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# JFE Group

Financial Results for First Half of Fiscal Year 2022 ending March 31, 2023

JFE Holdings, Inc. November 4, 2022



# Key Points of today's Announcement

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Results for 1H of FY2022

**Forecast** 

of

FY2022

- Business profit in 1H of FY2022 was ¥187.9 bn. increased by ¥22.9 bn. from previous **forecast** mainly due to profit growth from improving spreads in the steel business. (decreased by ¥10.9 bn. year-on-year)
- Full-year business profit is expected to be ¥255.0bn. (Increased by ¥20.0bn. from previous forecast, decreased by ¥161.4bn. year-on-year)
  - The economy and demand for steel continue to recover, but the recovery of auto production and overseas steel market has been slow since the last announcement.
  - JFE Steel plans to continue optimal production, its standalone crude steel production is expected to decrease. (Crude steel production [standalone] Previous forecast: less than 26.00Mt  $\Rightarrow$  Updated forecast: Approx. 25.00Mt)
  - On the other hand, despite the decline in crude steel production, segment profit of the steel business is expected to be higher than previous forecast due to initiatives for improvement in earnings, such as domestic sales price improvement.
  - In the engineering and trading businesses, earnings are expected to remain stable. (Engineering business: no change from previous forecast Trading business : increase by 5.0bn. from previous forecast)
  - Foreign exchange: Assume 145 yen/\$ in the exchange rate for the second half of FY2022. : In the steel business, the overpayment of foreign currency has shrunk due to the calmer raw material market, etc.
- **Dividends**
- The Board of Directors has decided to pay an interim dividend of 50 yen per share. (Last announcement : 40 yen per share)
- **Topics** Progress of development plans for the land of Keihin district



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Consolidated Results for First Half of Fiscal Year 2022 (April 1 to September 30, 2022)

and
Consolidated Financial Forecast
for Fiscal Year 2022
(April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)



#### Financial Results and Forecast for Fiscal Year 2022

- Business profit in 1H of FY2022 was ¥187.9bn.
  - (increased by ¥22.9bn. from previous forecast, decreased by ¥10.9bn. year-on-year)
- Full-year business profit is expected to be **¥255.0bn**. (increased by ¥20.0bn. from previous forecast, decreased by ¥161.4bn. year-on-year)

(billion yen)	FY2021 Actual		FY2022 Forecast (Previous)		FY2022 Forecast (Updated)		Change FY2021(Actual) →FY2022(Updated)		<b>Change</b> Previous→Updated	
	1H (Apr-Sep)	Full Year	1H (Apr-Sep)	Full Year			<b>1H</b> (Apr-Sep)	Full Year	1H (Apr-Sep)	Full Year
Revenue	1,942.9	4,365.1	2,610.0	5,370.0	2,564.3	5,260.0	621.4	894.9	(45.7)	(110.0)
<b>Business Profit</b>	198.8	416.4	165.0	235.0	187.9	255.0	(10.9)	(161.4)	22.9	20.0
Finance Income/Costs	(5.6)	(11.6)	(10.0)	(15.0)	(6.6)	(15.0)	(1.0)	(3.4)	3.4	0.0
Segment Profit	193.2	404.8	155.0	220.0	181.2	240.0	(12.0)	(164.8)	26.2	20.0
Exceptional Items	-	(16.2)		-	-	-	-	16.2	-	-
Profit before Tax	193.2	388.5	155.0	220.0	181.2	240.0	(12.0)	(148.5)	26.2	20.0
Tax Expense and Profit (Loss) Attributable to Non-Controlling Interests	(52.4)	(100.4)	(55.0)	(80.0)	(57.9)	(85.0)	(5.5)	15.4	(2.9)	(5.0)
Profit Attributable to Owners of Parent	140.7	288.0	100.0	140.0	123.2	155.0	(17.5)	(133.0)	23.2	15.0

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.



Adjustments

**Segment Profit** (A+B)

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# Financial Results and Forecast for Fiscal Year 2022 (by Segment)

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		1H (Apr-Sep)	Full Year	1H (Apr-Sep)	Full Year	1H (Apr-Sep)	Full Year	1H (Apr-Sep)	Full Year	1H (Apr-Sep)	Full Year
	Steel Business	1,410.4	3,173.4	1,975.0	4,100.0	1,918.9	3,960.0	508.5	786.6	(56.1)	(140.0)
	Engineering Business	229.2	508.2	230.0	520.0	219.0	520.0	(10.2)	11.8	(11.0)	0.0
	Trading Business	544.4	1,231.7	750.0	1,470.0	750.2	1490.0	205.8	258.3	0.2	20.0
	Adjustments	(241.1)	(548.3)	(345.0)	(720.0)	(323.9)	(710.0)	(82.8)	(161.7)	21.1	10.0
ı	Revenue	1,942.9	4,365.1	2,610.0	5,370.0	2,564.3	5,260.0	621.4	894.9	(45.7)	(110.0)
E	Business Profit (A)	198.8	416.4	165.0	235.0	187.9	255.0	(10.9)	(161.4)	22.9	20.0
F	Finance Income/Costs (B)	(5.6)	(11.6)	(10.0)	(15.0)	(6.6)	(15.0)	(1.0)	(3.4)	3.4	0.0
	Steel Business	158.5	323.7	120.0	150.0	148.2	165.0	(10.3)	(158.7)	28.2	15.0
	Engineering Business	11.1	26.0	4.0	20.0	(3.9)	20.0	(15.0)	(6.0)	(7.9)	0.0
	Trading Business	25.6	55.9	35.0	55.0	40.6	60.0	15.0	4.1	5.6	5.0

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### Demand for steel and Crude steel production

The economy and demand for steel continue to recover, but the recovery has been slow since the last announcement.

Domestic: Parts supply constraints continue in the automotive sector.

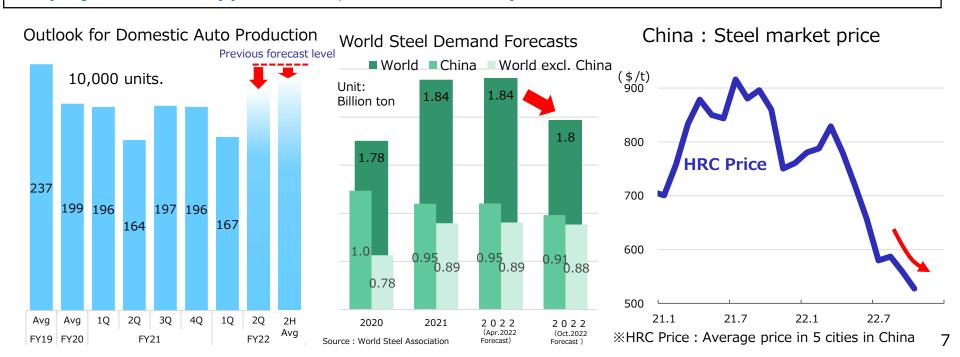
The decline in auto production is longer than previous expected.

Overseas: Major economies such as the United States and Europe have slowed down due to soaring prices and monetary tightening.

China: weak real estate market, Southeast Asia: weak building demand.

The recovery in overseas steel demand and market is delayed than previous expected.

Due to the recent decline in demand for steel products and the sluggish overseas steel market, JFE Steel plans to continue optimal production, and standalone crude steel production is projected to be approx. 25Mt, down 1Mt from previous forecast.



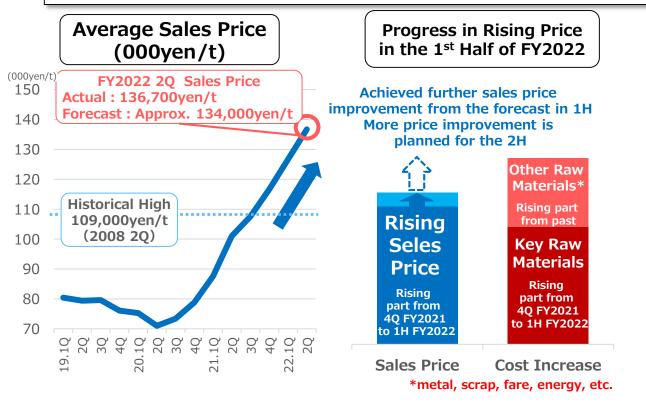


#### Initiatives for Improving Sales Price

#### JFE

- ➤ In the 1H of FY2022, we achieved further sales price improvement from previous forecast by accelerating the reflections of metal and commodity costs in addition to having reflected key raw material cost to sales price without delay, including the impact of the depreciation of the yen.

  In the 2H of FY2022, we will also make a strong push to quickly reflect the key raw material cost, metal costs and other commodity costs.
- We will continue to improve sales price to reach the target of the mid-term plan (Perton profit 10,000yen/ton)



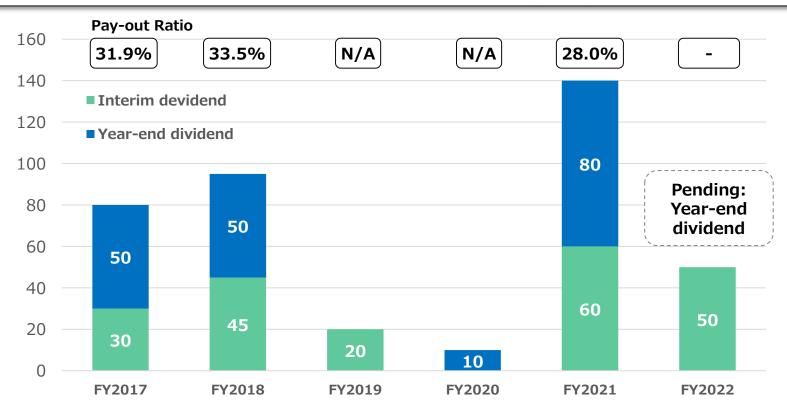
# Initiatives to Improve our Sales Price

- Quick reflection of raw material cost to sales price Make effort to quickly and steadily pass on the cost increase of key raw materials to the sales prices.
- Overhaul of extra pricing Already realized some part of extra revision. Accelerate overhaul to modify the extra pricing which is inappropriate to the current status.
- ◆ Sales price improvement to the sustainable level
  Improve sales prices to the sustainable level even among the long-term/continuous contracts if the margin is not enough.

# Dividends

#### JFE

- ➤ JFE Holdings has decided to pay an interim dividend of 50 yen per share at its Board of Directors. (Last announcement : 40 yen per share)
- A decision regarding the year-end dividend has been postponed while the company carefully monitors its ongoing performance.



