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# FY2023 Results (From April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024)

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# Summary of Financial Results for FY2023



	(Bln. Yen)	FY2022	Forecasts In October	FY2023	YOY Change FX Impact
Net sales		559.2	575.0	578.9	+21.2 +4%
Operating I	ncome	66.8	62.0	66.4	+5.4 (1%)
Ordinary In	come	65.9	58.0	63.0	(4%)
Net income Attributable to Owners of the Parent		55.0	39.0	40.6	(26%)
Exchange Rate	USD EUR	135 yen 141 yen	141 yen 152 yen	144 yen 157 yen	+9 yen +16 yen

## Sales Reached a Record High due to the Effect of the Weaker Yen, while Income Decreased Year on Year.

- Environment Both sales and income increased due to a rise in demand for products resulting from higher sales quantities of trucks in China and more strict emission standard, in addition to a recovery in automotive production against the background of an easing of component shortages including semiconductors.
- Digital Society The sharp decline in sales and income was due to investment curbs by semiconductor manufacturers in response to the deterioration of the semiconductor market.
- Energy & Industry Demand for power transmission and distribution networks in the U.S. remained strong.
- Extraordinary Loss Impairment losses were recorded in the Package Business and other businesses whose performance deteriorated due to the continuing slump in smartphone sales in China.

# **Change Analysis for FY2023**

(Bln. Yen)

Sales

Op. Income



Forecasts for FY2024						
	(Bln. Yen)	FY2023	FY2024	YOY Change		
Net sales	(,	578.9	620.0	FX Impact +0.2 + 7%		
Operating I	ncome	66.4	75.0	+2.4 +13%		
Ordinary Income		63.0	71.0	+13%		
Net income Attributable to Owners of the Parent		40.6	53.0	+ 31%		
Exchange USD Rate EUR		144 yen 157 yen	145 yen 155 yen	+1 yen (2 yen)		
S	Sales and income will increase due to the recovery of demand in the DS Business in the second half of the year					
Environment	Environment Sales will increase slightly in total business despite a decrease in demand in some areas due to progress in EV development. Income is expected to increase due to cost reductions.					
Digital Society	In semiconductor production equipment components, capital investment by device makers is expected to recover moderately from the second half of the year. Electronic devices are also expected to recover moderately, with an increase in sales and income expected for the full year.					
Energy & Industry © 2024 NGK INSULATORS, LTD. All r	are expected. In addition to the continuation of solid U.S. demand, sales and income for insulators are expected to increase in domestic and overseas projects.					

# **Change Analysis for FY2024**



Sales

Op. Income



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## Forecasts for the Environment (EN) Business



### Automotive related

Industrial Process was transferred from Energy & Industry Business to the Environment Business at the beginning of FY2024.

Although demand for products for passenger cars is expected to decrease due to the rising ratio of non-internal combustion engine vehicles, demand for diesel products is expected to rise as truck and off-road sales increase mainly in China. As a result, sales are generally at the same as last year.

## Industrial Processes

Sales are expected to increase due to increased demand for industrial heating systems for lithium-ion battery cathode materials and low-level radioactive waste treatment equipment.

The overall income of business will increase year on year due to cost reductions and sales price revisions.



# The future perspective for the EN Business

(Forecast for Automobile Sales) (NGK's Est.) (Forecast for emission regulations) (NGK's Est.) <sup>38%</sup> Markets FY22 FY23 FY24 FY25 FY26 FY30 Ratio of vehicles with non combustion GE/GDI·MPI (Mil. units) **PPNLT**(WLTC) Japan engines (EV/FCV) RDE 120.0 15% 10% 12% (Pre. forecast) \_ EU6d-Full EU7 Europe 6% 100.0 3% Tier3 Non-combustion engines U.S. (EV/FCV) IFV TT PM1mg 80.0 ..... China6b China6a China China7 (All) (All) 60.0 Internal combustion engine vehicles BS6 BS6 (Including HV/PHV) India BS7 Stage I Products Stage II 40.0 EU5 Thailand EU4 FU6b 20.0 Honeycomb Sensors GPF SIC-DPF There is no change in the assumption that the EV ratio will evolve. Demand for the company's products is expected to remain at 0.0 a certain level due to the introduction of new products with more advanced functions in response to FY20 FY21 FY22 FY23 FY24 FY25 FY30 the strengthening of emissions regulations in various countries. The impact of the new emission regulation in Europe, Euro7 **Business Structure Conversion of Environment Business** 

