Securities Code : 5411.T



## **JFE Group** Financial Results for First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2023 ending March 31, 2024

## JFE Holdings, Inc. August 3, 2023



- Financial Highlights
- JFE Holdings' Financial Results for First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2023 (April 1 to June 30, 2023) and Financial Forecast for Fiscal Year 2023 (April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024)
- > Dividends
- Financial Forecast for Fiscal Year 2023 by Segment
- Progress of the 7th Medium-Term Business Plan (Main initiatives of Steel Business )

Appendix 1: Profit/Loss Analysis

Appendix 2: Business Environmental Indicators, etc.

Appendix 3: The 7th Medium-Term Business Plan

Appendix 4: JFE Steel Carbon Neutrality Strategy Briefing (Excerpted)

This presentation material is for the purpose of publicizing the status of our company's financial results for the first quarter of FY2023. It is not a disclosure material under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act and does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of the information. It does not constitute a solicitation to invest in securities in Japan, the United States or any other countries. The forecasts presented are based on information received at the time of the briefing and include uncertainties. Therefore, please refrain from making investment decisions based solely on this document. Our company shall not be liable for any damages arising as a result of the use of this document.



### **Financial Highlights**

Results for 1Q of FY2023	<ul> <li>Business Profit ¥84.8bn. (decreased by ¥31.8bn. year-on-year)</li> <li>Business profit decreased year-on-year due to negative inventory valuation differences due to a decline in main raw material prices.</li> <li>Business profit excluding Inventory valuation etc. improved significantly due to sales price improvement, etc.</li> </ul>
Forecast of FY2023	<ul> <li>Business Profit ¥290.0bn. (As previous announced)</li> <li>[Excluding Inventory [¥315.0bn.] Valuation etc.] (Increased by ¥35.0bn. from previous forecast)</li> <li>Steel business profit per ton*: 10,000yen/t (Increased by 1,000yen from previous forecast)</li> <li>Crude Steel Production(Standalone): approx. 24.60Mt (Decreased by 0.40Mt from previous forecast)</li> <li>Dividend 100yen (Interim dividend 50yen)</li> <li>Business profit is unchanged from the previous forecast. (Business profit Excluding Inventory Valuation, etc. improve)</li> <li>While the recovery of overseas steel market and demand has been delayed from the initial forecast, profit and profit per ton excluding inventory valuation etc. is expected to improve from previous forecast by promoting sales price improvement.</li> <li>Annual dividend is as previously announced. JFE Holdings agreed to pay an interim dividend of 50 yen.</li> </ul>
Progress of the 7th Medium- Term Business Plan	<ul> <li>Structural reform: Shutdown of upstream facilities and hot rolling facilities in Keihin is scheduled for September 16, 2023</li> <li>Overseas strategy: Establish a joint venture company in India of grain-oriented electrical steel sheet with JSW (released on August 3, 2023)</li> </ul>
the 7th Medium- Term	for September 16, 2023 Overseas strategy: Establish a joint venture company in India of grain-oriented electrical s

## Consolidated Results for First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2023 (April 1 to June 30, 2023)

4



#### **>** Business profit in 1Q of FY2023 was ¥84.8bn.

(decreased by ¥31.8bn. year-on-year)

(billion yen)	FY2022 Actual 1Q (Apr-Jun)	FY2023 Actual 1Q (Apr-Jun)	Change
Revenue	1,253.6	1,262.0	8.4
Business Profit [Excluding Inventory Valuation etc.]	116.6 [0.6]	<b>84.8</b> [75.8]	(31.8) [75.2]
Finance Income/Costs	(3.2)	(4.9)	(1.7)
Segment Profit	113.4	79.8	(33.6)
Exceptional Items	-	-	0.0
Profit before Tax	113.4	79.8	(33.6)
Tax Expense and Profit (Loss) Attributable to Non-Controlling Interests	(29.5)	(20.2)	9.3
Profit Attributable to Owners of Parent	83.8	59.6	(24.2)

Business profit is profit before tax excluding financial income and one-time items of a materially significant value. Inventory Valuation etc. is inventory valuation, carry over and foreign exchange valuation in steel business. Segment profit is profit including financial income in business profit.

#### JFE-HD

## Financial Results for 1Q of Fiscal Year 2023 (by Segment)

JFE

	(billion yen)	FY2022 Actual 1Q (Apr-Jun)	FY2023 Actual 1Q (Apr-Jun)	Change	Contents
	Steel Business	932.6	917.2	(15.4)	
	Engineering Business	98.2	111.1	12.9	
	Trading Business	379.5	370.3	(9.2)	
	Adjustments	(156.8)	(136.7)	20.1	
R	evenue	1,253.6	1,262.0	8.4	
Βι	usiness Profit (A)	116.6	84.8	(31.8)	
	nance Income/Costs B)	(3.2)	(4.9)	(1.7)	
	Steel Business	93.0	68.1	(24.9)	Explanation on the next page
	Engineering Business	(1.2)	(0.1)	1.1	Increase in sales revenue and cost reduction
	Trading Business	21.1	14.7	(6.4)	Spread narrowing mainly in North America
	Adjustments	0.4	(2.9)	(3.3)	
	egment Profit	113.4	79.8	(33.6)	

Business profit is profit before tax excluding financial income and one-time items of a materially significant value. Segment profit is profit including financial income in business profit.

JFE Steel

# JFE

#### 24.9bn. Decrease in JFE Steel's Segment Profit (FY2022.1Q (Actual) vs. FY2023.1Q (Actual))

							(bil	llion yen)
	Unit	FY2022 1Q	FY2023 1Q	JFE Steel	FY2022 1Q	FY2023 1Q		Change
Crude Steel (Standalone)	Mt	6.43	6.05	Segment		-		
Shipment (Standalone)	Mt	5.54	5.23	Profit	93.0	68.1		(24.9)
Average Sales Price (Standalone)	000yen /t	126.7	128.5	Excluding Inventory Valuation etc.	(23.0)	59.1		82.1
Exchange Rate	Yen/\$	126.5	135.8	LI	<u></u>		I	
<ol> <li>Cost</li> <li>Volume</li> </ol>			+5.0	<ul> <li>Operational impr</li> <li>Crude Steel Prod</li> </ul>		⇒6.05Mt		
and Mix		(1	0.0)			-0.001 nc		
3. Sales and Raw mate	rials	+1	20.0	<ul> <li>Improved spread raw materials, m</li> </ul>				
4. Inventory valuation		(10	7.0)	<ul> <li>Inventory valuation -66.0 (+61.0→-5.0)</li> <li>Carry over -32.0 (+37.0→+5.0)</li> <li>Foreign exchange valuation-9.0 (+18.0→+9.0)</li> </ul>				
5. Others		(3	2.9)	<ul> <li>Group companies -7.0</li> <li>Foreign exchange effects on trade -5.0</li> <li>Depreciation cost -4.0 etc.</li> </ul>				

7

### Financial Forecastsfor Fiscal Year 2023 (April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024)



- Full-year business profit is expected to be ¥290.0bn. (as previous forecast, increased by ¥54.2bn. year-on-year)
- Full-year profit attributable to owners of parent is expected to be ¥190.0bn. (as previous forecast, increased by ¥27.4bn. year-on-year)

(billion yen)	FY2022 Actual		FY2023 Forecast (Previous)	FY2023 Forecast(Updated)		Change FY2022 →FY2023	Change Previous →Updated
	1H	Full year	Full year	1H	Full year	Full year	Full year
Revenue	2,564.3	5,268.7	5,540.0	2,610.0	5,380.0	111.3	(160.0)
Business Profit [Excluding Inventory Valuation etc.]	<b>187.9</b> [71.9]	<b>235.8</b> [162.8]	<b>290.0</b> [280.0]	<b>125.0</b> [141.0]	<b>290.0</b> [315.0]	54.2 [152.2]	<b>0.0</b> [35.0]
Finance Income/Costs	(6.6)	(14.8)	(20.0)	(10.0)	(20.0)	(5.2)	0.0
Segment Profit	181.2	221.0	270.0	115.0	270.0	49.0	0.0
Exceptional Items	-	(10.7)	-	-	-	10.7	0.0
Profit before Tax	181.2	210.2	270.0	115.0	270.0	59.8	0.0
Tax Expense and Profit (Loss) Attributable to Non-Controlling Interests	(57.9)	(47.6)	(80.0)	(30.0)	(80.0)	(32.4)	0.0
Profit Attributable to Owners of Parent	123.2	162.6	190.0	85.0	190.0	27.4	0.0

Business profit is profit before tax excluding financial income and one-time items of a materially significant value.

Inventory valuation etc. is inventory valuation, carry over and foreign exchange valuation in steel business.

Segment profit is profit including financial income in business profit.

Financial Forecast for Fiscal Year 2023
(by Segment)

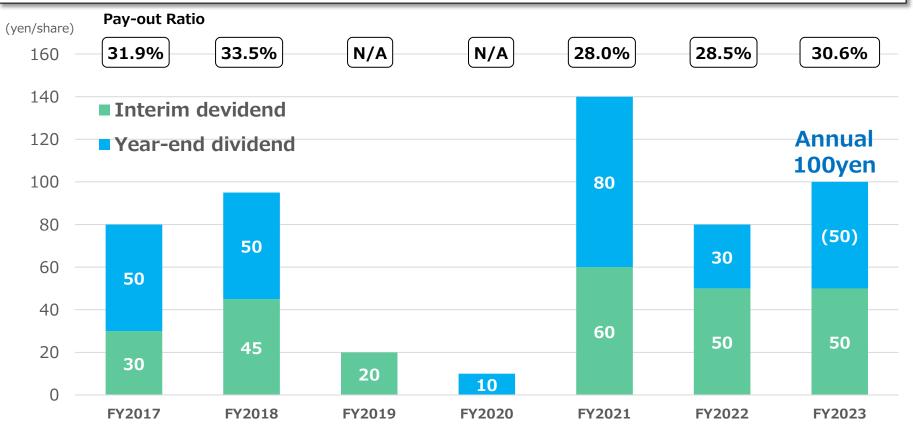
JFE

(billion yen)		FY20 Actor		FY2023 Forecast (Previous)		023 Updated)	Change FY2022 →FY2023	Change Previous →Updated
		1H	Full year	Full year	1H	Full year	Full year	Full year
	Steel Business	1,918.9	3,881.1	4,000.0	1,880.0	3,770.0	(111.1)	(230.0)
	Engineering Business	219.0	512.5	550.0	230.0	550.0	37.5	0.0
	Trading Business	750.2	1,514.1	1,620.0	780.0	1,620.0	105.9	0.0
	Adjustments	(323.9)	(638.9)	(630.0)	(280.0)	(560.0)	78.9	70.0
Re	venue	2,564.3	5,268.7	5,540.0	2,610.0	5,380.0	111.3	(160.0)
Bus	siness Profit (A)	187.9	235.8	290.0	125.0	290.0	54.2	0.0
Fina (B	nce Income/Costs )	(6.6)	(14.8)	(20.0)	(10.0)	(20.0)	(5.2)	0.0
	Steel Business	148.2	146.8	200.0	87.0	200.0	53.2	0.0
	Engineering Business	(3.9)	13.4	25.0	5.0	25.0	11.6	0.0
	Trading Business	40.6	65.1	48.0	26.0	48.0	(17.1)	0.0
	Adjustments	(3.6)	(4.3)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	1.3	0.0
Segment Profit		181.2	221.0	270.0	115.0	270.0	49.0	0.0

Business profit is profit before tax excluding financial income and one-time items of a materially significant value. Segment profit is profit including financial income in business profit.



- JFE Holdings agreed to pay an interim dividend of 50 yen per share at its Board of Directors.
- The annual dividend for FY2023 is expected to be 100 yen per share, based on our payout ratio policy of approximately 30%.
   (As previous announced)

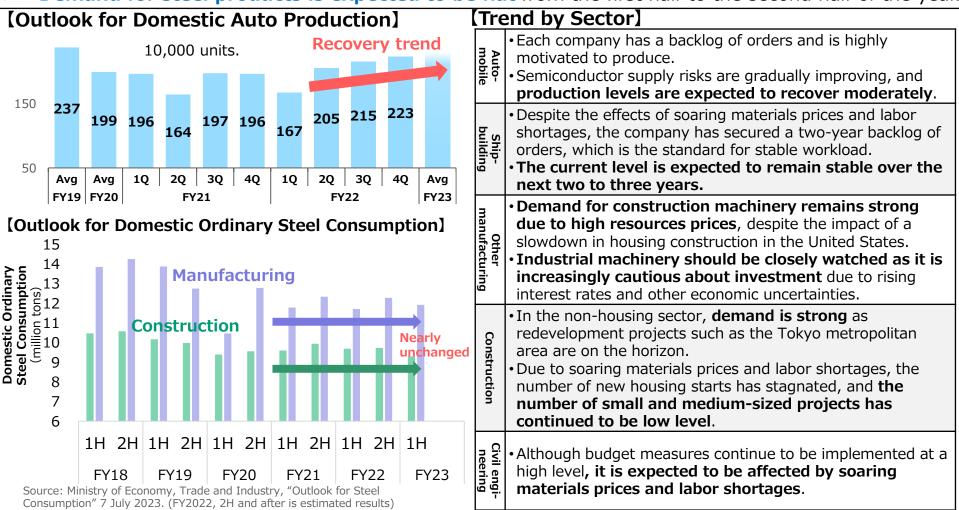


## JFE Steel Financial Forecast for Fiscal Year 2023

## Business environment (Domestic)

JFE

- Although the level of activity in the automotive sector is improving, demand continues to be postponed due to labor shortages and the impact of soaring materials prices, particularly in the civil engineering and construction sectors.
- > Demand for steel products is expected to be flat from the first half to the second half of the year.

