

# Fiscal 2022 Results Briefing Meeting

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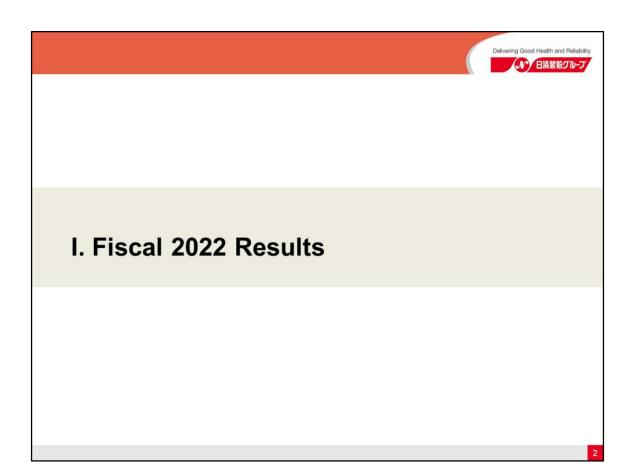
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My name is Nobuki Kemmoku, Representative Director and President of Nisshin Seifun Group Inc.

Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to attend today's results briefing for fiscal 2022, the year ended March 2022.

To walk you through today's presentation on management strategy, I will firstly explain the first item in the table of contents "Fiscal 2022 Results," then Takihara, to whom I am due to hand over the baton in late June, will pick up from the second item in the table of contents.



In fiscal 2022, we saw changes in consumers' lifestyles and sentiments as COVID-19 still repeated its pattern of expansion and decline. However, economic activities were gradually returning to normal.

On the other hand, market prices of grain and natural resources surged globally and the yen continued its downward trend in the foreign exchange market. Under such circumstances, we were busy dealing with cost increases in raw materials and others during the year.

Simultaneously, we worked to spur a recovery in sales and earnings capacity as quickly as possible, which was the target for fiscal 2022 set at the beginning of the year, and also steadily enacted the growth strategy in line with the long-term vision. I am certain that these efforts delivered a certain level of results.

#### 1. Fiscal 2022 Results



- Net sales was on a par with the previous fiscal year mainly due to the application of an accounting standard regarding revenue recognition despite the enactment of wheat flour price revisions accompanying the wheat price revision in the domestic flour milling business, a rise in the wheat market prices and foreign currency translation effects in the overseas flour milling business, a recovery in facility construction completion and others.
- Operating profit increased mainly due to strong performance in the US flour milling business, a robust trend in bran prices in the domestic flour milling business, a smooth performance recovery in the prepared dishes and other processed foods business and a recovery in facility construction completion.
- Profit decreased by recording impairment loss, based on the performance deterioration resulting mainly from the loss of shipment to a customer in the New Zealand flour milling business and continued low-level shipments caused by measures against COVID-19 in the Oceania region.

\*Figures rounded down to nearest million yen

	Fiscal 2022	Forecasts		Fiscal 2021 Results	
(Millions of yen)	Results		Change		Change
Net sales	679,736	670,000	+1.5%	679,495	+0.0%
Overseas sales ratio	27.3%	26.5%	-	22.9%	-
Operating profit	29,430	29,200	+0.8%	27,197	+8.2%
Ordinary profit	32,626	31,300	+4.2%	29,886	+9.2%
Profit attributable to owners of parent	17,509	19,300	(9.3)%	19,011	(7.9)%

<sup>\*</sup>The effect on net sales of the application of an accounting standard regarding revenue recognition was a reduction of ¥58.4 billion. Net sales actually increased by ¥58.6 billion (up 8.6%).

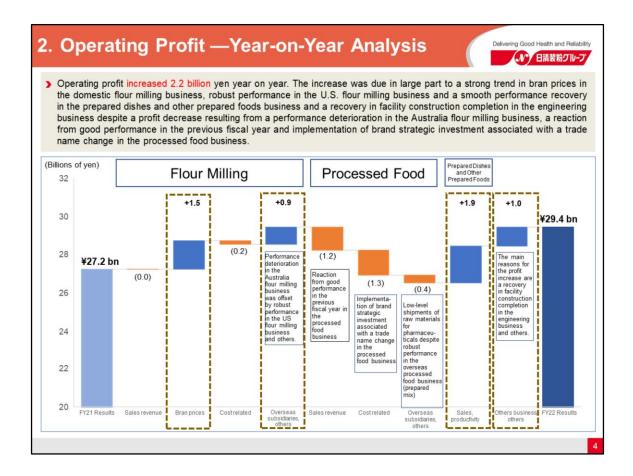
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I start with page 3, Fiscal 2022 Results.

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Operating profit increased year on year due in large part to strong performance in the U.S. flour milling business, a robust trend in bran prices in the domestic flour milling business, a smooth performance recovery in the prepared dishes and other prepared foods business and a recovery in facility construction completion.

