

JFE Group Long-Term Vision "JFE Vision 2035" Eighth Medium-term Business Plan [FY2025-2027]

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1. JFE Group's Aspirations "JFE Vision 2035"



 \sim Aiming to be an indispensable company supporting people's daily lives, driving sustainable development and ensuring safe, comfortable lives for all \sim

Corporate Vision Contributing to society with the world's most innovative technology

Corporate Values Challenging Spirit. Flexibility. Sincerity.

 We held extensive discussions of what role each business should play and how it can contribute to society by utilizing its strengths across our operating companies, based on which we formulated the following corporate-purpose statements.





- We formulated the JFE Group Long-term vision, JFE Vision 2035, to announce the JFE Group's aspirations.
- To promote growth strategies aimed at realizing our aspirations, we formulated the Eighth Medium-term Business Plan (FY2025–2027).

Seventh Medium-term Business Plan	Eighth Medium-term Business Plan	JFE Vision 2035
 Shift focus from quantity to quality Complete structural reforms Increase ratio of high-value-added products (50%) Overhaul our sales pricing Structurage investment in growth fields Manufacturing, processing, and distribution of electrical steel sheets 	 Rebuild our domestic structure Increase ratio of high-value-added products (60%) Reorganize our domestic production structure and business Expand the overseas business Expand "insider" business with top-tier partners in growth regions 	 Expand consolidated business profit (Segment profit: ¥700.0 billion) Streamlined yet resilient domestic structure based on growth strategies Create technologies and nurture talent that drive our competitive advantage Deepen our shift from quantity to quality, and reorganize and integrate each business Growth through the expansion of "insider" business in overseas growth regions Collaborate with top-tier partners and pursue M&A
 Recycling business Entry into the offshore wind power business 	 Develop and promote the widespread adoption of green steel 	 Become the top runner in carbon neutrality technology development Complete development of ultra-innovative process conversion technology
A Social ainability Vision 2050	 Develop ultra-innovative technology (GI Fund) Build innovative electric arc furnaces* Promote expansion in green steel sales 	 Provide strong technological capabilities and a diverse eco-product lineup to help conserve the global environment Become the main player in the high-quality green

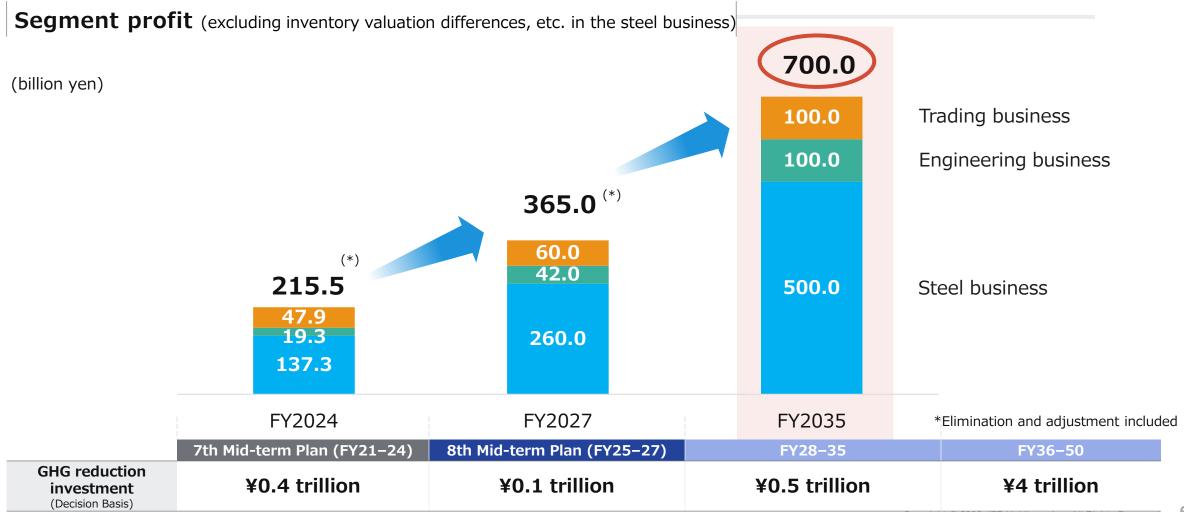
* a large, high-efficiency electric arc furnace capable of producing high-grade and high-function steel products

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• To achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, we need a profit level of ¥700.0 billion by FY35. (GHG reduction investment: We assume investment of ¥1 trillion by FY35, ¥4 trillion between FY36–50)





2. Review of Seventh Mediumterm Business Plan

Review of the Seventh Medium-term Business Plan

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- Despite the completion of the structural reform and the efforts to shift focus from quantity to quality, earnings in the steel business were significantly under the earnings target due to worsening of the business environment beyond what was expected in the early days of the Seventh Medium-term Business Plan. The stock price also did not reach a satisfactory level.

① Status of implementation of key initiatives

- Completion of structural reform and shift of focus from quantity to quality
- Promoting technology development aimed at achieving a carbon-neutral society
- Beginning of a development test of an ultra-innovative blast furnace process
- Steady implementation of growth investments Domestic
- Expanded electrical steel sheet manufacturing facilities (Kurashiki)
- Selected investment in construction of CGL for manufacturing ultrahigh strength steel (Fukuyama)
- Selected investment in innovative electric arc furnace construction

Overseas

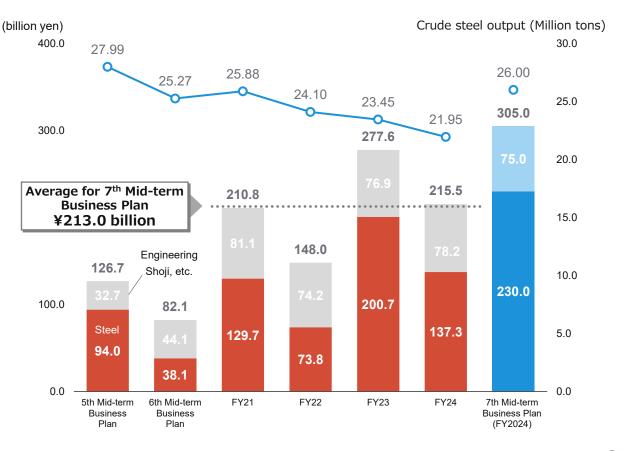
Steel

Engineering

- Established (J2ES) and acquired (J2ES Nashik), both electrical steel sheet manufacturing companies in India.
- · Acquired a stake in the Blackwater coal mine (Australia)
- Focused investment on WtR and CN fields
- Expansion of the operating business (approx. 50% of sales)
- **Reorganized industry** (acquired a chemical plant company, etc.)
- Reinforcing and enhancing the global electrical steel sheet processing and distribution networks
- Shoji Building the foundation for the overseas construction materials business through M&A activities
 - Acquired STUDCO and CEMCO

