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1. Financial Results for First Quarter of Fiscal 2015





Financial Results for First Quarter of Fiscal 2015

	FY2014	FY2015	Change
	1Q	1Q	FY14→15
Net sales	444.7	460.0	+15.2
Operating income	27.9	25.2	△2.7
(excluding inventory valuation)	(26.4)	(25.7)	(△ 0.7)
Ordinary income	21.5	21.8	+0.2
(excluding inventory valuation)	(20.0)	(22.3)	(2.3)
Extraordinary income	_	∆ 3.9	△3.9
Net income attributable to owners of parent	22.9	11.8	△11.0





Segment Sales/Ordinary Income (Loss)

Sales	FY2014	FY2015	Change	Ordinary income	FY2014	FY2015	Change
	1Q	1Q	FY14→15		1Q	1Q	FY14→15
Iron & Steel	186.7	189.1	+2.4	Iron & Steel	3.1	6.0	+2.8
Welding	22.7	23.2	+0.5	Welding	2.1	2.0	△0.0
Aluminum & Copper	81.8	92.8	+11.0	Aluminum & Copper	3.6	6.2	+2.6
Machinery	36.9	40.5	+3.5	Machinery	1.9	1.6	△0.3
Engineering	8.6	10.3	+1.7	Engineering	△ 0.4	△ 0.3	+0.0
Kobelco Eco-Solutions	12.0	14.5	+2.5	Kobelco Eco-Solutions	0.0	0.3	+0.3
Kobelco Construction Machinery	81.2	70.3	△10.8	Kobelco Construction Machinery	7.5	1.2	△6.2
Kobelco Cranes	16.9	18.1	+1.1	Kobelco Cranes	1.7	1.0	△0.7
Other Businesses	14.3	18.1	+3.7	+3.7 Other Businesses		1.9	+1.0
Adjustment	△16.7	∆17.1	△0.4	△0.4 Adjustment		1.5	+0.7
Total	444.7	460.0	+15.2	Total	21.5	21.8	+0.2









2. Forecast for Fiscal 2015





Forecast for FY2015

	FY2014	FY2015 (Previous)				FY2015		Change
	Full year	1H	2H	Full year	1H	2H	Full year	FY15
Net sales	1,886.8	980.0	1,010.0	1,990.0	950.0	1,000.0	1,950.0	△40.0
Operating income	119.4	50.0	75.0	125.0	50.0	75.0	125.0	_
(excludeing inventory valuation)	(125.9)	(54.5)	(75.0)	(129.5)	(56.5)	(79.0)	(135.5)	(6.0)
Ordinary income	101.6	40.0	55.0	95.0	40.0	55.0	95.0	_
(excluding inventory valuation)	(108.1)	(44.5)	(55.0)	(99.5)	(46.5)	(59.0)	(105.5)	(6.0)
Extraordinary income	2.6	_	_	_	△ 3.9	_	△ 3.9	△3.9
Net income attributable to owners of parent	86.5	25.0	35.0	60.0	20.0	40.0	60.0	_





Segment Sales

	FY2014	FY2	2015 (Previou	ıs)		FY2015		Change
	Full year	1H	2H	Full year	1H	2H	Full year	FY15
Iron & Steel	797.8	385.0	405.0	790.0	375.0	390.0	765.0	△25.0
Welding	94.4	48.0	50.0	98.0	47.0	49.0	96.0	△2.0
Aluminum & Copper	330.8	190.0	190.0	380.0	185.0	190.0	375.0	△5.0
Machinery	159.1	86.0	92.0	178.0	87.0	87.0	174.0	△4.0
Engineering	49.0	26.0	27.0	53.0	27.0	28.0	55.0	+2.0
Kobelco Eco-Solutions	68.1	34.0	49.0	83.0	34.0	49.0	83.0	_
Kobelco Construction Machinery	311.0	165.0	150.0	315.0	145.0	155.0	300.0	△15.0
Kobelco Cranes	71.1	40.0	41.0	81.0	40.0	40.0	80.0	△1.0
Other Businesses	76.0	36.0	42.0	78.0	35.0	43.0	78.0	-
Adjustment	△70.7	△30.0	△36.0	△66.0	∆25.0	∆31.0	△56.0	+10.0
Total	1,886.8	980.0	1,010.0	1,990.0	950.0	1,000.0	1,950.0	△40.0





