

# FY2024 1<sup>st</sup> Half Results (From April 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024) November 1, 2024

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## Summary of Financial 1st Half Results for FY2024

(	Bln. Yen)	FY2023 1st half	Announcement In April	FY2024 1st half	YOY Change FX Impact Growth ratio
Net sales		282.9	295.0	298.4	+12.2 +5%
Operating Income		32.5	30.0	39.7	+7.7 +22%
Ordinary Income		28.9	28.0	38.4	+33%
Net income Attributable to Owners of the Parent		18.2	21.0	25.9	+42%
Exchange	USD	141 yen	(145 yen)	152 yen	+11 yen
Rate	EUR	154 yen	(155 yen)	165 yen	+11 yen

### Sales and Income Increased Year on Year, with Sales Reaching a Record High for the Second Quarter

- Environment Sales decreased due to inventory adjustments and other factors from the slowdown in the Chinese and Southeast Asian markets. Operating income increased partly due to the positive effect of the weak yen and delay in expenses incurred.
- Digital Society Both sales and income increased due to the concentration of some projects for semiconductor manufacturing equipment products and increased demand for piezoelectric elements for HDDs driven by strong data center investments.
- Energy & Industry While sales of insulators remained strong on the back of investment in power transmission and distribution infrastructure in Japan and overseas, NAS® batteries increased the loss due to higher material procurement costs and other factors despite increased sales owing to shipments of overseas projects.

# Forecasts for FY2024

	(Bln. Yen)	FY2023	Announcemer In April	t FY2024	YOY Change FX Impact Growth ratio
Net sales		578.9	620.0	620.0	+6.5 + 7%
Operating In	come	66.4	75.0	78.0	+5.4 +17%
Ordinary Inc	ome	63.0	71.0	74.0	+16%
Net income Att to Owners of th		40.6	53.0	53.0	+ 31% Assumed exchange rates in 2nd half
Exchange Rate	USD EUR	144 yen 157 yen		<ul><li>147 yen</li><li>161 yen</li></ul>	140yen +3 yen <sup>155yen</sup> +4 yen

Sales and Income will increase Year on Year , Compared to the April announcement, operating income and ordinary income will increase					
Environment	Although the automotive market continues to slow down, sales will increase due to the postponement of the shipment of industrial heating systems for LiB cathode materials from the previous fiscal year and the positive effect of the weaker yen. Income is expected to increase as profitability improves due to cost reductions and price hikes of the automotive related products.				
Digital Society	Both sales and income will increase due to some semiconductor manufacturing equipment demand being brought and the increased demand for piezoelectric elements for HDDs driven by strong data center investments.				
Energy & Industry	As in first half, segment loss will increase, as profitability of NAS® batteries will deteriorate due to higher material prices despite higher sales for the shipment of a large project in Germany, while insulators will remain steady.				

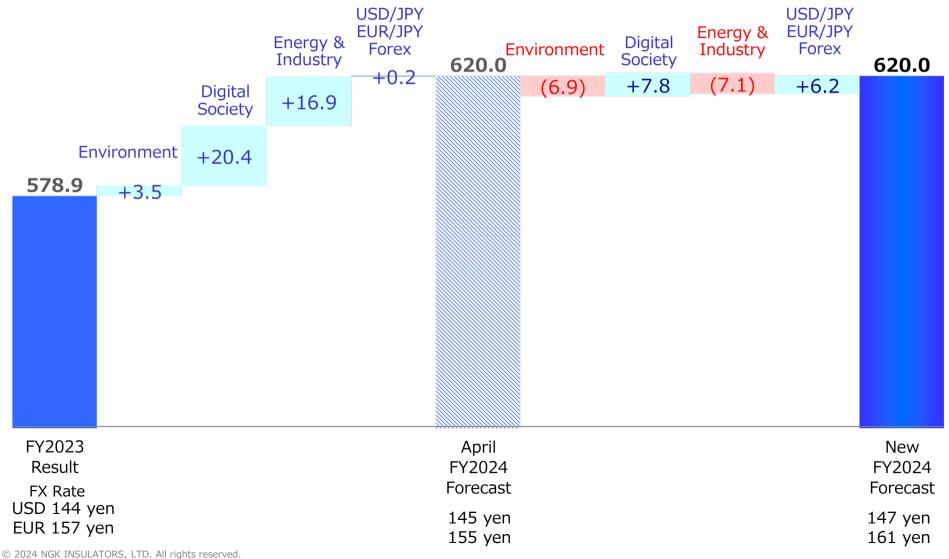
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## Sales Change Analysis for FY2024



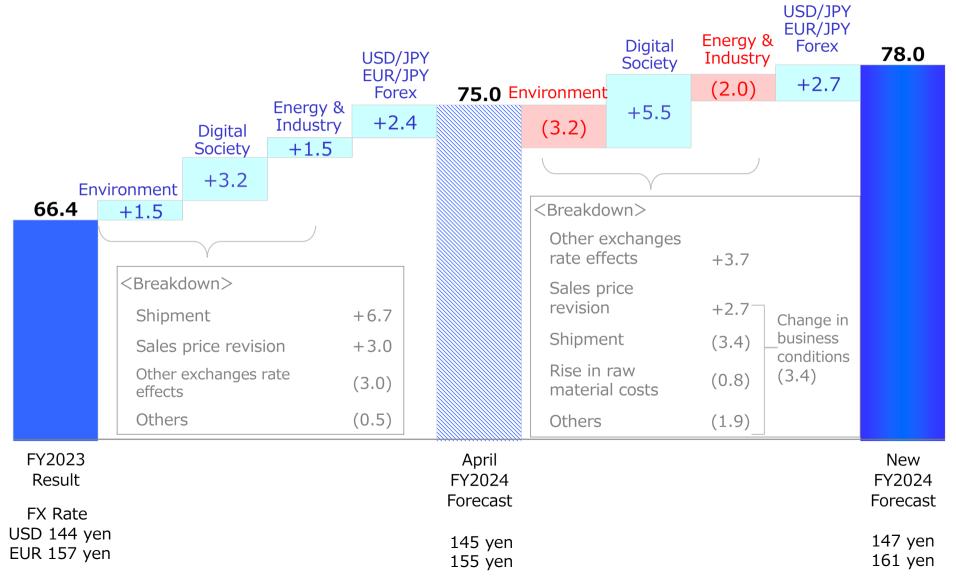
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## **Operating income Change Analysis for FY2024**