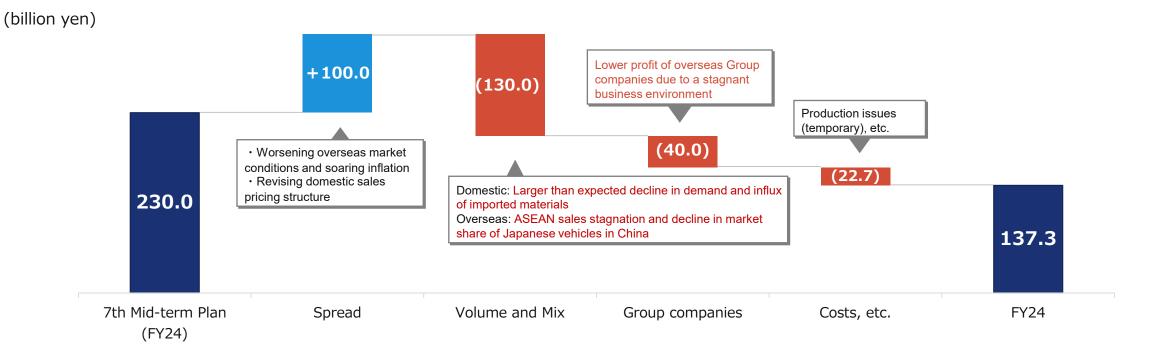
② Segment profit and crude steel output*

*Excluding inventory valuation differences, etc. in the steel business



- Profit was ¥92.7 billion below the target of the Seventh Medium-term Business Plan (FY24) (7th Mid-term Plan: ¥230.0 billion → FY24 result: ¥137.3 billion)
- (+) Spread improved due to the overhaul of our domestic sales pricing structure despite worsening overseas market conditions and soaring inflation.
- (-) Larger than expected reductions in production and sales, lower profit at overseas Group companies, and temporary cost increase (cost reductions due to structural reforms were as planned), etc.

Segment profit (excluding inventory valuation differences, etc. in the steel business)





			Seventh Medium-term Business Plan FY2024	FY2024 Results	
	Consolidated business profit		¥320.0 billion	¥135.3 billion	
Groupwide	Profit attributable to owners of the parent		¥220.0 billion	¥91.8 billion	
	ROE		10%	3.7%	
	Debt/EBITDA		Around 3x	4.5 x	
	D/E		About 70 %	54.3%	
	Steel business	Segment profit	¥230.0 billion	¥137.3 billion (*)	
		Profit per ton	¥10,000/ton	¥ 7,000 /ton(*)	
Operating companies	Engineering business	Segment profit	¥35.0 billion	¥19.3 billion	
companies		Revenue	¥650.0 billion	¥569.8 billion	
	Trading business	Segment profit	¥40.0 billion	¥47.9 billion	
Shareholder returns	Dividend payout ratio		Seventh Medium-term Business Plan	Average for Seventh Medium-term Business Plan Period	
			About 30 %	34%	

*Excluding inventory valuation differences, etc. in the steel business



3. Eighth Medium-term Business Plan



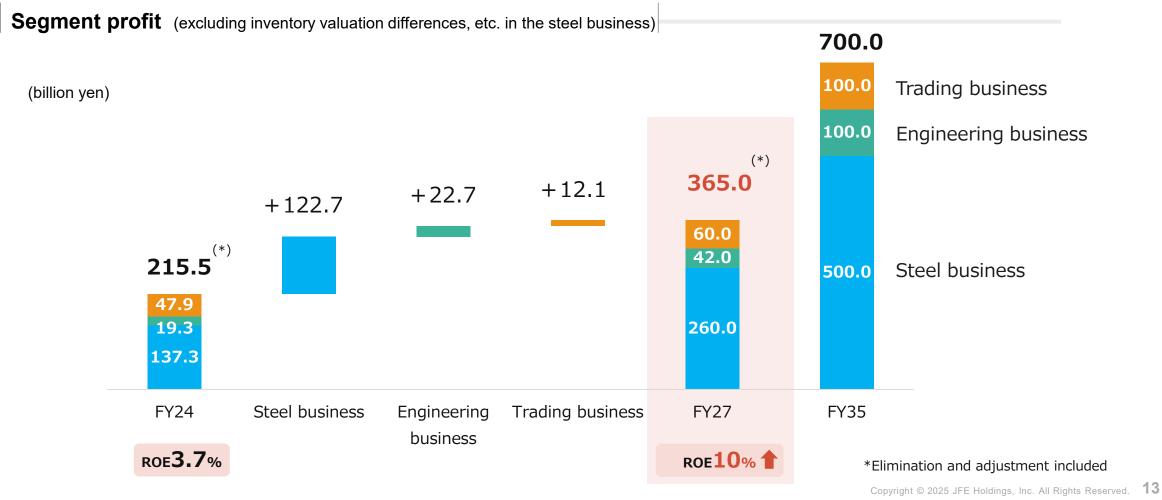
• While there are risks of declining domestic demand, expansion of low-price exports of Chinese materials, and protectionism as represented by the tariff policy of the U.S., demand is firm for growth markets, especially in India, and for the realization of a CN society.

	Domestic	Overseas	
Risks	Gradual decline in domestic demand attributed to the population decrease	Expansion in low-price exports from China	
	Recruitment challenges attributed to the decrease in the labor force population	U.S. tariff policies, shift to protectionism and economic trading blocs	
	Stagnation in decarbonization	Improvement of the technological capabilities of competing overseas mills	
Oppotun- ities	Increasing demand for eco-products that help reduce CO ₂ emissions (electrical steel sheets, high-strength steel sheets, etc.)	Growth markets, especially India	
	Increasing demand for green steel and steel for new energy	Increase in carbon-neutral plants and need for renewable energy	
	Progress in establishing a circular economy	Utilization of alliances with top-tier partners	



 We formulated the Eighth Medium-term Business Plan centered on business expansion, including aggressive investment in overseas growth fields and regions as well as reconstruction of a slim, robust structure in Japan.