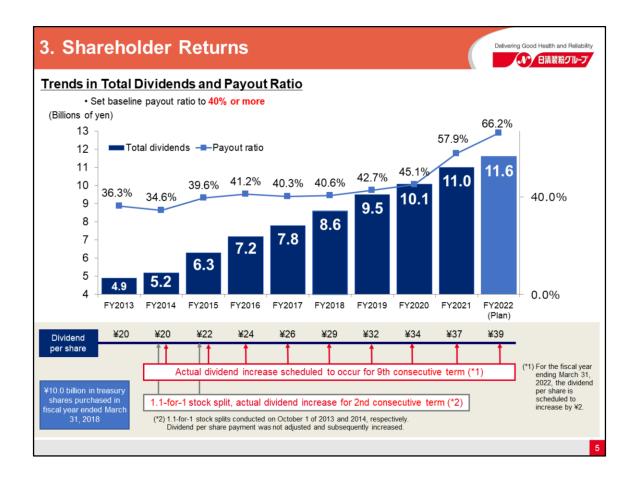
Nonetheless, profits decreased from the previous year due to recording an impairment loss based on deterioration of performance, resulting mainly from the loss of shipment to a customer in the New Zealand flour milling business and continued sluggish shipments primarily caused by measures against COVID-19 in the Oceania region.



Page 4 contains graphs showing year-on-year differences in operating profit by cause and by business.

Operating profit increased 2.2 billion yen from the previous fiscal year.

There were four main factors behind the profit increase, that is, a robust trend in bran prices in the domestic flour milling business, strong performance in the U.S. flour milling business, a smooth performance recovery in the prepared dishes and other prepared foods business and a recovery in facility construction completion in the engineering business although there was a profit decrease resulting mainly from a performance deterioration in the Australia flour milling business, a reaction from good performance in the previous fiscal year and implementation of brand strategic investment associated with a corporate name change in the processed food business.



Page 5 is information regarding shareholder returns.

Based on a commitment to strengthening the return of profits from a long-term stance, the Group returns profits to shareholders stably with a payout ratio of 40% or more on a consolidated basis as the standard.

From here, Takihara will take over from me and continue the presentation.



I am Kenji Takihara, serving as Senior Managing Director in the operating company, Nisshin Flour Milling Inc.

I am due to take over from Kemmoku and assume the position of President of Nisshin Seifun Group Inc. after the general meeting of shareholders scheduled for June 28, 2022. I appreciate your continued cooperation.

I joined the company in 1988 and worked in the IR office for nine years from 2000. I feel honored to be again given the opportunity to have dialogue with investors and analysts.

Since 2009, I have supervised profits and strategy, mainly optimization of sales and production, in Nisshin Flour Milling Inc.

Today, please let me explain our thinking on future business management and others.

## Thinking on Future Business Management (1)



Push forward with business management with the three matters below in mind toward realizing the Group's Vision.

- (1) Further promotion of group growth capability by rebuilding the business portfolio
- (2) Promotion of business management with clarified thinking of relationships with stakeholders
- (3) Implementation in line with society's move with ESG incorporated in management policy

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Firstly, I will discuss the vision that I envisage the Nisshin Seifun Group is aiming at, and the stance as President.

I have the three matters mentioned here in mind as the vision that the Group pursues.

Regarding (1) rebuilding the business portfolio, I will come back to this later.

I will introduce (2) on the next page.

In regard to (3) ESG, I will lead the effort as a duty of the person at the top. Particularly, I position the E, meaning the environment, as the top priority matter for management.

The Group has set a long-term target to reduce  $CO_2$  emissions from facilities owned by the Group to net zero by 2050, and announced a target to reduce  $CO_2$  emissions by 50% by fiscal 2030 compared to the fiscal 2013 level.

Having said that, while we can set a target, I consider it difficult to make it happen in practice if we treat it as an extension of our current corporate activities. I am thinking of obtaining cutting-edge information in the environmental field and making the company internalize it.

As a company, we cannot ignore the relationship with costs, and I intend to incorporate necessary costs in the annual plans in advance.

## Thinking on Future Business Management (2) Thinking on relationships with stakeholders Realize an appropriate total shareholder return (TSR) by enhancing **Shareholders** long-term corporate value. Offer value that exceeds customer expectations in all aspects of Customers products and services. Ensure appropriate compensation and the working environment for **Employees** them and support them in acquiring necessary skills. **Business** Engage with them in fair and impartial ways and with a sense of partners ethics and became equal partners. Strive to cohabit with society and become an eco-friendly Society company.

