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Explanatory Material for Financial Report for Third Quarter of Fiscal 2012 Ending March 31, 2012

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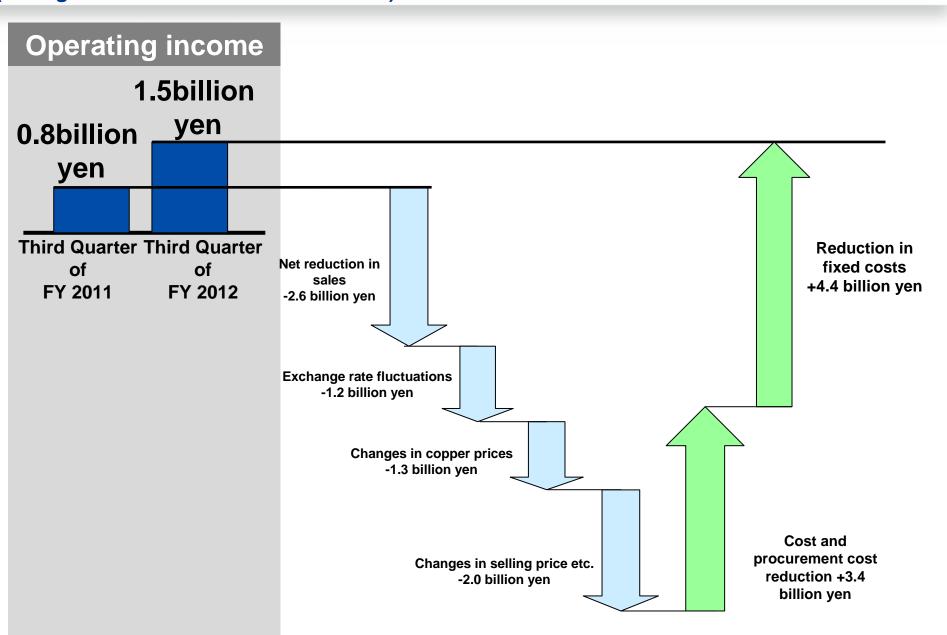
1-1. Consolidated Statement of Income and Loss HitachiCable

| | | | | Units: billion yen |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| | Third Quarter of FY 2011 | Third Quarter of FY 2012 | Change from Third Quarter of FY 2011 | Change from Previous Forecast* |
| Net sales | 314.9 | 311.5 | (99%) -3.4 | (99%) -4.2 |
| Operating income | 0.8 | 1.5 | +0.7 | +0.1 |
| Non-Operating income/ loss | -0.7 | -1.0 | -0.3 | +0.7 |
| Ordinary income | 0.2 | 0.5 | +0.3 | +0.8 |
| Extraordinary income / loss | 0.1 | -17.0 | -17.1 | +2.2 |
| Net income before taxes and other adjustments | 0.2 | -16.6 | -16.8 | +2.9 |
| Corporate taxes, etc. | 0.3 | 0.8 | +0.5 | -0.3 |
| Gains to minority investors | 0.2 | 0.2 | +0.0 | 0.0 |
| Net income | -0.3 | -17.6 | -17.3 | +3.2 |

Third Quarter of FY 2012:From April 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011

Note: Figures are rounded off to the nearest 0.1 billion yen.

1-2. Major Factors Contributing to Change in Operating Income (Change from Third Quarter of FY 2011)



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1-3. Breakdown of Net Income for the Current Quarter

Operating Net income income **Non-Operating** income/ loss 1.5 billion -1.0 billion yen yen Impairment losses -8.4 billion yen Restructuring costs -7.2 billion yen Transfer to provision for surcharge -1.4 billion yen Corporate Gains to -17.6 billion yen taxes, etc. minority -0.8 investors billion yen -0.2 billion yen **Third Quarter of FY 2012 Operating** income Net income

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Units: billion yen

| | End of FY2011 | End of Third Quarter of FY2012 | Change from the Previous Fiscal Year-End |
|--|---------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Total assets | 270.8 | 251.8 | -18.9 |
| Total liabilities | 164.7 | 165.8 | +1.1 |
| Of which interest- bearing debt represents | 43.9 | 54.1 | +10.2 |
| Equity | 103.9 | 84.2 | -19.7 |
| Equity ratio | 38.4% | 33.4% | -5.0% |
| Debt to equity ratio | 0.41 | 0.63 | +0.22 |