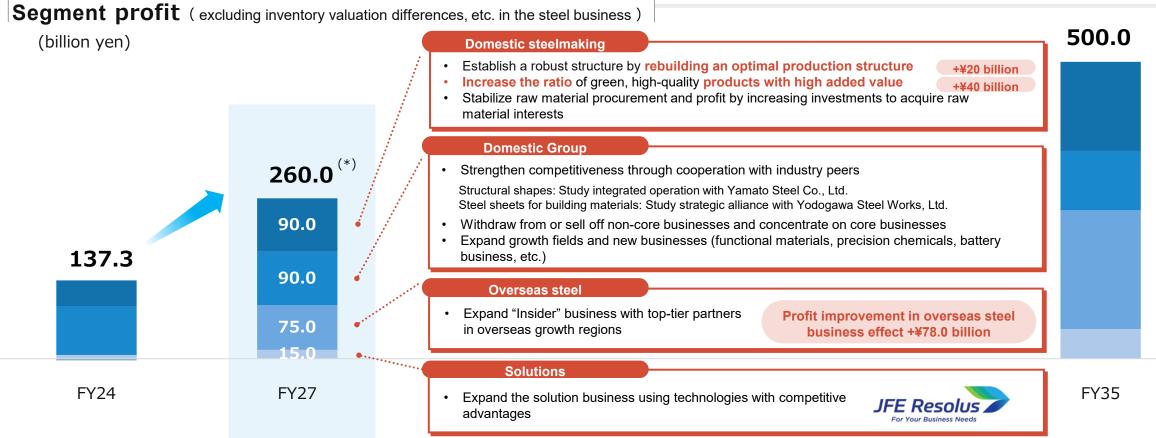
FY2027 target: Segment profit of ¥365.0 billion





FY2027 target: Segment profit of ¥260.0 billion

 We will enhance our earning power through high-value-added products and innovation technology, including carbon neutrality technologies, which is the source of the competitive advantage of our enhanced domestic steelworks. In overseas growth regions, we will expand business in collaboration with top-tier partners utilizing superior technologies, products, and human resources.



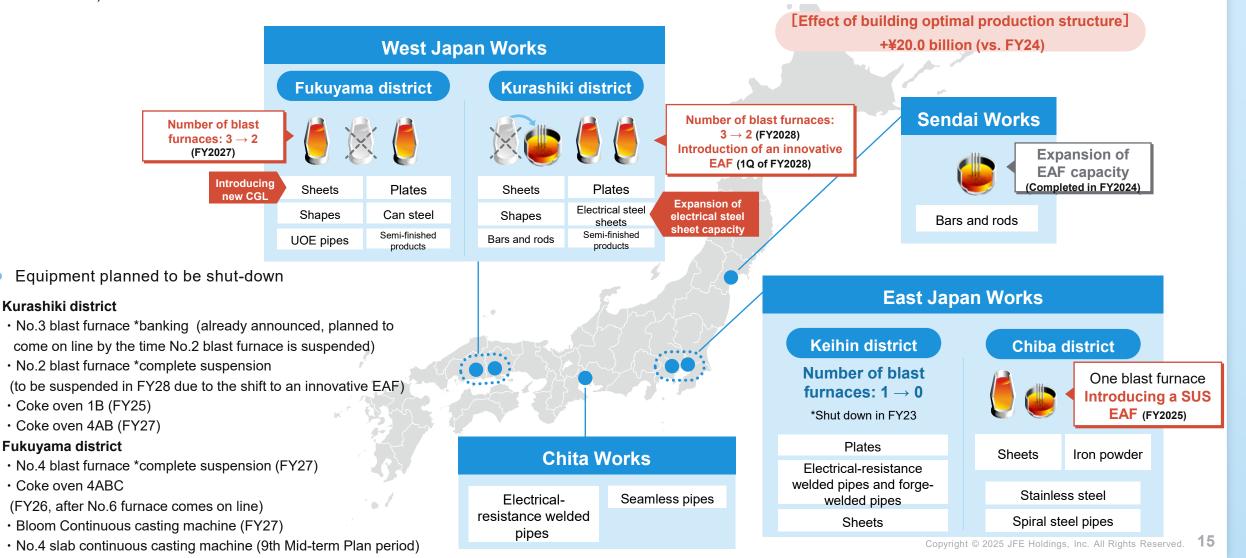
(*) Elimination and adjustment included

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Domestic steelmaking Business: Rebuilding Optimal Production Systems

 Compared to crude steel production capacity of 26 million tons (7 blast furnaces), we will streamline crude steel production to around 21.00 million tons and build an enhanced production structure by suspending blast furnaces.
 In FY28, our structure will be 5 blast furnaces + 1 innovative electric arc furnace.

JFE Steel



Overseas Growth Strategies JFESteel JFE • We have promoted our "insider" business by providing technologies and funding to JSW (India) and Nucor (North America) local partners who align with the three pillars of our overseas strategy. To achieve a further expansion, we try to seize overseas steel demand in growth markets. A ¥400 billion growth investment budget has been set. (Including investments in raw material interests) Three Pillars of JFE's Overseas Strategy JFE Steel's overseas expansion India (2011-) North America (2019–) Strategic alliance with JSW Steel Promising Markets Collaboration with Nucor in CSI (U.S.) (Global steel industry: Market cap No. 1) J2ES: Joint operation of India's first integrated Establishment of new plant for automotive steel Demand is expected to grow due in part to population manufacturer and seller of grain-oriented sheets with Nucor (Mexico) growth, enabling us to secure stable profits electrical steel sheets (2023) (Global steel industry: Market cap No. 2) J2ES Nashik: Joint acquisition of the formerly named tkESI (2024) JFE's overseas China (2018-) "insider" business Expansion of plant for automotive steel sheets **UAE (2018–)** Joint venture for large-diameter welded steel pipes Accelerating growth of investment Leveraging business sentiment aligned targets with JFE's technology provision with our vision to grow in tandem Thailand (2012–) Building solid relationships over the Vietnam (2015-) Establishment of new plant medium to long term Participation in blast furnace integrated for automotive steel sheets Provision of Technologies steelworks project **Promising Partners** (industry first) and Funding Indonesia (2012-) Establishment of new plant for J2ES : JSW JFE Electrical Steel Private Limited automotive steel sheets

• We will enhance profit per ton of product by expanding sales of such products as plates and seamless pipes for new energy (replaced exported commodity products), plates for offshore wind power generation, high-strength steel for automobiles, and highly functional electrical steel sheets utilizing the Company's technological capabilities.