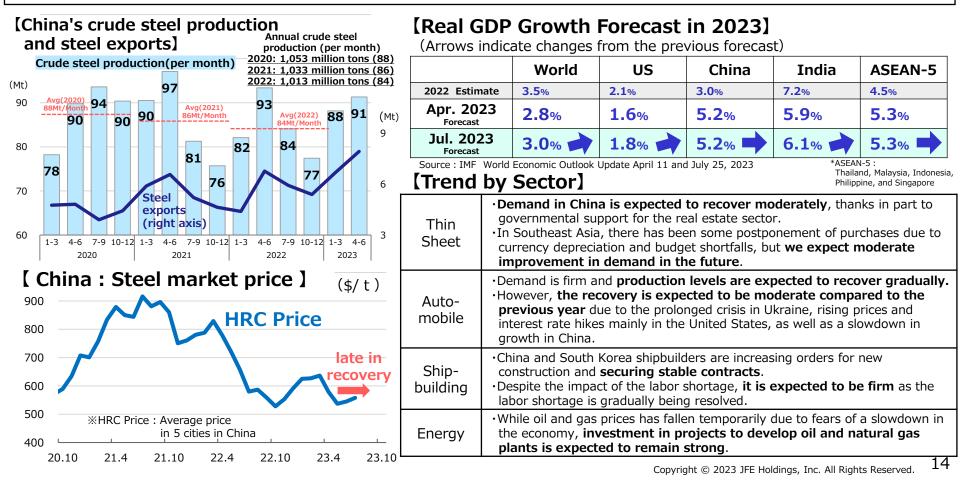


## Business environment (Overseas)

> Overall, steel demand is expected to recover moderately.

JFF

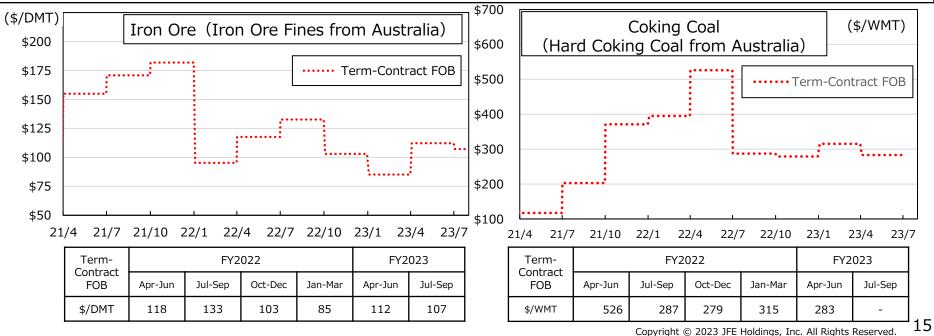
- While China has increased crude steel production, domestic demand has been weak, including a slump in the real estate industry, and the market recovery is slower than expected.
- The Chinese government's economic stimulus measures and curbs on crude steel are expected to improve steel supply and demand and market conditions from the beginning of the next year.

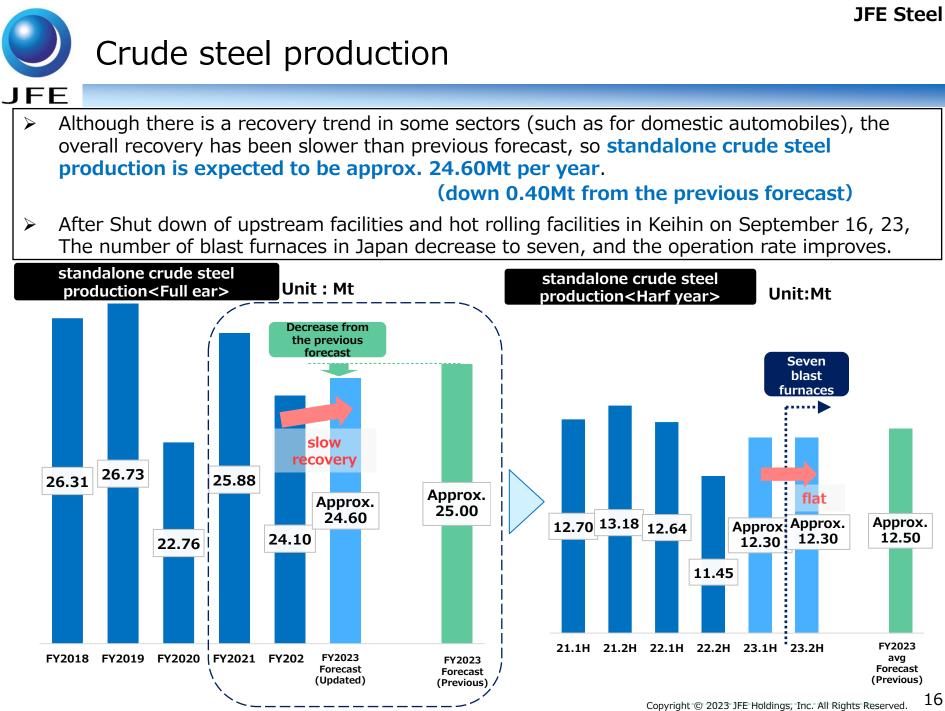




### Raw materials market trends

- Key raw materials
- Iron ore prices rose from late last year to early this year due to expectations of a recovery in steel demand following the easing of China's zero coronavirus policy, however, fell around March due to a slower recovery in the steel market. The prices are currently hovering around FOB\$100.
- Coal prices fluctuated wildly last year due to the situation in Ukraine and the weather, but they are now moving calmly.
- Both iron ore and coking coal are expected to remain at current levels.
- Metals
- Metals prices remain weak due to the sluggish European economy and the slower recovery in China's economy and steel demand, however, are still high relative to historical levels.



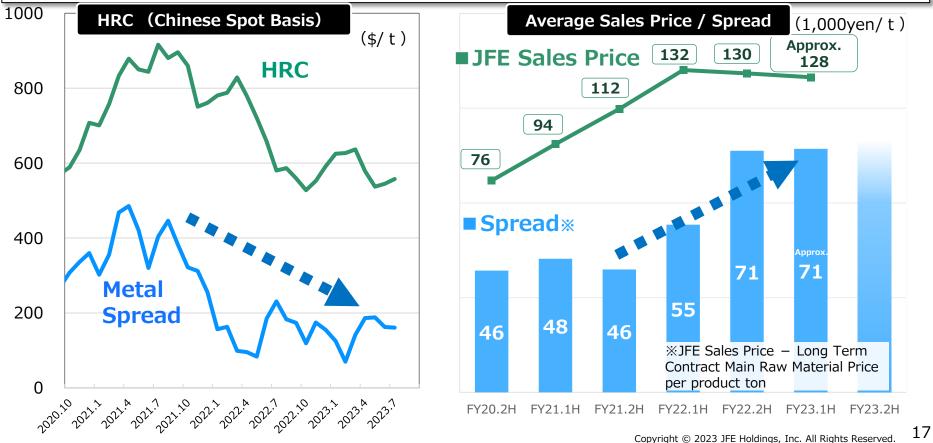




### Improving of sales price

- In 1H of FY2023, despite the impact of the decline in main raw material prices and overseas steel market, we continue the reflections of metal and commodity costs\*, overhaul of extra pricing, and enhancing sales price, and are expected to maintain sales prices generally.
- The spread of FY2023 is expected to increase by ¥144.0bn. (+7,000yen/t) from FY2022 and increase by ¥64.0bn.(+3,000yen/t) from the previous forecast.

\*Including foreign exchange effect, scrap, metal, fare, energy, etc.





#### Financial Forecast for Fiscal Year 2023

				FY2022	i			FY2	2023(upda	ted)	1	FY2023
	Unit	1Q	2Q	1H	2H	Full Year	1Q	2Q	] 1H	2Н	Full Year	Previous Forecast
Revenue	billion yen	932.6	986.3	1,918.9	1,962.2	3,881.1	917.2	970.8	1,888.0	1,882.0	3,770.0	4,000.0
Segment Profit	billion yen	93.0	55.2	148.2	(1.4)	146.8	68.1	18.9	87.0	113.0	200.0	200.0
Excluding Inventory Valuation etc.*	billion yen	(23.0)	55.2	32.2	41.6	73.8	59.1	43.9	103.0	122.0	225.0	190.0
Crude Steel (Standalone)	Mt	6.43	6.21	12.64	11.45	24.10	6.05	Approx. 6.30	Approx. 12.30	Approx. 12.30	Approx. 24.60	Approx. 25.00
Crude Steel (Consolidated)	Mt	6.77	6.59	13.37	12.11	25.48	6.38	Approx. 6.70	Approx. 13.10		<u> </u>	
Shipment (Standalone)	Mt	5.54	5.32	10.86	10.88	21.74	5.23	Approx. 5.70	Approx. 10.90			
Export Ratio on Value Basis (Standalone)	%	48.5	45.0	46.7	42.2	44.5	44.2	Approx. 44	Approx. 44			
Average Sales Price (Standalone)	000 yen/ t	126.7	136.7	131.6	129.9	130.8	128.5	Approx. 127	Approx. 128			
Exchange Rate	¥/\$	126.5	136.6	131.6	138.6	135.1	135.8	Approx. 142	Approx. 139	Approx. 140	Approx. 139	Approx. 130
Exchange Rate (End of Term)	¥/\$	136.7	144.8	144.8	133.5	133.5	145.0	Approx. 140	Approx. 140	Approx. 140	Approx. 140	Approx. 130

\* Excluding inventory valuation, carry over and foreign exchange valuation from segment profit



			(billion yen)
JFE Steel	FY2023 Previous Forecast	FY2023 Updated Forecast	Change
Segment Profit	200.0	200.0	0.0
Excluding Inventory Valuation etc.	190.0	225.0	35.0
1. Cost	±0.0		
2. Volume and Mix	<b>(8.0)</b> · c	rude Steel Production appro>	k.25.00Mt⇒approx.24.60Mt
3. Sales and Raw materials	<b>+70.0</b> m	mproved spreads due to the nain raw materials, metals, a elling prices	
4. Inventory valuation	(35.0) · c	nventory valuation -9.0 (-3.0 arry over -36.0 (+17.0→-19 oreign exchange valuation+1	.0)
5. Others	(27.0) · F	oreign exchange effects on t	trade -21.0 etc.

JFE Steel

#### 53.2Bn. Increase in JFE Steel's Segment Profit (FY2022 (Actual) vs. FY2023 (Forecast))

JFE

			(billion yen)
JFE Steel	FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Forecast	Change
Segment Profit	146.8	200.0	53.2
Excluding Inventory Valuation etc.	73.8	225.0	151.2

1. Cost	+63.0	<ul> <li>Structural reforms effect +20.0</li> <li>Operational improvement +20.0</li> <li>Disappearance of blast furnace refurbishment impact and production reduction impact +23.0</li> </ul>
2. Volume and Mix	+10.0	<ul> <li>Increased volume due to gradual recovered steel demand (Crude Steel Production 24.10Mt⇒approx. 24.60Mt)</li> </ul>
3. Sales and Raw materials	+145.0	<ul> <li>Improved spreads due to the reflection of high prices of main raw materials, metals, and other commodities in selling prices</li> </ul>
4. Inventory valuation	(98.0)	<ul> <li>Inventory valuation -91.0 (+79.0→-12.0)</li> <li>Carry over +4.0 (-23.0→-19.0)</li> <li>Foreign exchange valuation-11.0 (+17.0→-6.0)</li> </ul>
5. Others	(66.8)	<ul><li>Depreciation cost -12.0</li><li>Foreign exchange effects on trade -10.0 etc.</li></ul>

## 26.0Bn. Yen Increase in JFE Steel's Segment Profit (FY2023.1H vs. FY2023.2H)

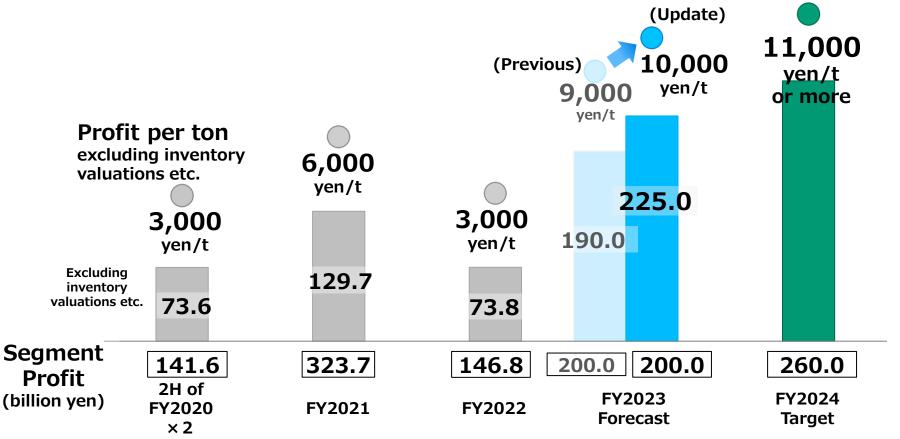
JFE

(billion yen)

		FY2023 Forecast			Change
JFE Steel	1H Forecast	2H Forecast	2H Forecast Full Year		
Segment Profit	87.0	113.0	200.0		26.0
Excluding Inventory Valuation etc.	103.0	122.0	225.0		19.0
1. Cost	) 0				
2. Volume and Mix	±0.0				
3. Sales and Raw materials	±0.0				
4. Inventory valuation +7.0 • Inventory valuation -6.0 (-3.0 $\rightarrow$ -9.0) • Carry over+19.0 (-19.0 $\rightarrow$ ±0.0) • Foreign exchange valuation -6.0(+6.0 $\rightarrow$ ±0.0)					
5. Others	(14.0)	•Increase other	expenses etc.		



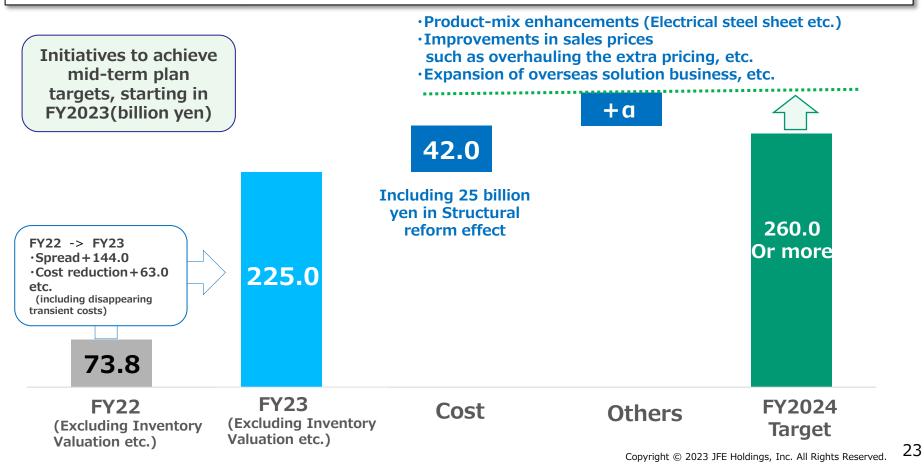
- While raw material prices are lower than the previous forecast, maintaining sales prices will improve profitability.
- In FY2023, profit per ton excluding inventory valuations etc. is expected to be 10,000yen/t. (increased by 1,000yen/t from previous forecast)



#### Paths toward achieving the Seventh Medium-Term Plan

JFF

- In FY2023, segment profit excluding Inventory Valuation etc. in the steel business is expected to be 225 billion yen.
- In FY2024, due to steadily implementing various measures, including structural reforms, sales price improvements, and an increase in the ratio of high-value-added products, we aim to achieve 260 billion yen or more.