1-5. Sales by Reporting Segment



Units: billion yen

| | Third Quarter of FY 2011 | Third Quarter of FY 2012 | Change from Third Quarter of FY 2011 | Change from Previous Forecast* |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Industrial infrastructure products | 65.2 | 67.5 | 104% | 100% |
| Electronic & Automotive Products | 112.5 | 113.0 | 100% | 100% |
| Information Systems Devices & Materials | 38.0 | 34.0 | 89% | 98% |
| Metal Materials & Component Products | 73.8 | 68.7 | 93% | 97% |
| Sales Companies | 25.5 | 28.4 | 111% | 98% |
| Total | 314.9 | 311.5 | 99% | 99% |

1-6. Operating Income by Reporting Segment



Units: billion yen

| | Third Quarter of FY 2011 | Third Quarter of FY 2012 | Change from Third Quarter of FY 2011 | Change from Previous Forecast* |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Industrial infrastructure products | -0.6 | -0.1 | +0.5 | -0.1 |
| Electronic & Automotive Products | 2.2 | 1.4 | -0.7 | -0.0 |
| Information Systems Devices & Materials | 0.3 | -0.1 | -0.4 | +0.5 |
| Metal Materials & Component Products | -1.9 | -1.5 | +0.4 | -0.2 |
| Sales Companies | 1.3 | 1.6 | +0.2 | -0.0 |
| Adjustment amount | -0.4 | 0.2 | +0.6 | -0.0 |
| Total | 0.8 | 1.5 | +0.7 | +0.1 |

1-7. Capital Investment, R&D Expenses, Number of Employees, Etc.



(1) Capital investment, Depreciation, R&D expenses

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| Units: Dillion y | e |
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| | Third Quarter of FY 2011 | Third Quarter of FY 2012 | Change from Third Quarter of FY 2011 |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Capital investment | 7.8 | 8.9 | 113% |
| Depreciation | 14.9 | 12.1 | 81% |
| R&D expenses (R&D expenses/Net sales) | 7.3 (2.3%) | 6.6 (2.1%) | 90% |

(2) Number of employees

| | Units: persons | | |
|---------------------|----------------|--|------|
| | End of FY2011 | Change from the Previous Fiscal Year-End | |
| Number of employees | 16,064 | 15,493 | -571 |

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1-8. Overview by Segment: Industrial Infrastructure Products

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Units: billion yen

| | Third Quarter of FY 2011 | Third Quarter of FY 2012 | Change from Third Quarter of FY 2011 | Change from Previous Forecast* |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Industrial Systems Products and Power & Energy businesses | 54.3 | 57.2 | 105% | 100% |
| Optical Communication Products | 10.9 | 10.4 | 95% | 99% |
| Total net sales | 65.2 | 67.5 | 104% | 100% |
| Operating income | -0.6 | -0.1 | +0.5 | -0.1 |

Industrial
Systems
Products and
Power & Energy
businessesSales exceeded those of the third quarter of FY 2011 due to significant increased
demand arising chiefly out of the rebound that occurred following supply
stoppages caused by the earthquake and in response to reconstruction-related
demands. Higher copper prices compared with the previous year also
contributed to the increase.

Optical Communication Products

fell below those of the third quarter of FY 2011, with low figures for the second and third quarters due to weakened demand stemming from the robust demand for rebuilding telecommunications infrastructure during the first quarter.



Units: billion yen

| | Third Quarter of FY 2011 | Third Quarter of FY 2012 | Change from Third Quarter of FY 2011 | Change from Previous Forecast* |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Automotive Components | 26.7 | 26.0 | 97% | 100% |
| Electronic Products | 36.3 | 35.5 | 98% | 100% |
| Magnet Wire Products | 49.5 | 51.4 | 104% | 99% |
| Total net sales | 112.5 | 113.0 | 100% | 100% |
| Operating income | 2.2 | 1.4 | -0.7 | -0.0 |

| Automotive Components | Although demand has been on a recovery trend since auto manufacturers resumed production, sales failed to reach the previous year's level when rush demand was strong before expiry of the government's eco-car subsidy program. Also contributing to the decrease in sales was the sharp appreciation of the yen, which resulted in lower overseas sales. |
|--------------------------|--|
| Electronic Products | Sales fell below the previous year's level due to globally stagnant electronics and semiconductor markets, in addition to weak demand for products in the solar battery market. |
| Magnet Wire Products | Sales surpassed the previous year's level due to favorable demand for products for HEV/EV use as a result of resumed production by auto manufacturers, and from continued strong demand for general-use and industrial products. |