*High value-added products: Products with a technological edge which are recognized by customers as having added value and earning power exceeding that of commodity products (definition by the Company)



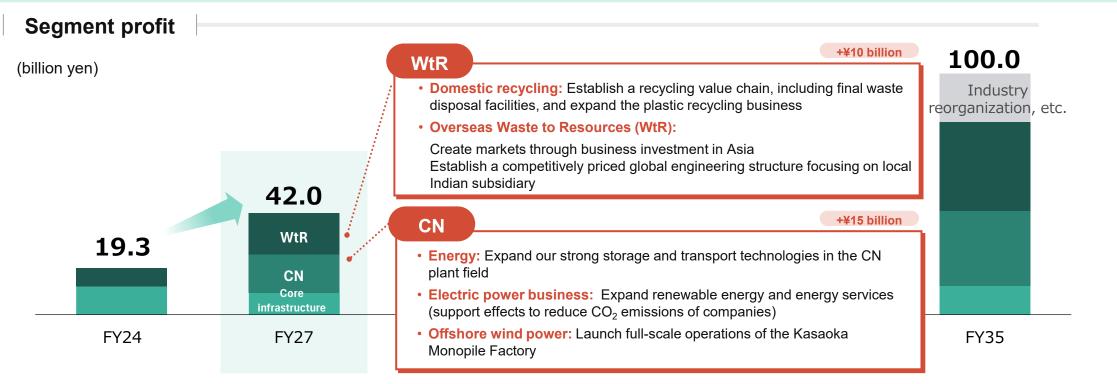
JFE Steel





FY2027 target: Segment profit of ¥42.0 billion

- We will promote the expansion of business by realizing a circular economy while strengthening the profit base with a diverse business portfolio as a strength.
- We will proactively promote an industry reorganization, such as business mergers and acquisitions of a chemical plant company conducted during the period of the Seventh Medium-term Business Plan, build a structure to provide sustainable and safe infrastructure and services, and strengthen our international competitive advantage.





 Maximizing the effects of investments in the business of manufacturing monopiles for offshore wind power generation and the operating business

Operating business

Waste-to-energy power generation

- Launching engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) and operation and maintenance (O&M) businesses that involve business investments
- Driving the overseas expansion of the model



WtR

WtR

 Overseas waste-to-energy power generation project (Vietnam)

> Launched in February 2025

Food recycling business

- Expanding business in five areas across Japan
- · Recycling food waste intro electric power and fertilizer



Food recycling business
 (Fukuoka bio food recycling)

Launched in January 2024

Business of manufacturing monopiles for offshore wind power generation

CN

Weight: 1,000-ton level

- Japan's first manufacturing base of fixed-bottom foundation for offshore wind turbines came on line in April 2024.
- We will take on round projects in Japan and plan to fully launch manufacturing from the second half of FY25.

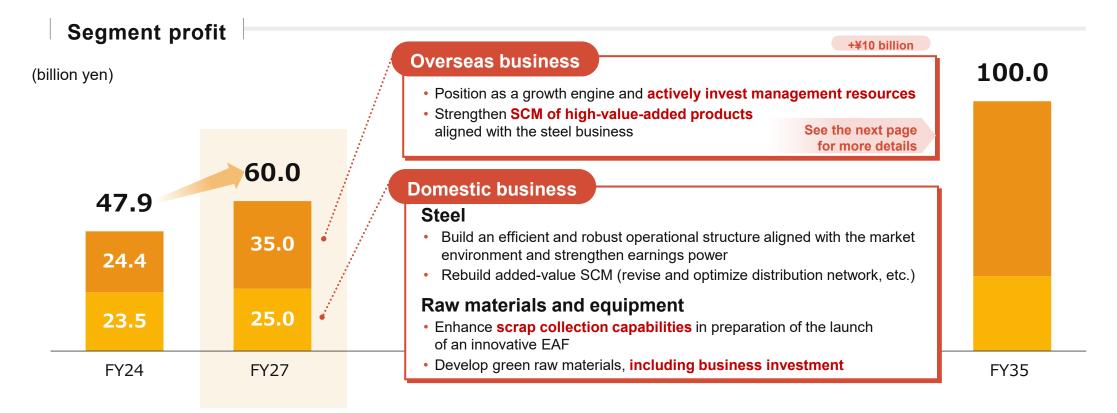




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FY2027 Target: Segment profit of ¥60.0 billion

 We will strengthen the SCM synchronized with the JFE Group's steel business and shift to complete local businesses by aggressively investing ¥85.0 billion, mainly in key regions.



Trading Business: Key Measures





• Conduct growth investment of ¥85.0 billion, mainly in the key regions of North America, Australia, India, and Europe



- Expanding trading network in the eastern European area, centered on a Serbian electrical steel sheet processing company
- Expanding new SCM functions, including the offshore wind power field



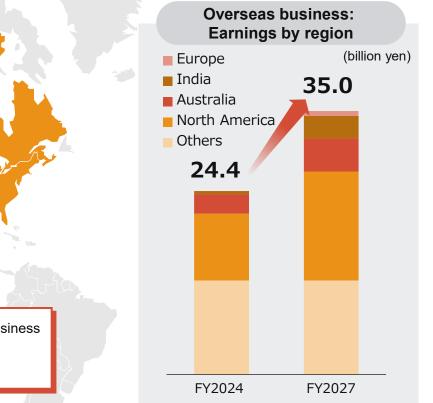
- Strengthening and enhancing electrical steel sheet and automotive industry processing functions (Cooperation with JSW and J2ES and strengthening sales to Japanese OEMs)
- Expanding the lineup of products for local mills (Aluminum deoxidizers, ferroalloys, etc.)

Australia

- Strengthening steel sheets for construction business
- Expanding business in the recycling field
- Building business with Australian steel mills



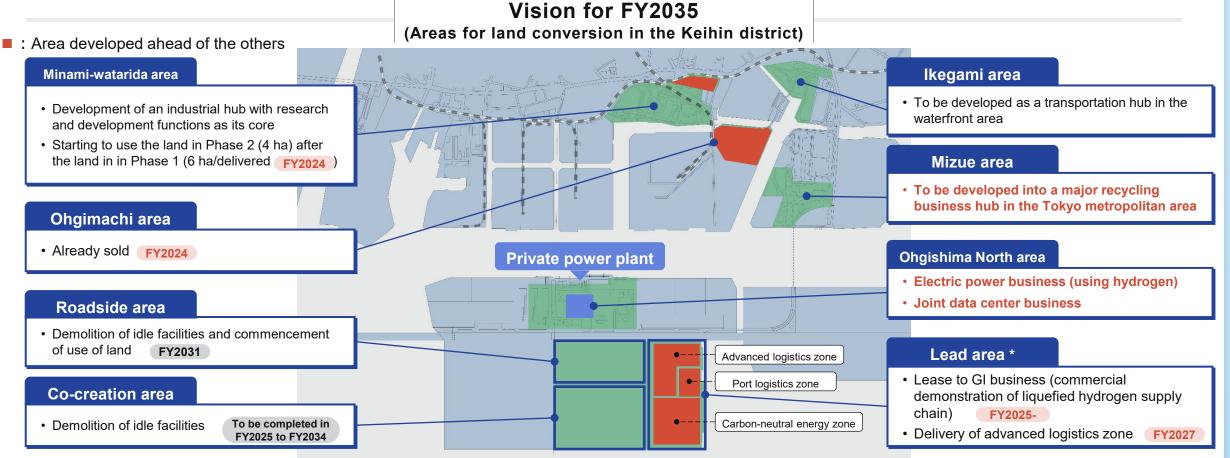
- Expanding steel sheets for construction
- Strengthening and enhancing electrical steel sheet and automotive industry processing functions
- Rebuilding North American SCM (expanding business with U.S. steel mills)



