Flash Report Consolidated Basis Results for the First Half of Fiscal 2015 (April 1, 2015—September 30, 2015) <under Japanese GAAP>

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Yes (for investment analysts)

(Figures of less than ¥1 million have been omitted.)

1. Consolidated Financial and Operating Results through the First Half of Fiscal 2015 (April 1, 2015—September 30, 2015)

(1) Consolidated Operating Results (Accumulated)

	Net sales	(Percentage figures are changes from the same per Net sales Operating profit Ordinary profit					od of the previous fiscal year.) Profit attributable to owners of parent	
	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%
First half of Fiscal 2015	2,507,562	(9.8)	98,380	(27.4)	129,848	(26.4)	120,117	7.0
First half of Fiscal 2014	2,778,474	3.9	135,525	(2.7)	176,321	1.5	112,247	(2.9)
(For reference) Comprehen	sive income: First	half of Fi	iscal 2015	¥ (46,679)	million —%		•	

First half of Fiscal 2014

¥ 194,908 million 50.4%

	Earnings per share	Earnings per share after full dilution
	Yen	Yen
First half of Fiscal 2015	131.23	_
First half of Fiscal 2014	123.02	_

Note: The Company carried out the share consolidation at the ratio of 10 shares to 1 share effective October 1, 2015. In accordance with it, earnings per share are calculated based on the assumption that the share consolidation had been carried out at the beginning of the previous fiscal year.

(2) Consolidated Financial Results

	Total assets	Net assets	Ratio of shareholders' equity to total assets
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	%
First half of Fiscal 2015	6,758,200	3,159,814	43.2
Fiscal 2014	7,157,929	3,547,059	41.6
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(For reference) Shareholders' equity: First half of Fiscal 2015

¥ 2,920,829 million Fiscal 2014 ¥ 2,978,696 million

2. Dividends

	Dividends per share				
Base date	End of first quarter	End of second quarter	End of third quarter	End of fiscal year	Full fiscal year
	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen
Fiscal 2014	—	2.00	—	3.50	5.50
Fiscal 2015	—	3.00			
Fiscal 2015 (Forecasts)				_	—

Notes: 1. Whether the divided forecasts under review have been revised: No

2. The Company carried out the share consolidation at the ratio of 10 shares to 1 share effective October 1, 2015. However, the dividend at the end of the first half will be distributed based on the number of shares held before the share consolidation.

3. The Company plans to determine the forecast for the year-end dividend distribution amount, with due consideration of full-year outlook of profit attributable to owners of parent, and to announce it at the time of its third-quarter result announcement.

(Percentage figures are changes from the same period of the previous fiscal year.) Profit attributable to Net sales Ordinary profit Earnings per share owners of parent Millions of yen % Millions of yen % Millions of yen % Yen Fiscal 2015 5,000,000 (10.9)250.000 (44.7) 180.000 196.00 (16.0)

3. Consolidated Financial Forecasts for Fiscal 2015 (April 1, 2015–March 31, 2016)

Notes: 1. Whether the consolidated financial forecasts for fiscal 2015 under review have been revised: Yes

2. For further details, please refer to page 4, "1. Qualitative Information for the First Half of Fiscal 2015 (2) Explanation of Information on Future Estimates, Including Consolidated Earnings Forecasts."

3. The Company carried out the share consolidation at the ratio of 10 shares to 1 share effective October 1, 2015. In accordance with it, earnings per share for fiscal 2015 (forecast) is calculated based on the assumption that the share consolidation had been carried out at the beginning of fiscal 2015.

* Notes

(1) Changes in significant subsidiaries during the period: None

(2) Adoption of special accounting methods for preparation of quarterly consolidated financial statements: Yes
 Note: For further details, please refer to page 6, "2. Matters Concerning Summary Information (Notes to Financial Statements) (2)
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(3) Changes in accounting principles, changes in accounting estimates, and retrospective restatements

(a) Changes in accounting principles accompanying revisions in accounting standards: Yes

(b) Changes other than those in (a) above: None

(c) Changes in accounting estimates: None

(d) Retrospective restatements: None

Note: For further details, please refer to page 6, "2. Matters Concerning Summary Information (Notes to Financial Statements) (3) Changes in Accounting Principles, Changes in Accounting Estimates, and Retrospective Restatements."