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Units: billion yen

| | Third Quarter of FY 2011 | Third Quarter of FY 2012 | Change from Third Quarter of FY 2011 | Change from Previous Forecast* |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Information Networks | 16.7 | 18.4 | 110% | 100% |
| Wireless systems | 11.3 | 7.6 | 67% | 92% |
| Compound Semiconductor Products | 9.9 | 8.0 | 80% | 98% |
| Total net sales | 38.0 | 34.0 | 89% | 98% |
| Operating income | 0.3 | -0.1 | -0.4 | +0.5 |

| Information Networks | Sales exceeded those of the third quarter of FY 2011 thanks to strong demand for use in mobile backhaul for LTE (Long Term Evolution) networks and solid demand in the integration business. |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Wireless systems | Sales decreased significantly from last year's level due to a drop-off period in demand for mobile phone base stations products. |
| Compound Semiconductor Products | Sales fell well below the previous year's level. Sales of products for optical devices faltered as the electronics and semiconductor industries experienced a downturn in the marketplace. In addition, sales of products for high frequency devices dropped as a result of competition using alternative materials. |

1-11. Overview by Segment: Metal Materials & Component Products

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| | | | | | Units: billion yen |
|--|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| | | Third Quarter of FY 2011 | Third Quarter of FY 2012 | Change from Third Quarter of FY 2011 | Change fron Previous Forecast* |
| Copper Strips | ; | 23.5 | 23.1 | 99% | 94% |
| Copper Produ | icts | 28.7 | 29.4 | 102% | 97% |
| Lead frames | | 10.0 | 9.4 | 94% | 100% |
| Package Materials | | 11.7 | 6.8 | 58% | 100% |
| Total net sa | Total net sales | | 68.7 | 93% | 97% |
| Operating income | | -1.9 | -1.5 | +0.4 | -0.2 |
| Copper Strips | Copper Strips Sales fell below last year's level due to sluggish demand for products for the electronics and semiconductor markets. | | | | |
| Copper Products Sales exceeded the previous year's level. Although sales in copper tubes dropped as a result of the withdrawal of the business in Japan, demand for copper products for electrical use remained strong. A shipment of superconductors for use in an international project also contributed to the increase. | | | | | |
| Lead frames Sales fell below the previous year's level due to sluggish demand for products for the electronics and semiconductor markets. | | | | | |
| Package MaterialsSales dropped below last year's level due to weakening demand in memory and specified uses, in addition to withdrawal from the COF business applied to the production of LCD panels. However, the amount in terms of profit was improved by the withdrawal. | | | | | |

* Previous forecast: Forecasts of business performance for FY2012 announced on October 28, 2011 ©2012 Hitachi Cable, Ltd. All rights reserved. 13



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2-1. Forecast of Full-Year Business Performance for FY 2012 Ending March 31, 2012



Units: billion ven

| | FY2011 (Actual performance) | FY2012 (previous forecasts)* | FY2012 (Revised forecasts) | Change from FY2011 | Change from Previous Forecast* |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Net sales | 419.3 | 440.0 | 422.0 | (101%) +2.7 | (96%) -18.0 |
| Operating income | 0.8 | 5.0 | 1.5 | +0.7 | -3.5 |
| Non-Operating income/ loss | -2.6 | -1.0 | -1.0 | +1.6 | 0.0 |
| Ordinary income | -1.8 | 4.0 | 0.5 | +2.3 | -3.5 |
| Extraordinary income / loss | -10.7 | -24.0 | -24.0 | -13.3 | 0.0 |
| Net income before taxes and other Adjustments | -12.4 | -20.0 | -23.5 | -11.1 | -3.5 |
| Corporate taxes, etc. | 0.2 | 1.5 | 1.0 | +0.8 | -0.5 |
| Gains to minority investors | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 | +0.2 | 0.0 |
| Net income | -13.0 | -22.0 | -25.0 | -12.0 | -3.0 |

* Assumptions for forecasts: Copper price of 60 thousand yen/ton, exchange rate of US\$1 = 75 yen * Previous forecast: Forecasts of business performance for FY2012 announced on October 28, 2011

2-2. Capital Investment, R&D Expenses, Number of Employees, Etc.