Keihin District land utilization (Land Business)

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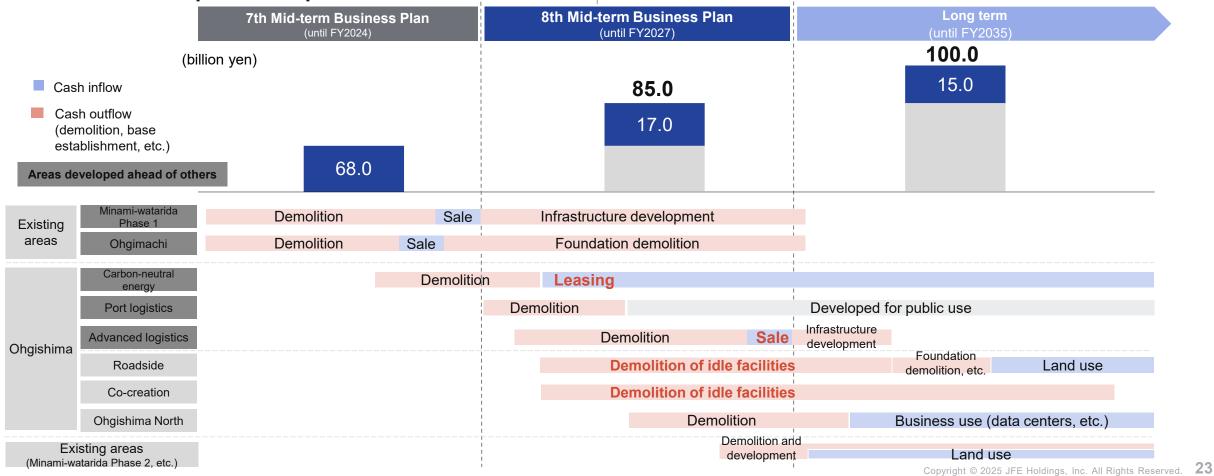
- Shifting to the highly public use of land with high public interest in promoting OHGISHIMA 2050
- We anticipate **business proceeds of ¥80.0 billion for a total area developed in advance of 100 hectares** out of 400 hectares in area of land whose use will be changed.
- Under 8th Mid-term Plan, we will begin leases to the GI business in the CN energy zone of pioneering areas, deliver to advanced logistics zones, and begin demolition of abandoned facilities in roadside and co-creation areas while promote a change in the use of land.



*Metropolitan Expressway Bayshore route Ohgishima entrance and exit (tentative name) is set for partial joint start in FY2028

 Cumulative business proceeds up to 8th Mid-term Business Plan period (FY2027) in the land business will reach ¥85.0 billion and, up to FY2035, ¥100.0 billion.

- The CN energy zone will begin leases in FY2025, and the advanced logistics zone will be delivered by FY2027.
- The demolition of the roadside and co-creation areas will be launched from FY2025, and roadside areas will begin land use from FY2031.
- Income and expenditure plan for the land business



neutrality



- Launching new businesses leveraging the location of the land in the Keihin district and the resources of the JFE Group
- Aiming to achieve a profit of ¥10.0 billion/year from the land business (leasing) and the business uses of the lands as of FY2035

Promotion of a hydrogen society	 Electric power business (using hydrogen) Starting to supply electricity from the private power plant to areas developed ahead of the others 2028 and onward Leading the way toward carbon neutrality through the gradual transition to hydrogen power generation (mixed combustion> mono-fuel combustion) 2030 and onward Data center business (use of green electricity) Working with Mitsubishi Corporation to study joint commercialization of data centers utilizing unique land characteristics that enable the supply of green power
Building a circular economy	 Recycling business Developing the area as a major recycling hub for Greater Tokyo Expanding the recycling plant to strengthen the expansion of business aimed at establishing a circular economy
Effective use of CO ₂ for achieving carbon	 CO₂ business Considering carbon dioxide capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) business leveraging the knowledge and expertise

 Considering carbon dioxide capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) business leveraging the knowledge and expertise cultivated through the advanced carbon capture and storage (CCS) project*

*CCS project implemented as part of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry projects

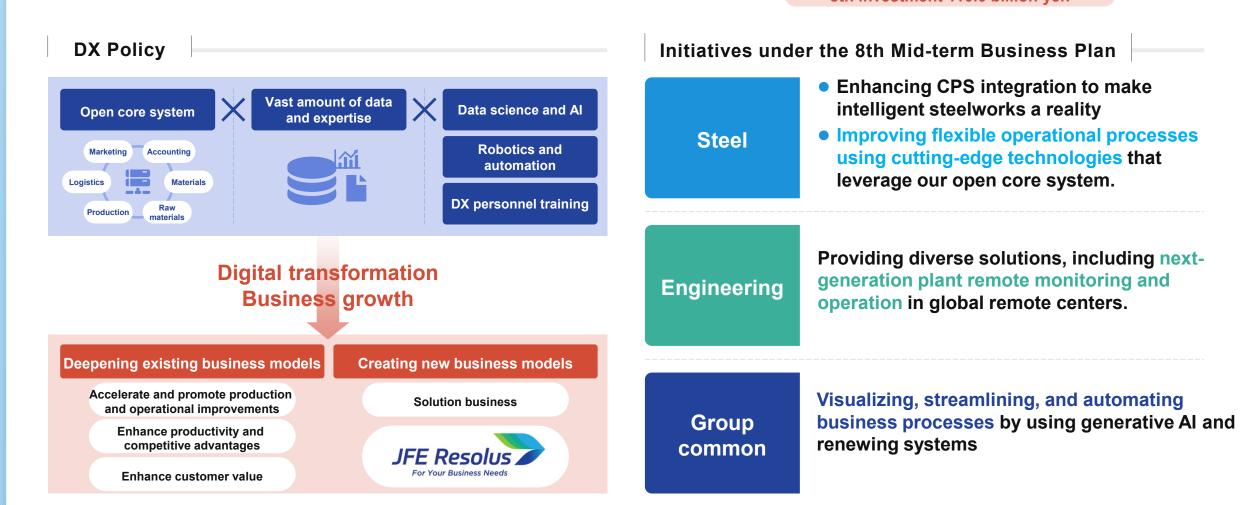
DX Strategy



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Digital Transformation

 We lead other companies in operational data and know-how accumulated over many years in a wide range of business fields. We will promote DX using an open core system and build a resilient profit base by innovating production and operational processes.
 8th investment 110.0 billion years