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## Forecasts for the Environment (EN) Business

### Automotive related

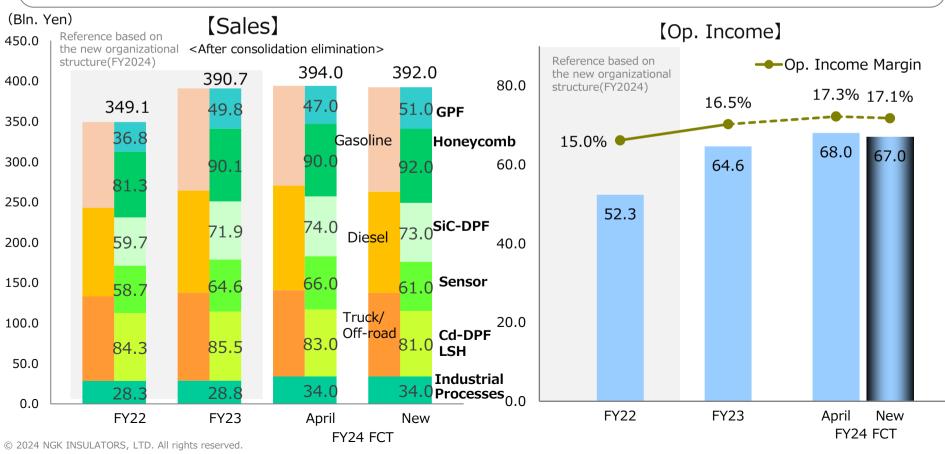
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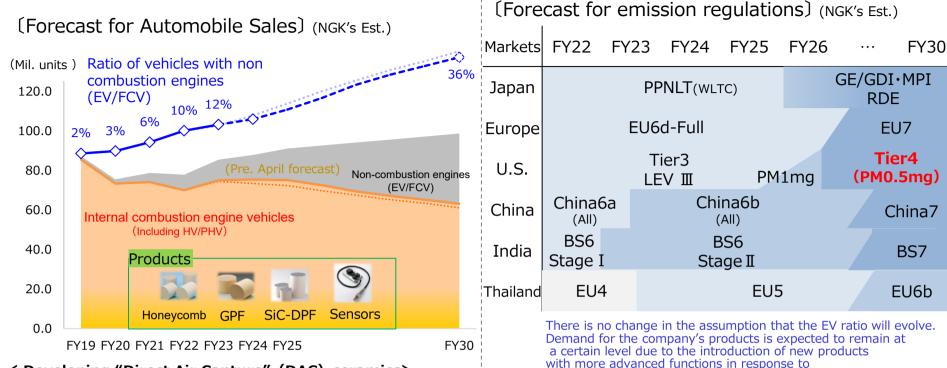
Sales and income are expected to decrease slightly from the April forecast, as demand for automotive-related products is weak due to weak demand in the Chinese market, delayed market recovery in Southeast Asia, and lower demand for agricultural and construction machinery in the U.S., although demand is expected to increase slightly due to a decrease in the ratio of non-internal combustion engine vehicles.

### Industrial Processes

Sales and income are expected to be in line with the April forecast, due to increased demand for low-level radioactive waste treatment equipment, while demand for industrial heating systems for Lithium-ion battery cathode materials and demand for high-performance refractories for MLCCs decline.



## The future perspective for the EN Business



#### < Developing "Direct Air Capture" (DAC) ceramics> • Organizational change

- ► CN Sales is newly established under the Environment Business Division to strengthen the sales strategy of DAC products from the second half.
- ► Accelerate commercialization by strengthening sales strategies under the division.



#### • Adopted as DAC Demonstration Equipment for Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai

▶ Our ceramic base material for DAC will be used in the DAC equipment to be demonstrated by the Research Institute of Innovative Technology for the Earth (RITE) at the 2025 World Exposition in Japan (Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai).

GPF(gasoline particular filter)

the strengthening of emissions regulations in various countries

<The impact of the new U.S. exhaust gas regulation "Tier4(PM0.5mg)">

greenhouse gases (GHGs) and air pollutants, with particularly stringent limits

on particulate matter (PM) emissions. We expect an increase in GPF volume in

The new U.S. exhaust gas regulation Tier4(PM0.5mg) is scheduled to be

introduced from 2027. The regulation tightens emission standards for



the future.



## Forecasts for the Digital Society (DS) Business



#### SPE Related (Components for semiconductor production equipment)

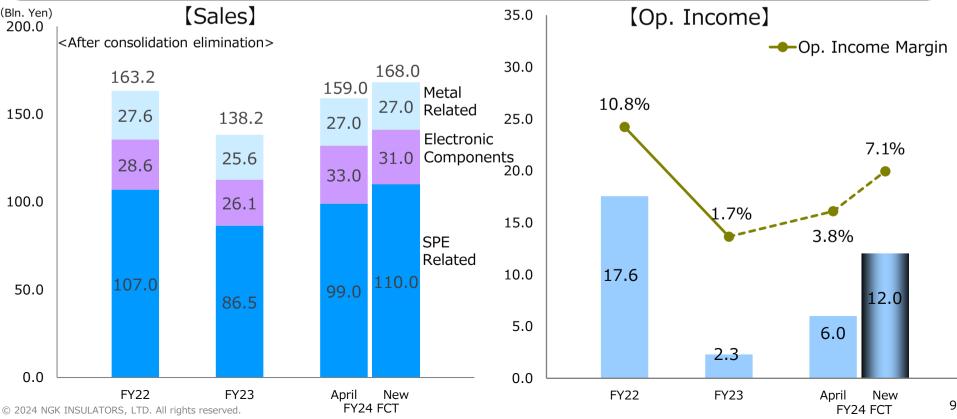
- Capital investment by major semiconductor manufacturers is expected to recover moderately in the second half of the year as a result of an improvement in the semiconductor supply-demand balance, which has been lingering mainly in memory chips.
  - Due to price hikes and changes in the product mix, sales and income are expected to increase for the full year compared to the April forecast.