(1) Capital investment, Depreciation, R&D expenses

Units: billion yen

| | FY2011 (Actual performance) | FY2012 (previous forecasts)* | FY2012 (Revised forecasts) | Change from | Change from Previous |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| | performance) | forecasts)^ | forecasts) | FY2011 | Forecast* |
| Capital investment | 10.2 | 14.0 | 13.5 | +3.3 | -0.5 |
| Depreciation | 20.1 | 18.5 | 16.5 | -3.6 | -2.0 |
| R&D expenses (R&D expenses/Net sales) | 9.0 (2.2%) | 9.0 (2.0%) | 9.0 (2.1%) | -0.0 | 0.0 |

* Previous forecast: Forecasts of business performance for FY2012 announced on October 28, 2011

(2) Number of employees

| | 000 | | |
|------------------------|---------------|---|------------------------------|
| | End of FY2011 | End of FY2012 (Revised forecasts) | Change from End of FY2011 |
| Number of employees | 16,064 | 15,300 | -764 |

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2-3. Forecast of Sales by Reporting Segment



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| | | | | Units | : billion yen |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| | FY2011 (Actual performance) | FY2012 (previous forecasts)* | FY2012 (Revised forecasts) | Change from FY2011 | Change from Previous Forecast* |
| Industrial Systems Products and Power & Energy businesses | 72.0 | 75.5 | 75.0 | 104% | 99% |
| Optical Communication Products | 14.1 | 15.5 | 15.0 | 107% | 97% |
| Industrial infrastructure products | 86.1 | 91.0 | 90.0 | 105% | 99% |
| Automotive Components | 35.1 | 38.5 | 39.0 | 111% | 101% |
| Electronic Products | 46.9 | 50.5 | 49.0 | 104% | 97% |
| Magnet Wire Products | 65.5 | 75.0 | 72.0 | 110% | 96% |
| Electronic & Automotive Products | 147.5 | 164.0 | 160.0 | 108% | 98% |
| Information Networks | 24.5 | 28.0 | 26.5 | 108% | 95% |
| Wireless systems | 15.7 | 12.0 | 11.5 | 73% | 96% |
| Compound Semiconductor Products | 12.5 | 10.0 | 9.0 | 72% | 90% |
| Information Systems Devices & Materials | 52.6 | 50.0 | 47.0 | 89% | 94% |
| Copper Strips | 31.7 | 33.5 | 29.5 | 93% | 88% |
| Copper Products | 39.1 | 39.5 | 36.5 | 93% | 92% |
| Lead frames | 12.7 | 13.0 | 12.5 | 98% | 96% |
| Package Materials | 13.7 | 8.0 | 7.5 | 55% | 94% |
| Metal Materials & Component Products | 97.2 | 94.0 | 86.0 | 88% | 91% |
| Sales Companies | 35.8 | 41.0 | 39.0 | 109% | 95% |
| Total | 419.3 | 440.0 | 422.0 | 101% | 96% |

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2-4. Forecast of Operating Income/Loss by Reporting Segment

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| | | | | Un | its: billion yen |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| | FY2011 (Actual performance) | FY2012 (previous forecasts)* | FY2012 (Revised forecasts) | Change from FY2011 | Change from Previous Forecast* |
| Industrial infrastructure products | -1.1 | 1.5 | 0.3 | +1.4 | -1.2 |
| Electronic & Automotive Products | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.3 | -0.7 | -0.7 |
| Information Systems Devices & Materials | 0.8 | 0.2 | -0.1 | -0.9 | -0.3 |
| Metal Materials & Component Products | -3.2 | -1.5 | -2.4 | +0.8 | -0.9 |
| Sales Companies | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.0 | +0.1 | -0.2 |
| Adjustment amount | -0.6 | -0.4 | -0.6 | +0.0 | -0.2 |
| Total | 0.8 | 5.0 | 1.5 | +0.7 | -3.5 |