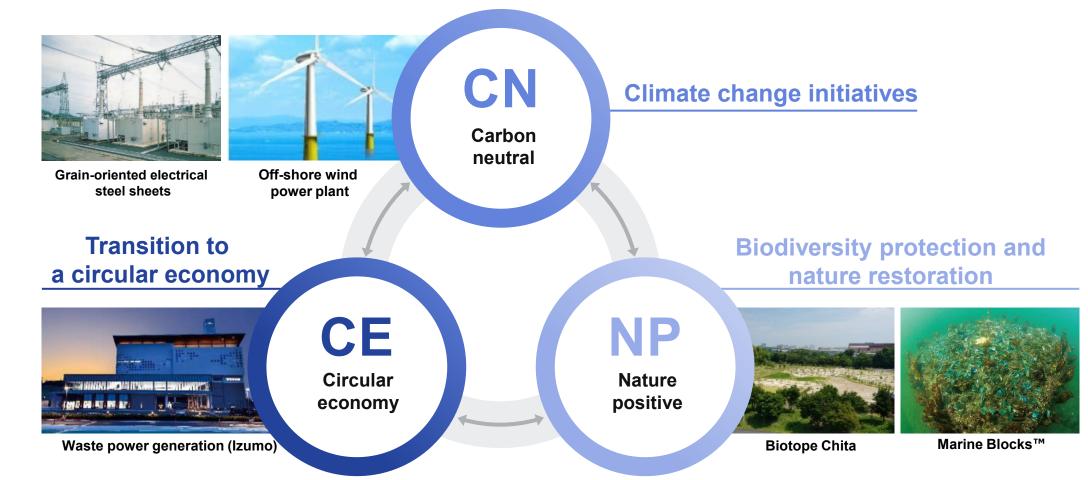


4. Initiatives for Achieving Environmental and Social Sustainability

Initiatives to Achieve Environmental Sustainability



• The entire JFE Group will contribute greatly to the global environment and society by working proactively on the transition to a circular economy, biodiversity conservation, and nature positivity, with a focus on the climate change problem.



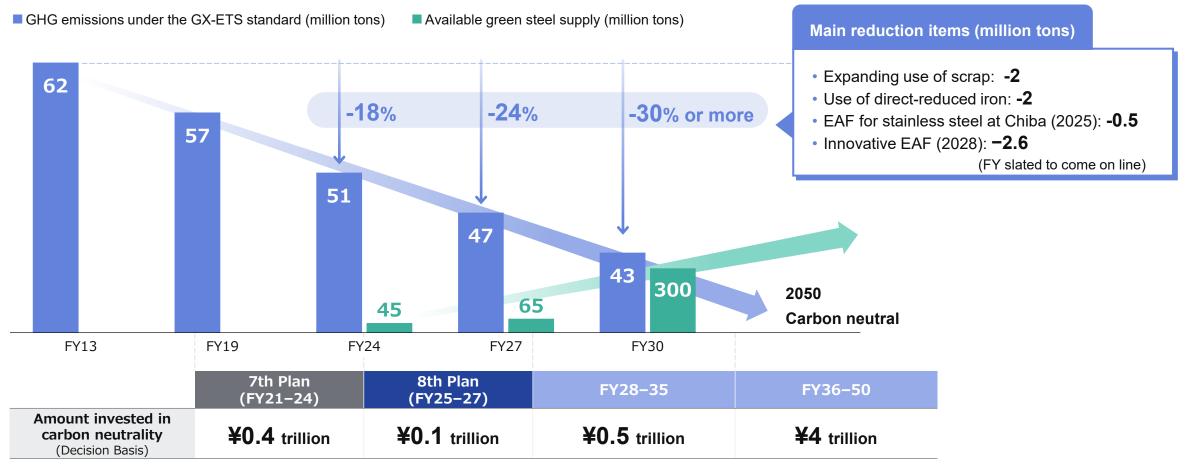
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Kankyo, keizai, shakai-no jokyo-to kankyo seisaku-no tenkai-no hoko-ni tsuite (Status of the environment, economy, and society and direction of environmental measures)(January 2023)

GHG reduction initiatives in the Steel business

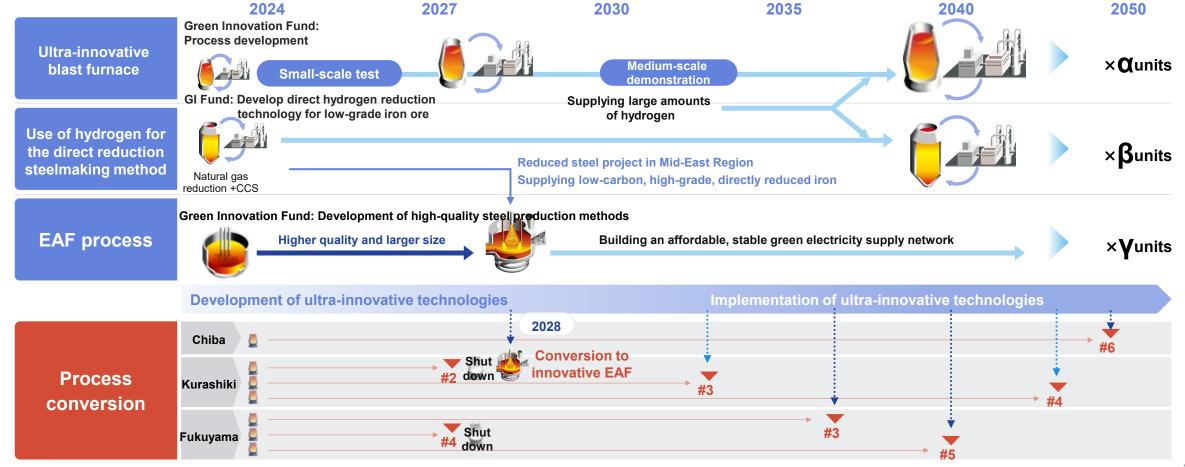
 In the steel business, GHG emissions will be reduced steadily. An innovative electric arc furnace will be installed at Kurashiki to build a system for the mass supply of green steel. Development of ultra-innovative technologies will be promoted to achieve carbon neutrality.