## JFE Engineering Financial Forecast for Fiscal Year 2023

### Financial Forecast for Fiscal Year 2023

### JFE

Current Business Environment/Overview of Financial Status

- Expect to increase orders in the field of "Waste to Resource" and "Carbon neutral".
- Due to the increase in sales by the progress of ordered projects and the impact of soaring prices on materials and equipment,
   Segment profit is expected to be as follows;
   1H : ¥5.0 billion, up ¥8.9 billion from 1H of previous year,
   Full year : ¥25 billion\*, up ¥11.6 billion from the previous year.

\*No change from the previous forecast

#### Financial Forecast

	FY2022	Actual	FY2023	Forecast	Char	ige
(billion yen)	1H	Full Year	1H	Full Year	1H	Full Year
Orders	286.0	564.9	280.0	580.0	(6.0)	15.1
Revenue	219.0	512.5	230.0	550.0	11.0	37.5
Segment Profit	(3.9)	13.4	5.0	25.0	8.9	11.6

## JFE Shoji Financial Forecast for Fiscal Year 2023



### Financial Forecast for Fiscal Year 2023

#### Current Business Environment/Overview of Financial Status

- Compared to the previous fiscal year, despite a recovery in automobile production, segment profit are expected to decline due to a delay in demand recovery from the initial expectations in other sectors and a narrowing of spreads, particularly in North America.
- IH segment profit is expected to be ¥26 billion, down ¥14.6 billion from the same period of the previous year.
- Full year segment profit is expected to be ¥48 billion as previously forecast (Down ¥17.1 billion from the previous year and up ¥8 billion from the mid-term plan).

#### Financial Forecast

	FY2022	Actual	FY2023 I	=orecast	Chan	ige
(billion yen)	1H	Full Year	1H	Full Year	1H	Full Year
Revenue	750.2	1,514.1	780.0	1,620.0	29.8	105.9
Segment Profit	40.6	65.1	26.0	48.0	(14.6)	(17.1)

## Progress of the 7th Medium-Term Business Plan (Main initiatives of Steel Business)



#### Progress of main initiatives of the 7th mid-term business plan (Steel Business)

#### **1**. Shifting focus from quantity to quality

•Upstream facilities in Keihin will be suspended in September as planned. (released on 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug. 2023)

·Large and heavy steel plate for wind power generation has been selected

(released on 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug. 2023)



•Singed a joint venture agreement to establish a joint venture company in India to manufacture GO electrical steel sheets with JSW (released on 3rd Aug. 2023)

#### **3.** Use digital technology to strengthen production base

•Transition to the open environment of the core system for the first time in a largescale integrated steel mill, Kurashiki. (released on 7<sup>th</sup> Jul. 2023)

#### 4. Achieving carbon neutrality

•Agreed on joint evaluation to establish CCS value chain originated from Japan aligned with CCS study in Malaysia. (released on 19<sup>th</sup> Jun. 2023)

•Large cargo ships to be made exclusively with JGreeX<sup>™</sup>. (released on 20<sup>th</sup> Jun. 2023)



•Signed MOU to establish a supply chain of ferrous raw material for green ironmaking.

(released on 18<sup>th</sup> Jul. 2023)



P30

P34



### Progress on Structural Reform

- Shutdown of upstream facilities and hot rolling facilities in Keihin is scheduled for September 16, 2023. We are steadily implementing product transfers, building production systems, and dealing with employees and partner companies.
- Complete the structural reforms and promote shifting focus from quantity to quality. The fixed cost reduction effect (45 billion yen) will be realized by FY2024, aiming to significantly lower the break-even point.

	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24~	Progress shut down Keihin upstream facilities
Shutdown of Tin Mills in Chiba Consolidation in Fukuyama	(No.2 Ta	utdown(Aug. ndem Mill, N		rfL)	<ul> <li>Approval to switch to manufacturing at other iron works has progressed smoothly.</li> <li>Capital investment in logistics and other activities to establish a new production system was generally completed.</li> </ul>
Refit of Blast Furnace	Kurashiki Refit No.4 BF (~Dec,2021	$\checkmark$	23)		<ul> <li>With regard to employees engaged in suspended equipment, confirm their intentions on the premise of securing employment and reassign them to other offices including other districts.</li> </ul>
Shut down of upstream facilities and hot rolling facilities in Keihin	(	To be s Septemb	shut do per 16, Disclose	2023)	<ul> <li>Partner companies are also being dealt with in cooperation with local governments.</li> </ul>
Development		f a Business d	evelopme plans	nt Ogimachi	Effect of Structural Reform
	of the north Minami-Wa	district in the	n Ogishim Sep. 2023		<ul> <li>Standalone crude steel production capacity: approx. Down 4Mt/year (approx13% reduction)</li> <li>The fixed cost reduction effect after FY2023 : 45billion yen (20 billion yen in FY2023 and 25 billion yen in FY2024 )</li> </ul>

30

## Progress in a land reuse project in Keihin District

- Land reuse project in Keihin is making steady progress. (Decided to sell some land in Ogimachi and selected business partners in the northern part of Minamiwatarida-Kita area.)
- In June 2023, Kawasaki City announced the Ogishima Land Use Plan (draft). Our company's land development Plan is scheduled to be announced in September 2023 based on the city's plan.

[Infrastructure Development]

Necessity of (1) general road access (between

Higashi-Ogishima and Ogishima), (2) wide area

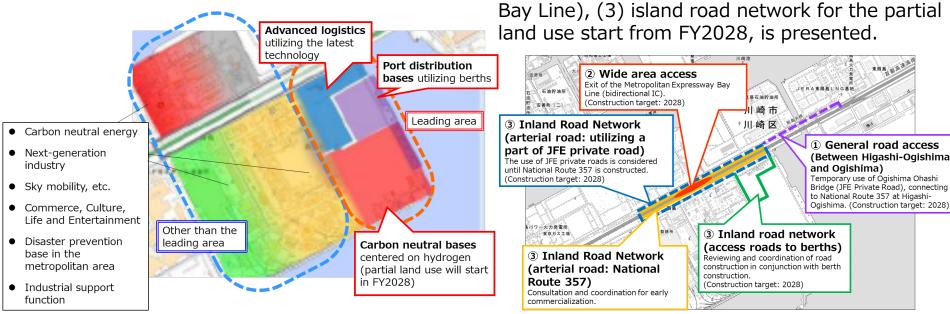
access (entrance/exit of Metropolitan Expressway

#### Kawasaki City land use plan (draft) (announced on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023)

#### [Zoning]

JFE

Specific use is described in the leading area, and the area other than the leading area (hinterland) can be used widely.



\*JFE created the above maps based on the Kawasaki City land use plan (draft).



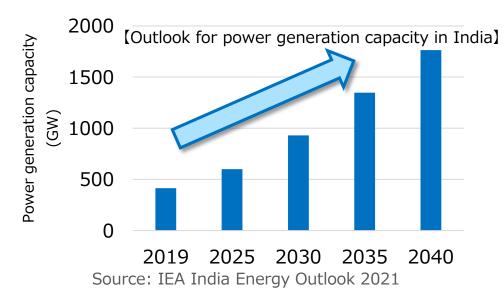
Establish a joint venture company in India of grain-oriented electrical steel sheet with JSW Released on 3rd August 2023

Singed a joint venture agreement with JSW for the establishment of a joint venture company for Grain-Oriented (GO) electrical steel sheets in India.

Company name: JSW JFE Electrical Steel Private Limited, Investment ratio: 50:50.

- Demand outlook for GO electrical steel sheets in India
- India's power generation capacity will grow at 7% per year. **Demand for GO electrical steel** sheets used in transformers is expected to grow equally.
- Governmental PJ transformers mainly use high-grade GO electrical steel sheets due to the government's regulation on higher efficiency.

Through the alliance with JSW, we capture the rapidly growing demand for high-end GO in India.
 Establish India's first integrated GO manufacturing company. The company plans to expand its production capacity in line with the growing Indian GO market.



Total investment	670 MUSD
Start of production (Plan)	full operation from 2027

JSW Steel Limited: Vijayanagar facility Copyright © 2023 JFE Holdings, Inc. All Rights Reserved. 32



## Green steel products "JGree" have been selected

- Released on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023
- JGreeX<sup>™</sup> has been selected for four large cargo ships (dry bulk ships). About 14,000 tons  $\triangleright$ of JGreeX<sup>™</sup> are scheduled to be delivered.
- Collaborate with eight domestic shippers, we have created the world's first sustainable framework where costs of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction are shared across the entire supply chain.
- > As a CO<sub>2</sub> reduction value (premium), in this case, JGreeX<sup>TM</sup> is sold at a price about 40% higher than that of ordinary steels.

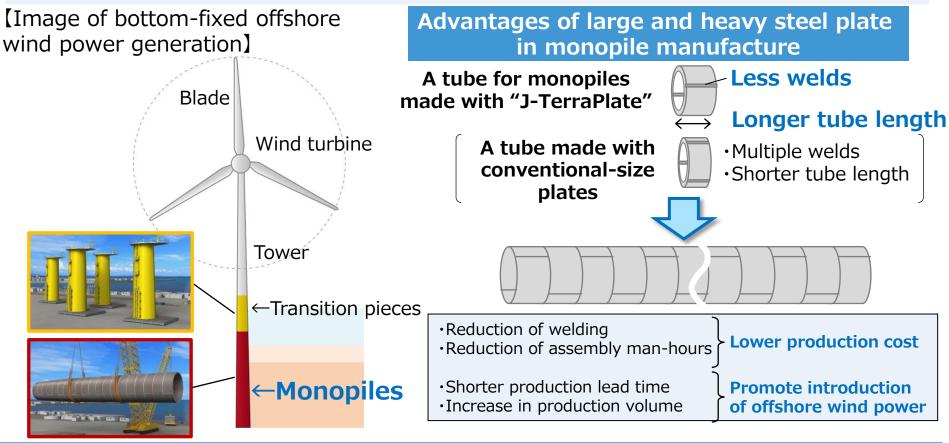




Large and Heavy Steel Plate for wind power generation has been selected

Released on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023

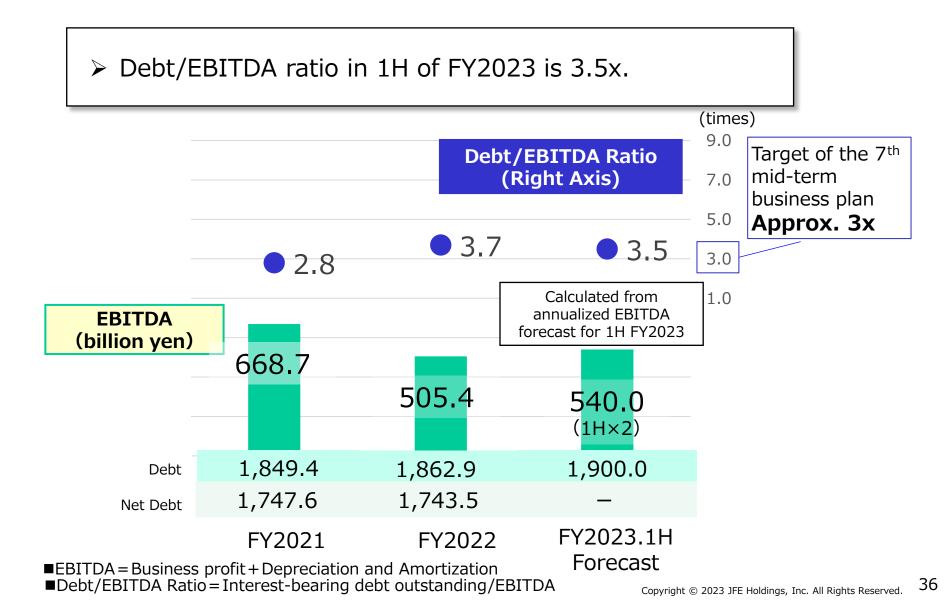
Large and heavy steel plate "J-TerraPlate™" for wind power generation produced with Kurashiki No. 7 continuous caster has been selected for the first time for the foundation structure (monopiles) of offshore wind power generation.



Construction of JFE Engineering's **Kasaoka monopile plant is progressing as planned** (scheduled to start operation in April 2024).

## Appendix(1) Profit/Loss Analysis







### Main Performance & Profitability Targets and Results

			The 7 <sup>th</sup> mid-term business plan FY2024	FY2021 Actual	FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Forecast
Cons	Business Pr [Excluding Inv	ofit entory Valuation etc.]	¥320.0 bn.	¥ 416.4Bn. [¥2,224bn.]	¥ 235.8bn. [¥162.8bn.]	¥290.0bn. [¥315.0bn.]
Consolidated	Profit attrib the parent	utable to owners of	¥ 220.0 bn.	¥ 288.0bn.	¥162.6bn.	¥190.0bn.
ted	ROE		10%	15.7%	7.9%	8.7%
Ope	Steel	Profit per ton* [Excluding Inventory Valuation etc.]	10,000 yen/t	14,000yen/t [6,000yen/t]	7,000yen/t [3,000yen/t]	9,000yen/t [10,000yen/t]
Operating	Business	Segment profit [Excluding Inventory Valuation etc.]	¥ 230.0bn.	¥323.7bn. [¥129.7bn.]	¥146.8bn. [¥73.8bn.]	<b>¥200.0bn.</b> [¥190.0bn.]
companies	Engineering Business	Segment profit	¥35.0bn.	¥26.0bn.	¥13.4bn.	¥25.0bn.
nies	Trading Business	Segment profit	¥40.0bn.	¥55.9bn.	¥65.1bn.	¥48.0bn.