* Assumptions for forecast: Copper price of 600 thousand yen/ton, exchange rate of US\$1 = 75 yen * Previous forecast: Forecasts of business performance for FY2012 announced on October 28, 2011

2-5. Quarterly Sales for FY 2012 Ending March 31, 2012



Units: billion yen

| | | | | | | mits. bimon yen |
|-----------|--|---|---|---|--|-----------------------------|
| | | 1 st Quarter (From Apr.1 to Jun.30) [Actual performance] | 2 nd Quarter (From Jul.1 to Sep.30) [Actual performance] | 3 rd Quarter (From Oct.1 to Dec.31) [Actual performance] | 4 th Quarter (From Jan.1 to Mar.31) [Forecasts] | Total [Forecasts] |
| | Industrial Systems Products and Power & Energy businesses | 20.0 | 18.0 | 19.1 | 17.8 | 75.0 |
| | Optical Communication Products | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 15.0 |
| Ind | lustrial infrastructure products | 23.6 | 21.4 | 22.5 | 22.5 | 90.0 |
| | Automotive Components | 8.1 | 8.4 | 9.5 | 13.0 | 39.0 |
| | Electronic Products | 12.0 | 11.9 | 11.6 | 13.5 | 49.0 |
| | Magnet Wire Products | 15.8 | 17.6 | 18.0 | 20.6 | 72.0 |
| - | ctronic & Automotive | 35.9 | 38.0 | 39.1 | 47.0 | 160.0 |
| | Information Networks | 5.2 | 6.7 | 6.5 | 8.1 | 26.5 |
| | Wireless systems | 2.4 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 3.9 | 11.5 |
| | Compound Semiconductor Products | 2.7 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 9.0 |
| | ormation Systems Devices & terials | 10.4 | 12.5 | 11.1 | 13.0 | 47.0 |
| | Copper Strips | 9.0 | 8.1 | 6.0 | 6.4 | 29.5 |
| | Copper Products | 11.8 | 9.8 | 7.8 | 7.1 | 36.5 |
| | Lead frames | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 12.5 |
| | Package Materials | 2.6 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 7.5 |
| Me Pro | tal Materials & Component | 26.6 | 23.6 | 18.5 | 17.3 | 86.0 |
| Sa | les Companies | 8.5 | 10.0 | 9.9 | 10.6 | 39.0 |
| То | tal | 105.0 | 105.4 | 101.1 | 110.5 | 422.0 |

* Assumptions for forecasts: Copper price of 60 thousand yen/ton, exchange rate of US\$1 = 75 yen * Forecast s for 4th Quarter include the impact of fiscal year alignment at overseas subsidiaries.

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2-6. Quarterly Operating Income/Loss for FY 2012 Ending March 31, 2012



Units: billion yen

| | 1st Quarter (From Apr.1 to Jun.30) [Actual performance] | 2 nd Quarter (From Jul.1 to Sep.30) [Actual performance] | 3rd Quarter (From Oct.1 to Dec.31) [Actual performance] | 4 th Quarter (From Jan.1 to Mar.31) [Forecasts] | Total [Forecasts] |
|--|---|---|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Industrial infrastructure products | 0.9 | -1.2 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Electronic & Automotive Products | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 2.3 |
| Information Systems Devices & Materials | -0.1 | -0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Metal Materials & Component Products | 0.4 | -0.9 | -1.0 | -0.9 | -2.4 |
| Sales Companies | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 2.0 |
| Adjustment amount | -0.1 | 0.5 | -0.1 | -0.8 | -0.6 |
| Total | 2.4 | -1.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.5 |

* Assumptions for forecasts: Copper price of 60 thousand yen/ton, exchange rate of US\$1 = 75 yen * Forecast s for 4th Quarter include the impact of fiscal year alignment at overseas subsidiaries.