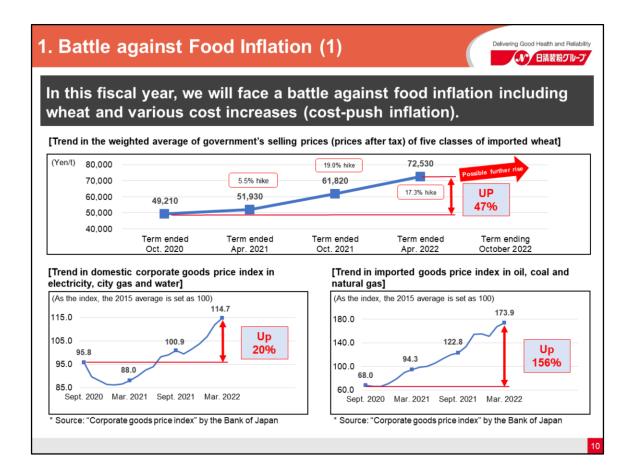
I consider the raison d'être of a corporation is to deliver profits to each of the stakeholders, including the shareholders, customers, employees, business partners and society. I aim for a company that values all parties concerned and is trusted by society.

For shareholders, I regard it as a role of a corporation to realize an appropriate TSR through enhancing the long-term corporate value.

The raison d'être of Nisshin Seifun Group is a stable supply of food, including wheat and wheat flour, which are staple foods, and I think that the Group is capable of being able to continue supplying food to the Japanese people even in uncertain times like the present in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Ukraine crisis among others.

I am determined to make efforts to keep the company group indispensable to the capital market. I also appreciate investors and analysts continuing two-way dialogue with us down the road.





In this slide, we use the term food to mean basic foodstuffs.

The supply of wheat has been destabilized in many countries, which is also affecting the popularity of their respective governments.

In my view, provisions are important and essential to nations and people.

With Japan procuring wheat from three countries, the U.S., Canada and Australia, I do not think that there is such concern. I myself have communicated with producer associations and governments in the three countries, and I am confident that these countries will continue a stable supply to Japan.

India announced this past weekend that they would stop exporting wheat. Immediately, I directly contacted and confirmed the situation with the president of U.S. Wheat Associates and asked for a stable supply to Japan in the future.

However, price increases are unavoidable. I think that we must win the battle against food inflation and cost-push inflation by all means amid the surfacing of cost increases in electricity and others, coupled with a weaker yen.

### 1. Battle against Food Inflation (2)



Although the Group had continued to address cost increases of raw materials and others in FY2021, we assume a considerable cost increase of raw materials and others for this fiscal year as well due to surges in grain and natural resources market prices, caused by the Ukraine crisis. We take response to this situation as the top priority matter and each business will implement countermeasures without fail.

#### [Thinking on price revision]

#### 1) Pass a cost increase to selling prices

The domestic flour milling business will revise selling prices of wheat flour based on the revision of government selling prices of imported wheat. The domestic processed food business will reflect the cost increase of raw materials, etc. including wheat flour on its selling prices appropriately.

#### 2) Sales of products giving an impression of selling value-for-money products

A series of large price hikes of products have elevated the price range of existing household-use processed food and others. Develop and sell new products that give an impression of a bargain to consumers who seek products in the previous price range.

#### 3) Sales of value-added products

The domestic flour milling business will step up sales of Japanese-made wheat flour and whole wheat flour and others that accommodate growing health conscious consumers. The domestic processed food business will develop and sell products more focused on SDGs and Generation Z in addition to promoting value-added line-ups centering on easy-to-prepare and convenient, authentic and healthy concepts.

#### 4) Risk of decline in demand

The domestic flour milling business and the domestic processed food business assume that a certain level of decline in demand will occur as a result of continued large price hikes of products.

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To this end, we will surely revise prices.

Firstly, as described in 1), we will definitely pass on cost increases to our selling prices. For the flour milling business and processed food business in particular, the cost increase considerably exceeds the profits that they make. We will push forward with price revisions while explaining the situation carefully so that the customers understand our situation.

In addition to merely revising selling prices, we strive to meet the expectations of our customers and eventually the consumers by 2) selling products that give an impression of selling value-for-money products, and 3) making the effort to sell value-added products. As a result of these efforts, we will be able to smoothly proceed with price revisions and also respond to the risk of a decline in demand.

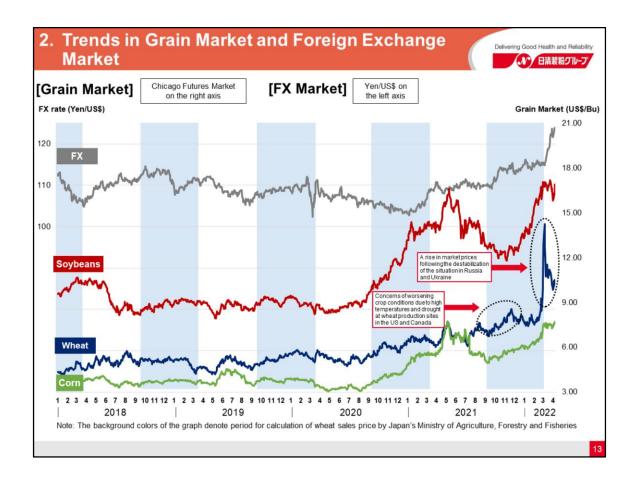
Nonetheless, we are ready for the risk of demand contraction to occur to a certain degree. I think that we should put up with this drop in demand for a few years, and the demand is certain to come back.