\* Steel business profit per ton

(consolidated segment profit / non-consolidated sales volume)



## Main Financial Data

Notes

[IFRS]

JAAP						IFRS					
	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18		FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	′22
(bn. Yen, times)						(bn. Yen, times)					
Ordinary Income	231.0	64.2	84.7	216.3	221.1	Business profit	232.0	37.8	-12.9	416.4	235.8
EBITDA	421.5	254.4	279.9	388.8	405.9	EBITDA *1	428.2	269.4	223.4	668.7	505.4
ROS	6.0%	1.9%	2.6%	5.9%	5.6%	ROS *2	6.0%	1.0%	-0.4%	9.5%	4.5%
ROE	7.7%	1.8%	3.7%	7.6%	8.3%	ROE *3	8.6%	-11.1%	-1.3%	15.7%	7.9%
ROA	5.5%	1.7%	2.3%	5.2%	5.1%	ROA *4	5.0%	0.8%	-0.3%	8.4%	4.4%
Debt Outstanding	1,501	1,379	1,375	1,331	1,450	Interest-bearing debt outstanding	1,524	1,814	1,806	1,849	1,863
Debt/EBITDA Ratio	x3.6	x5.4	x4.9	x3.4	x3.6	Debt/EBITDA multiple *5	x3.6	x6.7	x8.1	x2.8	x3.7
D/E Ratio	59.0%	56.9%	51.4%	58.1%	62.0%	D/E Ratio *6	68.2%	96.4%	93.2%	80.8%	67.8%
Profit attributable to owners of parent (yen/share)	241.6	58.4	117.8	250.8	285.0	Profit attributable to owners of parent (yen/share)	283.8	-343.4	-38.0	500.1	280.7
Dividend (yen/share)	60	30	30	80	95	Dividend (yen/share)	95	20	10	140	80
Pay-out Ratio	24.8%	51.4%	25.5%	31.9%	33.3%	Pay-out Ratio	33.5%		-	28.0%	28.5%

\*1 EBITDA = Business profit + Depreciation and Amortization

\*2 ROS = Business profit / Revenue

\*3 ROE = Profit attributable to owners of parent company / Equity

\*4 ROA = Business profit / Total assets

\*5 Debt/EBITDA ratio = Interest-bearing debt outstanding / EBITDA

\*6 D/E ratio = Interest-bearing debt outstanding / Equity attributable to owners of parent For debt having a capital component, a portion of its issue price is deemed to be capital, as assessed by rating agencies.



#### Financial Results for First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2023

		FY2021						FY2022			FY	
	Unit											2023
		1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Full Year	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Full Year	1Q
Revenue	billion yen	638.5	771.9	832.8	930.2	3,173.4	932.6	986.3	986.9	975.3	3,881.1	917.2
Segment Profit	billion yen	69.7	88.8	93.5	71.7	323.7	93.0	55.2	21.8	(23.2)	146.8	68.1
Excluding Inventory Valuation etc.*	billion yen	25.7	42.8	(3.5)	64.7	129.7	(23.0)	55.2	22.8	18.8	73.8	59.1
	 I							 []				
Crude Steel (Standalone)	Mt	6.25	6.45	6.49	6.69	25.88	6.43	6.21	5.48	5.97	24.10	6.05
Crude Steel (Consolidated)	Mt	6.59	6.80	6.85	7.02	27.26	6.77	6.59	5.81	6.29	25.48	6.38
Shipment (Standalone)	Mt	5.26	5.56	5.63	5.92	22.38	5.54	5.32	5.25	5.64	21.74	5.23
Export Ratio on Value Basis (Standalone)	%	43.2	49.3	45.9	43.6	45.5	48.5	45.0	41.0	43.6	44.5	44.2
Average Sales Price (Standalone)	000 yen/ t	87.6	101.0	107.6	116.7	103.7	126.7	136.7	136.3	124.0	130.8	128.5
Exchange Rate	¥/\$	109.8	110.0	113.1	115.3	112.1	126.5	136.6	144.0	133.2	135.1	135.8
Exchange Rate (End of Term)	¥/\$	110.6	111.9	115.0	122.4	122.4	136.7	144.8	132.7	133.5	133.5	145.0

\* Excluding inventory valuation, carry over and foreign exchange valuation from segment profit

JFE

#### 91.3bn. Increase in JFE Steel's Segment Profit (FY2022.4Q (Actual) vs. FY2023.1Q (Actual))

							(billion yen)
JEE Staal			FY2022			FY2023	Change
JFE Steel	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Full year	1Q	
Segment Profit	93.0	55.2	21.8	(23.2)	146.8	68.1	91.3
Excluding Inventory Valuation etc.	(23.0)	55.2	22.8	18.8	73.8	59.1	40.3
1. Cost				tional improvo	mont		

1. Cost	+10.0	<ul><li>Operational improvement</li><li>Disappearance of blast furnace refurbishment impact</li></ul>
2. Volume and Mix	+1.0	• Crude Steel Production 5.97Mt $\Rightarrow$ 6.05Mt
3. Sales and Raw materials	+10.0	<ul> <li>Improved spreads due to the reflection of high prices of main raw materials, metals, and other commodities in selling prices</li> </ul>
4. Inventory valuation	+51.0	<ul> <li>Inventory valuation +13.0 (-18.0→-5.0)</li> <li>Carry over+29.0 (-24.0→+5.0)</li> <li>Foreign exchange valuation+9.0 (±0.0→+9.0)</li> </ul>
5. Others	+19.3	<ul> <li>Group companies +7.0</li> <li>Disposal of fixed assets+6.0 etc.</li> </ul>



#### 49.2bn. Decrease in JFE Steel's Segment Profit (FY2023.1Q (Actual) vs. FY2023.2Q (Forecast))

(billion yen)

	F	Y2023 Forecas	t		Change	
JFE Steel	1Q(Actual)	2Q(Forecast) 1H			Change	
Segment Profit	68.1	18.9	87.0		(49.2)	
Excluding Inventory Valuation etc.	59.1	43.9	103.0		(15.2)	
1. Cost	±0.0					
2. Volume and Mix	+5.0	Crude Steel Prod	luction 6.05Mt⇒aprro	x.6.30	)Mt	
3. Sales and Raw materials	±0.0					
4. Inventory valuation	(34.0)	Carry over-29.0	ion +7.0 (-5.0+2.0) (+5.0→-24.0) e valuation-12.0 (+9.0	0→-3	.0)	
5. Others	(20.2)	<ul><li>Group companies</li><li>Disposal of fixed</li><li>Foreign exchange</li></ul>		0 etc		



# 88.4bn. Increase in JFE Steel's Segment Profit (FY2022.2H (Actual) vs. FY2023.1H (Forecast))

JFE Steel	FY2022FY20232H(Actual)1H(Forecast)		Change (billion yen)
Segment Profit	egment Profit (1.4)		88.4
Excluding Inventory Valuation etc.	41.6	103.0	61.4

1. Cost	+20.0	<ul> <li>Disappearance of blast furnace refurbishment impact and production reduction impact</li> </ul>
2. Volume and Mix	+16.0	<ul> <li>Increased volume due to gradual recovered steel demand (Crude Steel Production 11.45Mt⇒approx. 12.30Mt)</li> </ul>
3. Sales and Raw materials	+15.0	<ul> <li>Improved spreads due to the reflection of high prices of main raw materials, metals, and other commodities in selling prices</li> </ul>
4. Inventory valuation	+27.0	<ul> <li>Inventory valuation ±0.0 (-3.0→-3.0)</li> <li>Carry over+9.0 (-28.0→-19.0)</li> <li>Foreign exchange valuation +18.0 (-12.0→+6.0)</li> </ul>
5. Others	+10.4	•Group companies +10.0 etc.



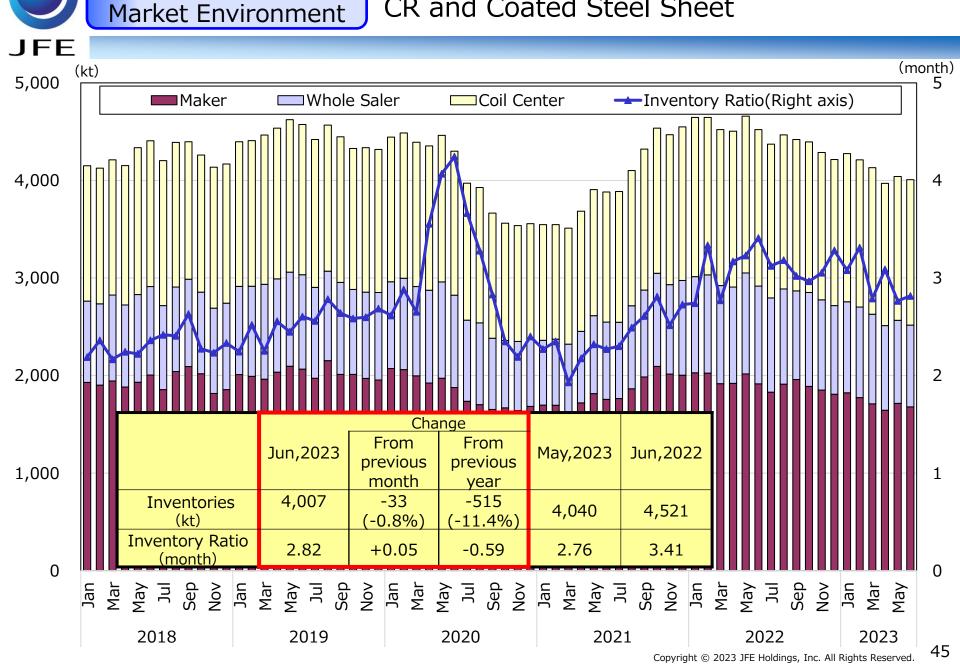
# 61.2bn. Decrease in JFE Steel's Segment Profit (FY2022.1H (Actual) vs. FY2023.1H (Forecast))

JFE Steel	el FY2022 FY2023 1H(Actual) 1H(Forecast)		Change (billion yen)
Segment Profit	148.2	87.0	(61.2)
Excluding Inventory Valuation etc.	32.2	103.0	70.8

1.	Cost	+10.0	<ul><li>Operational improvement</li><li>Disappearance of blast furnace refurbishment impact</li></ul>
2.	Volume and Mix	(7.0)	<ul> <li>Crude Steel Production 12.64Mt⇒approx. 12.3Mt</li> </ul>
3.	Sales and Raw materials	+132.0	<ul> <li>Improved spreads due to the reflection of high prices of main raw materials, metals, and other commodities in selling prices</li> </ul>
4.	Inventory valuation	(132.0)	<ul> <li>Inventory valuation -85.0 (+82.0→-3.0)</li> <li>Carry over-24.0 (+5.0→-19.0)</li> <li>Foreign exchange valuation-23.0 (+29.0→+6.0)</li> </ul>
5.	Others	(64.2)	<ul> <li>Group companies -13.0</li> <li>Depreciation cost -10.0</li> <li>Foreign exchange effects on trade -9.0 etc.</li> </ul>

# Appendix(2) Business Environmental Indicators, etc.

#### Combined Inventories of HR, CR and Coated Steel Sheet



Domestic

#### Inventories of Plate (Plate Shear) and Wide Flange Shapes

(month)

3.5

3.0

2.5

2.0

1.5

Jun,

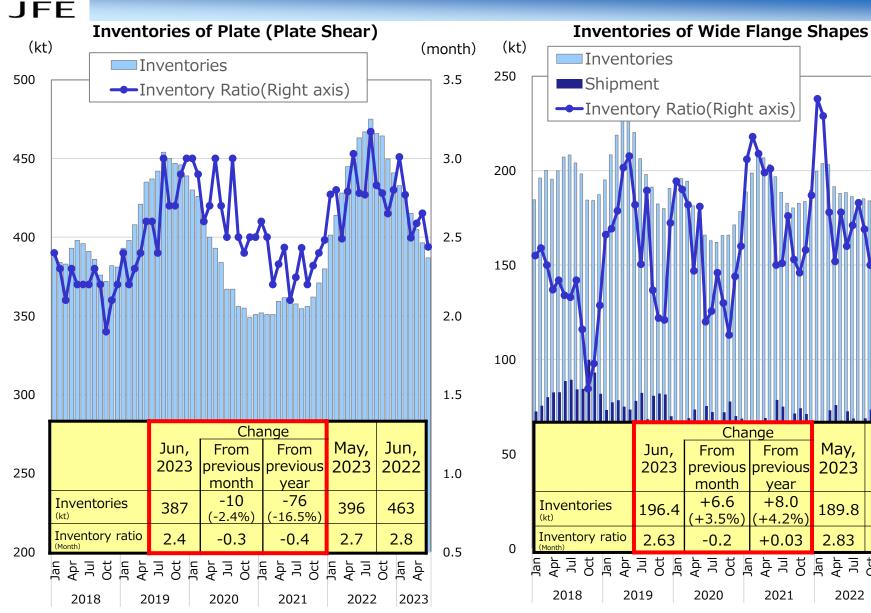
2022

188.4

2.60

Jan Apr

2023



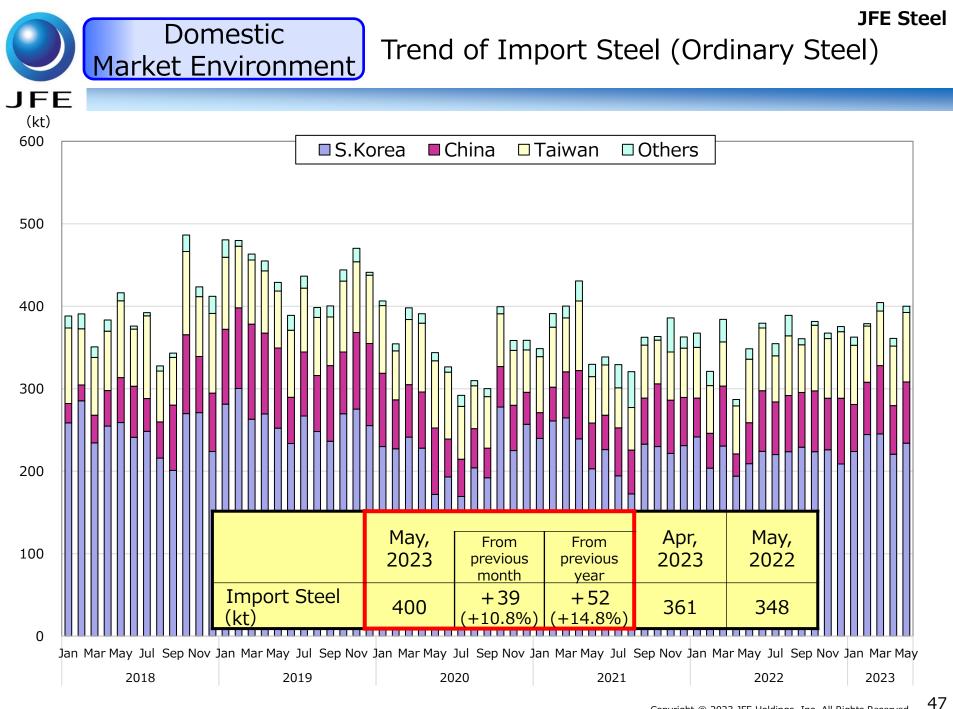
Domestic

Market Environment

Copyright © 2023 JFE Holdings, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