The introduction of Euro 7 is expected to be delayed in mid-2027. Proposed limits are slightly less stringent than at the beginning, but there has been no change in policy to tighten controls on particulate matter (PM) emissions and our business plan will not be largely affected. We will aggressively launch new products with high added value.

#### NOx sensors for gasoline GPF with Surface Adsorption Layer



Market launch of a sensor for gasoline passenger cars that require constant NOx measurement according to Euro 7



A high collection surface collection layer is applied, and high-functional products are introduced to meet PM regulations Aiming to expand synergies in the CN & Biotechnology markets, the Industrial Process Division was transferred to the Environment Business Group.



## Forecasts for the Digital Society (DS) Business





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# The future perspective for the DS Business



■ Components for Semiconductor Production Equipment (SPE) !■ Electronic Components (DCB/AMB Circuit Substrate)



With the current semiconductor supply-demand adjustment, WFE investment is expected to recover moderately from the second half of 2024. The market will further expand due to the spread of AI-equipped smartphones, the expansion of the cloud AI market, and other advances in the digitalization of society, and we will continue to invest in increased production to ensure that demand for our products is captured.

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DCB/AMB circuit substrate is a product that maximizes the performance of power semiconductors used in inverters for EV and HEV motor control, etc., achieving high reliability and excellent heat dissipation characteristics through its unique bonding technology. The adoption of DCB/AMB circuit substrates will increase as power modules using SiC semiconductors increase, especially in BEVs.



Looking ahead to future market expansion, we have decided to increase monthly production capacity to about 2.5 times the current level by FY2026. We aim to achieve sales of 20 billion ven in FY2030. In preparation for the increase in demand in Europe, a major market, the company is considering introducing production facilities at its existing European bases.





#### Insulators

- Although, in Japan, a revenue cap system has been launched for general electricity transmission and distribution companies, demand is expected to remain stable on the back of planned capital investment in the transmission and distribution network.
- In the U.S. and Australia, investment in renewable energy continues to boom. Demand is expected to remain strong due to plans to strengthen transmission and distribution networks.

#### Energy Storage

- Sales are expected to increase significantly due to orders and shipments of large-scale overseas projects under sales alliance with BASF.
- Despite the increase in volume, losses are expected to continue due to higher parts procurement costs and competition from lithium-ion batteries. In addition to cost reductions, we aim to improve profit and business growth by developing supply chains to cope with continued large-scale orders.



## The future perspective for the E&I Business



NGK has received order of NAS battery for large-scale Green hydrogen production project in Germany



<ul> <li>Destination</li> </ul>	: Federal Republic of Germany
•Client	: BASF Stationary Energy Storage GmbH
<ul> <li>Final Recipient</li> </ul>	: HH2E AG(German Hydrogen Production Company)
• Purpose	: Stable electricity supply to hydrogen production equipments from renewable energy power stations
$\cdot$ Volume of Sales	: 72units of container type NAS battery(Equivalent to 18MW)

The current order is for the first phase of the large-scale project led by HH2E.

Negotiations for securing the order for the second phase has been ongoing.

To achieve Carbon Neutrality in 2050, the efforts to reduce CO2 emissions in business will be accelerating worldwide.

Germany, a leading renewable energy country, aims to increase its domestic hydrogen production capacity to 10,000 megawatts (10 gigawatts) by 2030. We expect further expansion of the adoption of large-capacity storage batteries for green hydrogen production applications.

