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# FY2012 QUARTER 2 RESULTS

(From 1 April 2011 to 30 September 2011)

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## Operating results consistent with previous forecast

- Japan earthquake profit effect of ¥ 4.0bn (¥ 3.2bn Automotive, ¥ 0.8bn Specialty Glass), being approximately ¥ 2.0bn less than previously anticipated
- o Except for earthquake impact, underlying results below previous expectations
- o All results now stated in IFRS, including restatement of previous year
- Cumulative Group revenues ¥ 288.5bn, 2% below previous year (Q2 FY11: ¥ 293.7bn) but 1% above previous year at constant exchange rates
- Operating profits of ¥ 9.2bn (Q2 FY11: ¥ 16.7bn) reflects the impact of the Japan earthquake

## Building Products results reflect softening markets but improving value-added contribution

- o Solar Energy volume growth slowing but still positive and in line with expectations
- o Volume recovery stalling in mature markets of North America and Europe
- Prices stable during the quarter at levels higher than previous year, offsetting higher input costs
- Q2 FY12 Building Products revenue ¥ 128.4bn (Q2 FY11: ¥ 126.2bn) and profits of ¥ 8.1bn (Q2 FY11: ¥ 10.9bn).
  Previous year includes gain of ¥ 3.3bn on settlement of Chile earthquake insurance claim

#### Automotive profits reduced, following Japan earthquake, but demand now recovered

- o Vehicle manufacturer demand recovered to more normal levels during the quarter
- o Higher input costs reducing margins with limited scope for near-term price increases
- o European profitability impacted by demand volatility
- AGR business performing well, with improved product mix
- Q2 FY12 Automotive revenue ¥ 128.2bn (Q2 FY11: ¥ 134.7bn) and profits of ¥ 3.7bn (Q2 FY11: ¥ 6.8bn)

#### Specialty Glass markets continue to be robust

- Further growth experienced in LCDs for mobile devices
- o Sales of glass cord continue to improve
- Q2 FY12 Specialty Glass revenue ¥ 31.2bn (Q2 FY11: ¥ 32.0bn) and profits of ¥ 3.9bn (Q2 FY11: ¥ 3.5bn)

#### Joint ventures and associates' results similar to the previous year

- Share of net income of joint ventures and associates ¥ 4.3bn (Q2 FY11: ¥ 4.2bn)
- Profits were flat at Cebrace (50% owned Building Products JV in Brazil)
- Improved profitability at the Group's joint venture in Russia
- Reduced profits in joint ventures and associates in China

# FY2012 forecast revised, reflecting global economic conditions

- o Full year revenue forecast revised to ¥ 580bn, operating profit forecast revised to ¥ 25.0bn
- o Pace of recovery slowing in many of the Group's core markets
- o Over-capacity in China increasingly impacting pricing environment in South East Asia and beyond
- o Strengthening yen impacting translation of results