46

1.0



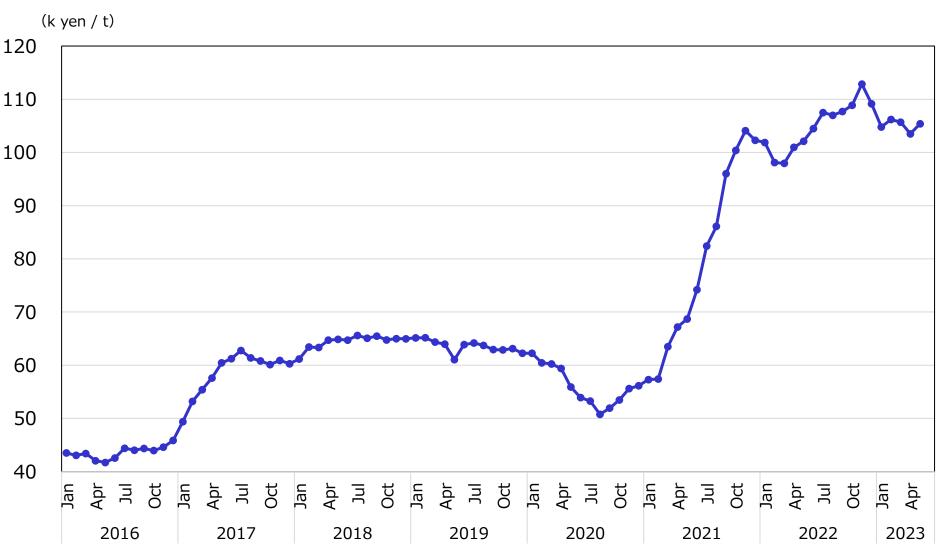
#### JFE Steel

# Price Trend of Import Steel

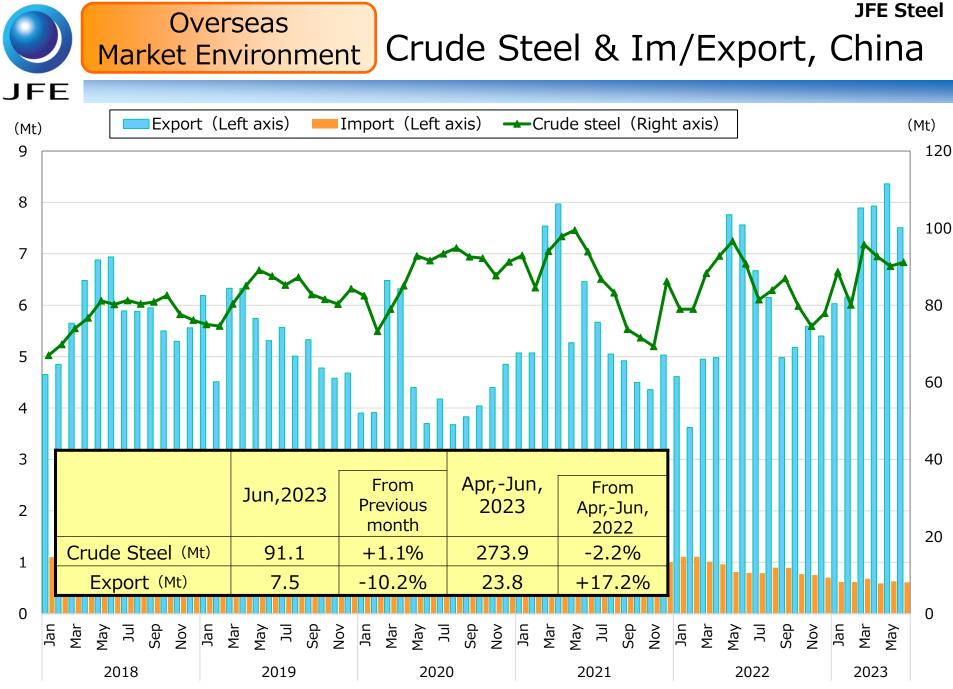


Domestic

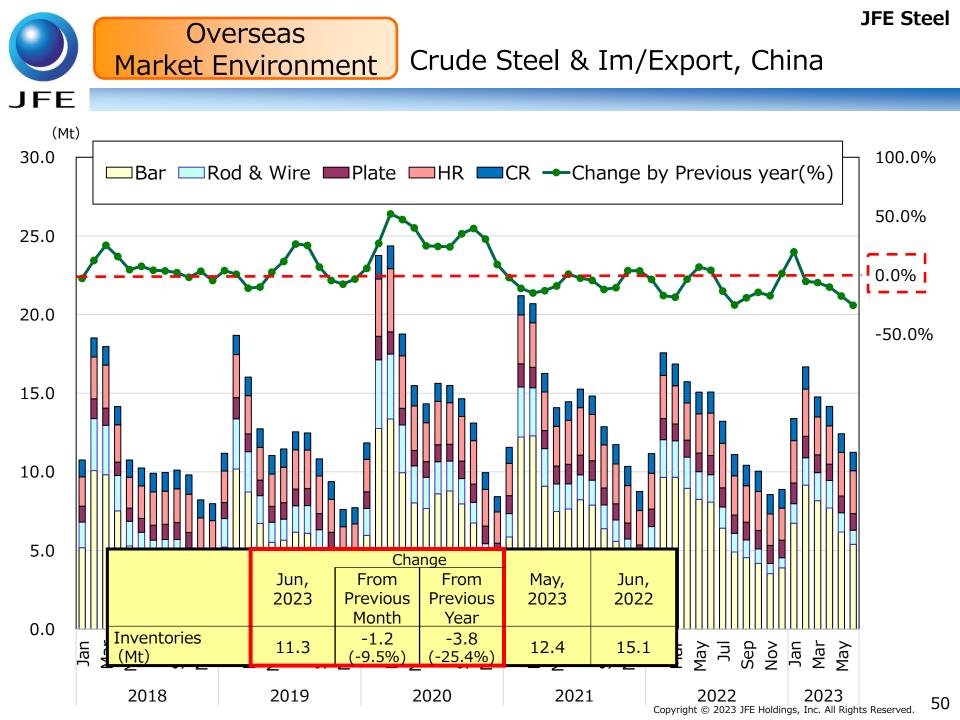
Market Environment

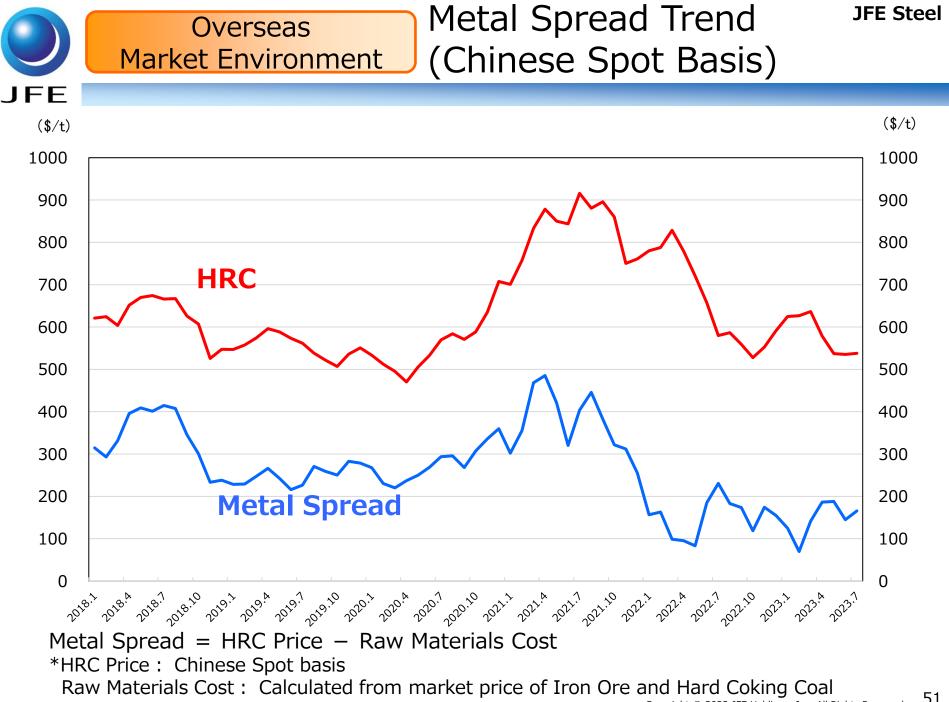


Data: The Japan Iron and Steel Federation Import Steel from S. Korea



49





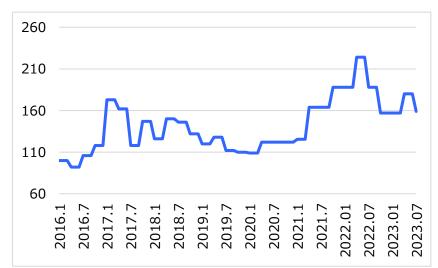
Copyright © 2023 JFE Holdings, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

#### JFE Steel

# Raw Materials Trend of Sub Material's Market Price

(¢/lb) FeCr

JFE





#### (US\$/lb) Mo

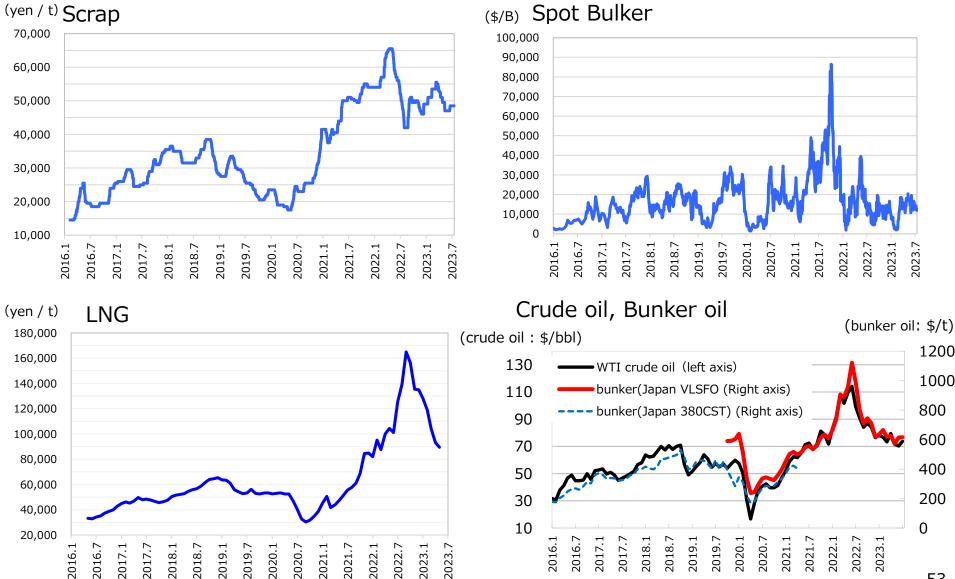


(US\$/t) FeMn



#### (US\$/t) Zn

# Trend of Sub Material's Market Price



**Raw Materials** 

JFE

Copyright © 2023 JFE Holdings, Inc. All Rights Reserved

53



(billion yen)

Business Field	FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Outlook	Change	Main orders received in FY2023 First-Quarter
Waste to Resource	216.9	224.0	7.1	Renewal work of domestic waste treatment facility [Saitama]
Carbon Neutral	57.6	81.0	23.4	
Combined Utility Service	21.1	17.0	(4.1)	
Core Infra- stracture	269.3	258.0	(11.3)	Reinforcement work of cable tunnel for domestic telecommunications facilities [Osaka]
Total	564.9	580.0	15.1	
				Copyright © 2023 JFE Holdings, Inc. All Rights Reserved. $54$



# Links to the reports published during FY2022

資料名	URL	QR⊐−ド
JFE Group REPORT 2022	https://www.jfe- holdings.co.jp/investor/library/group- report/index.html	
JFE Group CSR REPORT 2022	https://www.jfe- holdings.co.jp/csr/data/index.html	
JFE Group CSR REPORT 2022 ESG Data	https://www.jfe- holdings.co.jp/csr/pdf/2022/2022_09 .pdf	
DX REPORT 2022	https://www.jfe- holdings.co.jp/investor/library/dxrepo rt/index.html	

JFE-HD

Appendix(3) The 7th Medium-Term Business Plan



#### Mid/long-term directions

Biggest transformation in company's history aimed at achieving global success

#### JFE's corporate vision Contributing to society with the world's most innovative technology

#### JFE's mission

To be essential to society's sustainable development and to create safe, comfortable lives for people everywhere

#### Environmental & Social sustainability (helping to solve critical issues)



#### Economic sustainability (stable earnings power)

Ensuring environmental & social sustainability and establishing economic sustainability will enable to ensure the resiliency of JFE's operational foundations and allow the company to achieve sustainable growth and increased value over the mid/long-term.