# JFE Steel

Financial Results for First Half of Fiscal Year 2022 and Financial Forecast for Fiscal Year 2022



### Financial Forecast for Fiscal Year 2022

		FY2021 Actual			FY2022 Updated Forecast			FY2022		
	Unit	1H	2H	Full Year	1H	2H	Full Year	Previous 1H	Forecast Full Year	
Revenue	billion yen	1,410.4	1,763.0	3,173.4	1,918.9	2,041.1	3,960.0	1,975.0	4,100.0	
Segment Profit	billion yen	158.5	165.2	323.7	148.2	16.8	165.0	120.0	150.0	
Excluding Inventory Valuation etc.*	billion yen	68.5	61.2	129.7	32.2	50.8	83.0	11.0	28.0	
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Crude Steel (Standalone)	Mt	12.70	13.18	25.88	12.64	Less than 12.50	Approx. 25.00	Less than 13.00	Less than 26.00	
Crude Steel (Consolidated)	Mt	13.39	13.87	27.26	13.37			Approx. 13.70		
Shipment (Standalone)	Mt	10.83	11.55	22.38	10.86			Approx. 11.50		
Export Ratio on Value Basis (Standalone)	%	46.5	44.7	45.5	46.7			Approx. 48		
Average Sales Price (Standalone)	000 yen/ t	94.5	112.2	103.7	131.6			Approx.		
Exchange Rate	¥/\$	109.9	114.2	112.1	131.6	Approx. 145	Approx. 138	Approx.	Approx. 133	

<sup>\*</sup> Excluding inventory valuation, carry over of raw materials and foreign exchange valuation from segment profit



# 28.2bn. Increase in JFE Steel's Segment Profit (1H of FY2022 (Previous Forecast) vs. 1H of FY2022(Actual))

(billion yen)

JFE Steel	FY2022 1H (Forecast)	FY2022 1H (Actual)		
Segment Profit	120.0	148.2		
Excluding Inventory Valuation etc.*	11.0	32.2		

Change
28.2
21.2

1. Cost	±0.0	
2. Volume and Mix	(5.0)	
3. Sales and Raw materials	+24.0	<ul> <li>Reflected high prices of main raw materials, metals, and other commodities quickly in selling prices to improve spreads</li> </ul>
4. Inventory valuation	+7.0	<ul> <li>Inventory valuation ±0.0 (+82.0→+82.0)</li> <li>Carry over of raw materials -50 (+10.0→+5.0)</li> <li>Foreign exchange valuation +120(+17.0→+29.0)</li> </ul>
5. Others	+2.2	



# 10.3bn. Decrease in JFE Steel's Segment Profit (FY2021.1H (Actual) vs. FY2022.1H (Forecast))

(billion yen)

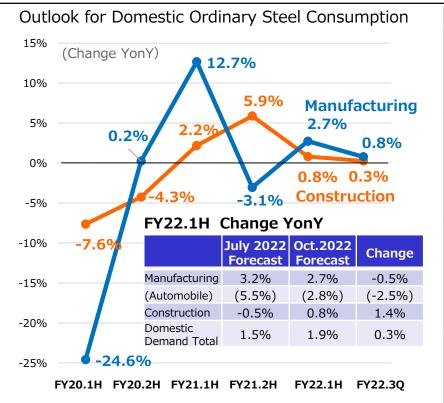
JFE Steel	FY2021 1H(actual)		FY2022 1H(actual)		Change		
Segment Profit	158.5		148.2		(10.3)		
Excluding Inventory Valuation etc.*		68.5	32.2		(36.3)		
1. Cost	Cost +10.0 • Capital investment effects,						
2. Volume and Mix	±0.0						
3. Sales and Raw materials	+76.0	price	roved spreads due to to so so of main raw material modities in selling price	als, r			
4. Foreign exchange effects on trade	(50.0)	• 1USD=109.9yen→1USD=131.6yen					
5. Inventory valuation	+26.0	• Carry	ntory valuation +23.0 y over of raw material gn exchange valuatio	s -2	5.0 (+30.0→+5.0)		
6. Others	(72.3)		p companies -13.0 gy unit price -24.0, e	tc.			



### Current Business Environment (Domestic)

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- Parts supply constraints are improving, but the decline in auto production is longer than previous expected.
- Uncertainty about the future due to rising prices and a slowdown in overseas economies has led to some risk-averse moves such as buying restrained and adjusting inventories.
- Steel supply and demand are expected to tighten in the latter part of second half due to the continued recovery of automobile production.



	Trends
Auto- mobile	<ul> <li>Demand remains strong.</li> <li>Although the elimination of constraints on the supply of semiconductors and other components lags delays compared to previous forecast, it has gradually eased recently.</li> <li>The level of activity is expected to improve in the future.</li> </ul>
Shipbuilding	<ul> <li>Negotiation of new shipbuilding is still in a wait-and-see mode because chartering fees have been calmer than they were for a while, due to the slowdown in domestic demand in China. However, the contract balance still remains for two years.</li> <li>The current level of activity is expected to remain stable over the next two to three years, although there are soaring materials prices and labor shortages.</li> </ul>
Building	<ul> <li>Demand for non-residential use has been robust, supported by large-scale projects such as distribution warehouses and semiconductor plants.</li> <li>Demand for residential housing is expected to decline due to the end of the government's housing assistance program and soaring materials costs. Demand for steel materials was almost flat compared to the previous year.</li> </ul>
Civil engineering	<ul> <li>In the public sector, a high level of the budget remains.</li> <li>In both the public and private sectors, the unexpected surge in materials prices has caused delays of bid solicitation due to redesigning. Steel demand is expected to decrease slightly from the previous year.</li> </ul>

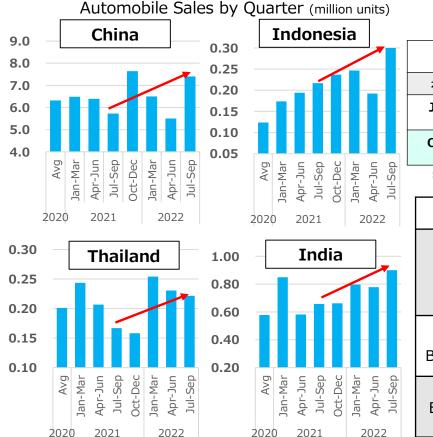
Source: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, "Outlook for Steel Consumption" 14 October 2022. (FY2021.4Q and after is estimated results)



### Current Business Environment (Overseas)

#### JFE

- The level of activity in the automobile and other manufacturing industries is recovering.
- Demand for steel products overseas is currently weak.
  For example, demand for steel in China continues to stagnate due to a slump in the real estate market and in emerging countries, demand for construction is postponed due to a weaker currency.
- > Steel demand and the steel market are expected to recover due to the Chinese government's support for the economy and autumn demand, but the recovery timing is expected to be later than previous expected and will be delayed into the fourth quarter.



#### **Real GDP Growth Forecast in 2022**

(Arrows indicate changes from the previous forecast)

	World	US	China	India	ASEAN-5
2021 Actual	6.1%	+5.7%	8.1%	8.7%	+3.4%
Jul. 2022 Forecast	3.2%	2.3%	3.3%	7.4%	5.3%
Oct. 2022 Forecast	3.2%	1.6%	3.2%	6.8%	5.3%

Source: IMF World Economic Outlook Update July 26, 2022, October 14, 2022

\*ASEAN-5 : Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippine, and Vietnam

#### Trend by Sector

Thin sheet	<ul> <li>Demand is currently weak due to the weak real estate market in China, the rainy season in South Asia and the postponement of demand in the construction sector.</li> <li>It is expected that demand will recover to a certain extent after the rainy season and the Chinese government's economic stimulus measures, but the recovery timing is later than previous forecast.</li> </ul>					
Ship- Building	<ul> <li>Chinese and South Korean shipbuilding companies secured stable contracts balance by increasing new construction orders.</li> <li>It is assumed that there will be a delay in construction due to a shortage of workers, but there will be no significant impact.</li> </ul>					
Energy	•WTI crude oil prices remain in high range. Development of alternatives to Russian crude oil and gas has progressed mainly in North America and the Middle East.					

·Inquiries increased mainly for high chromium seamless steel pipes.



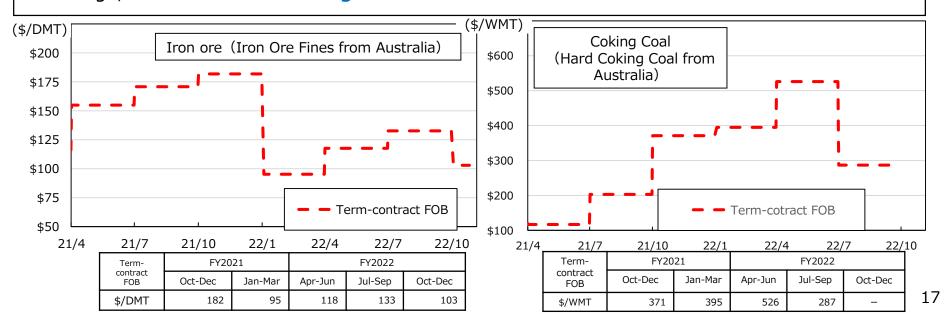
### Raw materials (Steel Business)

#### Key raw material

- Iron ore remained weak due to sluggish demand for steel products in China.
- Coking coal prices are on a downward trend from their recent peak due to the recent deterioration in overseas steel prices, but it remain in the high range.
- As Australia and Brazil enter the rainy season in the future, it is important to watch out for a decrease in the supply of raw materials due to weather factors. However, raw material prices are expected to continue at current levels.

#### Metal and scrap

• Almost all metal prices rose sharply due to tight supply and demand for alloy iron, which is highly dependent on Russia and Ukraine, as well as a rise in electricity prices due to a rise in the fuel market. Although the metal prices have calmed down after a brief surge, it still remains at a high level.





# 15.0bn. Increase in JFE Steel's Segment Profit (FY2021 (Previous Forecast) vs. FY2021(Updated Forecast))

					(billion yen)		
JFE Steel	FY2022 Previous Fore	cast	FY2022 cast Updated Forecast		Change		
Segment Profit	15	0.0	165.0		15.0		
Excluding Inventory Valuation etc.*		28.0	83.0		55.0		
1. Cost	±0.0						
2. Volume and Mix	(15.0) · Volume -18.0, Mix +3.0						
3. Sales and Raw materials	<ul> <li>Reflect high prices of main raw materials, metals and other commodities quickly in selling prices to further improve spreads</li> </ul>						
4. Foreign exchange effects on trade	<b>(5.0)</b> • 1USD=133yen(about)→1USD=138yen(about)						
5. Inventory valuation	<ul> <li>Inventory valuation(30) (</li> <li>Carry over of raw materia</li> <li>Foreign exchange valuation</li> </ul>				490 (+300→-190)		
6. Others	(55.0)	• Gro	oup companies -23.0				

• Energy prices -19.0, etc.