Domestic steel business: GHG emissions reduction plan



Policy on the Conversion of the Steel Manufacturing Process

- Ultra-innovative technologies: Completing technology development using the Green Innovation Fund, etc. to make the conversion technologically viable (around 2035)
- **Transition policy**: Making comprehensive judgements regarding the method and timing of process conversion by also considering the affordable and stable network for the mass supply of hydrogen and electricity, the entrenchment of green steel, and other factors.



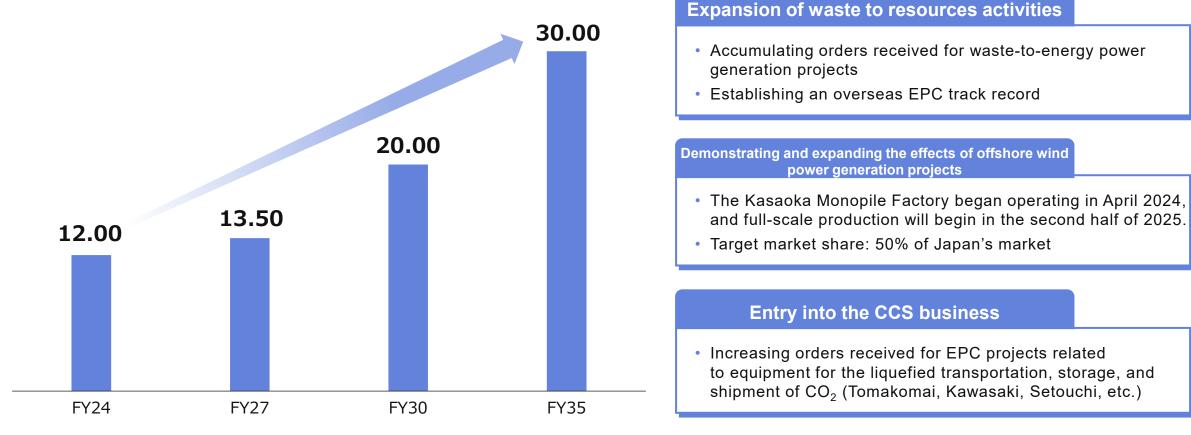


• In the engineering business, contributions to GHG reduction will be expanded.

Entry into the CCS business in addition to the waste to resources, offshore wind power, and other businesses, will be considered to expand contributions to the reduction of emissions in various fields.

Engineering business: Plan to contribute to GHG emissions reductions

Reduced GHG emissions (million tons)



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 Driving the transition to a circular economy not only internally but also by working together with the value chain, including national governments, local governments, and customers, based on the understanding that the transition is an important theme which is essential for the establishment of a sustainable society



Contributing to addressing the climate change problem and protecting biodiversity

human rights

 We believe human resources are the driving force behind corporate growth and formulated a human resources strategy that links corporate growth and employee growth with the aim of achieving our management strategies.

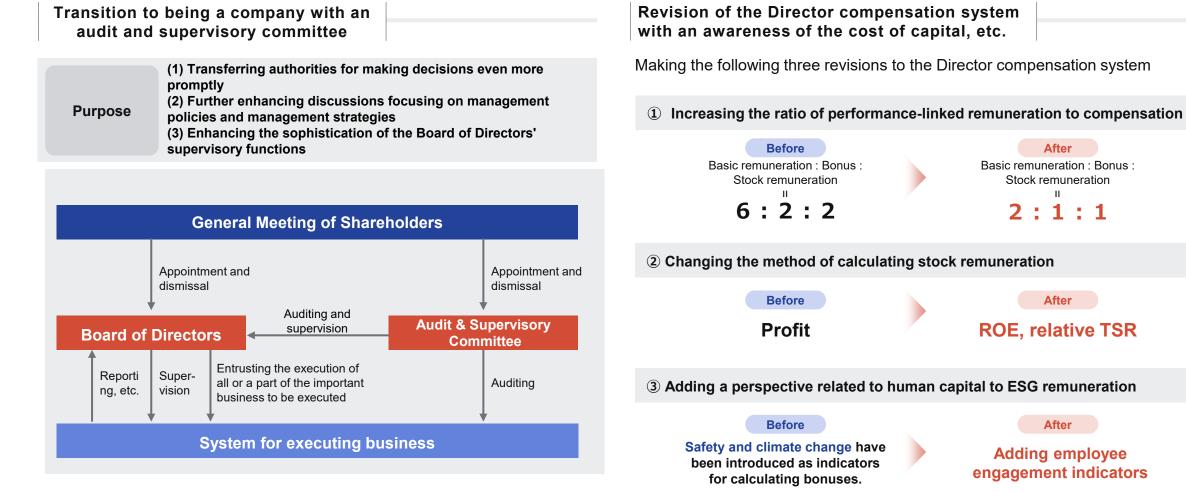
> 8th Mid-term Business Plan Investment ¥80.0 billion

Human resources strategies	 Securing human resources from diverse sources in response to the expansion of the business and the intensification of competition in recruitment Strategic development of human resources who can implement management strategies (overseas business, promotion of DX, etc.) 			Establishing a human resources portfolio
	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)			
	Improving job satisfaction	 Improving engagement with initiatives for improving job satisfaction as a management task Pleasant working conditions: Investment in the workplace environment, workstyle reform, and the development of an environment which enables employees to take leave without hesitation Job satisfaction: Enhancing open recruitment, operational reforms through DX, competitive treatment, etc. 		Maximizing the talent of human resources
Ç Safety	• Continuing	to invest in safety measures and ensuring intrinsic safety through DX		
Respect for	Continuing	human rights due diligence and enhancing corrective mechanisms using externa	al co	ontacts



- We transitioned to being a company with a Company with Audit and Supervisory Committee with the aim of swiftly
 responding to rapid and major changes in the environment surrounding the Company, such as carbon neutrality and DX*.
- We will change to an officer remuneration system that considers capital costs and share price*.

*Subject to approval at the 23rd General Meeting of Shareholders to be held in June 2025.