**1FF-HD** 



Ε

S

G

Initiatives to achieve environmental and social sustainability (helping to solve critical issues)

### JFE Group Environmental Vision for 2050

- Aim to realize carbon neutral by 2050, taking climate change as <u>an</u> <u>extremely important business concern for JFE</u>
- Accelerate R&D in new technologies and strive to create <u>super-innovative technologies</u>
- Contribute to the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in society and use this as a <u>business opportunity</u> to increase corporate value
- Work systematically to combat climate change under <u>TCFD philosophy</u>

#### Solve issues impacting society

- 1. Safety/health management
- 2. Facilitate employee participation
  - (Diversity & Inclusion, Personnel development, Workstyle reforms)
- 3. Contribute to regional societies through engineering
- 4. Respect human rights throughout supply chain

(Conduct human-rights due diligence from FY2021)

Consider how to apply non-financial metrics in terms of director compensation and investment decisions etc.

58



# E <sub>S</sub> G

#### Toward Carbon Neutrality by 2050 JFE Group Environmental Vision for 2050

(GX Investment during 7th mid-term business plan : 340 billion yen)

GX : Green transformation

- 1. <u>Key environmental initiative under 7<sup>th</sup> mid-term business plan</u>
  - Steel business : <u>Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 18% by the end of</u> <u>FY2024</u> (vs. FY2013)
- 2. Carbon Neutrality by 2050

JFF

- 1 Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at JFE Steel
  - Pursue super-innovative technology for carbon-recycling blast furnaces and <u>CCU</u>
  - Develop hydrogen-based ironmaking (direct reduction) technology etc.
- **2** Expand contributions to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction in society
  - Engineering business : Expand & develop renewable-energy power generation and carbon-recycling technologies. Targets to contributions to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction
  - Steel business : Develop & market eco-products and eco-solutions. T\_FY2030 25 Mt
  - Trading business : Increase trading in biomass fuels, steel scrap, etc. and strengthen business in SCM for eco products. SCM : Supply Chain Management
- **③** Groupwide commercialization of offshore wind-power business

FY2024 12 Mt



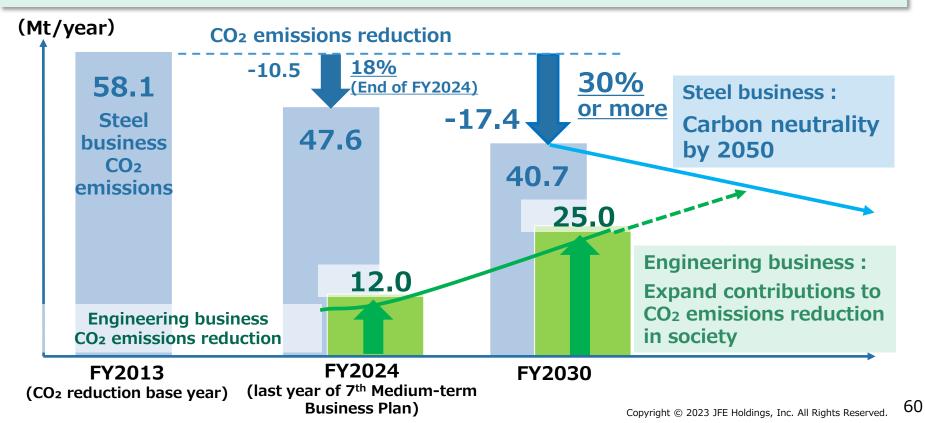
JFF

# E S G

JFE-HD

**Steel Business: CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction by 18% at the end of FY2024 (vs. FY2013)** Through <u>decarbonization in steel manufacturing processes</u> etc., JFE Group aims to be carbon neutral.

**Engineering Business:** Contribute to carbon neutrality in society on the whole by **expanding JFE Engineering's contributions to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction resulting from its business** such as development of renewable-energy generation and carbon recycling technologies.

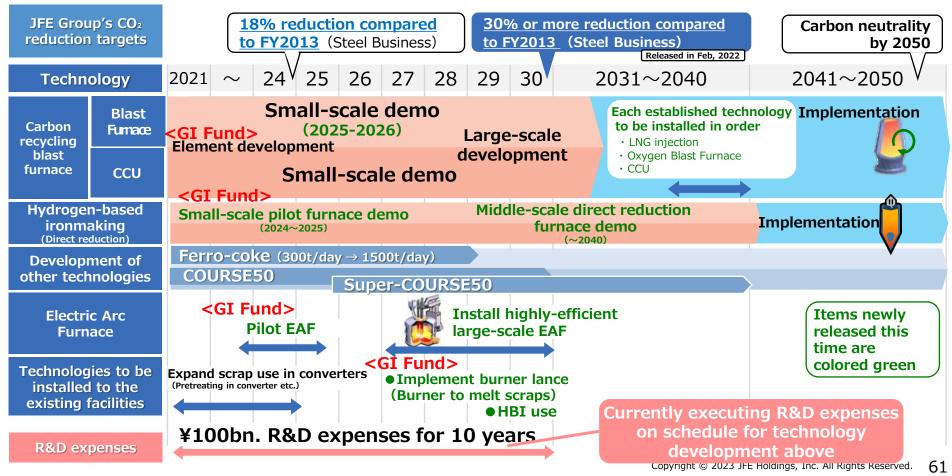






# Revised our roadmap for realizing carbon neutrality in 2050, considering installing the technologies below in the concrete:

- > Carbon recycling blast furnace: Each established technology to be installed in order (late 2030s)
- Hydrogen-based ironmaking:
  - <u>Small-scale pilot furnace demo</u>(2024 $\sim$ 25), <u>middle-scale direct reduction furnace demo</u> ( $\sim$ 2040)
- ► EAF: Install pilot EAF in Chiba (demo to be started from 2024)→Install highly efficient large scale EAF(2027~30)



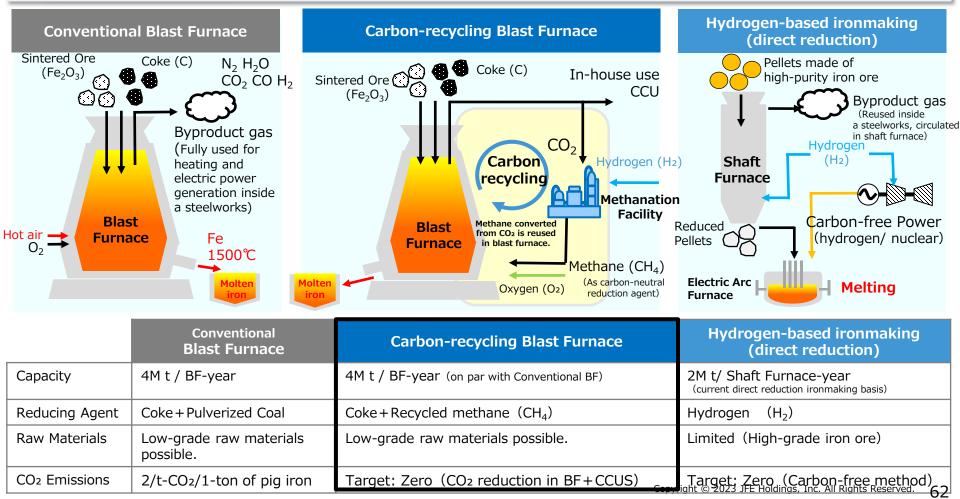


#### **Carbon-recycle Blast Furnace**





- Technologies for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from blast furnaces are necessary to maximize blast furnaces' advantages such as mass production, high-efficiency production, and high-grade steel production
- <u>Combining carbon-recycling blast furnace with CCU enables to reuse CO<sub>2</sub> inside a steelworks by using raw materials of the same grade as those used in conventional blast furnaces. By doing so, JFE aims to achieve <u>net zero carbon emissions.</u>
  </u>

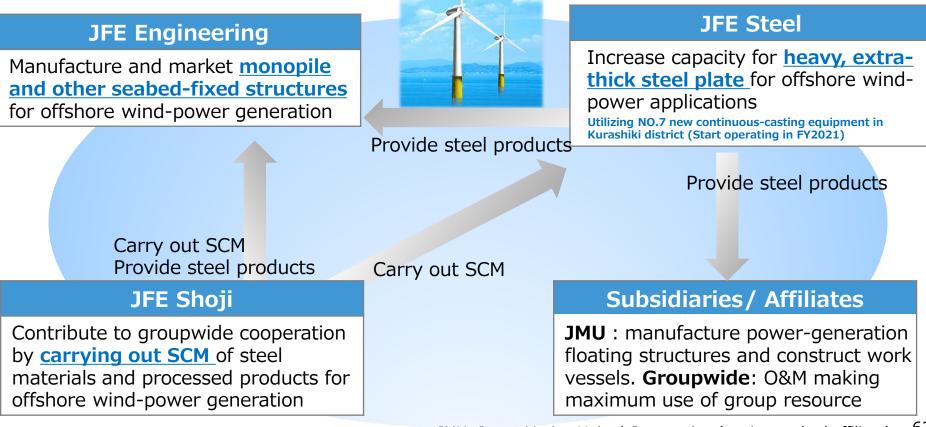


# Groupwid (Study fe

#### JFE-HD Groupwide commercialization of offshore wind-power business (Study feasibility)

- Become a pioneer in offshore wind-power generation business <u>by commercializing</u> <u>manufacture of monopile and other seabed-fixed structures.</u>
- Establish groupwide supply-chain such as monopile-structure manufacturing and O&M
- Aim to <u>expand renewable energy business</u> by leveraging <u>group synergy effect, taking JFE</u> <u>Engineering as a main driver.</u>

O&M: Operation and Maintenance. Apply expertise of maintenance and analysis technologies.



JMU: Japan Marine United Corporation (equity internet hod affiliate) 63





**JFE-HD** 

Facilitate employee participation Further increase efforts to prevent accidents not only **by using facilities** but also through **safety education and obedience of rules**, in order to **achieve top-priority goal of zero major accidents**.

Groupwide investment for safety issues : Approx. <u>**10 billion yen</u>/year**</u>

Implement multifaceted health/safety management using advanced IT (monitoring, detection, etc.).

Proceed following initiatives in order to allow employees to maximize performance and **enhance groupwide competitive advantages** 

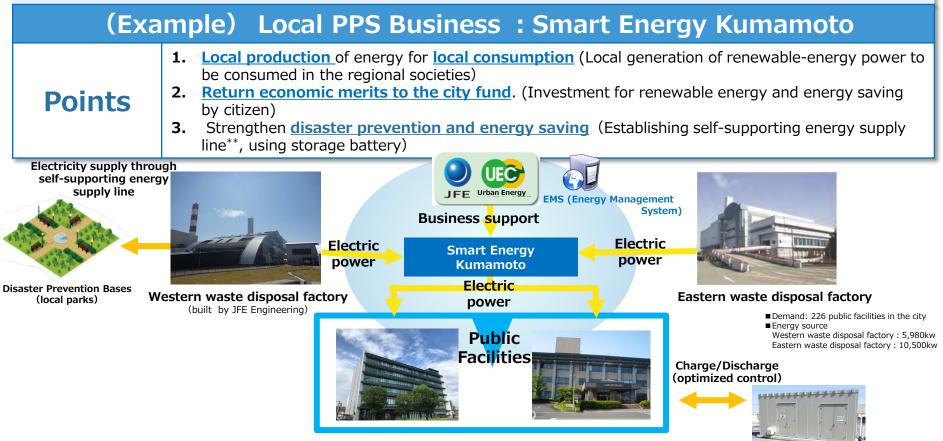
Diversity & Inclusion	Maximize capabilities of employees with diverse background
Personnel development	Improve individual abilities and develop skills for global competence
Workstyle reforms	Create workplaces and internal structures to maximize employees potential and enable them to work safely and confidently

#### **JFE Engineering**

## Social sustainability : Contribution to Regional Societies through Engineering Business



- Expand bases of <u>local production and local consumption business (Food-recycling</u> <u>business and regional PPS business</u>)
- Contribute to the regional society considering to expand combined utility service business in the future.
- **<u>Realize circular economy</u>** by developing this business



\*Regional PPS (Power Producer and Supplier) : Power producers and suppliers engaged in local production of energy for local

consumption \*\*Self-supporting energy supply line: Direct energy supply line from power generation plants to the connection of the connecti



Establish sufficient profitability and stable financial base for proactive business operation for the mid/long-term growth

- 1. Shift focus of domestic steel business from **quantity to quality** –Pursue world-class earnings power
  - Achieve world-class cost and quality competitiveness
  - Expand margins and achieve stable profit
- 2. Promote growth strategies
- 3. Significantly enhance competitiveness through
- 4. Balance financial soundness with effective investment based on a "select and concentrate" approach

# **7<sup>th</sup> mid-term business plan <Steel Business>**

Aim to achieve world-class per-ton profit and enhance strategies for global growth Promote innovation for carbon neutrality

# **Main initiatives**

- 1. Transition to a lean, robust business structure by shifting focus from quantity to quality
- 2. Expand and accelerate overseas business via solutions based on knowledge, skills, and data
- 3. Use digital technology to strengthen production base and strategies for new growth
- 4. Pursue innovation aimed at achieving carbon neutrality

Targets FY2024 Per-ton profit 10,000yen/ton\* (Segment profit ¥230.0bn.)

Cf. 2H of FY2020 (actual)

- Per-ton profit 6,000 yen/ton
- Segment profit ¥70.8bn.