(55.0)



# 158.7Bn. Decrease in JFE Steel's Segment Profit (FY2021 (Actual) vs. FY2022 (Forecast))

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	Segment Profit	3	23.7	165.0		(158.7)		
	Excluding Inventory Valuation etc.*		129.7	83.0		(46.7)		
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1	. Cost	+10.0		reductions +23.0				
		• Chiba No.6 blast furnace refit -13.0						
2	. Volume							
	and Mix	(15.0) · Volume -20.0, Mix +5.0						
3	. Sales and		• Impi	rove spreads due to th	e re	eflection of high		
	Raw materials	+200.0	•	es of main raw materia				
	Raw Illaterials	1 20010	•	modities in selling price				
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4	. Foreign exchange	(105.0)	• 1US	D=109.9yen→1USD=1	ر 138ء	yen(about)		
	effects on trade	(=00.0)		,		, ( )		
5	. Inventory		<ul> <li>Inve</li> </ul>	ntory valuation -88.0 (	(+1)	60.0→+72.0)		
	valuation	(112.0)		y over of raw materials				
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6	. Others	/	• Group companies -68.0					
J	. Others	(136.7)	• Energy prices -45.0, etc.					
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# 131.4Bn. Increase in JFE Steel's Segment Profit (FY2022.1H vs. FY2022.2H)

(billion yen)

JEE Charl		FY2022 Forecast Chang						
JFE Steel	1H	2H	Full year					
Segment Profit	148.2	16.8	165.0		(131.4)			
Excluding Inventory Valuation etc.*	32.2	50.8	83.0		18.6			
1. Cost	±0.0	<b>±0.0</b> • Recovery for Chiba No.6 blast furnace refit by Cost reductions						
2. Volume and Mix	(4.0)	<b>(4.0)</b> • Volume -7.0, Mix +3.0						
3. Sales and Raw materials	+98.0	prices of mair	<ul> <li>Improve spreads due to the reflection of high prices of main raw materials, metals, and other commodities in selling prices</li> </ul>					
4. Inventory valuation	(150.0)	<ul> <li>Inventory valuation-92.0 (+82.0→-10.0)</li> <li>Carry over of raw materials -29.0 (+5.0→-24.0)</li> <li>Foreign exchange valuation -29.0(+29.0→±0.0)</li> </ul>						
5. Others	(75.4)	<ul> <li>Group companies -19.0</li> <li>Foreign exchange effects on trade -14.0</li> <li>Energy prices -16.0, etc.</li> </ul>						



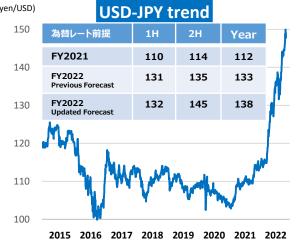
## Impact of the depreciation of the yen(Steel Business)

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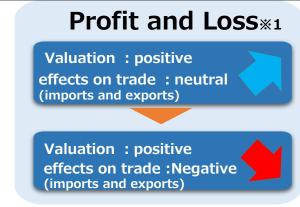
- While the yen has depreciated since the last announcement, the overpayment of foreign currency has shrunk due to the calmer raw material market and other factors.
- The impact of foreign exchange effects on trade in FY2022 is expected to be (105)billion yen (5 billion yen lower than previous forecast).

  (Sensitivity: 1.4 billion yen per 1 yen depreciation in the second half)
- We promote to reflect the impact of the depreciation of the yen to sales price by improving sales prices in the domestic market.





# A small portion of imported raw materials in manufacturing costs => Small impact of FOREX movements Due to the soaring prices, a big portion of imported raw materials in manufacturing costs => Heavy impact of FOREX movements



# FOREX balance of trade ↑exces

(FY2015 ~ FY2021: half-year basis)

• Excess payments with excess

**X1 Valuation:** Translational FOREX Impact concerning foreign currency assets, liabilities and overseas Gr companies' profit.

**effects on trade:** Impact of FOREX movements on foreign currency trade (imports and exports) on earnings.



### Shifting Focus from Quantity to Quality

(Progress of Structural Reform and Major CAPEX)

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- > Steadily implementing structural reforms and capital investment to shift from quantity to quality.
  - ✓ August 2022: Shutdown of Tin Mills in Chiba was completed, and production of steel sheet for cans was consolidated in Fukuyama.
  - ✓ September 2022: Refit of No. 6 Blast Furnace in Chiba began.

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Facilities	FY2022	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024~
Shutdown of Tin Mills in Chiba (No.2 Tandem Mill, No.4 CAL, TFL)			nutdown(Aug. 2 andem Mill, No.	_	
Refit of Blast Furnace		Kurashiki Refit 4 BF(~Dec.202	No.6 BF(Sep.	.2022~Jan.202	3)
Shut down of upstream facilities in Keihin (No.2 BF, Sintering Machine, Coke oven, Converters, EAF, Continuous Casting Machine etc.)				To be shut down (~Sep. 2023)	Effect of structural reform and CAPEX
Shutdown of Hot Rolling Facilities in Keihin (excl. Pickling line and skinpass mill)	Install	led new Continu	ious Re	To be shut down (~Sep. 2023)	<ul> <li>Maintenance cost reduction</li> <li>Fixed cost reduction</li> <li>Product-mix enhancements etc.</li> </ul>
CAPEX related to improvements of high-value added product ratio		Machine (Jun.2	003 pl 021) of	ate production line for fshore wind-power oplication (Nov.2023)	1H of FY24 Reinforce Non-oriented Electrical Steel Sheet Production Line

#### **Shutdown of Tin Mills in Chiba**

- August 2022: Shutdown of Tin Mills in Chiba was completed.
- Consolidation of manufacturing to Fukuyama and customer approval are progressing well.

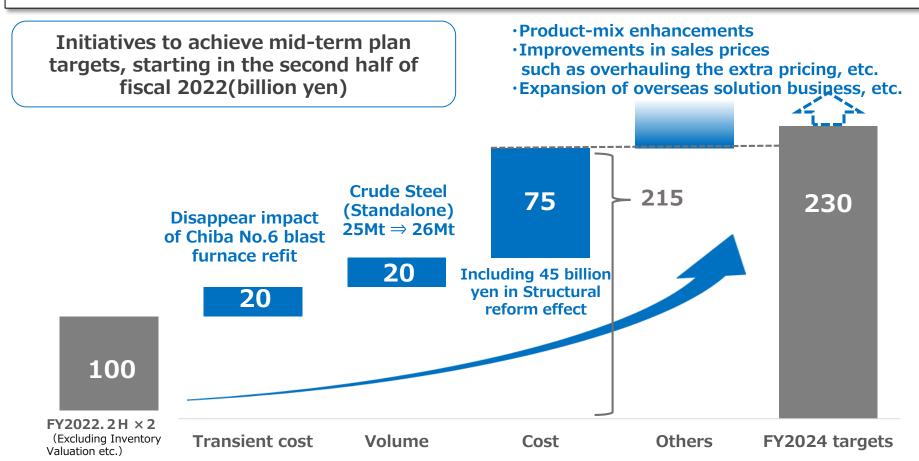
#### Refit of No. 6 Blast Furnace in Chiba

- •Refit began in Sept. 22, and a blow-in is scheduled for Jan. 23.
- Facility enhancements such as furnace stabilization and Cyber Physical Systems improvements are also planned.
- •Investment: 43 billion yen/Furnace capacity after refit: 5,153m²



# Initiatives toward achieving the 7th mid-term plan from 2nd half of FY2022

- ➤ In the second half of FY2022, segment profit (Excluding Inventory Valuation etc.) in the steel business is expected to be about 100 billion yen on an annual basis.
- We will implement various measures, including the Shut down of upstream facilities in Keihin planned for next fiscal year, and aim to exceed the performance target of 230 billion yen in FY2024.



# JFE Engineering Financial Forecast for Fiscal Year 2022



### Financial Forecast for Fiscal Year 2022

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

- Segment profit in 1H of FY2022 was deficit ¥3.9bn., decreased by ¥7.9 bn. from previous forecast, due to rising price of material and equipment, change in schedule of progression, and loss on overseas constructions.
- Full-year segment profit is expected to maintain ¥20.0 bn. due to implementing the passing on the rising price of material and equipment to the customers, the cost reduction, etc. (decreased by ¥6.0 bn. year-on-year)

#### **Financial Forecast**

	FY2021	. Actual		FY2022 Forecast		→FY2022		Forecast vious)
(billion yen)	1H	Full Year	1H	Full Year	1H	Full Year	1H	Full Year
Orders	252.3	505.8	286.0	550.0	33.7	44.2	310.0	550.0
Revenue	229.2	508.2	219.0	520.0	(10.2)	11.8	230.0	520.0
Segment Profit	11.1	26.0	(3.9)	20.0	(15.0)	(6.0)	4.0	20.0

#### Compared to previous forecast (segment profit)

<1H (7.9)> Rising price of material and equipment, changing schedule of progress (4.1) (Changing schedule of progress (2.9))

Loss on overseas constructions (3.8)

<Full-year ±0.0> Declining in 1H segment profit (7.9)

Passing on the rising price of material and equipment, reducing cost, etc. +5.0

Changing schedule of progress +2.9

# JFE Shoji Financial Forecast for Fiscal Year 2022



### Financial Forecast for Fiscal Year 2022

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

Segment profit in 1H of the FY2022 increased significantly year-on-year due to better steel demand and price than expected mainly in Northern America. Full-year segment profit is expected to be ¥60.0 bn. (increased by ¥4.1 bn. year-on-year, increased by 5.0 bn. from previous forecast)

**Financial Forecast** 

	FY2021 Acti	ual F`		Change 22 Forecast FY2021 FY2022 Fore pdated) →FY2022 (Previous (Previous Previous		FY2021		
(billion yen)	1H Full \	<b>Year</b>	1Н г	- Full Year	(Updated	I forecast) Full Year	1H	Full Year
Revenue	544.4 1,23	31.7	<b>750.2</b> :	1,490.0	205.8	258.3	750.0	1,470.0
Segment Profit	25.6	55.9	40.6	60.0	15.0	4.1	35.0	55.0

#### **Compared to previous forecast (Segment profit)**

•Full year+5.0 Segment profit in both standalone and subsidiaries is expected to increase from previous forecast due to better sales of steel and raw materials than expected.

# **Topics**



#### Progress of development plans for the land of Keihin district

- The development area is a huge land. (5 areas, Approx. 400ha)
   Develop through "Sale", "Lease", and "Do business (by ourselves)", consistent with the land use policy by Kawasaki City, which will be disclosed by the end of FY2022.