Analysis of FY2023 operating profit of the domestic flour milling business (Assumption)]						
ltem	Profit change (YoY difference)	Comments				
Annual cost increase (wheat)	(36,000) million yen	Excluding a price revision of wheat in Octob				
Annual cost increase (other than wheat)	(900) million yen	Energy costs, etc.				
Price hike of wheat flour	+36,000 million yen					
Increase in shipments (effects of sales expansion, etc.)	+300 million yen	An about 1% year-on-year increase in shipments				
Improvement in productivity, etc.	+700 million yen					
Risk of a demand decline	(400) million yen					
Total	(300) million yen					
Analysis of FY2023 operating profit of domestic processed food business (Assumption)]						
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Annual cost increase  Selling price increase of products  Improvement in product mix (higher value	Profit change (YoY difference) (8,000) million yen +8,000 million yen	Comments  Excluding the portion of a price revision of				
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We will make the efforts that I explained now, and the domestic flour milling business and domestic processed food business will work to respond to cost-push inflation.

The cost increase will be passed on to selling prices. We estimate 36 billion yen for the flour milling business and 8 billion yen for the processed food business. However, as we did not take the wheat price revision for October into account, we are ready for this battle to become more severe.

However, considering the risk of a decline in demand that I touched upon previously, we consider that the domestic flour milling business and the domestic processed food business will suffer a limited decrease in operating profit. I intend to minimize the decrease through cost reduction, efforts on the sales side, and other means.



These are charts of wheat market prices and foreign currency exchange rates.

There are white and blue stripes in the background of the graph. These indicate computation periods for determining wheat prices.

The blue portion on the far right side has been reflected in wheat prices since this April. The average value during the period was \$7.7/bu at the Chicago wheat market and the exchange rate was 1 dollar to 115 yen.

Currently, the value is \$12/bu at the wheat market and the exchange rate is 1 dollar to 129 yen. Therefore, there is a possibility of another wheat price hike toward October.

#### 3. Fiscal 2023 Forecasts



- Net sales will increase due to enactment of selling price revisions accompanying the cost increase of raw materials, etc. by each business, and a rise in wheat market prices, currency translation effects, etc. in the overseas flour milling business.
- Operating profit is expected to be on a par with the previous fiscal year due in large part to the uncertain outlook amid cost-push inflation and a profit decrease forecast by the engineering business despite the effort of each business to pass a cost increase to their selling prices.
- Under the new president's leadership, the business plans of the Australia flour milling business will be verified again by considering the impairment loss of the New Zealand flour milling business and accurately grasping a market change in the Oceania region in addition to addressing cost-push inflation.
- A new medium-term management plan will be formulated based on the new president's policy and by also taking into account response to cost-push inflation and the status of the Australia flour milling business. The new management plan will be announced in late October.

\*Figures rounded down to nearest million yen

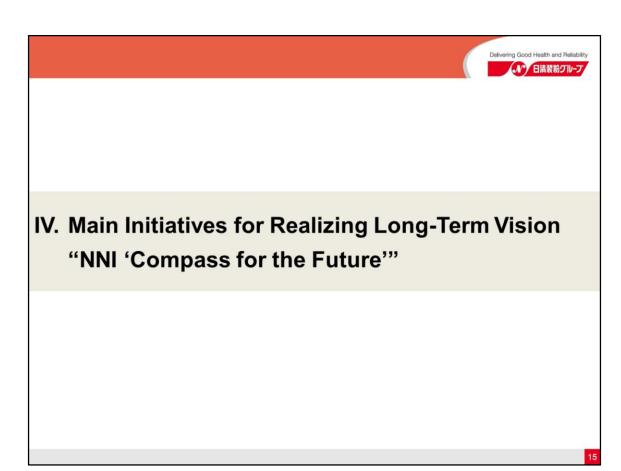
(Millions of yen)	Fiscal 2023 Forecasts	Fiscal 2022 Results	YoY difference	YoY change
Net sales	760,000	679,736	+80,263	+11.8%
Overseas sales ratio	29.9%	27.3%	-	-
Operating profit	30,000	29,430	+569	+1.9%
Ordinary profit	31,000	32,626	(1,626)	(5.0)%
Profit attributable to owners of parent	18,500	17,509	+990	+5.7%

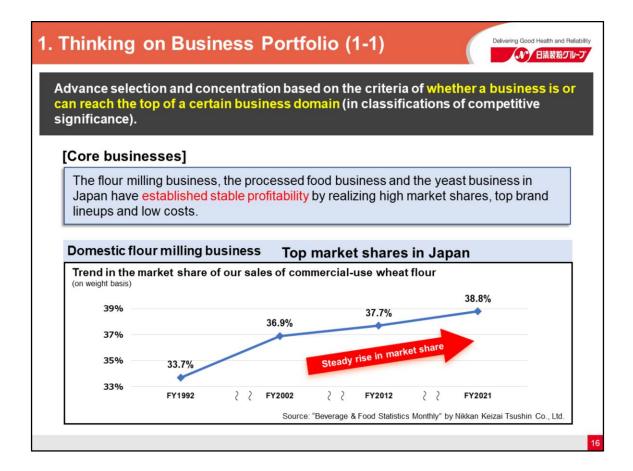
Fiscal 2023 forecasts are as per this table.

