¥/Share)	10.0	3 5 . 0 (End of term: 25.0)	80.0	1 6 0.0 (End of term: 80.0)
Payout ratio (%)	_	33.0	26.6	31.0

* Net income attributable to owners of parent

We will use a dividend payout ratio of 30% as a guide according to the mid-term management policy for FY 2023.

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Increase/

decrease

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Cash Flow

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- Free cash flow was a substantial negative by 20 billion yen in the first half of FY 2021, primarily due to the effects of a notable deterioration of our working capital caused by the soaring scrap steel price and a recovery in the number of orders.
- Accounts receivable are expected to increase in the second half of FY 2021, mainly because of increased selling prices resulting from the effects of the MPS (material price surcharge). We expect that the free cash flow amount will go up 5 billion yen by the end of the year, if we continue to have success in our efforts to reduce asset increases (such as in inventory).

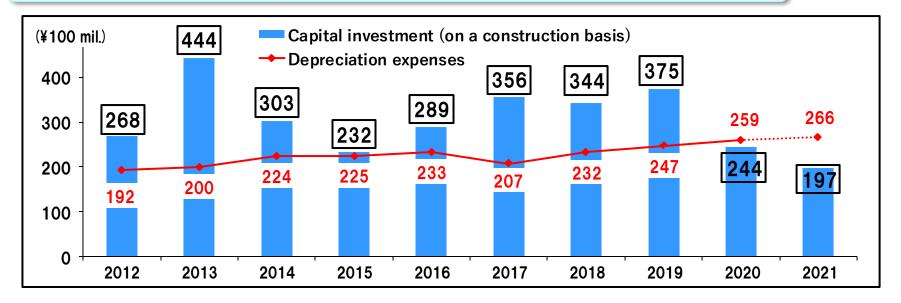
			4-9/2021 Results	10/2021 - 3/2022 Forecast	Estimate at the end of the year	Item	21/3	21/9	Increase/ decrease	Item	21/3	21/9
	Ordina	ry income	206		330	Current assets	3194	3437	243	Debt	3262	33
	Depreciati	on expenses	135	131	266	Cash instruments	673	573	-100	Operating payable	656	6
	Increase	Accounts receivable	-90	-120	-210	Operating receivable	1259	1349	90	Interest- bearing debt	1988	21
Operating	or decrease	Accounts payable	-49	50	1	Inventory	1185	1441	256	-	618	e
CF in working Inventory	-256	0	-256			1441	230	other	010			
	-395	-70	<mark>-465</mark>	Other	77	74	-3					
	Tax a	nd other	-38	-30	-68	Fixed assets	3461	3427	-34	Net assets	3393	3
			-92	155	63	Tangible fixed assets	2318	2286	-32	Share capital	2803	29
	Capital	investment	-94	-95	-189	Intangible fixed assets	27	30	3	Other accumulated comprehensive	228	
Investment CF Other	other	-14	-10	-24	Investment and			_	income Non-controlling			
			-108	-105	-213	other assets	1116	1111	-5	interest	362	
F	Free cash f	ow	-200	50	-150	Total of assets	6655	6864	209	Total of assets	6655	6

(Reference) Balance sheet at the end of September, 2021 (¥100 mil.)

Capital Investment

- There has been no substantial change made from the amount set at the beginning of the term. We will continue to promote capital investments, focusing on the reorganization of our operational capabilities and achievement of the SDG's. However, capital investment targets will be carefully selected, as they were in the previous year.
 - ⇒Our efforts to lower the amount of investment below the total amount of depreciation expenses will continue.

Changes in capital investment and depreciation expenses





Our Approach to ESG

Roadmap for Achieving Carbon Neutrality for 2050 (from the 2023 mid-term management plan)