Area	Size (ha)	Progress	Initiatives towards 2030
Ogi shima	279 *Area of upstream facilities (shut down area) :222ha	<ul> <li>✓ Strive to see some properties put to new use by FY2030</li> <li>✓ Launched joint study for the development of a base for receiving and supplying decarbonized fuels such as hydrogen and ammonia with ENEOS Corporation and JERA Co., Inc. (Released on 21<sup>th</sup> Apr. 2022)</li> <li>✓ Launched Community association with the other companies based in Ogishima. (Total 9 companies, Released 28<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2022)</li> </ul>	To be shut down Sep. 2023
Minami- watarida	51	<ul> <li>✓ The most preceding area for development consideration.</li> <li>✓ Developing as an R &amp; D and innovation base consistent with the policy of Kawasaki City.</li> <li>✓ The northern area of Minami-watarida will start construction in FY2024 and will be partially put to new use in FY2027. (Disclosed the basic plan for area development by Kawasaki City, 26<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2022)</li> </ul>	Start Partially put construction to new use in FY2024 in FY2027
Other 3 areas*	76	<ul> <li>✓ Expansion and development as a major recycling base in the Tokyo metropolitan area.(Mizue area)</li> </ul>	Continue to announce the progress in sequence.

<sup>\*</sup>Mizue area, Ogimachi area, and Ikegami area



### Published JFE Group Report and CSR Report

#### Published JFE Group Report 2022 and CSR Report

JFE Group Report : Published 20th Sep. 2022

CSR Report: Published 28th Sep. 2022



# 1. Management Strategy $\sim$ Tackling the Biggest Challenge Since Our Founding to Ensure Earth's Prosperity $\sim$

- Message from the CEO
- · Material Business Issues, Business Model
- 2. Strategy of Create Value  $\sim$ Toward Ensuring Sustainability of the environment and society $\sim$ 
  - Progress on 7<sup>th</sup> Mid-term Business Plan
  - Special Feature : Advancing the Commercialization of the Wind Power Generation Business
  - Special Feature: Contributions to Resolving Climate Change
  - Initiatives at Operating Companies, Business Strategies



https://www.jfeholdings.co.jp/en/inves tor/library/groupreport/index.html



#### 1. JFE Group Vision

- · Value of Steel
- Progress on 7th Mid-term Business Plan
- Material Business Issues, Achievement of KPIs

#### 2. Challenge and Path to Carbon-Neutrality in the Steel Business

- 3. Initiatives for ESG Issues, ESG Data
  - Environment : Climate change issues, environmentally conscious processes and products, resource recycling etc.
  - Social: Occupational safety measures, diversity & inclusion, respect for human rights etc.
  - Governance: Corporate governance, risk management etc.

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# Appendix(1) Profit/Loss Analysis



### Main Financial Data

J H E 1-GAAP

J-GAAP	F)/// /	F)/4 F	E)/4.6	5/4 5	EV40
	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
(bn. Yen, times)					
Ordinary Income	231.0	64.2	84.7	216.3	221.1
EBITDA	421.5	254.4	279.9	388.8	405.9
ROS	6.0%	1.9%	2.6%	5.9%	5.6%
ROE	7.7%	1.8%	3.7%	7.6%	8.3%
ROA	5.5%	1.7%	2.3%	5.2%	5.1%
Debt Outstanding	1,501	1,379	1,375	1,331	1,450
Debt/EBITDA Ratio	x3.6	x5.4	x4.9	x3.4	x3.6
D/E Ratio	59.0%	56.9%	51.4%	58.1%	62.0%
Profit attributable to owners of parent (yen/share)	241.6	58.4	117.8	250.8	285.0
Dividend (yen/share)	60	30	30	80	95
Pay-out Ratio	24.8%	51.4%	25.5%	31.9%	33.3%

IFRS					
	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	<b>'22</b> Forecast
(bn. Yen, times)					
Business profit	232.0	37.8	-12.9	416.4	255.0
EBITDA *1	428.2	269.4	223.4	668.7	525.0
ROS *2	6.0%	1.0%	-0.4%	9.5%	4.8%
ROE *3	8.6%	-11.1%	-1.3%	15.7%	7.5%
ROA *4	5.0%	0.8%	-0.3%	8.4%	4.7%
Interest-bearing debt outstanding	1,524	1,814	1,806	1,849	1,950
Debt/EBITDA multiple *5	x3.6	x6.7	x8.1	x2.8	x3.7
D/E Ratio *6	68.2%	96.4%	93.2%	80.8%	79.5%
Profit attributable to owners of parent (yen/share)	283.8	-343.4	-38.0	500.1	267.5
Dividend (yen/share)	95	20	10	140	TBD (Interim: 50 yen)
Pay-out Ratio	33.5%	ı	_	28.0%	TBD

Notes [IFRS]

- \*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.



## Main Financial Data and Performance & Profitability Targets

		7 <sup>th</sup> mid-term business plan FY2024		FY2020 Actual	FY2021 Actual	FY2022 Forecast
	Business profit	¥320.0 billion		¥-12.9 billion	¥416.4 billion	¥255.0 billion
ated	Profit attributable to owners of the parent	¥220.0 billion		¥-21.8 billion	¥288.0 billion	¥155.0 billion
Consolidated	ROE	10%	ļ"	-1.3%	15.7%	7.5%
Cons	Debt/EBITDA	About 3x	"	8.1x	2.8x	3.7x
	D/E*1	About 70%	ľ	93.2%	80.8%	79.5%
ng ies	Steel business Profit per ton*2 Segment profit	10,000 yen/ton ¥230.0 billion		-3,000 yen/ton ¥65.4 billion	14,000 yen/ton ¥323.7 billion	7,000 yen/ton ¥165.0 billion
Operating companies	Engineering business Segment profit Revenue	¥35.0 billion ¥650.0 billion		¥24.0 billion ¥485.7 billion	¥26.0 billion ¥508.2 billion	¥20.0 billion ¥520.0 billion
	Trading Business Segment profit	¥40.0 billion		¥20.0 billion	¥55.9 billion	¥60.0 billion
	Payout ratio	7 <sup>th</sup> mid-term business plan Around 30%		_ (10 yen)	28.0% (140 yen)	(interim: 50yen)

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

<sup>\*2</sup> Steel business profit per ton (consolidated segment profit / non-consolidated sales volume)



### Progress of Cash Flow Improvements, Debt/EBITDA Ratio

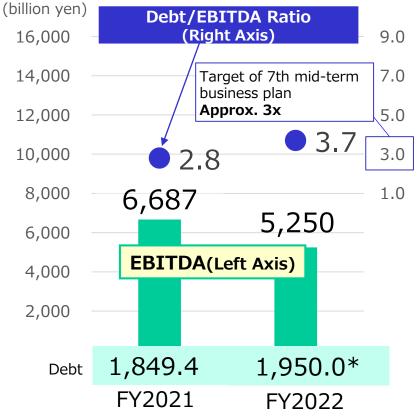
➤ At the end of FY2022, the Debt/EBITDA ratio is expected to be x3.7.

# FY2022 (billion yen) Consolidated Cash Flow Forecast

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Cash-in	Cash-out
Net Profit	CAPEX &
155.0	Investments
Depreciation and Amortization 270.0	320.0
	Dividend Payment <b>75.0</b>
Asset Compression <b>45.0</b>	Working Capital etc.
Debt <b>100.0</b>	175.0

<sup>\*</sup> Debt is expected to increase by ¥100 bn. from FY2021 to FY2022. It includes ¥50 bn. increase by foreign currency translation impact due to the yen depreciation.

#### **Progress of Debt/EBITDA Ratio**



<sup>■</sup> EBITDA = Business profit + Depreciation and Amortization

<sup>■</sup> Debt/EBITDA Ratio = Interest-bearing debt outstanding/EBITDA



# Financial Results for First Half of Fiscal Year 2022

				FY2021		,		FY2022	
	Unit			1					
		1Q	2Q	1H	2H	Full Year	1Q	2Q	1H
Revenue	billion yen	638.5	771.9	1,410.4	1,763.0	3,173.4	932.6	986.3	1,918.9
Segment Profit	billion yen	69.7	88.8	158.5	165.2	323.7	93.0	55.2	148.2
Excluding Inventory Valuation etc.*	billion yen	25.7	42.8	68.5	61.2	129.7	(23.0)	55.2	32.2
Crude Steel (Standalone)	Mt	6.25	6.45	12.70	13.18	25.88	6.43	6.21	12.64
Crude Steel (Consolidated)	Mt	6.59	6.80	13.39	13.87	27.26	6.77	6.59	13.37
Shipment (Standalone)	Mt	5.26	5.56	10.83	11.55	22.38	5.54	5.32	10.86
Export Ratio on Value Basis (Standalone)	%	43.2	49.3	46.5	44.7	45.5	48.5	45.0	46.7
Average Sales Price (Standalone)	000 yen / t	87.6	101.0	94.5	112.2	103.7	126.7	136.7	131.6
Exchange Rate	¥/\$	109.8	110.0	109.9	114.2	112.1	126.5	136.6	131.6
Exchange Rate (End of Term)	¥/\$	110.6	111.9	111.9	122.4	122.4	136.7	144.8	144.8

<sup>\*</sup>Excluding inventory valuation, carry over of raw materials and foreign exchange valuation from segment profit



# 17.0Bn. Decrease in JFE Steel's Segment Profit (FY2021.2H (Actual) vs. FY2022.1H (Actual))

(billion yen)

JFE Steel	FY2021 2H(actual)	FY2022 1H(actual)		
Segment Profit	165.2	148.2		
Excluding Inventory Valuation etc.*	61.2	32.2		

Change
(17.0)
(29.0)

1. Cost	±0.0	
2. Volume and Mix	(12.0)	
3. Sales and Raw materials	+46.0	<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	+12.0	<ul> <li>Inventory valuation -19.0 (+101.0→+82.0)</li> <li>Carry over of raw materials +12.0 (-7.0→+5.0)</li> <li>Foreign exchange valuation +19.0(+10.0→+29.0)</li> </ul>
5. Others	(63.0)	<ul> <li>Foreign exchange effects on trade -39.0</li> <li>Group companies -35.0, etc.</li> </ul>



5. Others

# 37.8Bn. Decrease in JFE Steel's Segment Profit (FY2022.1Q (Actual) vs. FY2022.2Q (Actual))

(30.8)

(billion yen)

1EE CL	112022			
JFE Steel	1Q (Actual)	2Q (Actual)	1H	Change
Segment Profit	93.0	55.2	148.2	(37.8)
Excluding Inventory Valuation etc.*	(23.0)	55.2	32.2	78.2
1. Cost ±0.0				
2. Volume and Mix (4.0)				
<ul> <li>Sales and Raw materials</li> <li>+113.0</li> <li>Improved spreads due to the reflection of prices of main raw materials, metals, and commodities in selling prices</li> </ul>				
4. Inventory valuation	O) • Carry over	<ul> <li>Inventory valuation -40.0 (+61.0→+21.0)</li> <li>Carry over of raw materials -69.0 (+37.0→-32.0)</li> <li>Foreign exchange valuation -7.0(+18.0→+11.0)</li> </ul>		

• Group companies -11.0

• Foreign exchange effects on trade -10.0, etc.