#### Electronic Components

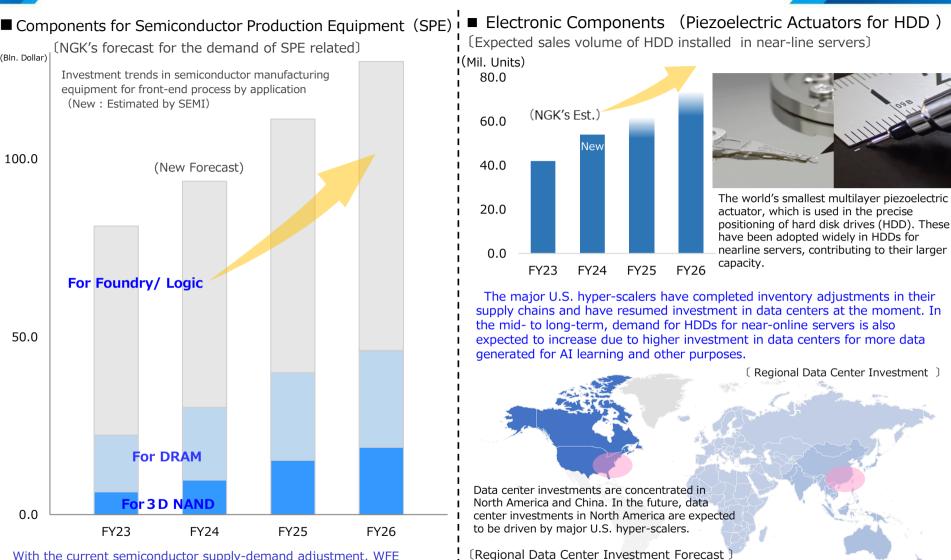
- Sales and income of piezoelectric actuators for HDDs are expected to increase compared to the April forecast due to the gradual resumption of investment in data centers, which has remained strong.
- Sales and income of ceramic packages for crystals are expected to decrease from the April forecast, as inventory adjustment in the market took time until the first half of the year due to the deteriorated market in the previous year, and the market recovery was delayed beyond our expectation. Demand is expected to recover moderately in the second half of the year and beyond. We will promote profitability improvement through price hikes and cost reduction.
- Sales of Direct Copper Bonding(DCB) and Active Metal Blazing(AMB) substrates for power semiconductor modules will decrease from the April forecast due to lower demand caused by the slower progress of EV adoption.

#### Metal Related

• Demand is expected to remain strong, especially in the industrial facilities and consumer electronics industries, and both sales and income are expected to increase slightly.



## The future perspective for the DS Business



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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North America

Asia-Pacific

East · Africa

Europe · Middle

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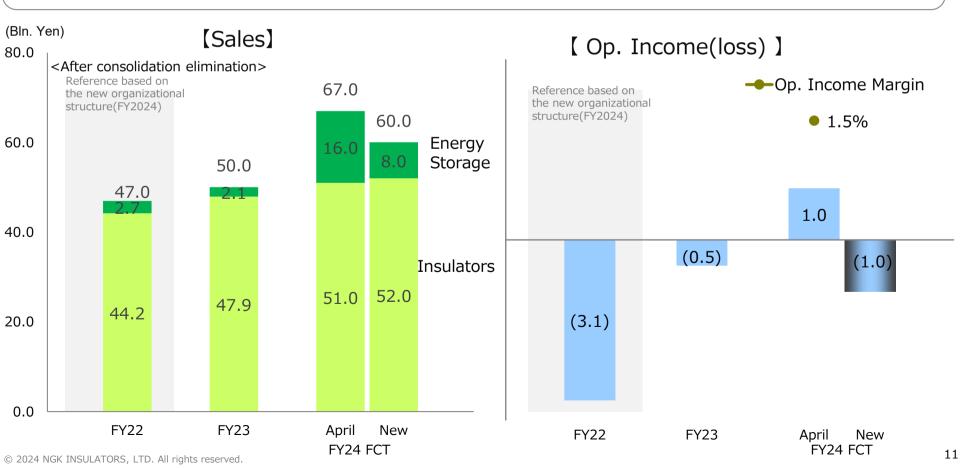
## Forecasts for the Energy & Industry Business



- In Japan, capital investment is progressing as planned due to the revenue cap system for general electricity transmission and distribution utilities.
- Overseas, in the U.S. and Australia, renewable energy-related investments remain strong. Both sales and income are expected to increase due to the weak yen, although they are almost in line with the April forecast.

#### Energy Storage

- Sales are expected to be significantly lower than the April forecast mainly due to delays in orders and shipments of largescale overseas projects under the sales alliance with BASF.
- In addition to cost reductions, we aim to improve profitability and business growth by strengthening supply chains in order to cope with continued large-scale orders.