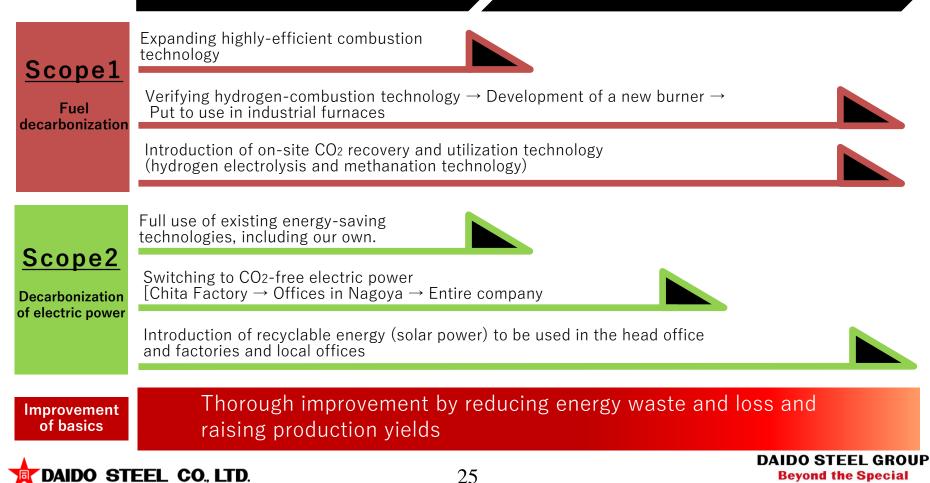
3 policies for carbon neutrality

- Thorough energy-saving efforts made by taking full advantage of existing technologies
- Use of decarbonized power sources

Introduction of decarbonizing technology

to 2030





Our Approach to ESG

The present status of our approach for achieving carbon neutrality

	Theme		Result	s obtaine	ed up to S	eptembe	r 2021
Scope1	Highly-efficient combustion technolog		rich burr	allation of a ner in Chita npleted in Aug	Plant was d	as analyzer etermined	and an oxygen-
decarbonization	Hydrogen-combustior technology	ו :	The hyd was star		d combustio	n test in the	STC furnace
Scope2	CO2-free electric pow	er :			0% of the ele (Starting in May		in use to CO2-
Decarbonization of electric power	Renewable energy	:	Shibuka	wa Plant ar		ond Plant w	eration units in as determined.
CO2 emission		CO2	emissions $\triangle 3\%$	(△14%)	* As t 0.45 the	the CO2 emissior 52 kg-CO2/kWh, results of our op	ns factor for electric power, the figure calculated from erations in 2019, was used.
compared wit (kt-CO2/mon CO2 emission per net sales (kg-CO2/t)	th)	_	90 emiss inter	ions sity	(△38%)	(△50%)	【Virtually zero emissions】
	2013	2	.021/4-9	2023	2025	2030	2050



← Results → ←----- Target ----->

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Our Machine Division's products were recognized as the "2021 Advanced Energy-Saving Technology Investment Promotion Project^{*1}" and "Equipment Eligible for Subsidy^{*2}" (9 items, the most in the industry)

- *1 A subsidy program created by the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy that supports investments in energy-saving technologies, with a view to achieving carbon neutrality for 2050.
- *2 Equipment eligible for subsidy that are announced as advanced equipment and system by the SII (Sustainable Open Innovative Initiative).

1. Module-Thermo	A vacuum carburizing furnace that provides energy-conservation and permits operation by non-specialized personnel. The amount of combustible gas was substantially reduced compared with the conventional carburizing process.
2. Synchro-Thermo	A vacuum carburizing furnace that offers very small-lot production, about 1/10 of conventional lot scale. The amount of combustible gas was substantially reduced compared with the conventional carburizing process.
3. Arc furnace equipped with a movable scrap preheater on its top	An electric furnace that is equipped with a preheater (exhaust gas recovery) which makes high-temperature exhaust gas at the melting phase into contact with additionally charged scrap for preheating.
4. STARQ (Arc furnace with a rotation drive)	An arc furnace that conserves energy by rotating the furnace body to eliminate the possibility of uneven dissolution of scrap in the furnace.



Module-Thermo





STARQ (Arc furnace with a rotation drive)



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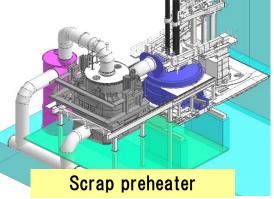
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5. Atmospheric gas flow rate precision control unit	The atmospheric gas control unit that controls the atmospheric gas in the annealing furnace precisely to reduce the amount of combustible gas as well as achieve the safety of operation.
6. High-efficiency energy-saving combustion system (DINCS)	A radiant-tube burner with a heat exchanger which preheats combustion air with high- temperature combustion exhaust gas.
7. Scrap preheater	A highly-efficient scrap preheater that makes use of high-temperature exhaust heat inside the arc furnace.
8. Non-water-cooled atmosphere heat treatment furnace	An annealing furnace that saves energy by using a high-performance heat-insulating material and the optimum air/fuel ratio.
9. Meltdown judgement system	This system automatically judges the meltdown of scrap inside the electric arc furnace using audible sound and higher harmonics, to help reduce operating hours (improvement in productivity) and save energy.



Highly-efficient combustion system (DINCS)





Non-water-cooled atmosphere heat treatment furnace



Our Approach to ESG



- ✓ We are publishing an INTEGRATED REPORT instead of a SUSTAINABILITY REPORT, starting in November 2021.
- In order to improve our enterprise value in the medium- to long-range perspective, this report transmits our approach to ESG comprehensively yet plainly, with increased contents such as the process and strategy of creating our enterprise value and the identification of material issues.