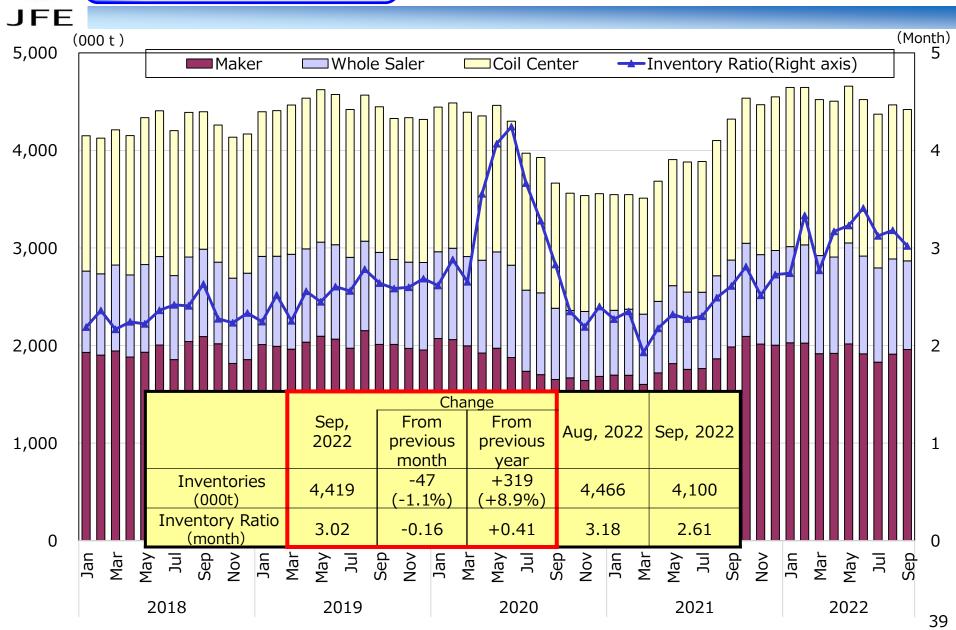
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# Appendix(2) Business Environmental Indicators, etc.



# Domestic Market Environment

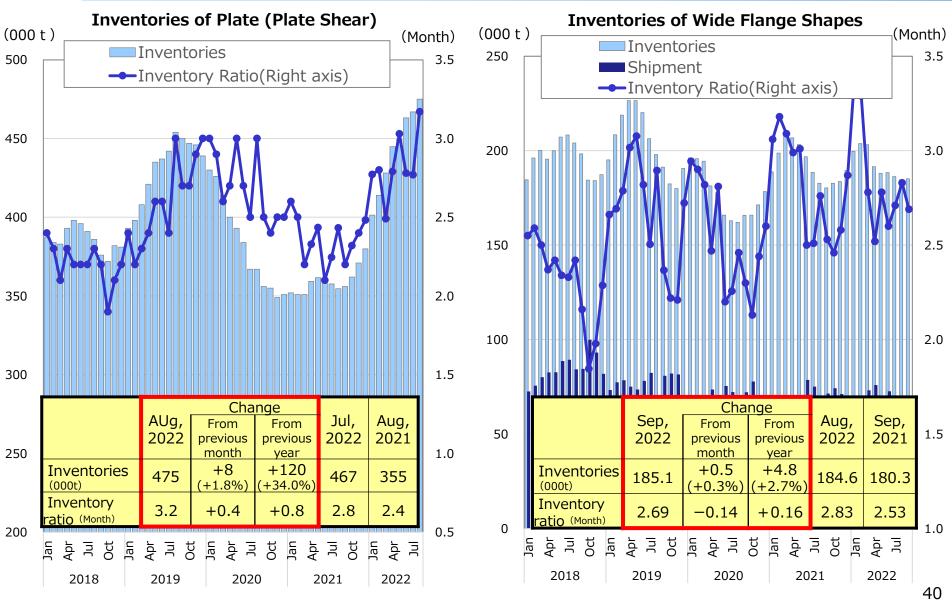
# Combined Inventories of HR, CR and Coated Steel Sheet





# Domestic Market Environment

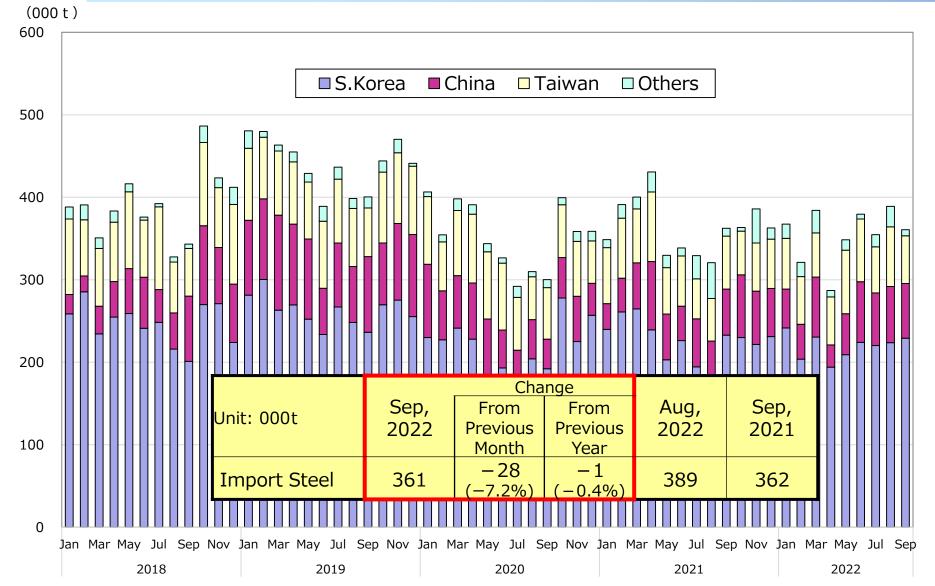
# Inventories of Plate (Plate Shear) and Wide Flange Shapes