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3-1. Progress in Business Structural Reform I HitachiCable

| Selection and con | centration of business operations | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| Withdrawal from business | COF for LCD panels (completed in May 2011) Optical submarine cables (Completed in Sep 2011) Domestic copper tubes (by Mar 2012) | | |
| Consolidation of operations | Consolidation of a metal telecommunications cables production center (by Feb 2012) | | |
| Review of operational structures | Packaging materials (by Mar 2012) | | |
| Restructuring of | domestic operational structures | | |
| Consolidation of domestic sales companies | Merge Hitachi Densen Shoji and Hitachi Cable Trading (completed in Jan 2012) Hitachi Densen Shoji to acquire all shares in Hokkai Hitachi Densen Kihan (completed in Jan 2012) | | |
| Transfer of sales function of manufacturing companies | Transfer sales function of Tonichi Kyosan, Tohoku Rubber and Hitachi Alloy to Hitachi Densen Shoji (by Apr 2012) | | |

3-2. Progress in Business Structural Reform II



| Consolidation of g | roup companies in Europ | pe and North America | |
|---|--|---|--|
| U.K. | Hitachi Cable Europe took over all businesses of Hitachi Cable UK, establishing a one-company organization in the UK (completed in Dec 31, 2011) | | |
| U.S. | Hitachi Cable America to merge Hitachi Cable Automotive Products USA and Hitachi Cable Manchester, establishing a one-company organization in the US (Apr 1, 2012) | | |
| Consolidation and eli | imination of operational entiti | es in Southeast Asia | |
| Lead frames Electronic wires Magnetic wires | Lead frames: 3 Electronic wires: 3 Magnetic wires: 2 | Consolidate the 8 companies to 3-4 companies (by Mar 2013) | |

| Reinforceme | nt of overseas businesses |
|--|---|
| Reinforcement of management structure For speedier management decision-making | Global Business Management Group established (Oct 2011) |
| Industrial wires and cables | Production of industrial wires and cables began at Hitachi Cable (Suzhou) Co., Ltd. (Dec 2011) |
| Flexible flat cables | •FFC business of Hitachi Cable (Johor) and Hitachi Cable Vietnam to be consolidated to Shanghai Hitachi Cable Co., Ltd. (by Aug 2012) |
| Electronic wires | Production capacity at Hitachi Cable Vietnam to be reinforced [Capital investment: ¥1.6 billion] (by Mar 2013) |

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Material cost reduction

• Value Engineering and Procurement Group to be established (Nov 2011)

Cost reduction measures

| Asset sell-off | • Sell off facilities for benefit programs (by Mar 2012) | | |
|----------------|--|--|--|
| Cost cuts | Head offices of Hitachi Cable, Hitachi Densen Shoji and Hitachi Cable Networks to share the same building (by Feb 2012) Introduce a defined contribution pension system (Jan 2012) Measures to cut IT- and health insurance-related costs are implemented by optimizing Hitachi Group's common programs and systems. | | |

3-5. Progress in Business Structural Reform V HitachiCable

Optimization of domestic personnel structure Reduction of domestic personnel structure Early retirement: 917 retired (as of the end of Jan 2012) Transfer to external organizations: Approx. 280 (by the end of Mar 2012) Fixed-age retirement/reduction of temporary staff: Approx. 420 (by the end of Mar 2012) Fixed-age retirement/reduction of temporary staff: Approx. 420 (by the end of Mar 2012) Labor cost reduction in FY 2013: Approx. 9 billion yen (from FY 2011)]

• Forecast of the number of employees (including part-time workers and temporary staff)

Units: persons

| | End of June 2011 | End of March 2012 | Change |
|----------|------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Japan | 9,100 | 7,500 | -1,600 |
| Overseas | 9,000 | 9,400 | +400 |
| Total | 18,100 | 16,900 | -1,200 |

Notes



Business performance and other figures in this document for fiscal 2012 and after represent forecasts or targets as of February 1, 2012. These figures are based on certain assumptions deemed reasonable at the time at which the Company prepared this document. Actual business performance may vary significantly from these forecasts and targets.

Listed below are the primary factors that may result in such variations.

- Economic conditions in key markets (particularly Japan, the United States, and Asia)
- The capacity of the Company and members of its group of companies to respond to rapid technological changes, to develop new products and technologies, to bring products to market in a timely fashion, and to achieve low-cost production
- Fluctuations in product and materials markets and in the conditions of such markets
- Fluctuations in exchange rates
- Conditions for raising capital
- The capacity of the Company and members of its group of companies to respond to fluctuating demand for and supply of products and materials, market conditions for products and materials, exchange rates, and other circumstances
- Safeguarding the Company's own patents and securing rights to use patents owned by other companies
- Partnerships with other companies in areas such as product development
- Fluctuations in the stock market

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