Net sales are expected to rise significantly due to price revisions, but operating profit is set at 30 billion yen, on a par with the previous year. As I explained up to this slide, we intend to enact price revisions without fail, but the outlook for the business environment is extremely uncertain. Therefore, considering the present status, we have decided to aim at the same level as the previous fiscal year.

For my part, once I take office as president at the end of June, I will spearhead the response to cost-push inflation and verify the business plan of the Australia flour milling business again, since the market in Oceania including New Zealand has changed significantly. As I will become Director in charge of the Australia business concurrently with assuming the position of President, I am going to talk with the local CEO and the director in charge of the Australia business of Nisshin Flour Milling directly to deepen the narrative.

Regarding the medium-term management plan, we have had discussions internally so far. This time around, based on a policy as the new president, we plan to finalize the plan by taking into account the response to cost-push inflation and the Australia issue, as I laid out now, and publicize it in late October.



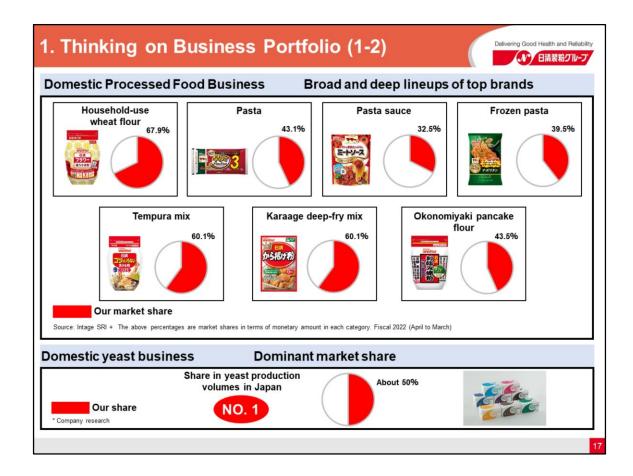


At the top of this slide, it reads "Advance selection and concentration based on the criteria of whether a business is at or can reach the top of a certain business domain." This sentence was sent out as the thinking of top management when I was at the IR office. I have brought it back this time.

Following this thinking, the Group has steadily proceeded with the rebuilding of the business portfolio so far. By keeping this up, I intend to further enhance business competitiveness.

I believe that the flour milling business, processed food business and yeast business, which are our core businesses, can generate stable earnings amid cost-push inflation by drawing on their high market share and racking up productivity improvements.

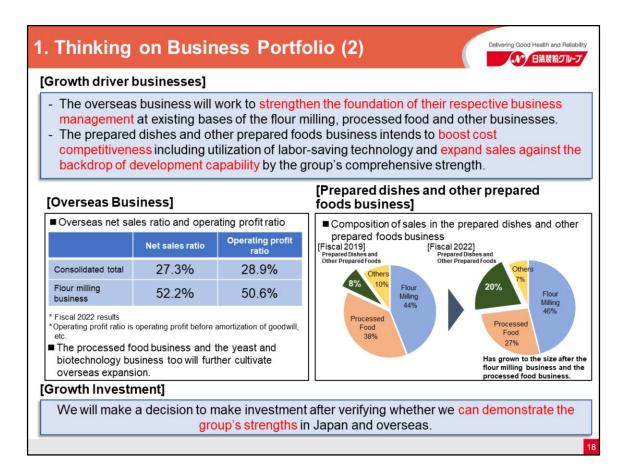
The market share of the domestic flour milling business was about a third of the market 30 years ago and is now close to 40% after having risen gradually.



The domestic processed food business too has the No. 1 brand in a great number of categories.

I think that you can find these products on the shelves in lots of supermarkets and other stores. I am certain that retailers, wholesalers and consumers consider our products indispensable to them. As you expect, we will endeavor to further strengthen the brand power going forward.