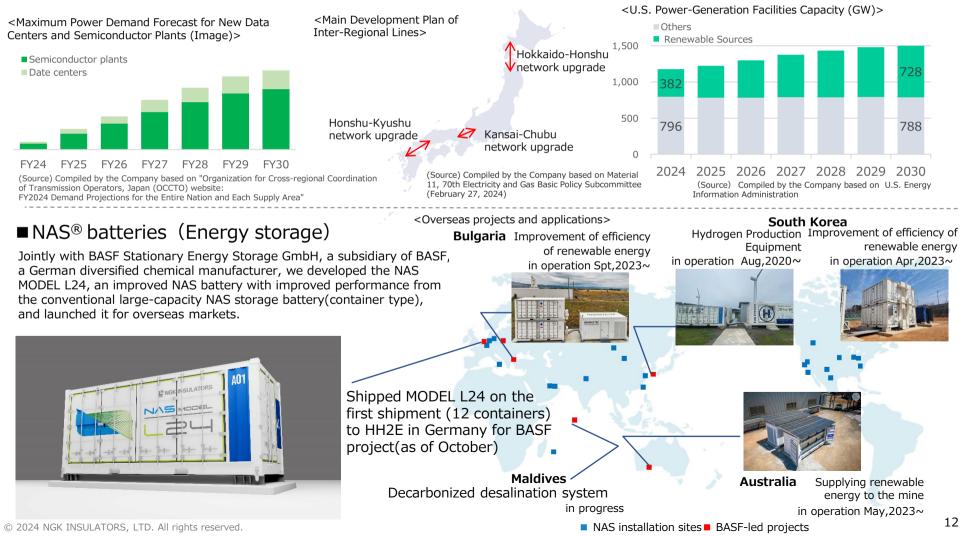
## The future perspective for the E&I Business

#### Insulators

▶ In Japan, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) has taken the lead in the development of the power transmission and distribution network, which was carried out at the initiative of each area's electric power company, and a revenue cap system for power transmission and distribution companies began in April 2023. Demand for our power transmission and distribution products is expected to remain stable due to our efforts to enhance inter-regional interconnection lines under the revenue cap system, with the aim of introducing a large amount of renewable energy and strengthening the resilience of electric power, as well as the expected construction of new data centers and semiconductor plants.

▶ In the U.S., investment in renewable energy will continue with the goal of making electricity 100% carbon-free by 2035.

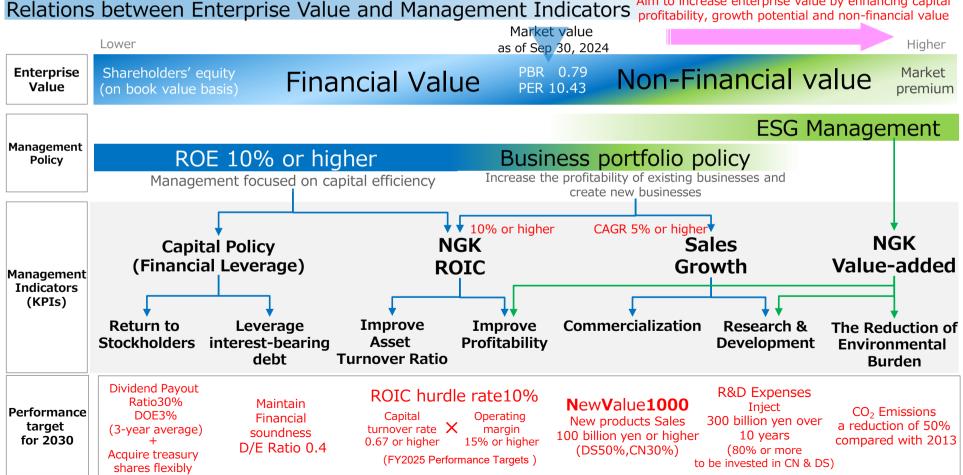
As power consumption in data centers is also increasing rapidly due to the spread of generative AI, investments in new and additional transmission lines are expected to continue going forward in order to support an adequate power supply.



# **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.
- Estimation of the NGK's Capital Cost After-tax 1.0% Debt Cost Capital Cost 7.8%(CAPM) D/E Ratio 0.36 WACC 6.0% Pre-tax WACC 8.7%(Hurdle rate)

Aim to increase enterprise value by enhancing capital



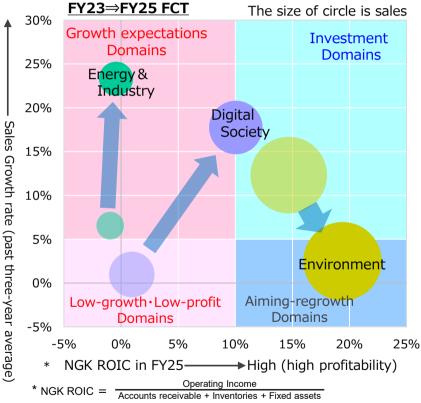


### **Capital Profitability and Growth Potential of Existing Business**



#### **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.

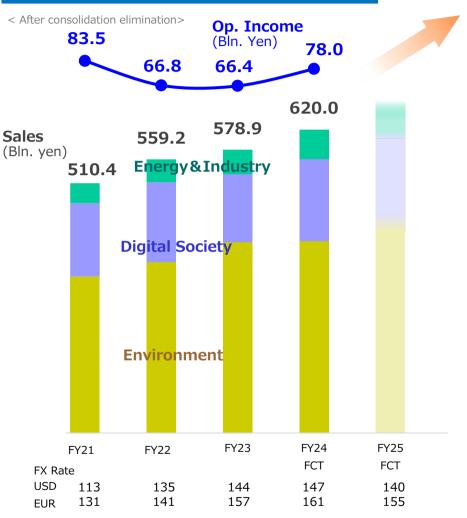


Instead of "capital" and "liabilities", this is calculated based on business assets (accounts receivable, inventories, fixed assets) that can be managed by business divisions

#### 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.

#### **Consolidated performance trends**



The business segments were renamed from the beginning of FY2024. As a result of this change, the operating results prior to FY2023 have been rearranged and presented using the same segment classification. The Industrial Process Business was transferred from the Energy & Industry Division to the Environment Division.