Ordinary Income (Loss) by Segment

	FY2014	FY2	2015 (Previo	ns)		FY2015		Change
	Full year	1H	2H	Full year	1H	2H	Full year	FY15
Iron & Steel	28.7	13.0	22.0	35.0	12.0	23.0	35.0	_
Welding	10.2	4.0	5.0	9.0	4.0	5.0	9.0	_
Aluminum & Copper	15.1	8.0	8.0	16.0	9.0	7.0	16.0	_
Machinery	10.4	2.5	5.5	8.0	2.0	4.5	6.5	△1.5
Engineering	0.7	0.5	△ 0.5	0.0	1.5	△ 1.0	0.5	+0.5
Kobelco Eco-Solutions	3.0	0.2	3.3	3.5	0.2	3.3	3.5	_
Kobelco Construction Machinery	21.0	11.0	9.0	20.0	3.0	7.0	10.0	△10.0
Kobelco Cranes	5.1	2.0	3.0	5.0	1.5	3.5	5.0	_
Other Businesses	7.0	2.0	5.5	7.5	2.0	5.5	7.5	_
Adjustment	△ 0.0	△ 3.2	△ 5.8	△ 9.0	4.8	△ 2.8	2.0	+11.0
Total	101.6	40.0	55.0	95.0	40.0	55.0	95.0	_





[Iron & Steel]

(Billions of yen)

	FY	2015 (Previo	us)		FY2015			
	1H	2H	Full year	1H	2H	Full year	FY15	
Net sales	385.0	405.0	790.0	375.0	390.0	765.0	△25.0	
Ordinary income	13.0	22.0	35.0	12.0	23.0	35.0	-	
(inventry valuation)	(△5.5)	(△0.5)	(△6.0)	(△7.0)	(∆4.0)	(∆11.0)	(△5.0)	

FY2015

- Domestic demand in the automotive sector is anticipated to be soft due to inventory adjustments by customer companies. However, in the second half of the fiscal year, demand is anticipated to recover.
- Demand for steel products is anticipated to remain firm in the automotive sector in North America and the shipbuilding sector.





Production & Sales

			FY2015			
	1Q	1H	2H	Full year	1Q	
Domestic crude steel production	(millions of tons)	27.67	55.6	54.3	109.9	25.9

<Domestic steel inventory trend>

Ordinary steel products	(millions of tons)	5.83	5.9	5.8	 *	5.9
Rolled sheets	(millions of tons)	4.2	4.3	4.3	 *	4.3



<Key indicators of Demand>

Finished auto production	(millions of cars)	2.4	4.8	4.8		*	1.4	
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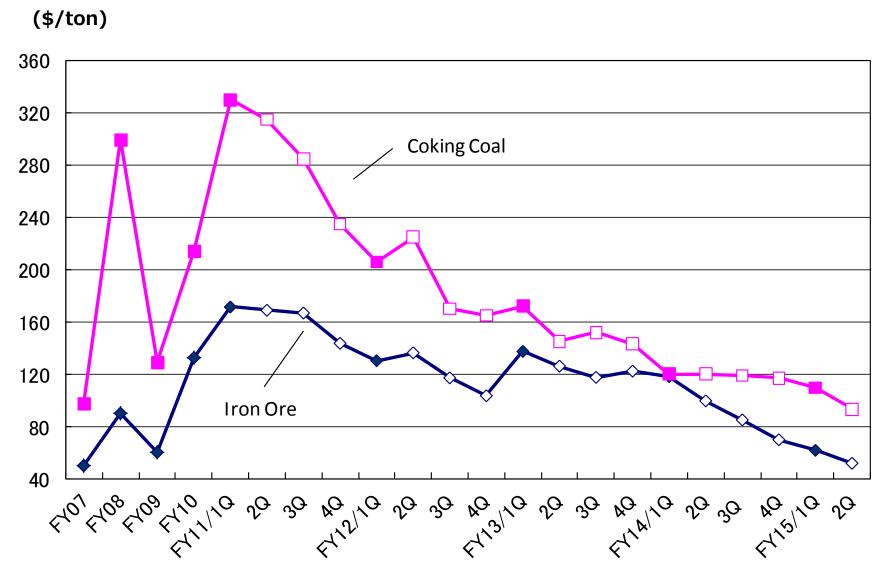
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Crude steel production	(millions of tons)	1.77	3.7	3.8	7.5	1.8
Sales volume	(millions of tons)	1.44	2.9	3.1	6.1	1.5
(Domestic)	(millions of tons)	(1.0)	(2.1)	(2.1)	(4.2)	(1.0)
(Exports)	(millions of tons)	(0.4)	(0.9)	(1.0)	(1.9)	(0.5)
Average steel selling price	(thousands of yen/ton)	82.5	82.4	81.0	81.7	80.5
Export ratio (value basis)		30.5%	30.6%	33.5%	32.1%	34.8%