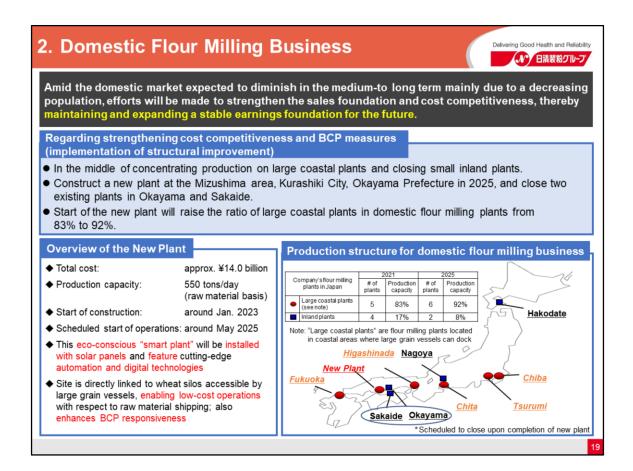
The market share of the yeast of Oriental Yeast Co., Ltd. in Japan is about 50%. That is higher than the market share of the flour milling business. For instance, even customers with whom Nisshin Flour Milling has a low sales share highly rate the yeast. Therefore, I consider there to be an opportunity to further increase market share through mutual collaboration between the flour milling business and the yeast business.



The flour milling business, processed food business and yeast business, which are all our core businesses, will continue making revenue in Japan. As growth fields, we will strive to expand these businesses overseas.

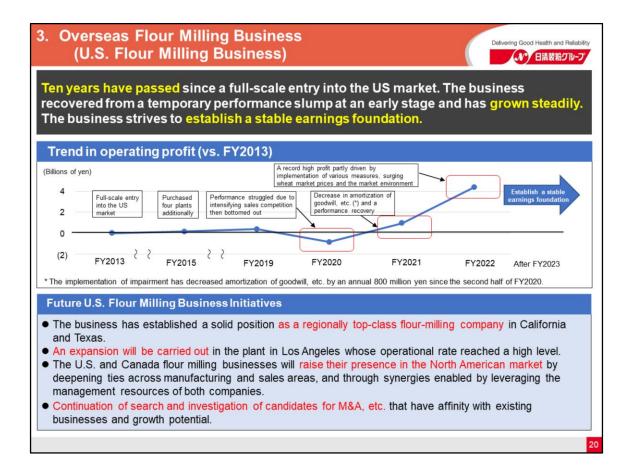
Additionally, in Japan, I would like to aim for growth in the prepared dishes and other prepared foods business that will enable us to compete with imported products by leveraging Japanese meals and the distribution of chilled food.

However, we will not invest in overseas business just for the sake of making investments, but will proceed with investments after verifying whether we will be able to take advantage of the strengths that our Group has developed so far. For instance, we will leverage our high technological capability, productivity, etc. in the overseas market also, and in the prepared dishes and other prepared foods business, I think that we can demonstrate the labor-saving technology that the Group has accumulated.



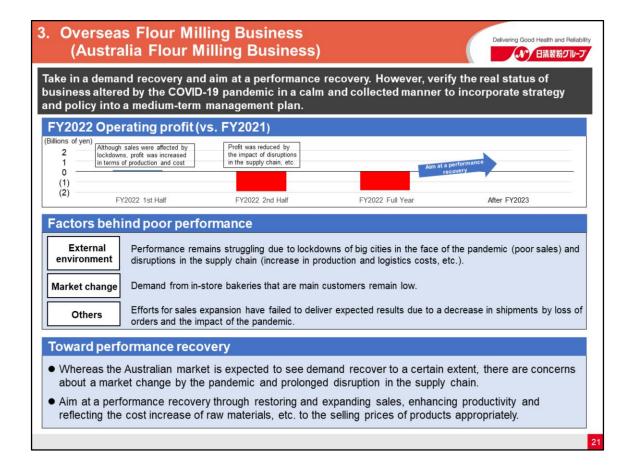
The relationship with systems is important to the domestic flour milling business, and I myself have engaged in international trade talks as the top priority theme for nearly ten years. TPP-11 and the U.S.-Japan trade agreement came into effect, but consistency in the border measures between products and raw materials has been ensured to some extent. Therefore, I am confident that the domestic flour milling business will continue stable business operations in Japan.

Based on this, we were able to make an investment decision concerning the new plant in Mizushima, as well. As explained here, I regard this as a project that will contribute to boosting cost competitiveness. The land for construction was purchased by our predecessors about 50 years ago. I have visited the place a number of times, envisaging a new plant being built there. Finally, our dream is coming true. I feel a flood of emotions building up.



The U.S. flour milling business, which had struggled to perform in fiscal 2020, managed to improve and enhance performance in fiscal 2021 and 2022, contributing to the performance of the entire Group.

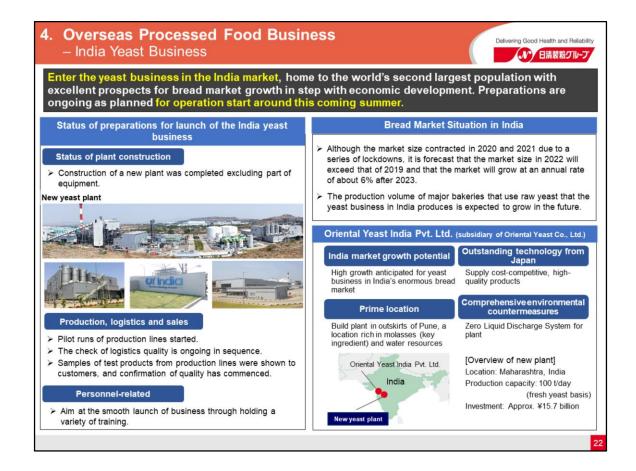
To continue ensuring a stable earnings base in the future, we will invest in necessary plant expansions and seek new business areas. Just recently, we decided to expand the Los Angeles plant, whose operational rate has risen, and we are working on it.