### 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

Product	s in the development phase : A	About 100 billion yen	research phase	
	Hydrogen, Methanation related	Renewable and New energy relate	200 Bln. Yen	
CN	Next generation DAC, SOEC, Hydrogen separation, membranes, Beryllium copper for	Beryllium pebbles for nuclear fusion, Green energy business etc.		
DS	hydrogen infrastructure. etc. Semiconductors, SPE related Next-generation wafer (GaN, AlN, SiC) Next-generation SPE components etc.	Smartphone, Communication (Optical, Next-generation) related High-Function package for information communication, Bonded wafers for optical communications	Developmen Phase	t
Products	in the commercialization and demo	onstration phase : About 100 billion	yen	
The second	Capture CO <sub>2</sub> contained in the atmosphere directly <b>DAC (Direct Air Capture)</b> CO <sub>2</sub> separation, crude oil production, etc. <b>Sub-nano Ceramic Membrane</b> Contribute to stable operation of EV power semiconductors	Contribute to stabilized communication Next-generation bonded wafer Support infrastructure resilience ZNB (Zinc rechargeable batter Contribute to	vard achieving NV1000! ries) Demonstratic	
	Active Metal Brazing (AMB) and Direct Copper	unmet medical needs Organic Compound Crystal Search Service	Phase	
	Bonding(DCB) Substrates Contribute to stable operation of renewable energy VPP (Virtual Power Plant) Service	Commercia	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	[]
New Product Sales -	FY23	: 3 billion yen		EV30

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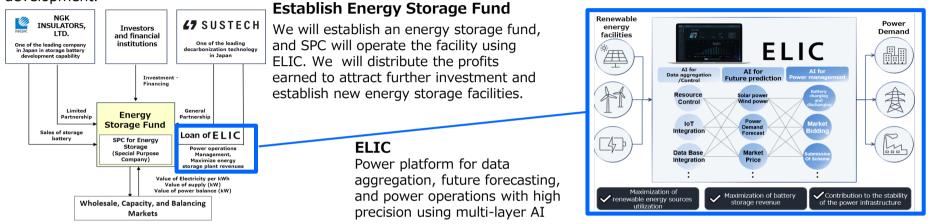
# **Businesses Contributing to NV1000**



### Energy storage plant business (Collaboration with Sustech)

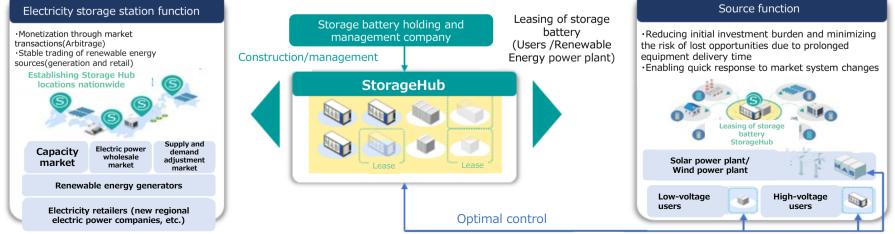
We have commenced the operation of storage power plants utilizing NGK's battery technology and AI technology, as well as Sustech's ELIC, which boasts high predictive accuracy using power operation know-how.

We have invested in Sustech and have begun considering the establishment of a storage power plant fund to aim for further development.



### Hybrid electricity storage station with sharing capabilities (StorageHub)

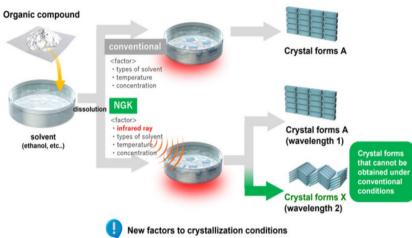
NGK and Daiwa Energy & Infrastructure Co. Ltd. are developing a business model that utilizes a hybrid electricity storage station with sharing capabilities and, with a view to establishing storage battery holding and management company. It can deal with various needs in a wide range of situations, from electricity storage stations to large and small user installations.



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# **Businesses Contributing to NV1000**

### **Organic Compound Cystal** Search Service Bussiness



The world's first organic compound crystal search service based on infrared light of specific wavelengths contributes to pharmaceutical development and unmet medical needs.

- In April 2024, we started the world's first "crystal search service for organic compounds" business based on our proprietary infrared technology.
- Pharmaceuticals may have different structures when crystallized, even if they are the same compound, and differences in structure affect their effectiveness and safety.
- This service aims to explore a wide variety of crystal forms, • and its greatest feature is a new approach of infrared rays to conventional search methods.
- It contributes to drug development by increasing the possibility of discovering unknown crystal forms that are difficult to find using conventional methods.
- In addition, we are also developing our own crystal prediction software using artificial intelligence (AI), which we plan to implement in FY2025.

### **HICERAM** Carrier



Translucent alumina[HICERAM] Used as a tube material for light-emitting tubes such as high-pressure sodium lamps and metal halide lamps.

#### **Requirements for** new approach

1 Minimizing warpage due to the difference in thermal expansion coefficient between resin and substrate Transparency is required, as (2) the laser is applied from the backside of the support wafer during the delamination process. Chemical resistance is (3) required due to repeated use with chemicals

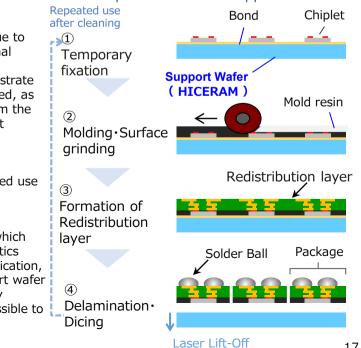
The HICERAM material, which met the three characteristics required for the new application, was evolved into a support wafer material using proprietary technology, making it possible to package many chiplet integrations at once.