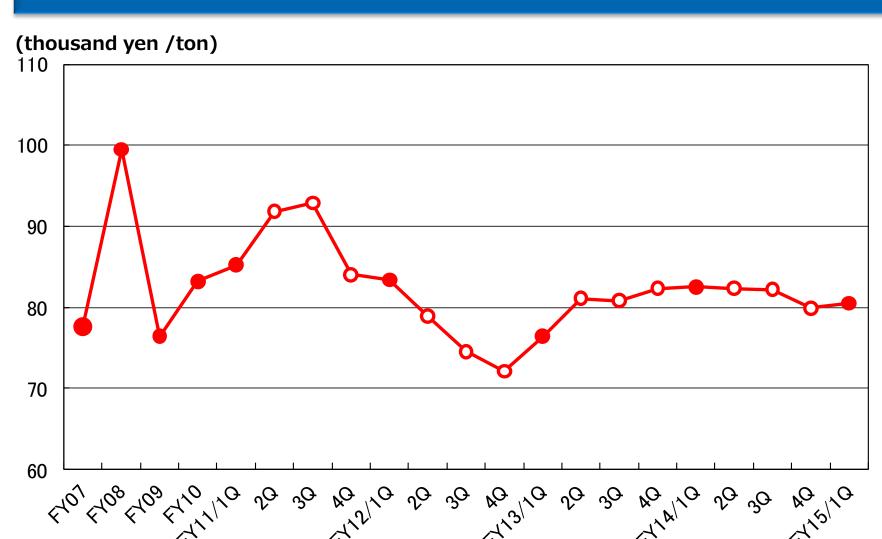
Iron Ore & Coking Coal Price Trends







KSL Steel Product Price Trends







[Welding]

(Billions of yen)

	FY	2015 (Previo	us)		Change		
	1H	2H	Full year	1H	2H	Full year	FY15
Net sales	48.0	50.0	98.0	47.0	49.0	96.0	△2.0
Ordinary income	4.0	5.0	9.0	4.0	5.0	9.0	_

<Sales volume of KSL Group>

(Thousands of tons)

		FY2	014		FY2015
	1Q	1H	2H	Full year	1Q
Domestic	34	67	68	135	33
Overseas	47	95	92	187	44
Total	81	162	160	322	77

FY2015

 Although overseas demand in Southeast Asia and China are expected to continue being weak, demand for welding systems in the domestic construction sector is anticipated to remain firm.





[Aluminum & Copper]

(Billions of yen)

	FYZ	FY2015 (Previous)			FY2015			
	1H	2H	Full year	1H	2H	Full year	FY15	
Net sales	190.0	190.0	380.0	185.0	190.0	375.0	△5.0	
Ordinary income	8.0	8.0	16.0	9.0	7.0	16.0	_	
(inventry valuation)	(1.0)	(0.5)	(1.5)	(0.5)	(0.0)	(0.5)	(△1.0)	

<Sales volume of KSL>

(Thousands of tons)

		FY	2014		FY2015
	1Q	1H	2H	Full year	1Q
Aluminum rolled products					
Domestic	63	125	126	251	73
Exports	15	29	36	65	17
Copper Sheets and Strips	14	27	27	54	13
Copper Tubes	24	45	40	85	22

FY2015

- Sales of aluminum rolled products for can stock for beverage containers and aluminum forgings are anticipated to be firm.
- Demand for copper strips used in semiconductors and copper tubes for air conditioners is anticipated to be weak.





[Machinery]

(Billions of yen)

	FYZ	FY2015 (Previous)			FY2015			
	1H	2H	Full year	1H	2H	Full year	FY15	
Net sales	86.0	92.0	178.0	87.0	87.0	174.0	△4.0	
Ordinary income	2.5	5.5	8.0	2.0	4.5	6.5	△1.5	
Orders			about 160			about 150		

FY2015

Due to the intensification of the competitive environment from low oil prices,
 Orders are anticipated to decrease and profit is anticipated to deteriorate.