(4) Number of shares issued (common shares)

(a) Number of shares issued at	the end of the period (including treasury stock)
First half of Fiscal 2015	950,321,402 shares
Fiscal 2014	950,321,402 shares

(b) Number of treasury stock at	t the end of the period
First half of Fiscal 2015	27,687,347 shares
Fiscal 2014	37,460,026 shares

(c) Average number of shares	issued during the term
First half of Fiscal 2015	915,329,152 shares
First half of Fiscal 2014	912,459,767 shares

* The Company carried out the share consolidation at the ratio of 10 shares to 1 share effective October 1, 2015. In accordance with it, number of shares issued at the end of the period, number of treasury stock at the end of the period, and average number of shares issued during the term are calculated based on the assumption that the share consolidation had been carried out at the beginning of the previous fiscal year.

* Status of Performance of Quarterly Review Procedures

This quarterly flash report is exempt from the quarterly review procedures based on Japan's Financial Instruments and Exchange Law. At the time when this quarterly flash report was disclosed, the quarterly review procedures based on the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law had not been completed.

* Explanation of the appropriate use of performance forecasts and other related items

(Explanation of the appropriate use of performance forecasts)

The forward-looking statements included in this flash report are based on the assumptions, forecasts, and plans of the Company as of the date on which this document is made public. The Company's actual results may differ substantially from such statements due to various risks and uncertainties.

(Financial forecasts after the share consolidation)

The Company received the approval for a share consolidation at the General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 24, 2015. The share consolidation at the ratio of 10 shares to 1 share became effective on October 1, 2015. In accordance with it, earnings per share for fiscal 2015 (forecast) is calculated based on the assumption that the share consolidation had been carried out at the beginning of fiscal 2015.

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1. Qualitative Information for the First Half of Fiscal 2015

(1) Explanation of Operating Results

Global and Domestic Economic Conditions in the First Half of Fiscal 2015

The global economy continued its moderate overall recovery supported by ongoing strong economic conditions in the United States and gradually improving conditions in Europe. However, the future outlook is increasingly uncertain as the economic slowdown in China has become more pronounced and the economic improvement in ASEAN countries has slowed.

In Japan, overall private consumption was resilient but its economic recovery remained subdued.

Operating Results by Business Segment in the First Half of Fiscal 2015

The Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation Group's business segments strived to respond to the changing business environment and to improve sales and earnings. An overview of operating results by business segment is shown below.

				(Billions of yen)
	Net Sales		Ordinary Profit	
	1H FY2015	1H FY2014	1H FY2015	1H FY2014
Steelmaking and steel fabrication	2,202.5	2,466.2	110.7	159.1
Engineering and construction	140.2	155.3	2.1	4.8
Chemicals	101.3	112.2	3.1	4.3
New materials	17.8	18.2	1.6	1.1
System solutions	106.2	94.8	10.1	7.2
Total	2,568.1	2,846.9	127.8	176.8
Adjustments	(60.6)	(68.4)	2.0	(0.5)
Consolidated total	2,507.5	2,778.4	129.8	176.3

*The first half (1H) is the six-month period from April 1 to September 30.

Steelmaking and Steel Fabrication

Japan's steel market was supported by signs of pickup in demand for housing construction in the construction sector but was weak overall due to prolonged inventory adjustments in the automobile and other sectors.

Regarding overseas steel markets, China's economic slowdown became more pronounced, which caused delay in recovery in ASEAN countries. In addition, the stagnant oil market led to a sharp drop in steel demand from the energy sector. At the same time, international steel prices fell significantly beginning in the summer due to declining primary raw material prices and ongoing strong supply pressure from Chinese steelmakers.

The steelmaking and steel fabrication segment recorded net sales of ¥2,202.5 billion and ordinary profit of ¥110.7 billion.

The Company completed implementation of recurrence prevention measures following the September 2014 coke fire accident at the Nagoya Works, and commenced successive resumption of operations at the ironworks facilities that were shut down after the incident, from October 19, 2015. We earnestly reflected on the Nagoya Works accidents, including the power failures in 2014, and will continue to do our utmost throughout the Company to ensure safe and stable operations.

Engineering and Construction

Nippon Steel & Sumikin Engineering Co., Ltd. continued advancing overseas initiatives, including commencing full-scale operations at facilities established in recent years in Southeast Asia and other areas, and took steps to enhance the competitiveness of its existing operations. However, the company is confronting severe business conditions that include the impact from the sluggish oil market and other factors, as well as declining investment activity by overseas customers. The engineering and construction segment posted net sales of ¥140.2 billion and ordinary profit of ¥2.1 billion.