# **Improving Enterprise Value**

- Enhance capital profitability via corporate management that is conscious of the formula, Equity spread = ROE – Cost of shareholders' equity.
- Ensure growth potential through advancing business portfolio management, and investment in intellectual capital (R&D, etc.) and human capital for growth.
- Upgrade non-financial value primarily via an effort to reduce environmental footprint and respect human rights.

**Relations between Enterprise Value and Management Indicators** 

# Estimation of the NGK's Capital CostAfter-tax<br/>Debt Cost1.1%Capital Cost**8.5%**(CAPM)D/E Ratio0.4WACC6.5%

Pre-tax WACC 9.3%(Hurdle rate)

Aim to increase enterprise value by enhancing capital

profitability, growth potential and non-financial value

#### Market value Hiaher l ower as of Mar 31, 2024 Shareholders' equity PBR 0.87 Non-Financial value Market Enterprise **Financial Value** Value PER 15.26 (on book value basis) premium ESG Management Management ROE 10% or higher **Business portfolio policy** Policv Increase the profitability of existing businesses and Management focused on capital efficiency create new businesses 🕈 🕈 10% or higher CAGR 5% or higher NGK NGK Sales **Capital Policy** Value-added (Financial Leverage) Growth ROIC Management Indicators (KPIs) Commercialization **Return to** Improve Improve **Research &** Leverage The Reduction of Stockholders interest-bearing Asset Profitability Development Environmental **Turnover Ratio** debt Burden **Dividend Payout R&D** Expenses ROIC hurdle rate10% Ratio30% NewValue1000 Maintain Iniect Performance CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions DOF<sub>3</sub>% Capital Operating Financial New products Sales 300 billion yen over a reduction of 50% target turnover rate X(3-year average) margin soundness 100 billion ven or higher 10 vears compared with 2013 for 2030 0.67 or higher 15% or higher D/E Ratio 0.4 (DS50%,CN30%) (80% or more Acquire treasury (FY2025 Performance Targets) to be invested in **CN** & **DS**) shares flexibly



## **Capital Profitability and Growth Potential of Existing Business**



## **Business portfolio policy**

- Portfolio management pivoting on profitability and growth
- Scrutinize each product by using NGK-version of ROIC of 10% and a sales growth rate of 5% as the criteria.
- Inject management resources into investment domains and domains where we expect growth.
- Consider deciding whether or not to continue the business of each product that belongs to low-growth and low-profit domains.





In the Environment Business, the industrial process Engineering Division will be incorporated, and the business will be converted into the CN/Bio business.

In the Digital Society business, we will expand the business with input including in-organic to meet high growth expectations.

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## Consolidated performance trends



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## Technology Development and Business Transformation Contributing to Carbon Neutral (CN)



**Manufacturing technology of catalyst converters and filters** cultivated through ceramics for automobile exhaust gas purification and **Industrial process** for engineering will be integrated into the **Environment Business**. We aim to accelerate technological development in the carbon neutral and bio fields to achieve business transformation and profit growth by expanding synergies.



## Technology Development and Business Transformation Contributing to CN

- Development of "Direct Air Capture" (DAC)
- ► Technology to recover atmospheric CO2 (DAC : Direct Air Capture)
- ► Capture the low density of CO2 in the atmosphere (CO2 Density 0.04%)
- Propose thin-walled honeycomb ceramics with low pressure drop
- Approximately 1 billion tons of CO2 would be captured by DAC in 2050 (Source: IEA report)
- Convert existing facilities for DAC productions

### Need to produce 170 million liters/year of Honeycomb for DAC since 2040 (NGK's Est)



Honeycomb production base
 12 factories (9-countries)

Ambient Air (Co<sub>2</sub>=0.04%)

Co<sub>2</sub> free air



Honeycomb Ceramic for automotive

Convert facilities for Square type honeycomb ceramics for DAC

Honeycomb substrate

□150mm×200mmL

CO<sub>2</sub> Sorbent material

substrate



Contactor

exhaust gas purifiers "Honeyceram" Development of "CO<sub>2</sub> Separation Membrane" (Sub-nano Ceramics) CO2-EOR



## Development of Products and Technologies That Contribute to the Digital Society



We will support the digital society from various aspects with products utilizing material characteristics of ceramics and technologies of precision machining, printing, and bonding with different materials.