\*Segment profit / unconsolidated sales volume in tons

Equipment & Business Investment : 1,080bn. over 4 years  40% for GX, DX, equipment modernization and profitability improvements (6<sup>th</sup> mid-term actual:20%)
 30% for maintenance investments (6<sup>th</sup> mid-term actual:50%)

# JFE

efficiency and our delivery

## Transition to a lean, robust business structure by shifting focus from quantity to quality

Improve <u>per-ton profit</u> by both <u>fixed cost reduction</u> and <u>increase of high value-</u> added products ratio, and <u>enhance earning base.</u>

Achieve world-class cost	Expand margins	
and quality competitiveness	and achieve stable profit	
<ul> <li>Cost reductions: ¥120bn. over 4</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Increase mix of highly value-added</li></ul>	
years <li>Labor productivity: +20%</li>	products* to an unprecedented 50% <li>*Products that offer technological advantages, are</li>	
(13% via structural reform +	recognized by customers for their value added and	
1,670→2,000t/person/year via DX etc.	have greater earnings power than commodity products.	
<ul> <li>Number of employees: 16,000→13,000)</li> <li>Establish profit base that is resilient to changes in economic conditions by completing structural reforms         <ul> <li><u>Greatly reducing fixed costs</u></li> <li><u>Lowering breakeven points</u></li> </ul> </li> <li>Introduce new technologies through DX</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Product-mix enhancements by focusing on selective concentration in priority fields</li> <li>Increase non-oriented electrical steel sheet production capacity</li> <li>Increase capacity for heavy, extra-thick steel plate for offshore wind-power applications</li> <li>Production of high-tensile steel sheet for automotive</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Improve production efficiency and yields</li> <li>Greatly improve labor productivity</li> <li>Ensure quality competitiveness by improving product quality, production</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fully overhaul our sales pricing</li> <li>Ensure that products offering the type of high value that customers seek are suitably recognized in the market, based on which we aim to fully overhaul our sales pricing</li> </ul>	



### **Expand and Accelerate Overseas Business**

- Expand returns from **1. vertical specialization business** such as steel production applied for automobiles
- Further deepen integrated production in high-demand market (2. "Insider" business)
- **Expand 3. solution business**, in which we provide cutting-edge technologies, operations and research knowhow (aim to triple earnings in FY2024 compared to FY2020)



Vietnam



- Investment in 2009 (current equity ratio 15%)
- Further deepen direct participation such as beginning FS of establishing a grain-oriented electrical steel sheet manufacturing company





#### **1.** Vertical specialization business

2. "Insider" business

```
3. Solution business
```

GJSS started renewal construction [FY2020]

Started JV of production of iron powder (BJCMX) [FY2018]

Started JV of production and sales of specialty bar steel (BJSS)[FY2019]

JFE Chemical Established JV of anode materials [FY2019]

Started commercial production of largediameter welded pipe (AGPC) [FY2019]

FHS



china

Investment in 2015 (current equity ratio 4%)



ASEAN



O<br/>X<br/>X<br/>X<br/>X<br/>XNUCOR-JFE STEEL MEXICO Began Operating Hot-dip<br/>Galvanized Steel Sheet Production Facility for<br/>Automotive Applications[FY2019]

JSGI (Indonesia) ·JSGT (Thailand) production and sales of galvanized steel sheet and cold-rolled steel sheet for automotive

**JFE Steel** 



#### Examples of Steel Business's Critical Initiatives: Strategy to Capture Growing Demand for Electrical Steel Sheet



To expand non-oriented electrical steel sheet (N/O) production capacity Released April 1, 2021

JFE Steel decided that it would <u>expand the</u> <u>electrical steel sheet production capacity</u> of its West Japan Works (Kurashiki District) amid <u>increasing demand for high-grade N/O</u> applied for EV and HEV motors.

#### < Demand forecast of high-grade N/O>

The global movement to tighten and accelerate environmental regulations will rapidly increase demand for high-grade N/O, which are essential for production of motors that drive electric vehicles.

САРЕХ	Approx. 49.0bn.
Expected time to start production	1H of FY2024
Expected capacity	Doubling the facility's existing capacity for producing high- grade non-oriented electrical steel sheet
CO <sub>2</sub> reductions	Approx. 1.5Mt-CO <sub>2</sub> /Year*

\*CO<sub>2</sub> reductions effect resulting from expanding EV/HEV



To conduct FS of grain-oriented electrical-steel-sheet JV with JSW in India Released May 7, 2021

JFE Steel signed a memorandum of understanding to <u>conduct a feasibility study</u> with JSW, JFE's strategic alliance-partner in India, regarding <u>establishing a</u> <u>G/O manufacturing and sales joint-venture-</u> <u>company in India.</u>

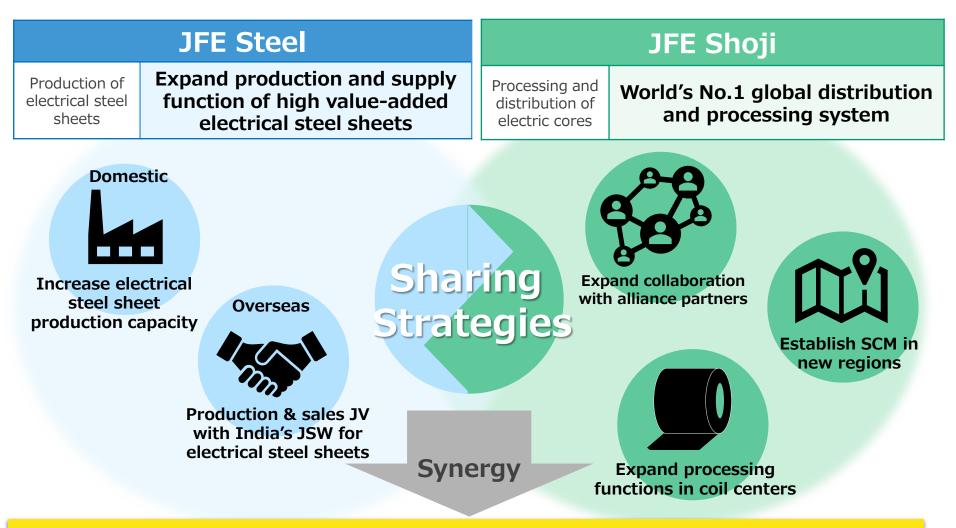
#### <Demand forecast of G/O>

**Demand for G/O**, which are used for the iron cores of power transform, **is expected to grow globally** amid continuous increase in demand for electric power and expansion of reusable energy. (Economic growth in India is estimated to boost its local demand for electric power.)



JFE

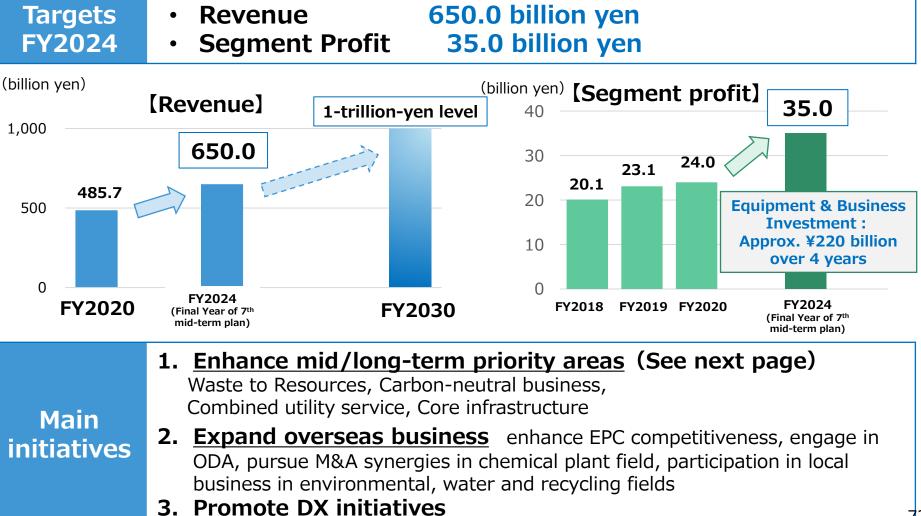
JFE-HD JFE Group-wide Strategy to Capture Growing Demand for Electrical Steel Sheet (Steel Business and Trading Business)



Groupwide Strategy: Capture increasing demand for high value-added electrical steel sheets both in domestic and overseas market



#### Expand sales revenue to 1-trillion-yen level in FY2030





### Engineering Business's Main initiatives —Enhancing mid/long-term priority areas—

- Expand engineering business as a growth sector by helping to solve pressing issues in global society, in view of increasing importance of the environmental, recycling and renewableenergy fields.
- Expand revenue and profit by setting the following four priority areas:

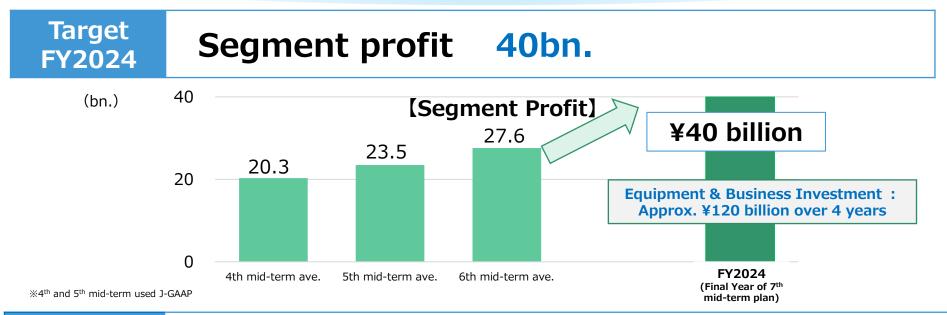
Carbon Neutral FY2024 revenue target ¥80 billion
<ul> <li>Put priority in renewable energy (offshore wind-power generation, biomass power plant, solar power plant, geothermal power plant etc.)</li> <li>Develop carbon neutral technologies.</li> </ul>
Core infrastructure FY2024 revenue target ¥260 billion
<ul> <li>New technologies to address newly arising needs for strengthening and improving life of infrastructure</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Strengthening of existing infrastructure →install new product and method for construction</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Improving life of existing infrastructure→install new materials and new products</li> </ul>

**3. Combines utility services**: contribute to the local-production and local-consumption (circular economy) by mutual combination among various operation and maintenance business such as water, gas, electricity supply and recycling business/

4. Core infrastructure : infrastructure business to establish social foundation such as bridge and pipeline 2023 JFE Holdings, Inc. All Rights Reserved.



## Establish growth foundation by enhancing SCM



#### 1. Proceed key strategies for growth

Establish No.1 position in global processing & distribution of electrical steel sheet, Strengthen SCM of automotive steel composite materials, Accelerate efforts in overseas construction materials business, Fully capture steel demand in Japan

#### Main initiatives

2. <u>Strengthen purchasing & sales capabilities</u> (expand non-JFE Steel business)

Increase sales of both JFE group products and alliance-partner products as well as actively expand business with other suppliers' products

#### 3. <u>Seize new business opportunities</u>

Expand environmental-solutions business, DX initiatives



### **Trading Business's Main initiatives**

-Key Strategies for growth, Strengthen purchasing and sales capabilities-

#### Strengthen SCM of Automotive steel

Enhance SCM for high-tensile steel both in overseas and domestic market to increase sales of JFE's strategic products

### Further collaboration with JFE Steel both in domestic and overseas market

 Along with the EV and HEV promotion and increasing needs for lighter body of automobiles, application volume of high-tensile steel for automotive is expected to increase because of its characteristics and environmental-friendly advantages.



# Accelerate efforts in overseas construction materials business

 In ASEAN and North American regions, <u>expand</u> <u>trading</u> in this sector and <u>collaborate with local</u> <u>companies</u> to strengthen business foundations.

#### Fully Capture steel demand in Japan

Increase earnings by enhancing JFE Group's presence <u>through expansion of function</u> (quality) and <u>additional trading (quantity)</u>

# Strengthen processing and distribution in domestic steel business

- <u>Strengthen SCM</u> continue to strengthen collaboration beyond group boundaries and establish optimum processing and distribution system
- <u>Widen processing functions to expand business</u> expand capabilities including secondary and tertiary processing to build strong foundation to meet various types of clients' needs

Pursue the best sales structure by sharing strategies with JFE Steel in the domestic market, which is the most critical

#### Expand non-JFE Steel business

• <u>Aim to expand business to meet clients' needs.</u> Increase sales of both JFE group products and alliancepartner products as well as actively expand business with other suppliers' products



- Promote DX in every business area such as <u>advancing productivity through</u> <u>innovation</u>, <u>transforming exiting businesses</u> and <u>creating new businesses</u>.
- Proactively invest money and human resource necessary for DX :
   DX investment approx. 120 billion yen over 4 years

#### **JFE Engineering JFE Steel** Use digital technology to streamline production Digitalize entire business and provide operations and implement new growth new digital services to customers. strategies **Design efficiency: 20% increase** Target Labor productivity: 20% improve\* in FY2024 **Target** \*FY2024 structural reform 13%+ DX effects etc. JFE Shoji 115 billion yen Invest Improve customer service, pursue new ment over 4 years businesses by leveraging DX

#### <JFE Steel's initiatives>

- <u>Enhance competitiveness</u> by introducing cyber-physical systems on all production lines
  - Improve production efficiency, labor productivity and yield ratio etc.
- Utilize digital technologies to <u>raise customer satisfaction</u> through <u>quality</u> <u>enhancements and better delivery services</u>.
- Actively expand <u>solutions businesses</u>

**1FF-HD** 



#### JFE-HD Balance Financial Soundness with Effective Investment based on a "select and concentrate" approach

- Selective maintenance investment, focusing on <u>investments for enhancing</u> <u>competitiveness and establishing stable profit base</u>
- Ensure earning source by asset compression

### 1. Equipment & Business Investment about 1,450 billion yen over 4 years

Equipment investment : Approx. 1,200 billion yen over 4 years
 GX : About ¥340 billion over 4 years\*, DX : About ¥120 billion 4 years

Execute maintenance investment carefully selected from the perspectives of effectiveness and necessity Shift focus on investment for improving profitability and cutting-edge facilities

#### <u>Business investment : About 250 billion yen</u>over 4 years

Steel business : expand overseas insider businesses, Engineering business : expand operation & maintenance business and overseas business Trading business : business investment including M&A for increasing earnings from processing and distribution business \*130 billion Trading Business : ¥100 billion Trading Business : ¥50 billion

### 2. Ensuring earning source

• <u>Generate cash by asset compression : Approx. 200 billion yen</u> over 4 years Assets that contribute little to earnings or are tied to unprofitable businesses\*\*

### 3. Returns to shareholders

 <u>Dividend payout ratio: Around 30% on par with the target during 6<sup>th</sup> mid-term</u> <u>business plan</u>

\*\*<u>Regarding development plans for partial area of Keihin district resulting from structural reform (Ogishima area)</u>: We will disclose development plans in FY2023, and strive to see some properties put to new use by FY2030.