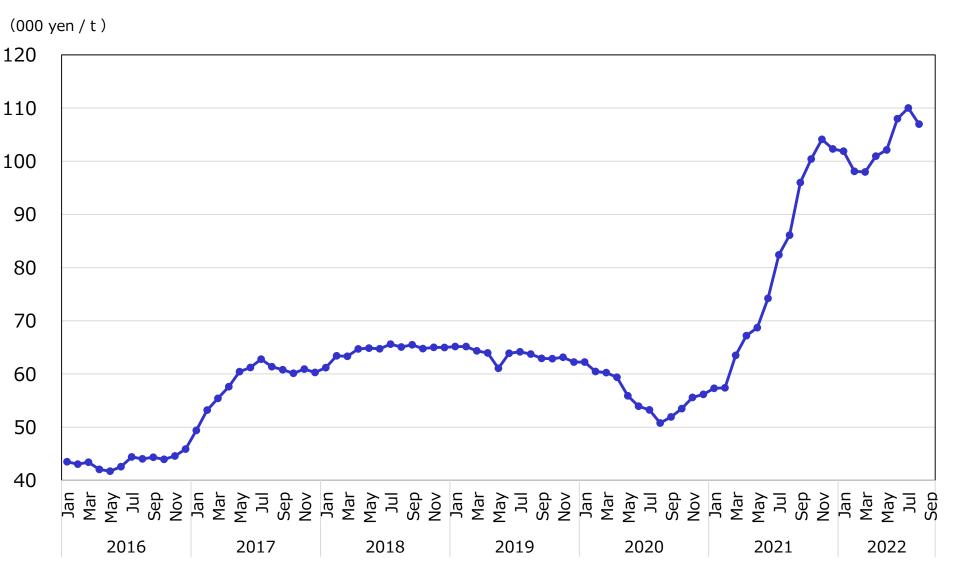
## Domestic Market Environment

## Trend of Import Steel (Ordinary Steel)





# Price Trend of Import Steel

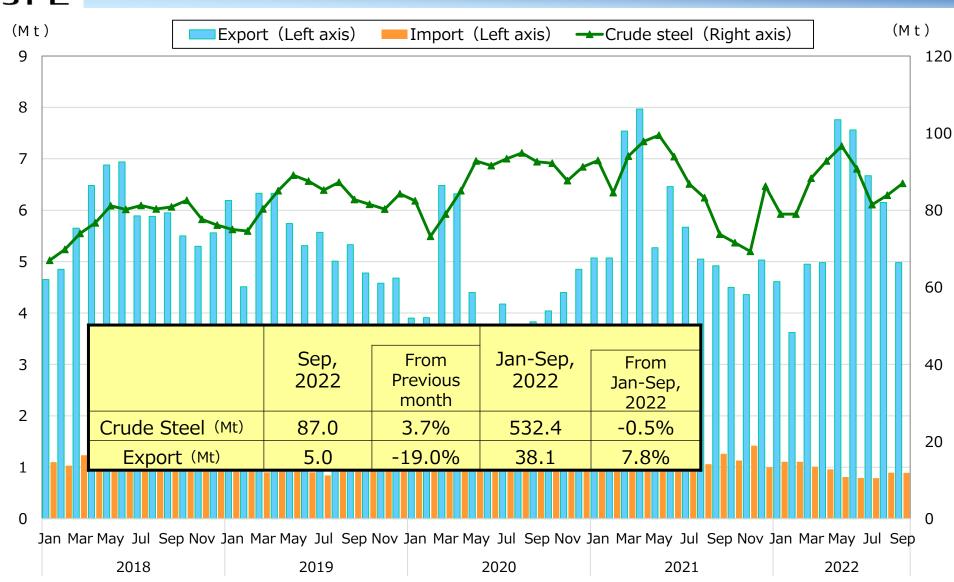


Data: The Japan Iron and Steel Federation Import Steel from S. Korea



# Overseas Market Environment

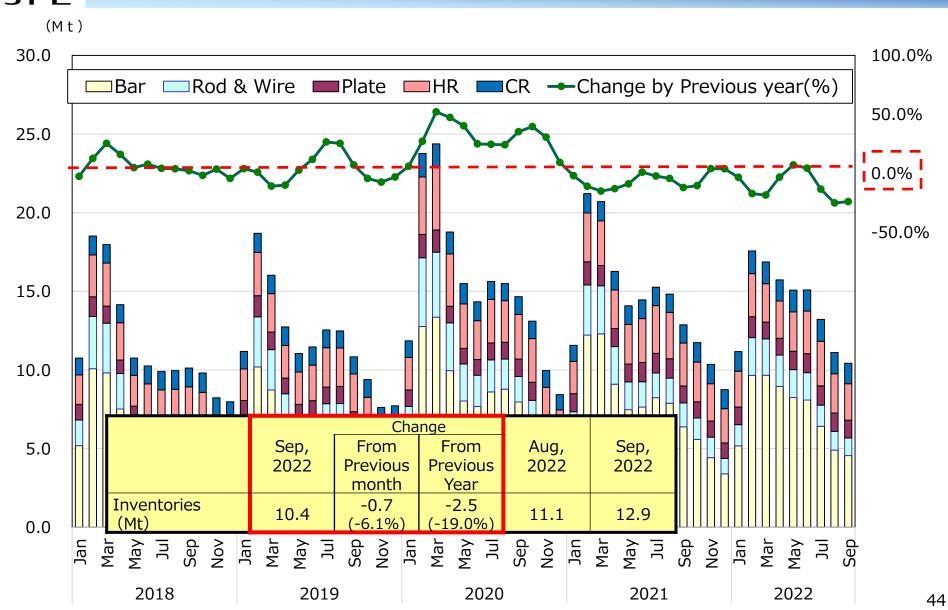
# Crude Steel & Im/Export, China

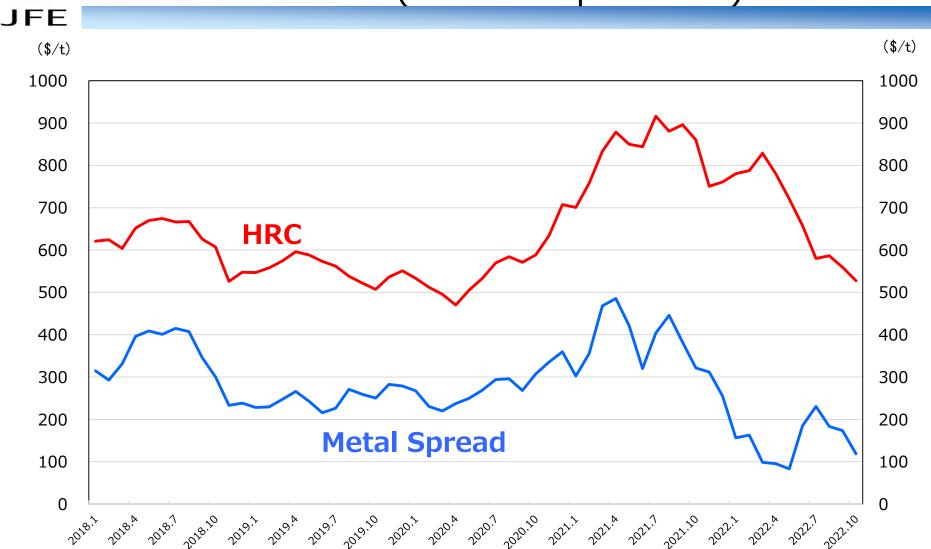




# **Overseas**

# Market Environment Inventories in China by Product





Metal Spread = HRC Price - Raw Materials Cost

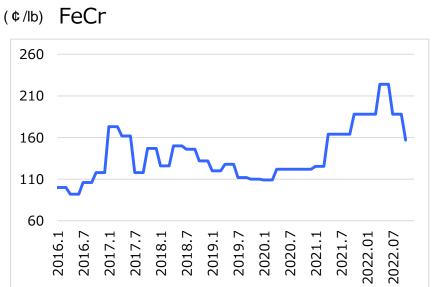
Raw Materials Cost: Calculated from market price of Iron Ore and Hard Coking Coal

<sup>\*</sup>HRC Price: Chinese Spot basis



# Raw Materials

## Trend of Sub Material's Market Price









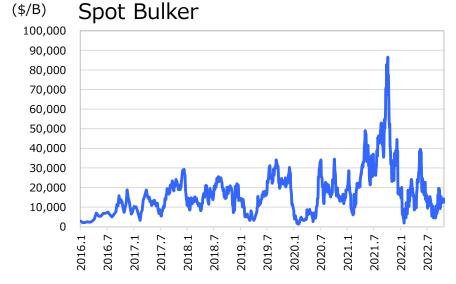


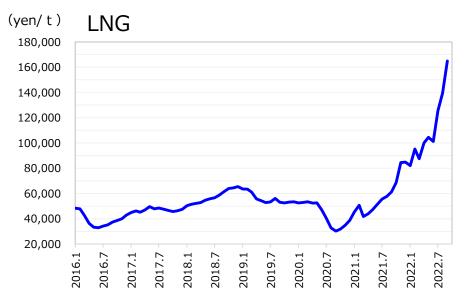
## Raw Materials

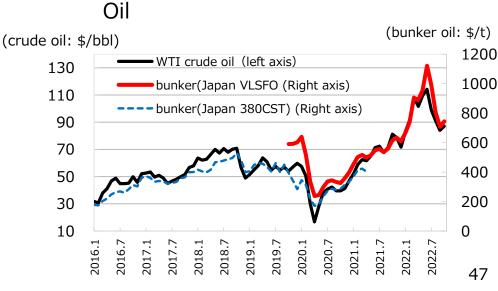
### Trend of Sub Material's Market Price













# Progress of Initiatives of Steel Business (Structural Reforms and Strategic Investment in Japan)

Faci	lities		∼FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23~
	Keihin District	Upstream Facilities					☆ To be shut down (~Sep. 2023)
Structural Reforms		Hot rolling Facilities					☆ To be shut down (~Sep. 2023)
tural rms		Cold-rolling & Hot-dip Galvanizing Facilities	<b>☆</b> :	Shut dow	ned	Facilities was	usta atuusinan ataal ahaat fan
	Chiba District	Tin Mills	☆	Facilities manufacturing steel sheet fo cans were shut downed (Aug.2022)  (2CAL·2ETL) Kurashiki Refit			
	Chiba & Kurashiki	Blast Furnace Refit			No.4 BF(		iba Refit .6 BF(Sep.2022~Jan.2023)
	Kurashiki District	Continuous Casting Machine				new Continuous Aachine (Jun.2021	
Strategic		Extra-thick steel plate for offshore wind-power application					Iforce extra-thick steel plate oduction line (Nov. 2023)
		Electrical Steel Sheet Facilities					FY24 Reinforce Non-oriented Electrica
Investments	Fukuyama District	Coke Oven	☆ Re	newed 0.3 Coke Ov	Renewed en(A) Oven(B)	No.3 Coke (Jun.2021)	Steel Sheet Production Line
tme		Sintering Machine	☆ Insta	alled new S	intering Machine		
nts		Energy Plants			stalled No.2 power g wer	enerator in Joint The	rmal
		Ferro Coke Production Facility		<b>←</b>	Develop ferro coke	production technolog	DIV .
	Overseas	Mexico NJSM	☆	Begun Ope	erating CGL for Aut	tomotive Applicatio	ns



# Orders by Business Area

(billion yen)

				(billion yen)
Business Area	FY2021 Actual	FY2022 Forecast	Change	Main orders received in FY2022 ★・・・New projects received in 2Q of FY2022
	Actual		20.1	Construction works of domestic waste treatment plant [★Okayama]
Waste to Resource	203.9			Renewal construction of domestic waste treatment plant [Hokkaido, ★Aichi]
resource				Construction works of overseas waste treatment and power plant [Germany, UK]
Carbon Neutral	87.4	73.0	<b>▲</b> 14.4	
Combined Utility Service	13.4	18.0	4.6	
Core				Construction works of fuel feeding pipe for LNG power plant [Hyogo]
Infra- stracture	201.1	235.0		Construction works of bridge (★DAINI SHINMEI ROAD [Hyogo])
				Construction works of overseas bridge [Ghana]
Total	505.8	550.0	44.2	

# 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



(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.



# 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 business opportunity to increase corporate value
- Work systematically to combat climate change under <u>TCFD philosophy</u>

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## 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)

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## **Enhance corporate governance**

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



#### JFE Group Environmental Vision for 2050







## **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

FY2024 12 Mt

- Key environmental initiative under 7<sup>th</sup> mid-term business plan
  - Steel business: Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 18% by the end of **FY2024** (vs. FY2013)
- **Carbon Neutrality by 2050** 
  - Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at JFE Steel
    - Pursue super-innovative technology for carbon-recycling blast furnaces and **CCU**
    - Develop hydrogen-based ironmaking (direct reduction) technology etc.
  - Expand contributions to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction in society
    - Engineering business: Expand & develop renewable-energy Targets to contributions to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction power generation and carbon-recycling technologies.

• Steel business: Develop & market eco-products and eco-solutions. 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
- **Groupwide commercialization of offshore wind-power business (3**)



## JFE Group's activities for Carbon neautrality



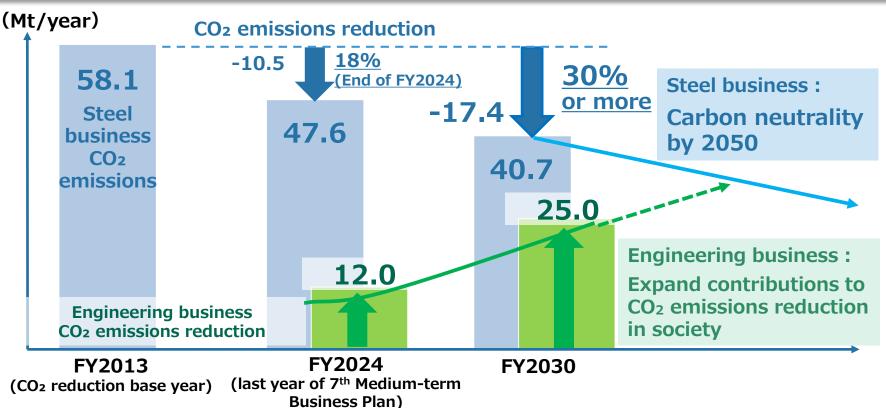




Steel Business: CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction by 18% at the end of FY2024 (vs. FY2013)

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.