[Engineering]

(Billions of yen)

	FYZ	FY2015 (Previous)			FY2015			
	1H	2H	Full year	1H	2H	Full year	FY15	
Net sales	26.0	27.0	53.0	27.0	28.0	55.0	+2.0	
Ordinary income	0.5	△0.5	0.0	1.5	∆1.0	0.5	+0.5	
Orders			about 60			about 60		

FY2015

There is no change from the previous forecast.





[Kobelco Eco-Solutions]

(Billions of yen)

	FY2015 (Previous)			FY2015			Change
	1H	2H	Full year	1H	2H	Full year	FY15
Net sales	34.0	49.0	83.0	34.0	49.0	83.0	-
Ordinary income	0.2	3.3	3.5	0.2	3.3	3.5	_

FY2015

There is no change from the previous forecast.





[Kobelco Construction Machinery]

(Billions of yen)

	FY2015 (Previous)			FY2015			Change
	1H	2H	Full year	1H	2H	Full year	FY15
Net sales	165.0	150.0	315.0	145.0	155.0	300.0	△15.0
Ordinary income	11.0	9.0	20.0	3.0	7.0	10.0	△10.0

FY2015

Due to sluggish demand for infrastructure investments mainly, demand for hydraulic excavators is anticipated to decrease significantly in China and Southeast Asia.





[Kobelco Cranes]

(Billions of yen)

	FY2015 (Previous)			FY2015			Change
	1H	2H	Full year	1H	2H	Full year	FY15
Net sales	40.0	41.0	81.0	40.0	40.0	80.0	△1.0
Ordinary income	2.0 3.0		5.0	1.5	3.5	5.0	_

FY2015

Demand in Japan and overseas is anticipated to be firm.







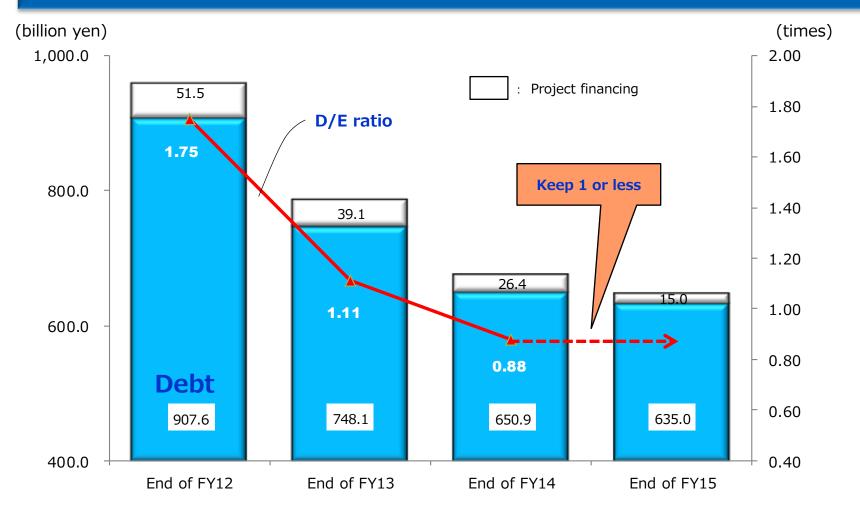


3. Financial condition





Debt and D/E Ratio



D/E ratio under Medium-Term Business Plan

 Maximum 1.0 times in or after FY2016





4. Reference





Cash Flows

	FY2014	FY2	2015 (Previo	us)		FY2015		Change
	Full year	1H	2H	Full year	1H	2H	Full year	FY15
Cash flows from operating activities	142.5	85.0	70.0	155.0	75.0	80.0	155.0	-
Cash flows from investing activities	△ 72.9	△ 55.0	△ 70.0	△ 125.0	△ 55.0	△ 70.0	△ 125.0	_
Free cash flow (excluding project financing)	69.6	30.0	0.0	30.0	20.0	10.0	30.0	_
Repayment source for project financing	9.8	5.0	10.0	15.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	_
Free cash flow	79.4	35.0	10.0	45.0	25.0	20.0	45.0	_
Cash and deposits (excluding project financing)	84.0	85.0	75.0		120.0	75.0		