Chemicals

Nippon Steel & Sumikin Chemical Co., Ltd. recorded sales growth for circuit board materials, display materials, and other functional materials supported by strong demand for smartphones and other electronic devices. In addition, the chemicals business secured steady sales and profit supported in part by robust demand for styrene monomer, a general-purpose resin material. On the other hand, severe conditions persisted for needle coke for graphite electrodes and epoxy resins. The chemicals segment recorded net sales of ¥101.3 billion and ordinary profit of ¥3.1 billion.

New Materials

Nippon Steel & Sumikin Materials Co., Ltd. continued to record favorable sales in the electronic materials field for surface-treated copper wire. In the carbon fiber field, demand was strong for maintenance and reinforcement materials for tunnels, bridges, and other infrastructure, and demand grew for pitch-based carbon fibers, which provide high elasticity and high thermal conductivity properties. In the environmental and energy field, demand for metal substrates from developing countries remained steady. The new materials segment posted net sales of ¥17.8 billion and ordinary profit of ¥1.6 billion.

System Solutions

NS Solutions Corporation provides comprehensive solutions in the planning, configuration, operation, and maintenance of IT systems for clients in a wide range of business fields and develops leading-edge solutions services that respond to the changing business conditions of its clients. During the period under review, the Kita Kyushu Center for the "absonne" cloud-based infrastructure service was established as a Western data hub along

with an Eastern hub in Tokyo. The system solutions segment recorded net sales of \$106.2 billion and ordinary profit of \$10.1 billion.

Sales and Profit for the First Half of Fiscal 2015

Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation (NSSMC or the Company) posted first-half consolidated net sales of \$2,507.5 billion, operating profit of \$98.3 billion, and ordinary profit of \$129.8 billion. As gain on sales of shares of subsidiaries and associates, settlement received, and other items were recorded as extraordinary profit, profit attributable to owners of parent amounted to \$120.1 billion.

(2) Explanation of Information on Future Estimates, Including Consolidated Earnings Forecasts Consolidated Earnings Forecasts

Regarding the global economy, the U.S. economy is expected to stay firm and Europe is likely to experience a moderate economic recovery, but the outlook for China and the ASEAN countries is becoming uncertain.

The Japanese economy is expected to continue its gradual recovery supported by steady private consumption and improving capital investment.

Regarding domestic steel market in the second half of fiscal 2015, the Company expects some recovery in production and shipments, due to public spending and an increase in automobile production. However, in overseas steel markets, the current severe conditions are likely to persist, due in part to concerns over Chinese steelmakers' excess production and export expansion, consequential deterioration in the international steel prices, and the impact of trade actions in many countries.

Regarding consolidated ordinary profit for fiscal 2015, we intend to continue to exert our utmost management efforts but we have revised down our forecast for consolidated ordinary profit to \$250.0 billion, a decrease of \$120.0 billion from the previously announced forecast of \$370.0 billion. This revision reflects the above-stated severe conditions in overseas steel markets and significant impact of sluggish steel demand from the energy sector.

Basic Profit Distribution Policy and the First-Half Dividend Distribution

NSSMC's basic profit distribution policy is to pay dividends from distributable funds at the end of the first half (interim) and second half (year-end) of the fiscal year in consideration of the consolidated operating results and such factors as capital requirements for investment and other activities aimed at raising corporate value and performance prospects while also considering the financial structure of the Company on both consolidated and non-consolidated bases. The Company has adopted a consolidated payout ratio target of around 20%–30% as the benchmark for the "payment of dividends from distributable funds in consideration of the consolidated operating

results." The level of the first-half dividend is set based on consideration of interim performance figures and forecasts for the full fiscal year performance.

In accordance with the basic profit distribution policy described above, and as disclosed at the time of its firstquarter result announcement (July 29, 2015), the Company has decided to distribute a dividend of \$3.0* per share at the end of the first half, representing a consolidated dividend payout ratio of 22.9%.

The Company plans to determine the forecast for the year-end dividend distribution amount, with due consideration of full-year outlook of profit attributable to owners of parent, and to announce it at the time of its third-quarter result announcement.

*Notes: The Company carried out the share consolidation at the ratio of 10 shares to 1 share effective October 1, 2015. However, the dividend at the end of the first half will be distributed based on the number of shares held before the share consolidation.

2. Matters Concerning Summary Information (Notes to Financial Statements)

(1) Changes in Significant Subsidiaries during the Period:

None

(2) Adoption of Special Accounting Methods for the Preparation of Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements:

Income taxes were computed by multiplying consolidated quarterly profit before income taxes by a rational estimate of the effective tax rate on consolidated profit before income taxes for the fiscal year including the quarterly period under review after adjustments for the application of tax-effect accounting.