#### < New approach >



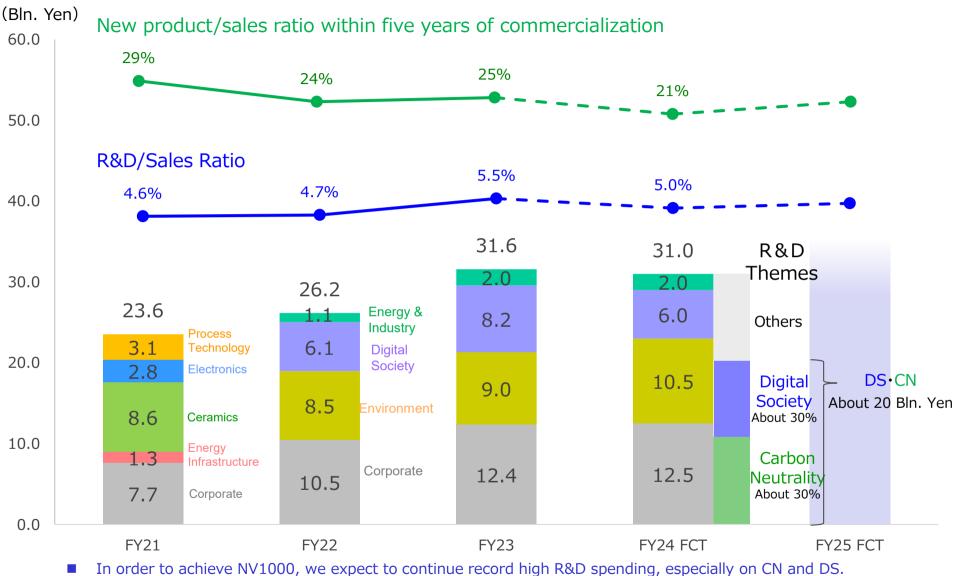
#### HICERAM Carrier It supports packages when chiplet integration is performed using the FOWLP (Fan-Out Wafer Level Package) method in semiconductor manufacturing

#### FOWLP process on the "Support Wafer"



**R&D** Input

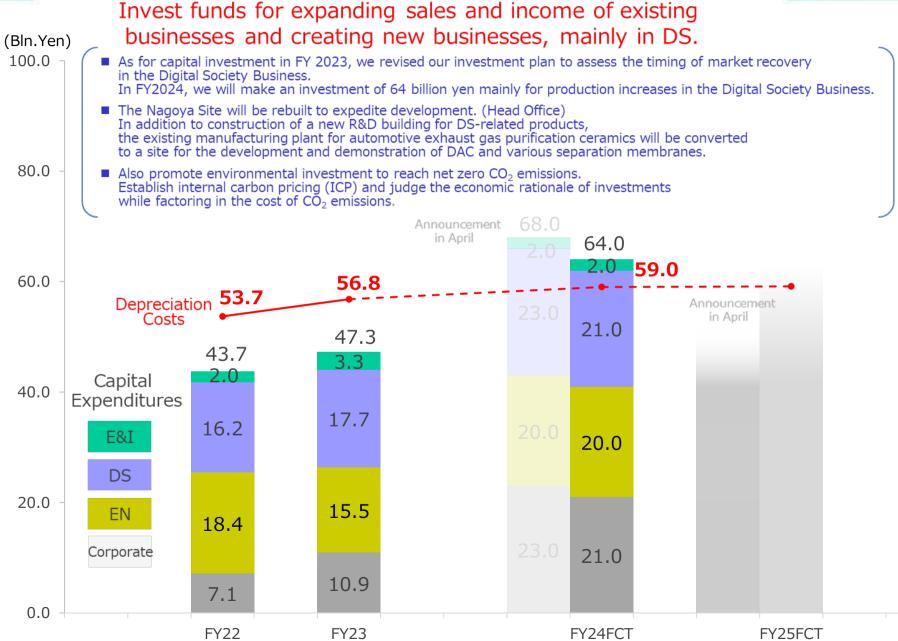




 To enhance our own technologies, the Corporate NV Creation, the Corporate R&D and the Corporate Manufacturing Engineering coordinate and proceed with the development of new products in each theme steadily. Simultaneously, actively acquire technologies and resources from outside.

### Capital Expenditures & Depreciation Costs





### Improvement of Corporate Value by Promoting ESG Management



We will achieve sustainability management by solving social issues through our products and services, thereby improving our corporate value over the long term.

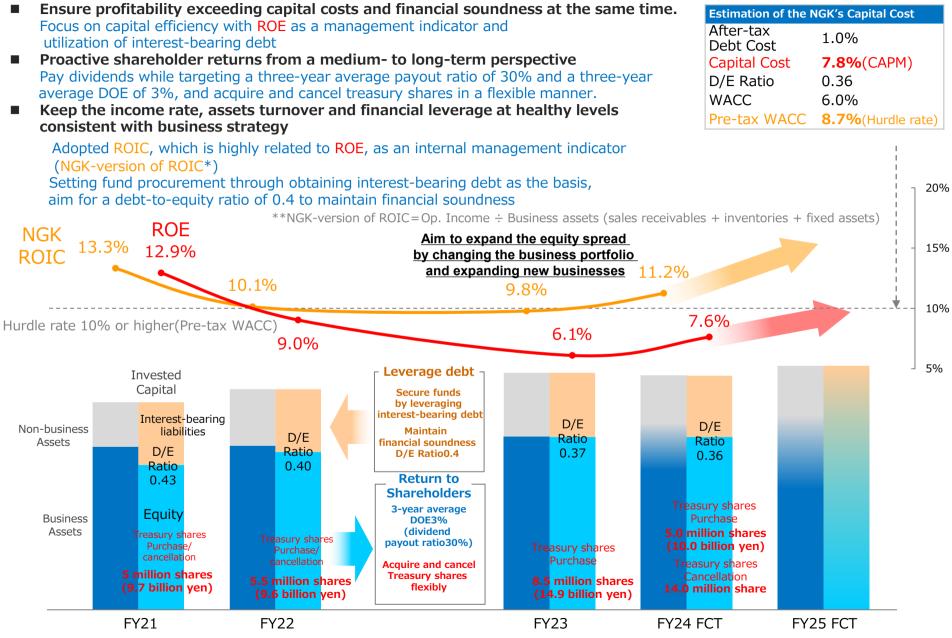
As part of this effort, we have formulated materiality, including ESG issues, to promote initiatives focusing on "E: Environment," "S: Social," and "G: Governance," which are the foundations of our business activities, and we follow up on them by setting KPIs.