On the other hand, the Australia flour milling business suffered a large drop in profit due to lockdowns in major cities caused by COVID-19, resultant disruptions in the supply chain and a decline in demand for in-store bakeries.

Although the Australian market is projected to recover from the impact of COVID-19 to some extent, we see a possibility that the parts where the market and the supply chain changed will not return to what they used to be.

Under these circumstances, we intend to step up our efforts with customers in fiscal 2023 and improve our performance through recovering sales, improving productivity based on labor-saving investments, and passing on cost increase to selling prices appropriately.



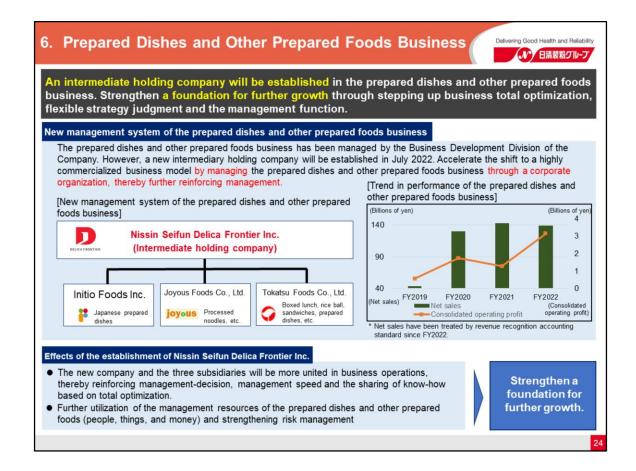
An important initiative of the Group for fiscal 2023 is to launch a yeast business in India.

Although the construction of a plant was delayed by the impact of COVID-19, we are working to start business around this coming summer. Looking at the timing of completion of construction and the market trend, I would like to proceed with this initiative appropriately.

During the Golden Week holiday in May, Nakagawa, President of Oriental Yeast Co., Ltd. visited the site in person. I have heard that preparations are going smoothly as planned.



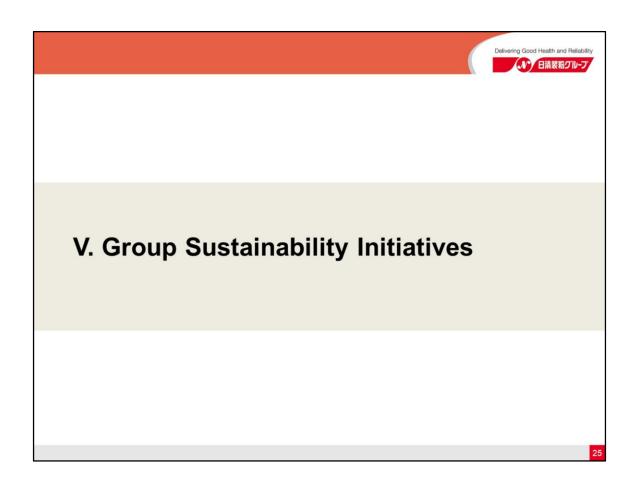
Regarding the corporate name change to "Nisshin Seifun Welna Inc.," we have been active in advertising and publicity so as to make everyone aware of this change. In parallel, we will push the brand so as to further enhance trust from customers and consumers, along with working on the product strategy.



The prepared dishes and other prepared foods business, a growth business, consists of three companies: Tokatsu Foods, Co., Ltd., Joyous Foods Co., Ltd., and Initio Foods Inc. To deepen coordination among them and achieve total optimization, an intermediate holding company that supervises the entire operations will be established in July.

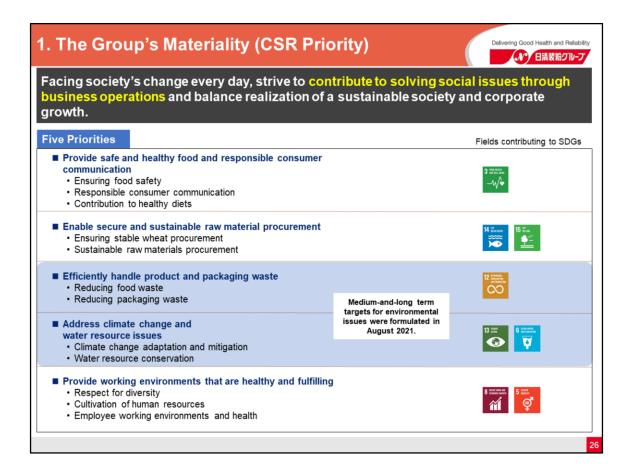
The direction of the prepared dishes and other prepared foods business is to ensure cost competitiveness that can excel in competition with other companies and contribute to expanding sales for the entire Group on the strength of the development capability of foods including wheat flour, prepared mix and pasta through cooperation with the flour milling business and the processed food business.