## [Steel Business] Roadmap for Carbon Neutrality

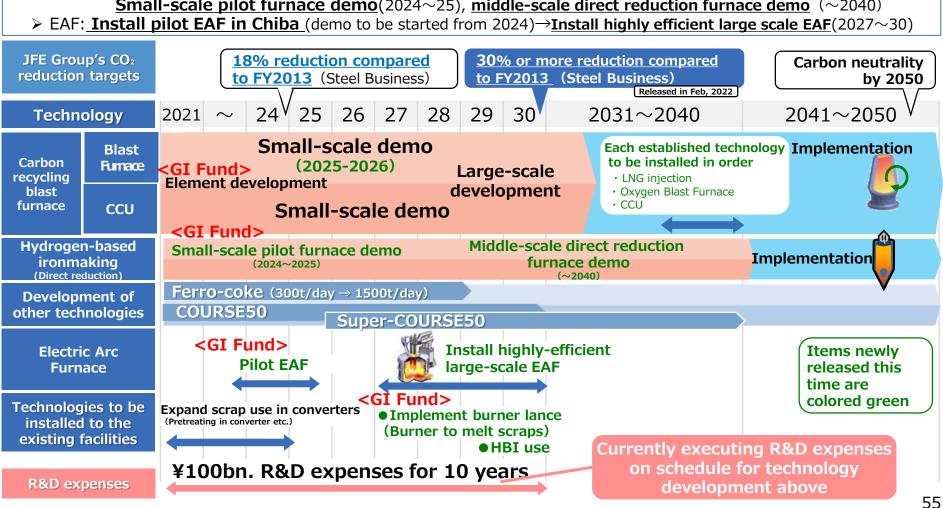




Revised our roadmap for realizing carbon neutrality in 2050, considering installing the technologies below in the concrete:

- > Carbon recycling blast furnace: Each established technology to be installed in order (late 2030s)
- > Hydrogen-based ironmaking:

Small-scale pilot furnace demo( $2024\sim25$ ), middle-scale direct reduction furnace demo ( $\sim2040$ )





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

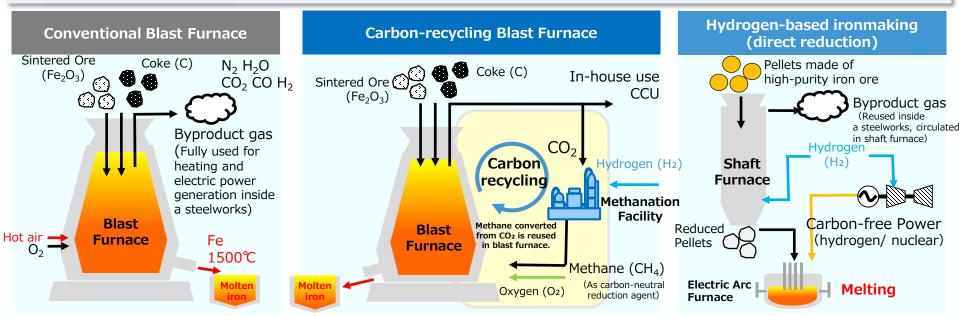






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- <u>Technologies for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from blast furnaces are necessary</u> to maximize blast furnaces' advantages such as mass production, high-efficiency production, and high-grade steel production
- <u>Combining carbon-recycling 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</u> <u>zero carbon emissions.</u>
  </u>



	Conventional Blast Furnace	Carbon-recycling Blast Furnace	Hydrogen-based ironmaking (direct reduction)
Capacity	4M t / BF-year	4M t / BF-year (on par with Conventional BF)	2M t/ Shaft Furnace-year (current direct reduction ironmaking basis)
Reducing Agent	Coke + Pulverized Coal	Coke + Recycled methane (CH <sub>4</sub> )	Hydrogen (H <sub>2</sub> )
Raw Materials	Low-grade raw materials possible.	Low-grade raw materials possible.	Limited (High-grade iron ore)
CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions	2/t-CO <sub>2</sub> /1-ton of pig iron	Target: Zero (CO <sub>2</sub> reduction in BF+CCUS)	Target: Zero (Carbon-free method) 56



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



JFE-HD



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

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

#### JFE Engineering

Manufacture and market monopile and other seabed-fixed structures for offshore wind-power generation



Provide steel products

#### **JFE Steel**

Increase capacity for heavy, extrathick steel plate for offshore windpower applications

Utilizing NO.7 new continuous-casting equipment in Kurashiki district (Start operating in FY2021)

Provide steel products

Carry out SCM Provide steel products

#### JFE Shoji

Contribute to groupwide cooperation by carrying out SCM of steel materials and processed products for offshore wind-power generation

Carry out SCM

#### **Subsidiaries/ Affiliates**

**JMU**: manufacture power-generation floating structures and construct work vessels. **Groupwide**: O&M making maximum use of group resource

### Social sustainability: Safety management, HR issues







**S**arety management Further increase efforts to prevent accidents not only <u>by using facilities</u> but also through <u>safety education and obedience of rules</u>, in order to <u>achieve</u> <u>top-priority goal of zero major accidents</u>.

Groupwide investment for safety issues: Approx. <u>10 billion yen/year</u> Implement multifaceted health/safety management using advanced IT (monitoring, detection, etc.).

# Facilitate employee participation

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				



# Social sustainability: Contribution to Regional Societies through Engineering Business







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

#### (Example) Local PPS Business: Smart Energy Kumamoto

#### **Points**

- **Local production** of energy for **local consumption** (Local generation of renewable-energy power to be consumed in the regional societies)
- Return economic merits to the city fund. (Investment for renewable energy and energy saving by citizen)
- 3. Strengthen <u>disaster prevention and energy saving</u> (Establishing self-supporting energy supply line\*\*, using storage battery)





#### Eastern waste disposal factory

■ Demand: 226 public facilities in the city■ Energy source

Western waste disposal factory: 5,980kw Eastern waste disposal factory: 10,500kw

Charge/Discharge (optimized control)



Storage battery



# **Establish economic sustainability (stable earnings power)**

Establish <u>sufficient profitability</u> and <u>stable financial base</u> for <u>proactive business operation</u> 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 <u>through</u>
- 4. Balance <u>financial soundness with effective</u> <u>investment</u> 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.)

\*Segment profit / unconsolidated sales volume in tons

Cf. 2H of FY2020 (actual)

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

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 (6th mid-term actual:50%)



# 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-added products ratio</u>, and <u>enhance earning base</u>.

# Achieve world-class cost and quality competitiveness

- Cost reductions: ¥120bn. over 4 vears
- Labor productivity: +20%
   (13% via structural reform + 1,670→2,000t/person/year via DX etc. Number of employees: 16,000→13,000)
- Establish profit base that is resilient to changes in economic conditions by completing structural reforms
  - Greatly reducing fixed costs
  - Lowering breakeven points
- Introduce new technologies through DX
  - Improve production efficiency and yields
  - Greatly improve labor productivity
- Ensure quality competitiveness by improving product quality, production efficiency and our delivery

# **Expand margins** and achieve stable profit

• Increase mix of highly value-added products\* to an unprecedented 50%

\*Products that offer technological advantages, are recognized by customers for their value added and have greater earnings power than commodity products.

- <u>Product-mix enhancements</u> by focusing on selective concentration in priority fields
  - Increase non-oriented electrical steel sheet production capacity
  - Increase capacity for heavy, extra-thick steel plate for offshore wind-power applications
  - Production of high-tensile steel sheet for automotive
- Fully overhaul our sales pricing

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



## **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)

#### **India**

#### **JSW**

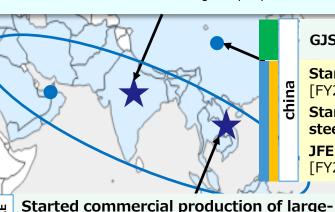


- Investment in 2009 (current equity ratio 15%)
- Further deepen direct participation such as beginning FS of establishing a grain-oriented electrical steel sheet manufacturing company

#### 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]

NUCOR-JFE STEEL MEXICO Began Operating Hot-dip **Galvanized Steel Sheet Production Facility for Automotive Applications**[FY2019]



**FHS** 

Investment in 2015 (current equity ratio 4%)

diameter welded pipe (AGPC) [FY2019]



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





# 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

To conduct FS of grain-oriented electrical-steel-sheet JV with JSW in India

Released May 7, 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.

CAPEX	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*	

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

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

#### **JFE Steel**

Production of electrical steel sheets

Expand production and supply function of high value-added electrical steel sheets

#### JFE Shoji

Processing and distribution of electric cores

World's No.1 global distribution and processing system

Increase electrical steel sheet production capacity

Sharing Strategies

Expand collaboration with alliance partners



Production & sales JV with India's JSW for electrical steel sheets

Synergy

Expand processing functions in coil centers

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



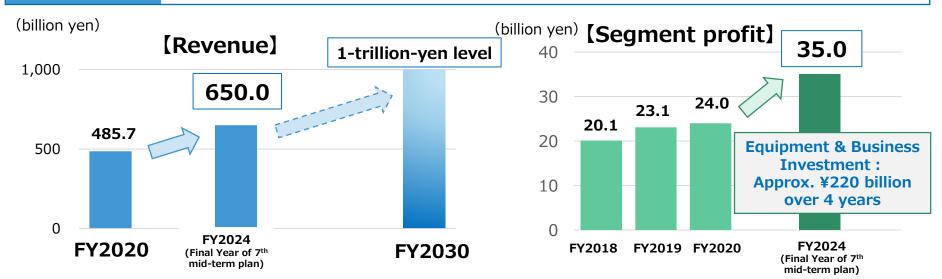
## 7<sup>th</sup> mid-term business plan < Engineering Business>

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

Targets FY2024

Revenue

- 650.0 billion yen
- Segment Profit
- 35.0 billion yen



Main initiatives

- 1. <u>Enhance mid/long-term priority areas</u> (See next page) Waste to Resources, Carbon-neutral business, Combined utility service, Core infrastructure
- 2. <u>Expand overseas business</u> enhance EPC competitiveness, engage in ODA, pursue M&A synergies in chemical plant field, participation in local business in environmental, water and recycling fields
- 3. Promote DX initiatives



## **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:

#### **Waste to Resource**

FY2024 revenue target ¥290 billion

- Establish stable profit base in domestic environment business
- Priority investment and expansion of domestic market in recycling **business\*** \*Food, Plastic, Incineration and Power generation





#### **Carbon Neutral**

FY2024 revenue target ¥80 billion

- Put priority in renewable energy (offshore wind-power generation, biomass power plant, solar power plant, geothermal power plant etc.)
- Develop carbon neutral technologies.



#### **Combined utility** services

FY2024 revenue target ¥20 billion

Shift to comprehensive business model, including for efficient operation of facilities to contribute to energy savings and decarbonization



#### **Core infrastructure**

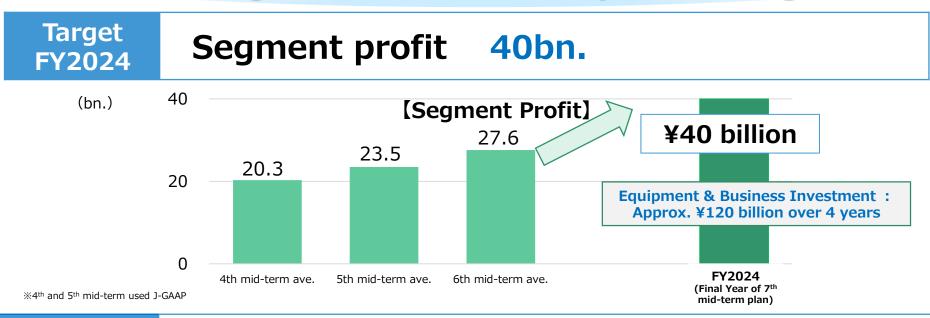
FY2024 revenue target ¥260 billion

- New technologies to address newly arising needs for strengthening and improving life of infrastructure
  - Strengthening of existing infrastructure →install new product and method for construction
  - Improving life of existing infrastructure→install new materials and new products
- 1. Waste to Resource: Recycling and waste-to-power generation etc. 2. Carbon neutral: Renewable energy, carbon recycling etc.
- 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.