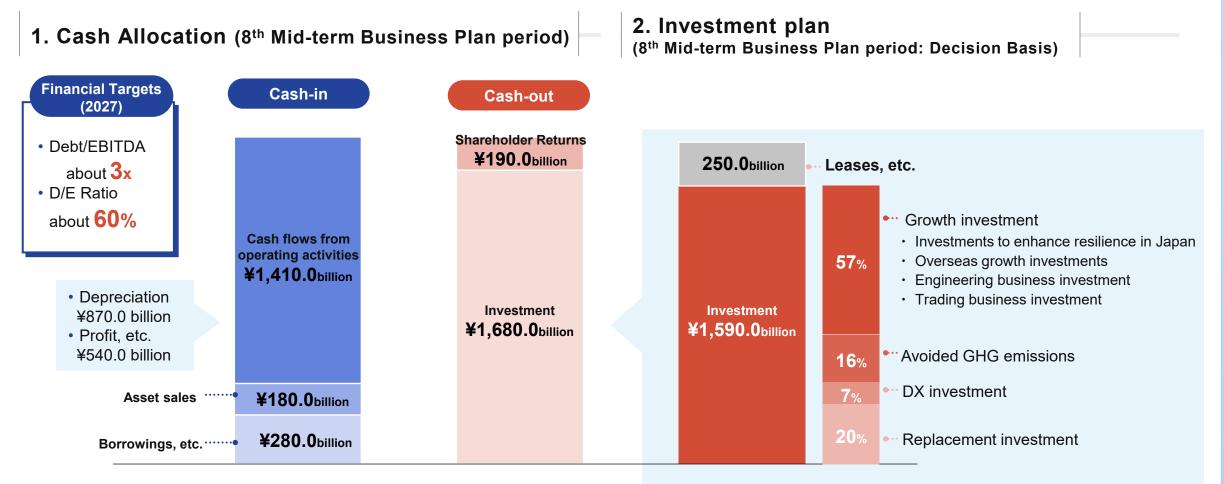


5. Financial and Capital Strategy

Cash Allocation



• We will transition to operations that consider financial targets to ensure both stable shareholder returns as well as growth and CN investments while securing financial soundness.

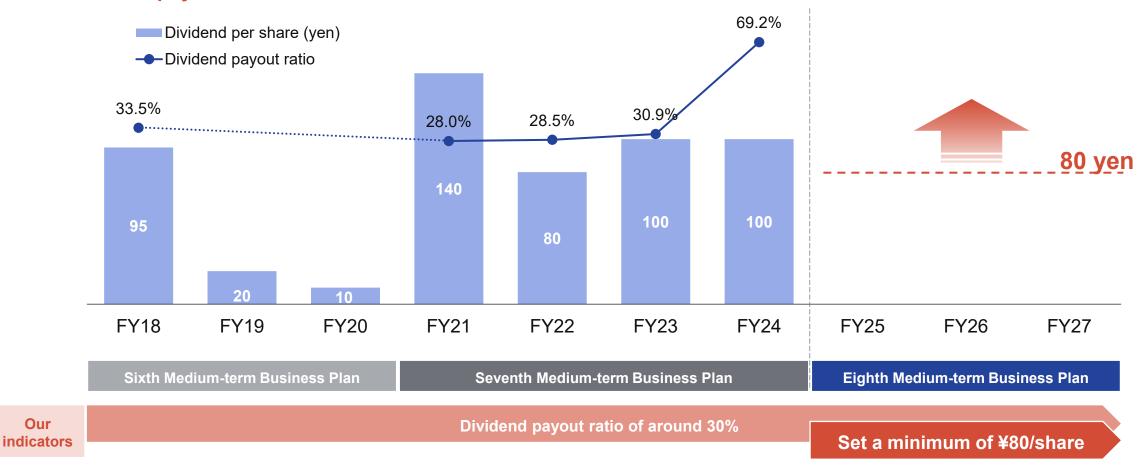


Investment plan (Decision Basis)

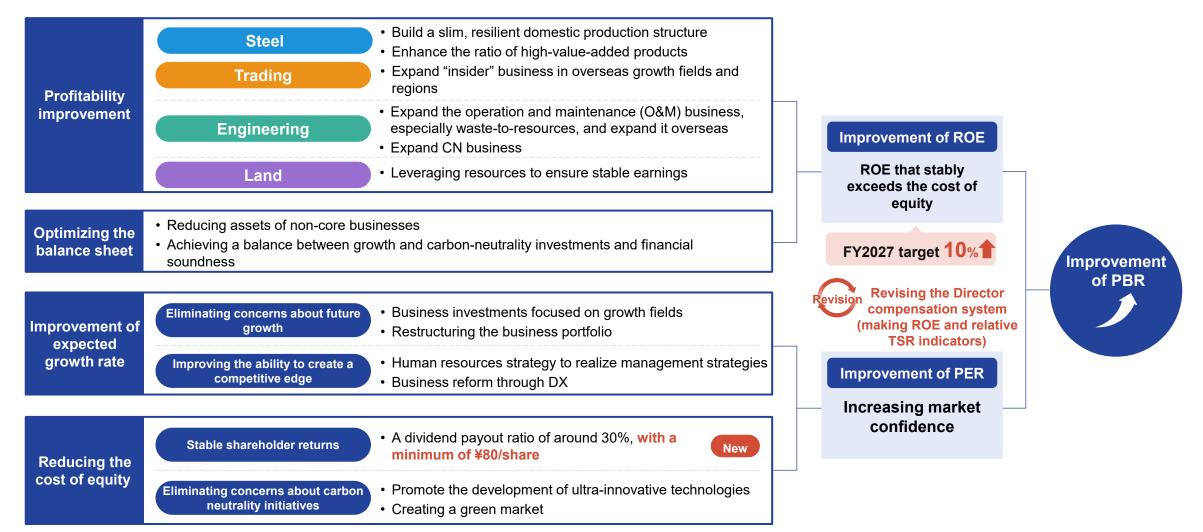
Shareholder Returns Policy

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• We consider returning profit to shareholders one of the top management priorities. We will proactively conduct dividends while striving to ensure the entire Group's sustainable corporate structure. Under the Eighth Medium-term Business Plan, our policy is to set a minimum of ¥80/share from the perspective of conducting stable dividends in addition to setting a dividend payout ratio of around 30%.



• Promoting management with an awareness of the cost of capital and the stock price for the sustainable improvement of corporate value





			Eighth Medium-term Business Plan FY2027		
	Consolidated business profit		¥400.0 billion		
Groupwide	ROE		10 % or more		
	Debt/EBITDA		About 3x		
	D/E		About 60 %		
Operating companies	Steel business Segment profit		¥260.0 billion		
	Engineering business	Segment profit	¥42.0 billion		
	Trading business	Segment profit	¥60.0 billion		
Shareholder Returns	Dividend Policy		Dividend payout ratio of around 30%, with a minimum of ¥80/share		



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