Capital Investment

	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	Cha	nge
					FY13→FY14	FY14→FY15
Capital investment	114.9	101.4	103.5	120.0	+2.1	+16.5
(accrual basis)						
Capital investment	109.5	95.4	95.3	125.0	△0.1	+29.7
(cash basis)						
Depreciation	106.7	82.9	89.8	110.0	+6.9	+20.2









Consolidated Ordinary Income Analysis (FY14→FY15)

(Billions of yen)

		FY2014			FY2015			
	1H	2H	Full year	1H	2H	Full year		
Ordinary income	46.1	55.5	101.6	40.0	55.0	95.0		

△6.6

Positive Fac	ctors	Negative Factors		
Raw material prices	+ 67.5	Production and shipments	△ 46.5	
Overall costs	+ 2.0	Steel inventory	△ 3.0	
		Aluminum inventory valuation	△ 1.0	
		Subsidiaries	△ 9.5	
		Exchange rate changes in steel business	△ 10.5	
		Other	△ 5.6	
Total	+ 69. 5	Total △	76.1	





Iron & Steel Ordinary Income Analysis (FY14→FY15)

(Billions of yen)

		FY2014			FY2015			
	1H	2H	Full year	1H	2H	Full year		
Ordinary income	10.4	18.3	28.7	12.0	23.0	35.0		

+6.3

Positive Factors		Negative Facto	rs
Raw material prices Overall costs	+ 67.5 + 6.0	Production and shipments Inventory valuation Exchange rate changes Other	△ 51.0△ 3.0△ 10.5△ 2.7
Total	+ 73.5	Total △	67.2





Consolidated Ordinary Income Analysis (FY15)

(Billions of yen)

	FY	14 Forec	ast	FY14 Actual		
	1H	2H	Full year	1H	2H	Full year
Ordinary income	40.0	55.0	95.0	40.0	55.0	95.0

±0.0

Positive Factor	S	Negative Facto	ors
Raw material prices Exchange rate changes in steel business Other	+ 21.0 ± 0.0 + 14.5	Production and shipments Overall costs Steel inventory valuation Aluminum inventory valuation Subsidiaries	 △ 16.5 △ 1.5 △ 5.0 △ 1.0 △ 11.5
Total +	35.5	Total △	35.5





Iron & Steel Ordinary Income Analysis (FY15)

(Billions of yen)

	FY:	14 Forec	ast	FY14 Actual		
	1H	2H	Full year	1H	2H	Full year
Ordinary income	13.0	22.0	35.0	12.0	23.0	35.0

±0.0

Positive Factors		Negative Facto	rs
Raw material prices Exchange rate changes Other	+ 21.0 ± 0.0 + 1.5	Production and shipments Overall costs Inventory valuation	△ 16.5△ 1.0△ 5.0
Total +	22.5	合計 △	22.5





Consolidated Ordinary Income Analysis (FY15 1H→2H)

(Billions of yen)

		FY2014			FY2015		
	1H	2H	FY	1H	2H	FY	
Ordinary income	46.1	55.5	101.6	40.0	55.0	95.0	

└ +15.0

Positive Factors		Negative Facto	ors		
Raw material prices	+	8.5	Production and shipments	\triangle	8.5
Overall costs	+	1.0	Aluminum inventory	\triangle	0.5
Steel inventory valuation	+	3.0	valuation		
Exchange rate changes in steel business	±	0.0	Other	\triangle	5.0
Subsidiaries	+	16.5			
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Iron & Steel Ordinary income Analysis (FY15 1H→2H)

(Billions of yen)

		FY2014		FY2015		
	1H	2H	FY	1H	2H	FY
Ordinary income	10.4	18.3	28.7	12.0	23.0	35.0

+11.0

Positive Factors		Negative Facto	rs		
Raw material prices Overall costs Inventory valuation Exchange rate changes Other	+ + + ± +	8.5 0.5 3.0 0.0 8.0	Production and shipments	\triangle	9.0
合計	+ 2 0	. 0	合計 △	9	. 0





Financial Indices

	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014
ROS ※1	△ 1.1%	4.7%	5.4%
Net income per share	△8.98yen	22.62yen	23.81yen
ROE ※2	△ 5.2%	11.9%	12.0%
ROA ※3	△ 0.8%	3.8%	4.4%
D/E ratio	1.75	1.11	0.88

%1 : ROS = Ordinary Income / Net Sales

%2 : ROE = Net Income / Equity (average)

%3 : ROA = Ordinary Income / Total Assets (average)





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