< Major contents >

- Overview of the Daido Steel Group
- Our manufacturing capability that has supported our growth over 105 years
- \cdot Value creation process
- Our approach to ESG and the progress of identification of material issues and issues to be addressed, etc.

We will disclose the information on the effects of the "risk" and "opportunity" of climate change on our financial conditions based on TCFD (Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures) in the future. \Rightarrow We will make further efforts to disclose our sustainability information.

Fact Book



Fact Book Financial highlight

Consolidation

											(¥1 mil.)
	'17/3	18/3	19/3	20/3	21/3	'16/9	'17/9	'18/9	'19/9	'20/9	'21/9
Net sales	445,122	505,219	543,255	490,421	412,722	213,010	241,119	269,643	252,476	179,490	255,224
Operating income	25,513	36,218	33,815	24,768	10,070	9,643	18,726	16,752	13,711	▲3,531	19,156
Ordinariy income	26,373	36,130	34,343	24,298	12,642	9,023	18,320	17,569	13,711	▲2,112	20,556
Net income	16,386	23,920	21,182	10,987	4,516	5,363	11,890	10,759	11,257	▲2,318	12,840
R & D expenses	6,206	5,419	5,638	6,002	4,722	3,158	2,770	2,788	2,896	2,185	2,694
Capital investment(Plan)	32,800	38,600	37,200	25,300	12,500	15,800	20,300	18,800	15,100	7,500	13,150
Capital investment(Construction)	28,940	35,605	34,413	37,529	24,448	15,791	14,899	15,027	22,092	13,955	10,172
Depreciation	23,275	20,740	23,171	24,662	25,912	11,087	10,023	11,453	12,022	12,794	13,469
Financial account balance	904	995	1,606	1,297	806	432	429	584	656	459	693
Total assets	574,169	642,021	650,697	625,899	665,506	523,304	614,828	661,998	651,112	621,997	686,373
Equity	259,851	284,435	285,508	273,561	303,143	231,600	274,221	291,948	293,276	276,815	315,674
Interest-bearing debt	142,599	160,352	174,998	193,881	198,812	133,172	157,201	174,928	185,536	207,302	210,608
Pay roll number	11,498	11,873	12,421	13,436	13,109	11,574	11,843	12,559	13,775	13,474	12,838
R0A(%)	4.8	5.9	5.3	3.8	2.0	3.4	6.2	5.4	4.2	▲0.7	6.1
ROE(%)	6.7	8.8	7.4	3.9	1.6	4.6	8.9	7.5	7.8	▲1.7	8.3
Consolidated subsidiary number	34	36	38	65	66	35	36	38	65	68	65
(Equity method affiliate number is excluded from the above)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(9)	(9)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(9)	(9)	(9)
Ratio of the consolidated to the non- consolidated						•					
Net sales	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7						
Ordinariy income	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.4						
Net income	1.1	1.6	1.3	1.0	0.7						
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*Long-term prepaid expenses are not included in the depreciation. Net income after 2015 belongs to stockholder of parent company.

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Fact Book Net Sales & Operating Income by Segment

Consolidation

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		'17/3	'18/3	'19/3	'20/3	'21/3
Speciality Steel	Net Sales	1,631	1,868	2,078	1,817	1,458
	Operating Income	58	65	60	52	▲ 26
High Perfomance Materials & Magnetic Materials	Net Sales	1,485	1,708	1,846	1,674	1,494
	Operating Income	174	222	207	136	122
Parts for Automobile & Industrial Equipment	Net Sales	975	1,063	1,099	973	808
	Operating Income	▲ 5	30	23	4	▲ 21
	Net Sales	239	249	275	266	202
Engineering	Operating Income	12	18	23	30	8
	Net Sales	121	164	135	174	165
Trading and Service	Operating Income	16	27	25	26	18
	Net Sales	4,451	5,052	5,433	4,904	4,127
Total	Operating Income	255	362	338	248	101

'16/4-9 '16/10-3 '17/4-9 '17/10-3 '18/4-9 '18/10-3 '19/4-9 '19/10-3 '20/4-9 '20/10-3 '21/4-9 1,020 1,058 Net Sales Speciality Steel Operating **A** 30 Income Net Sales High Perfomance Materials & Magnetic Materials Operating Income Net Sales Parts for Automobile & Operating Industrial Equipment **A** 2 1 **▲** 16 Income Net Sales Engineering Operating ▲ 7 Income Net Sales Trading and Service Operating Income 2,130 2,321 2,411 2,641 2,696 2,737 2,525 2,379 1,795 2,332 2,552 Net Sales Total Operating **A** 35 Income

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