## In FY2030, the target is new business sales of 100 billion yen (NV1000)

We aim to achieve commercialization from the demonstration and development phases of an item with expected sales of 200 billion yen, and strive for the achievement of NV1000

Products	s in the development phase : A	bout 100 billion yen	Elemental technolog research phase	ЭУ
	Hydrogen, Methanation related	Renewable and New energy related	ted 200 Bln. Yen	
CN	Next generation DAC, SOEC, Hydrogen separation, membranes, Beryllium copper for hydrogen infrastructure. etc.	Beryllium pebbles for nuclear fusion, Green energy business etc.		
<b>DS</b> Products i	Semiconductors, SPE related Next-generation wafer (GaN, AIN, SiC) Next-generation SPE components etc.	High-Function package for information communication, Bonded wafers for optical communications etc.	Developme Phase	nt
		Contribute to stabilized	i yen	
	Capture CO <sub>2</sub> contained in the atmosphere directly <b>DAC (Direct Air Capture)</b>	communication	ward achieving NV1000!	
ell (Theragh hole)	CO <sub>2</sub> separation, crude oil production, etc. <b>Sub-nano Ceramic Membrane</b>	Support infrastructure resilience ZNB (Zinc rechargeable batter		
	Contribute to stable operation of EV power semiconductors Active Metal Brazing (AMB) and Direct Copper Bonding(DCB) Substrates	Contribute to unmet medical needs Organic Compound Crystal Search Service	Demonstrati Phase	on
r € € € € € € € € € € € € € € € € € € €	Contribute to stable operation of renewable energy VPP (Virtual Power Plant) Service	Comm Active Metal Brazing (A Bonding(DCB) Substrat	Percialization phase MB) and Direct Copper es : 20 billion yen Crystal Search Service	
Sales	FY23	FY25		FY30

**R&D** Input





In order to achieve NV1000, we expect to continue record high R&D spending, especially on CN and DS.
 To enhance our own technologies, the Corporate NV Creation, the Corporate R&D and the Corporate Manufacturing Engineering coordinate and proceed with the development of new products in each theme steadily. Simultaneously, actively acquire technologies and resources from outside.

## **Capital Expenditures & Depreciation Costs**





Promote initiatives for "the environment," "society," and "governance," which are the bases of business activities, to solve social issues through products and services

#### NGK Value-added





#### Environment

Accelerate efforts to provide environmentally effective products and services and achieve carbon neutrality

- November 2023: Issued green bonds for the third consecutive year.

- Reorganized part of the Head Office Plant into new product development bases such as DAC to accelerate commercialization of CCU and CCS related products.

- In addition to disclosing information about The Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) on our website and other sites, we quickly endorsed the Task Force for Naturerelated Financial Disclosures (TNFD).

#### Social

Respect for human rights affected by business activities and enhancement of human resource investment.

- In June 2023, we formulated the "NGK Group Human Capital Management Policy," the "Human Resources Development Policy," and the "Internal Environment Development Policy."

- Conducting a fact-finding survey questionnaire to conduct detailed CSR assessments of suppliers, the scope of the survey has been expanded to include major suppliers of Group companies in and outside Japan

- In addition to last year's Platinum Kurumin certification, we were selected as a "Next Nadeshiko: Companies Supporting Dual-career and Co-parenting" company in recognition of our initiatives to create a comfortable working environment, including career support and promotion of male childcare leave.