(3) Changes in Accounting Principles, Changes in Accounting Estimates, and Retrospective Restatements:1. Application of Revised Accounting Standard for Business Combinations, Etc.

"Revised Accounting Standard for Business Combinations (ASBJ Statement No. 21 revised on September 13, 2013, hereinafter referred to as the "Business Combinations Accounting Standard"), the "Revised Accounting Standard for Consolidated Financial Statements (ASBJ Statement No. 22 revised on September 13, 2013, hereinafter referred to as the "Consolidated Financial Statements Accounting Standard"), and the "Revised Accounting Standard for Business Divestitures (ASBJ Statement No. 7 revised on September 13, 2013, hereinafter referred to as the "Business Divestitures Accounting Standard") have been applied from the first quarter of fiscal 2015. As a result, for subsidiaries the Company continues to control, differences arising due to changes in the equity portion are entered in capital surplus and costs associated with the acquisition of shares are now treated as expenses in the consolidated fiscal year in which they are incurred.

In addition, for business combinations that are implemented after the beginning of the first quarter of fiscal 2015, the allocation of the cost of acquisitions, as determined after review of provisional accounting treatment, is reflected in the quarterly consolidated financial statements for the quarter in which the business combination took place.

Additionally, the Company has changed the method of presenting consolidated quarterly net income and moved "minority interests in consolidated subsidiaries" to "non-controlling interests in consolidated subsidiaries". To reflect these changes, the Company has reclassified its quarterly consolidated financial statements for the first half of the prevolus fiscal year and consolidated financial statements for the previous fiscal year.

The Company has applied these standards in accordance with the transitional treatment prescribed in Section 58-2 (4) of the Business Combinations Accounting Standard, Section 44-5 (4) of the Consolidated Financial Statements Accounting Standard, and Section 57-4 (4) of the Business Divestitures Accounting Standard, and will continue to apply these standards from the beginning of the first quarter of fiscal 2015 into the future.

The effect of these changes in accounting standards on the quarterly consolidated financial statements for the first half of fiscal 2015 was not material.

2. Application of the "Revised Practical Solution on Accounting for Unification of Accounting Policies Applied to Foreign Subsidiaries for Consolidated Financial Statements"

At the beginning of the first quarter of fiscal 2015, the Company adopted the "Revised Practical Solution on Accounting for Unification of Accounting Policies Applied to Foreign Subsidiaries for Consolidated Financial Statements" (Professional Issues Task Force Report No. 18 revised on March 26, 2015).

The application of this practical solution had no effect on the quarterly consolidated financial statements for the first half of fiscal 2015.

3. Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements

ASSETS	March 31, 2015	September 30, 2015
Current assets :		
Cash and bank deposits	113,822	144,769
Notes and accounts receivable	615,429	548,265
Inventories	1,254,203	1,194,796
Other	351,378	299,210
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	(1,019)	(664)
Total current assets	2,333,813	2,186,378
Fixed assets :		
Tangible fixed assets :		
Buildings and structures	714,150	684,631
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	1,056,333	1,055,558
Other	827,388	855,992
	2,597,872	2,596,182
Intangible assets :	98,862	94,269
Investments and others :		
Investments in securities	768,744	629,424
Shares of subsidiaries and affiliates	1,079,523	1,040,310
Net defined benefit assets	123,764	63,201
Other	159,202	151,483
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	(3,854)	(3,049)
	2,127,380	1,881,370
Total fixed assets	4,824,115	4,571,822
Total assets	7,157,929	6,758,200

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LIABILITIES	March 31, 2015	September 30, 2015
Current liabilities :		
Notes and accounts payable	674,634	598,469
Short-term loans payable	363,654	392,92
Commercial paper	-	6,90
Bonds due within one year	40,000	50,00
Income taxes payable	31,003	21,62
Provision	1,670	1,65
Other	578,833	521,98
Total current liabilities	1,689,797	1,593,54
Long-term liabilities :		
Bonds and notes	385,676	355,68
Long-term loans payable	1,169,840	1,359,36
Allowance and reserve	4,968	4,48
Net defined benefit liabilities	161,332	128,79
Other	199,254	156,50
Total long-term liabilities	1,921,073	2,004,83
Total liabilities	3,610,870	3,598,38
NET ASSETS		
Shareholders' equity :		
Common stock	419,524	419,52
Capital surplus	371,471	383,33
Retained earnings	1,752,210	1,840,33
Less: Treasury stock, at cost	(61,508)	(46,158
•	2,481,698	2,597,03
Accumulated other comprehensive income:		
Unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities	279,641	187,59
Deferred hedge income (loss)	371	(7,223
Unrealized gains on revaluation of land	2,885	2,87
Foreign currency translation adjustments	134,732	88,08
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	79,366	52,46
	496,997	323,79
Non-controlling interests in consolidated subsidiaries	568,362	238,98
Total net assets	3,547,059	3,159,814
Total liabilities and net assets	7,157,929	6,758,200