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

# Establish growth foundation by enhancing SCM



# Main initiatives

#### 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

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. Seize new business opportunities

Expand environmental-solutions business, DX initiatives



#### Trading Business's Main initiatives

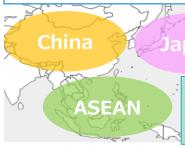
-Key Strategies for growth, Strengthen purchasing and sales capabilities-

#### **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.



Strengthen SCM along with groupwide optimum business across four-pillar regions

US

# 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 through expansion of function (quality) and additional trading (quantity)

# 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
- Widen processing functions to expand business 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**

Aim to expand business to meet clients' needs.
 Increase sales of both JFE group products and alliance-partner products as well as actively expand business with other suppliers' products



## JFE Group's DX strategies

#### JFE

- 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 Steel**

Use digital technology to streamline production operations and implement new growth strategies

Target

**Labor productivity: 20% improve**\*

\*FY2024 structural reform 13%+ DX effects etc.

Invest ment 115 billion yen over 4 years

#### **JFE Engineering**

Digitalize entire business and provide new digital services to customers.

Target

**Design efficiency: 20% increase** in FY2024

#### JFE Shoji

Improve customer service, pursue new businesses by leveraging DX

#### <JFE Steel's initiatives>

- Enhance competitiveness 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>



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

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

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

 <u>Equipment investment</u>: Approx. <u>1,200 billion yen</u> 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

Business investment: About 250 billion yen 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

\*Steel Business: ¥160 billion Engineering Business: ¥130 billion Trading Business: ¥50 billion

#### **Ensuring earning source**

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

#### **Returns to shareholders** 3.

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

<sup>\*\*</sup>Regarding development plans for partial area of Keihin district resulting from structural reform (Ogishima area): 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
7	Business profit	¥ 320.0 billion	¥ -12.9 billion
ate	Profit attributable to owners of the parent	¥ 220.0 billion	¥ -21.8 billion
olid	ROE	10%	-1.3%
Consolidated	Debt/EBITDA	About 3x	8.1x
	D/E*1	About 70%	93.2%
ting	Steel business Profit per ton*2 Segment profit	10,000 yen/ton ¥ 230.0 billion	-3,000 yen/ ton ¥ -65.4 billion
Operating companies	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%

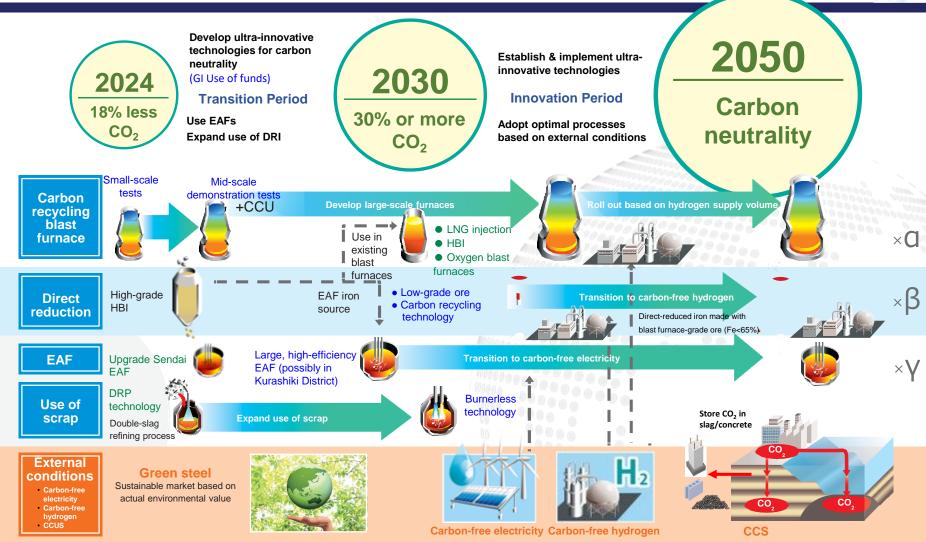
<sup>\*1</sup> For liabilities with equity subject to credit ratings, these equities reflect the evaluations of rating agencies

<sup>\*2</sup> Steel business profit per ton (consolidated segment profit / non-consolidated sales volume)

# Appendix(4) JFE Steel Carbon Neutral Strategy Briefing

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



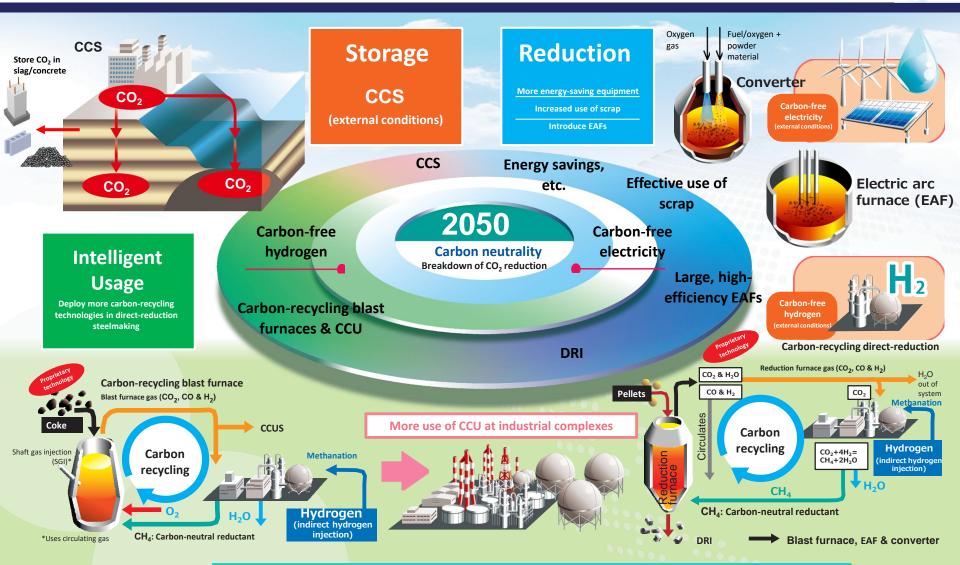




Pursue multilayered technology development, via GI Fund projects, etc., to discover the most proven technologies and then achieve carbon neutrality by deploying the most optimized configuration of green steelmaking processes.

# JFE Steel's Carbon Neutrality Vision 2050







Combine reduction, intelligent usage and CO<sub>2</sub> storage to realize a carbon-neutral steel business by 2050

# JFE's Carbon Neutrality Action Plan



- ▶ 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
   → Create initial demand

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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 high efficiency**

Upgrade to high-efficiency coke ovens

Fukuyama District (2025)

#### Improve efficiency of powerdemand facilities

(Electrify blast-furnace blowers, raise efficiency of oxygen plants, etc.)

All districts (under way)

Leverage AI & DS (companywide CPS, etc.) for energy savings

All districts (under way)

# Low-carbon feedstock & fuel

Expand use of scrap in converters
Use direct-reduced iron (HBI)

All districts (under way)

Securing Scrap and HBI Reinforcing storage depots

All districts (under way)

**Bolster LNG supply network** 

#### Low-carbon processes

**Upgrade existing EAFs** 

Sendai Works (2024)

Introduce large, high-efficiency EAFs

Kurashiki District (2027-2030)

Use ferro-coke for commercial production

Fukuyama District (TBD)

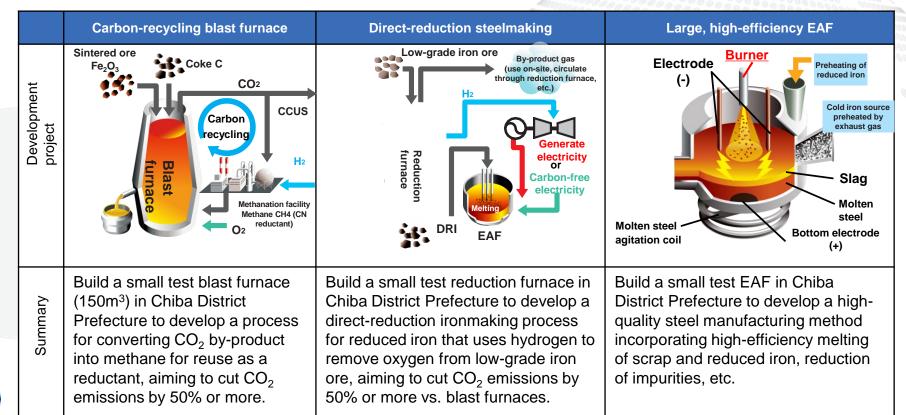
- ✓ To reduce CO₂ emissions by 30% or more by 2030, 1 trillion yen in capital investment will be needed for low-carbon initiatives (large electric furnaces, ferro coke, scrap and reduced iron, LNG, etc.).
- ✓ A market that reflects the actual environmental value of green steel must be created to support capital investment in decarbonization technologies.



# Development Project Supported by Green Innovation Fund Vision 2050

- ➤ 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

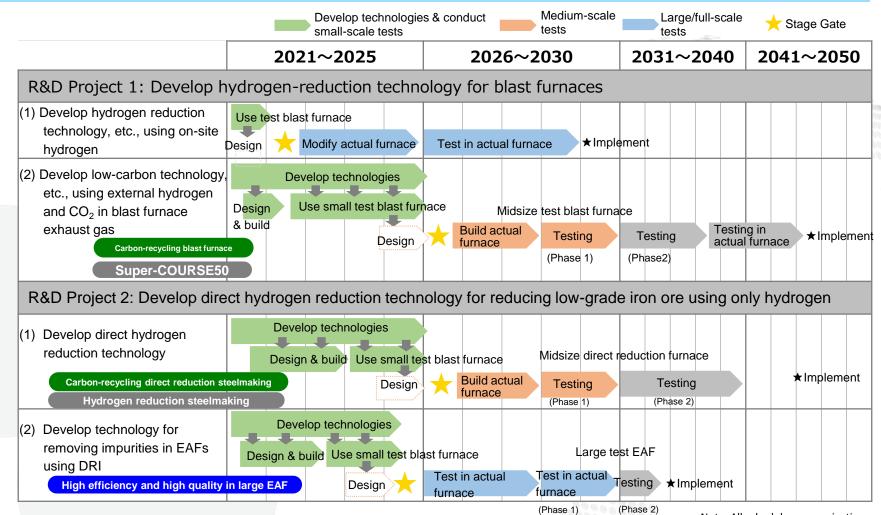




# **Overall Scale of GI Fund Projects**



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





Source: METI

## **Stimulating Demand for Green Steel**



- ▶ 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