## Governance

Establish an organizational structure that ensures the legality of business activities and the transparency of corporate management and is capable of swiftly addressing change in the management environment.

- The "NGK Group Corporate Business Principles and Code of Conduct" was established and disseminated to ensure that all employees have ethical standards and conduct appropriate business activities.

- The "NGK Group Anti-corruption Policy" was established to further elaborate the anti-corruption content of the Corporate Business Principles and Code of Conduct.

# **Capital Policy**



# **Total Assets & Dividend**



# Summary of Cash Flow

(Bln. Yen)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24Forecast
Operating Activities	94.8	97.9	99.2	106.0
Investing Activities	(46.3) Investment(37.4)	(52.0) Investment(43.1)	(68.6) Investment(45.1)	<b>(48.0)</b> 設備投資支払(68.0)
Financing Activities	(45.3) New loans +15.0 Repayment (34.0) Treasury stock Purchase (9.7)	(34.6) New loans +29.6 Repayment (32.8) Treasury stock Purchase (9.6)	(36.1) New loans + 34.5 Repayment(36.4) Treasury stock Purchase (14.9)	<b>(30.0)</b> New loans+25.0 Repayment (38.0)
Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash & Cash Equivalents	5.5	2.6	8.1	1.0
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents	8.8	14.0	2.6	29.0
Cash & Cash Equivalents at End of Period	154.9	168.9	171.4	200.5
nvest funds in growth domains based on a debt-to-equity ratio of 0.4	0.4	0.4 D/E Ratio (Right axis	s) 0.4	0.3
(Bln. Yen) 150.0 - <b>EBI</b>	0.1	Net D/E Ra 0.1 (Right axi		0.0 ● ● ● ◆ 0.2
100.0 - Free cash flow is expected to remain positive despite aggressive investment in <sup>50.0</sup> digital society (DS), which is a growth domain.	FCF CAPEX			-0.
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# Sales by Product (Annual)

(Bln. Yen)



<after elimination="" inter-segment=""></after>	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024 Forecast
Honeycomb filters	70.4	81.3	90.1	90.0
GPF	33.9	36.8	49.8	47.0
Cd-DPF+LSH	78.3	84.3	85.5	83.0
SiC-DPF	46.3	59.7	71.9	74.0
Sensors	63.7	58.7	64.6	66.0
Industrial Processes *	26.9	28.3	28.8	34.0
Environment Business	319.5	349.1	390.7	394.0
SPE related	96.9	107.0	86.5	99.0
Electronics components	29.5	28.6	26.1	33.0
Metal related	23.9	27.6	25.6	27.0
Digital Society Business	150.3	163.2	138.2	159.0
Energy Storage	1.3	2.7	2.1	16.0
Insulators	39.3	44.2	47.9	51.0
Energy & Industry Business	40.6	47.0	50.0	67.0
Total	510.4	559.2	578.9	620.0

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# Sales by Product (Semi Annual)





	FY2023		FY2024 Forecast	
<after elimination="" inter-segment=""></after>	1H	2H	1H	2H
Honeycomb filters	45.2	44.9	45.5	44.5
GPF	24.9	24.9	23.0	24.0
Cd-DPF+LSH	42.9	42.6	41.5	41.5
SiC-DPF	34.0	37.9	37.0	37.0
Sensors	32.9	31.8	34.0	32.0
Industrial Processes *	13.5	15.4	14.0	20.0
Environment Business	193.3	197.4	195.0	199.0
SPE related	41.8	44.7	46.0	53.0
Electronics components	11.7	14.4	14.5	18.5
Metal related	12.6	13.0	12.5	14.5
Digital Society Business	66.1	72.1	73.0	86.0
Energy Storage	0.7	1.4	3.0	13.0
Insulators	22.8	25.1	24.0	27.0
Energy & Industry Business	23.5	26.5	27.0	40.0
Total	282.9	296.0	295.0	325.0

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# **Consolidated Operating Results**





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