(2) Quarterly Consolidated Statements of Operations and

Quarterly Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

Quarterly Consolidated Statements of Operations		Millions of yen
	First half of	First half of
	fiscal 2014	fiscal 2015
Operating revenues :		
Net sales	2,778,474	2,507,562
Cost of sales	2,408,920	2,177,202
Gross profit	369,554	330,360
Selling, general and administrative expenses	234,028	231,979
Operating profit	135,525	98,380
Non-operating profit and loss :		
Non-operating profit :		
Interest income	2,453	2,935
Dividend income	9,320	8,824
Equity in profit of unconsolidated	39,402	29 (07
subsidiaries and affiliates	59,402	28,697
Other	29,407	26,011
	80,585	66,469
Non-operating loss :		
Interest expense	10,483	9,789
Other	29,306	25,212
	39,789	35,002
Ordinary profit	176,321	129,848
Extraordinary profit :		
Gain on sales of investment in securities	5,273	-
Gain on sales of shares of subsidiaries and associates	-	33,461
Settlement received	-	30,000
	5,273	63,461
Extraordinary loss :		
Loss on inactive facilities	10,193	15,870
	10,193	15,870
Profit before income taxes	171,400	177,438
Income taxes - current and deferred	51,372	51,260
Profit	120,028	126,178
Profit attributable to non-controlling interests	7,780	6,061
Profit attributable to owners of parent	112,247	120,117

Quarterly Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income		Millions of yen
	First half of	First half of
	fiscal 2014	fiscal 2015
Profit	120,028	126,178
Other comprehensive income		
Unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities	54,373	(90,007)
Deferred hedge income (loss)	5,735	(7,483)
Unrealized gains on revaluation of land	-	(11)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(51)	(27,868)
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	11,565	(27,178)
Share of other comprehensive income of affiliates accounted for using equity method	3,258	(20,308)
Total other comprehensive income	74,880	(172,858)
Comprehensive income	194,908	(46,679)
(breakdown)		
Comprehensive income attributable to owners of parent	188,609	(53,085)
Comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests	6,298	6,405

(3) Notes on Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements

(Notes on Going Concern Assumption)

None

(Notes in Case of Significant Changes to Shareholders' Equity)

None

(Segment Information)

(Information about segment sales, profit)

First half of Fiscal 2014 (April 1, 2014—September 30, 2014)

							(1	Aillions of yen)
	Reportable segment							~
	Steelmaking and steel fabrication	Engineering and construction	Chemicals	New materials	System solutions	Total	Adjustments	Consolidated Total
Net sales	2,466,234	155,328	112,230	18,270	94,892	2,846,956	(68,481)	2,778,474
Segment profit <ordinary profit=""></ordinary>	159,173	4,870	4,378	1,177	7,259	176,859	(537)	176,321

First half of Fiscal 2015 (April 1, 2015—September 30, 2015)

							(N	Aillions of yen)
	Reportable segment							~
	Steelmaking and steel fabrication	Engineering and construction	Chemicals	New materials	System solutions	Total	Adjustments	Consolidated Total
Net sales	2,202,567	140,214	101,338	17,811	106,253	2,568,185	(60,623)	2,507,562
Segment profit <ordinary profit=""></ordinary>	110,741	2,179	3,170	1,622	10,117	127,832	2,015	129,848

(Depreciation Information)

Depreciation and amortization (including intangible assets amortization other than goodwill) are as follows:

		(Millions of yen)
	For the first half of fiscal 2014	For the first half of fiscal 2015
Depreciation and amortization	154,576	151,927

(Major Subsequent Events)

(Share consolidation)

The Company resolved to approve a partial amendment to the Articles of Incorporation associated with change of the number of shares in a unit of shares of the Company (from 1,000 shares to 100 shares) at the Meeting of the Board of Directors held on April 28, 2015 and received the approval for a share consolidation at the ratio of 10 shares to 1 share and the total number of authorized shares from 20 billion shares to 2 billion shares at the General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 24, 2015. The approved partial amendment to the Articles of Incorporation and share consolidation became effective on October 1, 2015.