### Main Financial Data and Performance & Profitability Targets

		7 <sup>th</sup> mid-term business plan FY2024	FY2020 Actual
Consolidated	Business profit	¥ 320.0 billion	¥ -12.9 billion
	Profit attributable to owners of the parent	¥ 220.0 billion	¥ -21.8 billion
	ROE	10%	-1.3%
	Debt/EBITDA	About 3x	8.1x
	D/E*1	About 70%	93.2%
Operating companies	Steel business Profit per ton <sup>*2</sup> Segment profit	10,000 yen/ton ¥ 230.0 billion	-3,000 yen/ ton ¥ -65.4 billion
	Engineering business Segment profit Revenue	¥ 35.0 billion ¥ 650.0 billion	¥ 24.0 billion ¥ 485.7 billion
	Trading Business Segment profit	¥ 40.0 billion	¥ 20.0 billion
	Payout ratio	7 <sup>th</sup> mid-term business plan Around 30%	6 <sup>th</sup> mid-term business plan Around 30%

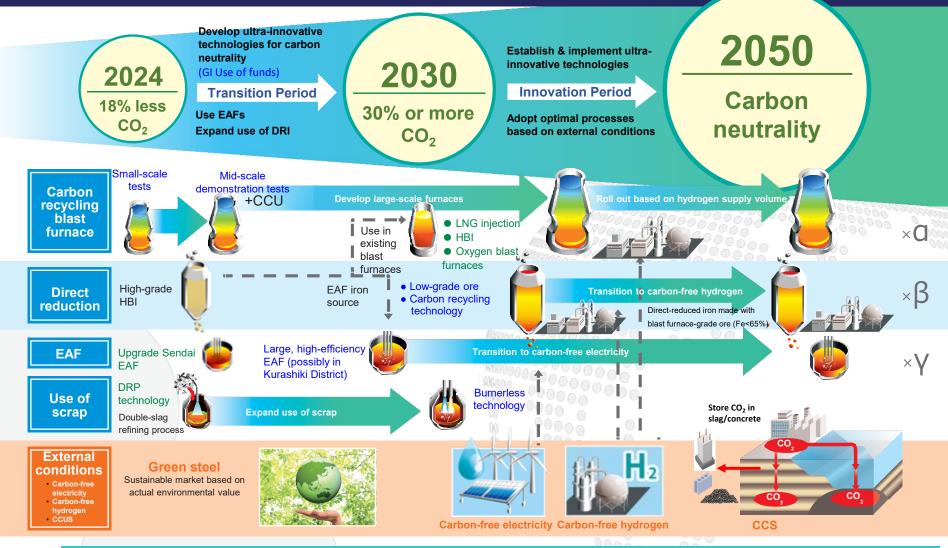
\*1 For liabilities with equity subject to credit ratings, these equities reflect the evaluations of rating agencies

\*2 Steel business profit per ton (consolidated segment profit / non-consolidated sales volume<sup>ppyright © 2023 JFE Holdings, Inc. All Rights Reserved.</sup>

Appendix(4) JFE Steel Carbon Neutral Strategy Briefing

#### JFE Steel's Transition to Low-carbon Processes

Environmental Vision 2050



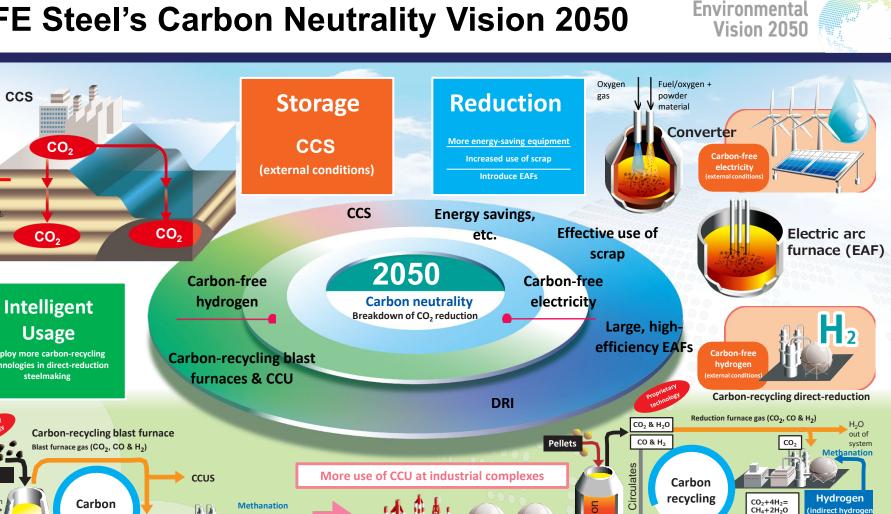


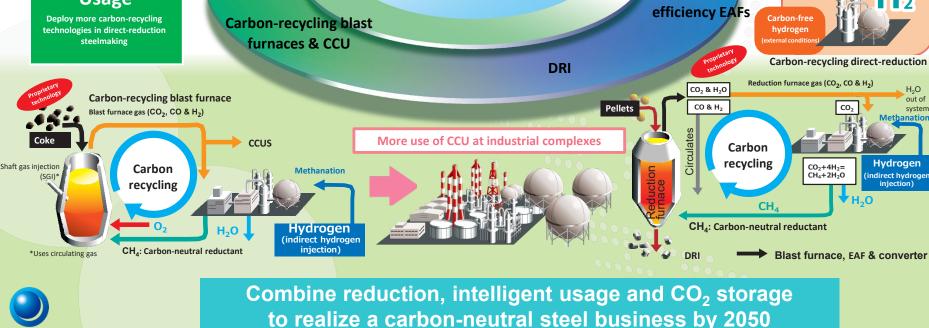
Pursue multilayered technology development, via GI Fund projects, etc., to discover the most proven technologies and then achieve carbon neutrality by deploying the most optimized configuration of green steelmaking processes.

### **JFE Steel's Carbon Neutrality Vision 2050**

Store CO<sub>2</sub> in slag/concrete

JFE





injection)

H<sub>2</sub>O

### **JFE's Carbon Neutrality Action Plan**

Environmental Vision 2050

 JFE Steel is introducing low-carbon steel processes during its "transition period" to 2030.
 In its "innovation period" from 2030 to 2050, JFE Steel aims to develop and implement ultrainnovative technologies for carbon neutrality.

#### **Transition period**

- Increasingly deploy low-carbon technologies through capital investment to achieve targets such as cutting 2013-level CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 30% or more by 2030
- Accelerate multitrack R&D targeting ultrainnovative technologies for innovation period
- Create markets for renewable green-steel materials based on actual environmental value
  - $\rightarrow$  Create initial demand

Stimulate demand through government policy

#### **Innovation period**

- Swiftly establish and deploy ultra-innovative technologies
- Collaborate with communities and industrial complexes toward carbon neutrality
- Grow markets for sustainable green steel based on actual environmental value
  - →Grow demand leading to virtuous cycles

Maintain the competitiveness of Japanese steel through plentiful, low-cost, stable supplies of carbonfree hydrogen and electricity



Behavior must be shifted on both supply and demand sides to create markets for green steel

### **Transition to Low-carbon Processes**



Continue to develop ultra-innovative technologies for decarbonized steel processes by 2030
 Increasingly use low-carbon technologies to cut CO<sub>2</sub> by 30% or more by FY2030

#### **Energy savings and** Low-carbon feedstock & Low-carbon processes high efficiency fuel Expand use of scrap in converters Upgrade to high-efficiency coke Upgrade existing EAFs Use direct-reduced iron (HBI) ovens Sendai Works (2024) Fukuyama District (2025) All districts (under way) Improve efficiency of power-Securing Scrap and HBI Introduce large, high-efficiency demand facilities **Reinforcing storage depots** EAFs (Electrify blast-furnace blowers, raise efficiency of oxygen plants, etc.) All districts (under way) All districts (under way) Kurashiki District (2027-2030) Use ferro-coke for commercial Leverage AI & DS (companywide **Bolster LNG supply network** CPS, etc.) for energy savings production All districts (under way) Fukuyama District (TBD)

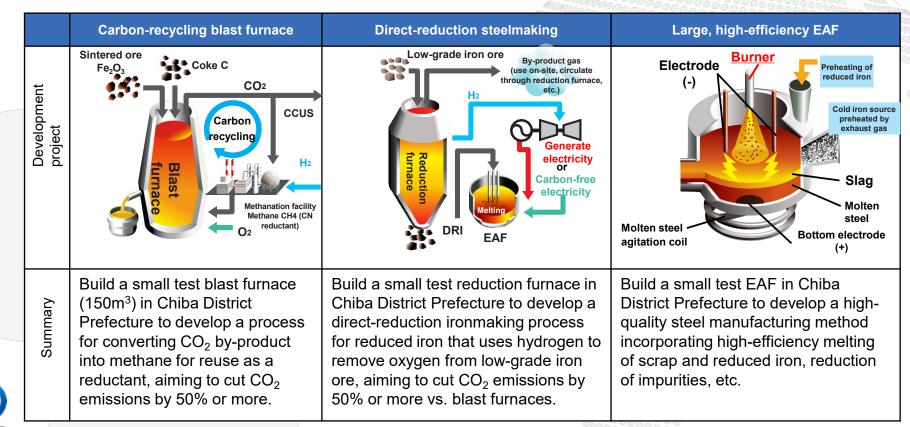
✓ To reduce CO₂ emissions by 30% or more by 2030, 1 trillion yen in capital investment will be needed for low-carbon initiatives (large electric furnaces, ferro coke, scrap and reduced iron, LNG, etc.).



✓ A market that reflects the actual environmental value of green steel must be created to support capital investment in decarbonization technologies.

### Development Project Supported by Green Innovation Fund

- This project, targeted at using hydrogen in ironmaking and commissioned and subsidized by NEDO\*, was selected in December 2021 to receive support from the Green Innovation Fund.
- The fund is helping to accelerate the development of technologies for achieving carbon neutrality.
- Formed a consortium with three steel companies and JRCM\*\* and held the first meeting of the Hydrogen Iron and Steel Committee in June 2022.

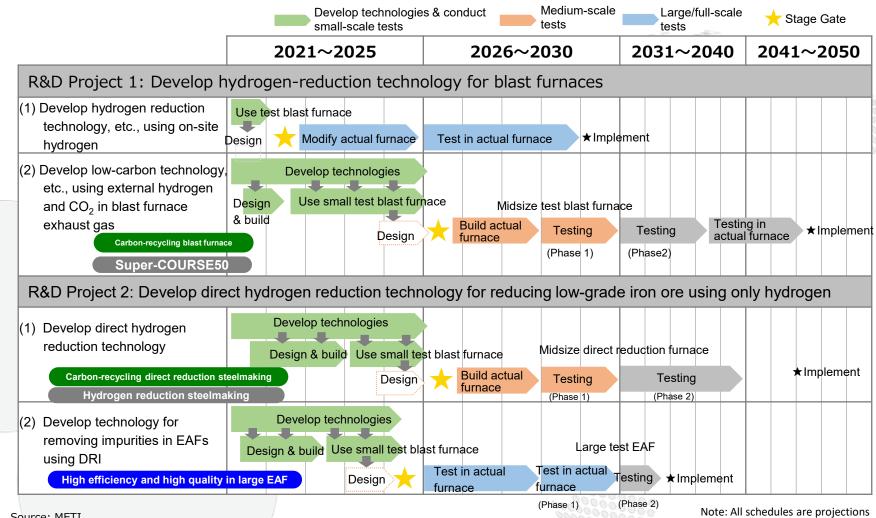


\*New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization \*\*Japan Research and Development Center for Metals

=

## **Overall Scale of GI Fund Projects**

- Environmental Vision 2050
- Development toward Stage Gate Reviews scheduled mainly in FY2025–2026
- Studies also underway with a view to actual implementation in 2030–2040s



Source: METI

(https://www.meti.go.jp/policy/energy environment/global warming/gifund/pdf/gif 05 randd.pdf)

Copyright © 2022 JFE Steel Corporation. All Rights Reserved. 85

## **Stimulating Demand for Green Steel**

Environmental Vision 2050



- ▶ In the EU, green steel is branded and sold using a mass balance approach.
- Achieving 30% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction by FY2030 will enable JFE Steel to supply up to 5M tons of green steel per year using the same approach.
- To create a carbon-neutral world, government policies need to encourage behavioral changes in both the supply and demand sides in order to drive changes in society and spark innovation for new industrial competitiveness.

#### Supply side

- Huge capital investment is needed to introduce lowcarbon & ultra-innovative technologies. (1 trillion yen in low-carbon investments by 2030)
- While JFE Steel will strive to minimize R&D cost increases, some increase will be inevitable in the effort to create new environmental value.
- Prospects for appropriate returns on such investments also will be needed.

#### **Demand side**

- Green steel products do not directly benefit consumers in terms of better quality, performance, convenience, etc.
- Ethical consumption appears to be on the rise, but in Japan awareness of environmental value is low.
- Incentives are needed to encourage the recognition of environmental value and the purchase of products that significantly reduce carbon.



To support investment in low-carbon technology during the transition period until 2030 and to prepare for further large-scale investment during the innovation period, a green steel market must be created at an early stage (transition period) and government policies must raise the public's awareness as well as encourage steel consumers to change their behavior.

#### Initiatives for Collaborating with Society

- Realizing carbon-neutral steelmaking is a top priority for JFE Steel, but generating environmental value will involve large cost increases, so there are limits on what a single company can do.
- Mechanisms are needed so that society, as the beneficiary of green steel, helps to cover the associated cost increases through government support, collaborative initiatives, etc.

#### Huge R&D and facility installation costs

- Achieving CN by 2050 will be a major technological challenge requiring huge R&D outlays.
- Transitioning steelworks to carbon-neutral processes will require even greater capital investment.
- Long-term government support will be needed to shoulder the financial costs of achieving carbon neutrality.

#### Deliver environmental value and create markets during transition

- Government support is needed for capital investment in low-carbon technologies by 2030
- A mechanism is needed to create a market where costs commensurate with green steel's environmental value can be shared with customers and society

#### Develop infrastructure for carbon-neutral steelmaking and fuel inter-company collaboration

- Develop infrastructure for the low-cost, stable, large-scale supply of carbon-free hydrogen and electricity needed for carbon-neutral steelmaking
- Develop an execution platform for CCUS and green infrastructure implementation through collaboration with industrial complexes, corporations, etc.

#### Economic policies targeting green-transformation investment and international competitiveness

- Ensure international competitiveness of industrial electricity prices
- Introduce tax system that encourages implementation of ultra-innovative technologies, such as the abolition of depreciable asset taxation and the avoidance of a carbon tax before the establishment of decarbonizing technologies
- Carbon Border Adjustment Measure (CBAM) should be consistent with WTO rules. Ensure a level playing field in cooperation with other countries

Environmental

Vision 2050



Copyright © 2023 JFE Holdings, Inc. All Rights Reserved