	ESG Materiality	KPI	Main initiatives	Results
Envii	Initiatives for climate change Promotion of resource recycling	CO2 emissions,CO2 emission reduction rate relative, Renewable electricity procurement rate Emissions generated per unit of sales etc.	Assessment and disclosure of emissions Reduction of emissions, Effective use of water	<ul> <li>Accelerated initiatives for carbon neutral and started initiatives for coexistence with nature and a circular economy.</li> <li>Achieved FY2023 targets for CO2 emissions, renewable electricity procurement rate, etc.</li> <li>The net-zero CO2 emissions target for 2050 has been certified</li> </ul>
Environment	Prevention of environmental pollution Conservation and restoration of biodiversity	Number of training Participants, Number of incomplete notifications etc.,	resources Management of chemicals Cooperation with suppliers Biodiversity impact assessments and response	<ul> <li>under the SBT Initiative's net-zero standard</li> <li>(90% reduction for Scope 3).</li> <li>Started Scope 3 calculations using the CDP supply chain program.</li> <li>Implemented prior partial disclosures under the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD)</li> <li>Company-owned forests certified as "Nature symbiosis sites" by the Ministry of the Environment and registered in the international database</li> </ul>
Soci	Enhancing value of human resource Respecting human rights Promotion of sustainable	Rate of participation in mental care education by position, Paid leave utilization rate, Rate of female managers Frequency of self-checks Rate of consent among major suppliers	Activities to promote mental and physical health, Systems and initiatives to support the active participation of diverse human resources Performing human rights due diligence Demands toward suppliers	<ul> <li>Promoted human capital management and respected the human rights of all people affected by our business activities</li> <li>Established Health of Conduct to achieve Management Strategy Map</li> <li>Continued "Aichi Women's Career Success"</li> <li>Formulated The NGK Group Supplier Code sustainable procurement. Started obtaining supplier consent.</li> </ul>

As a foundation to support these:

Governance	•Strengthen the supervisory function of the Board of Directors by increasing the number of Outside Directors, etc.
Others	•Conduct intellectual property activities that contribute to "creation and early commercialization of new businesses" and "enhancement of competitiveness of existing businesses" in line with business and development strategies

# **Capital Policy**





## Capital Policy $\sim$ Sustainable Finance(ESG Management ) $\sim$



Financing investments in projects contributing to decarbonization and in development related to

carbon neutrality

by Green Bonds (interest-bearing liabilities)

### Status of Fund Allocation for Each Green Bonds

green bond has obtained "Green 1(F)," the highest rating, provided by an external reviewer (Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd.). (Bln. Yen)

Eligible project categories	Project cases	Seventh series of NGK INSULATORS, LTD. unsecured straight bonds (The first green bond) Allocating amount (January 2022 to March 2023) 15-Month Results	Eighth series of NGK INSULATORS, LTD. unsecured straight bonds (The second green bond) Allocating amount (December 2022 to March 2023) 4-Month Results	Eighth series of NGK INSULATORS, LTD. unsecured straight bonds (The second green bond) Allocating amount (December 2023 to March 2024) 4-Month Results	Total
Batteries	•NAS® Batteries     •Zinc Rechargeable Batteries ®	4.7	1.5	3.4	9.6
Next-generation power semiconductors	•Gallium Nitride (GaN) Wafer •DCB Circuit Substrate	2.3	1.3	3.0	6.6
CCU/CCS and hydrogen/ammonia	·CO <sub>2</sub> Separation Membrane	2.2	1.7	3.3	7.3
Clean energy utilization	•Install Photovoltaic Equipment Systems using NAS® Batteries	0.5	0.2	0.2	1.0
Energy-efficient manufacturing	<ul> <li>Invest in the high-efficiency facilities meeting Energy- efficient standard sufficiently</li> </ul>	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6
Total(except issuance costs)		*9.9	*4.9	10.1	25.0

### Fourth Series of Green Bonds in 2024(Plan)

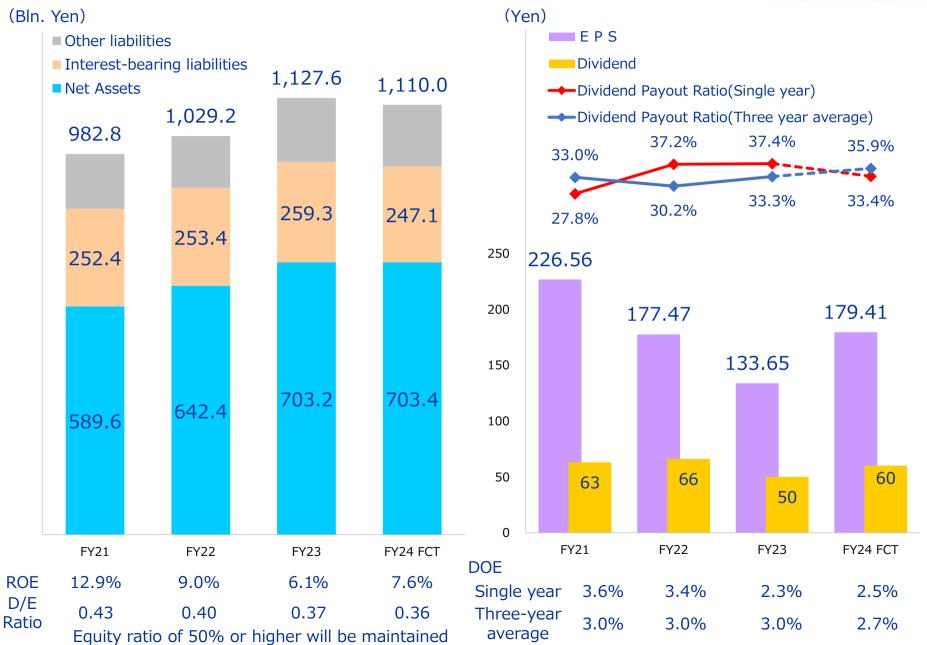
Tenth Series of NGK INSULATORS, LTD. Unsecured Straight Bonds				
Issuance amount 5 billion yen (Degree)				
Issuance date	November, 2024 onwards			
Maturity	5 years			

\* All funds have been applied except for issue expenses.