I visited the Chiba-Kashiwa plant of Tokatsu Foods Co., Ltd. in person in May to have a discussion with management, and I strongly feel that we can realize this direction.



This page and the following ones are about Group Sustainability Initiatives, laying out our CSR priorities and medium-and-long term targets for environmental issues. I hope that you take a look at the pages later.

With this, I conclude my explanation. Thank you for your attention.



#### 2. Medium-and-Long Term Targets for Environmental Issues



Formulate medium-and-long term targets for environmental issues and work to reduce environmental load to reach the targets, thereby contributing to realization of a sustainable society.

[Regarding medium-and-long term targets for environmental issues]

#### (1) Responding to climate change

#### 2030 Targets

➤ Reduce CO₂ emissions from Group-owned facilities by **50**% compared with the fiscal 2014 level

#### 2050 Targets

Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from Group-owned facilities to net zero

#### Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions across our supply chains

#### (2) Responding to Water resource

#### 2040 Targets

Reduce the amount of water used in plants per unit of production by 30% compared with the fiscal 2022 level

#### (3) Responding to Food Waste

#### 2030 Targets

- Reduce food waste, from the procurement of raw materials to the delivery of products to customers, by 50% or more compared with the fiscal 2017 level
- Work with our partners to reduce food waste at all supply chain stages

#### (4) Responding to packaging and container waste

#### 2030 Targets

- Reduce the amount of fossil fuel-derived plastics used by at least 25% compared with the fiscal 2020 level
- Promote plastic recycling, such as by using environmentally-friendly package designs
- Increase the use of sustainable packaging materials, such as biomass plastics, recycled plastics, recycled paper and FSC-certified paper

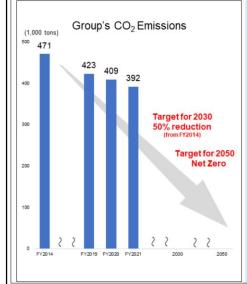
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# 3. Initiatives to Reach Medium-and-Long Term Targets for Environmental Issues (1)



#### Responding to climate change

Advance reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions mainly through proactive adoption of cutting-edge energy-saving technology and utilization of renewable energies for mitigating the impact of climate change and minimizing business risks, thereby contributing to the establishment of a decarbonized society.



#### [Main initiatives for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction]

#### >Adoption of solar energy generation facility

(Already adopted)

Domestic flour milling business: Higashinada Plant and Tsurumi Plant US flour milling business: Fresno Plant

Processed food business: Tatebayashi Plant

(Newly put in operation)

Yeast and biotechnology business: Nagahama Plant, Biwa Plant (Onsite PPA) Prepared dishes and other prepared foods business: Yamakita Plant (Onsite PPA)

#### ➤ A 100% shift to electricity supplied from solar and biomass power generation

⇒ Kanda-Nishikicho Head Office Bldg., Koamicho Bldg.



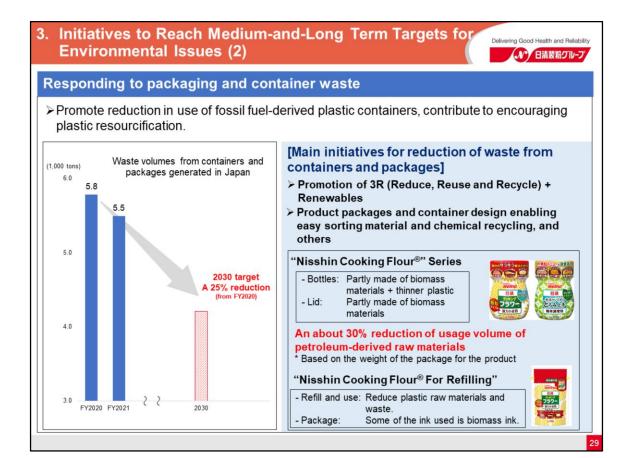
#### >Advancement of CO2 reduction in the supply chain

When Hayayude spaghetti from Nisshin Seifun Weina is cooked, the boiling time will be shortened. About 35% of  $\mathrm{CO}_2$  emissions can be cut (\*) in the case of using gas for boiling.



(\*) Comparison when cooking with gas "Ma-Ma Chakku-tsuki Kessoku Spaghetti 1.6mm 600g" and "Ma-Ma Hayayude Spaghetti FineFast 1.6mm Chakku-tsuki Kessoku Type 500g." CO<sub>2</sub> emissions were calculated from the gas volume necessary for cooking 100g of each type.

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## **Caution Regarding Results Briefing Content**

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