In addition to reinvesting retained earnings, we will secure financing through interestbearing debt and provide growth inputs related to carbon neutrality while maintaining both financial soundness and capital efficiency.

# **Total Assets & Dividend**

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# Summary of Cash Flow



(Bln. Yen)	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024 Forecast		
	112022	112025	April Announcement	New Forecast	
Operating Activities	97.9	99.2	106.0	114.0	
Investing Activities	(52.0) Investment (43.1)	(68.6) Investment (45.1)	(48.0) Investment (68.0)	(34.0) Investment (64.0)	
Financing Activities	(34.6) New loans + 29.6 Repayment (32.8) Treasury shares Purchase (9.6)	(36.1) New loans + 34.5 Repayment (36.4) Treasury shares Purchase (14.9)	(30.0) New loans +25.0 Repayment (38.0)	(37.0) New loans + 25.0 Repayment (35.5) Treasury shares Purchase (10.0)	
Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash & Cash Equivalents	2.6	8.1	1.0	(2.5)	
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents	14.0	2.6	29.0	40.5	
Cash & Cash Equivalents at End of Period	168.9	171.4	200.5	212.0	
Invest funds in growt domains based on a debt-to-equity ratio o	0.4		4	0.4	
Free cash flow is 15		Net D/E Ratio (Right axis)	0 > <b></b>	(0.0) - 0.2 0.0	
expected to remain positive despite aggressive investment in digital society (DS), 5					
which is a growth	0	CAPEX			
Containt	FY22	FY	23	FY24 FCT	

# Sales by Product (Annual)

(Bln. Yen)



<after consolidation="" elimination=""></after>	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024 Forecast	
Honeycomb filters	70.4	81.3	90.1	92.0	
GPF	33.9	36.8	49.8	51.0	
Cd-DPF•LSH	78.3	84.3	85.5	81.0	
SiC-DPF	46.3	59.7	71.9	73.0	
Sensors	63.7	58.7	64.6	61.0	
Industrial Processes *	26.9	28.3	28.8	34.0	
Environment Business	319.5	349.1	390.7	392.0	
SPE related	96.9	107.0	86.5	110.0	
Electronics components	29.5	28.6	26.1	29.0	
Metal related	23.9	27.6	25.6	27.0	
Digital Society Business	150.3	163.2	138.2	168.0	
Energy Storage	1.3	2.7	2.1	8.0	
Insulators	39.3	44.2	47.9	52.0	
Energy & Industry Business	40.6	47.0	50.0	60.0	
Total	510.4	559.2	578.9	620.0	

\*The business segments have been changed from the beginning of FY2024.

As a result of this change, the operating results prior to FY2023 have been rearranged and presented using the same segment classification.

Industrial Processes Business was transferred from the Energy & Industry Division to the Environment Division.

# Sales by Product (Semi Annual)





	FY2023		FY2024 Forecast	
<after consolidation="" elimination=""></after>	1H	2H	1H	2H
Honeycomb filters	45.2	44.9	45.6	46.4
GPF	24.9	24.9	25.0	26.0
Cd-DPF+LSH	42.9	42.6	41.1	39.9
SiC-DPF	34.0	37.9	36.8	36.2
Sensors	32.9	31.8	30.2	30.8
Industrial Processes *	13.5	15.4	13.7	20.3
Environment Business	193.3	197.4	192.3	199.7
SPE related	41.8	44.7	50.6	59.4
Electronics components	11.7	14.4	15.7	15.3
Metal related	12.6	13.0	12.9	14.1
Digital Society Business	66.1	72.1	79.1	88.9
Energy Storage	0.7	1.4	2.4	5.6
Insulators	22.8	25.1	24.4	27.6
Energy & Industry Business	23.5	26.5	26.9	33.1
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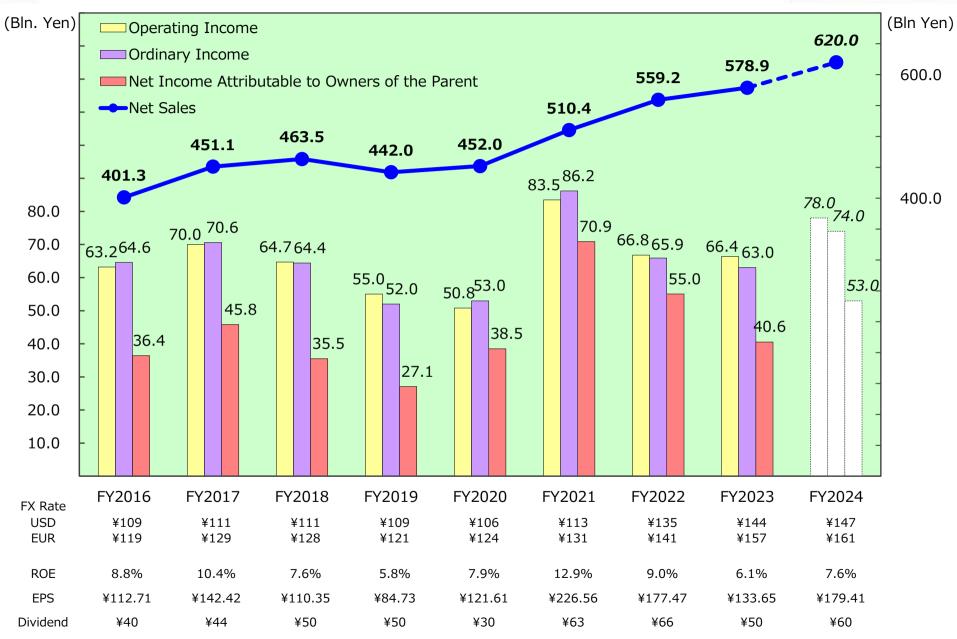
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## **Consolidated Operating Results**





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