



NSG Group Long-term Strategic Vision and Medium-term Plan

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Introduction



Long-term Strategic Vision

- Our strategic vision is to transform the NSG Group into a **VA Glass Company**
- This is the core concept of our strategy and the basis for our longer-term growth plans

Medium-term Plan (MTP)

Sets the course of the NSG Group for the next four years

The top level objectives of our new MTP are to:

- 1. Achieve financial sustainability
- 2. Further develop the NSG Group's position as a VA glass company immediately from today

Strategic vision set on course with start of new MTP

Strategic Vision



VA Glass Company

Our aim is to:

- Consolidate our trusted reputation as a glass specialist
- Work closely with our customers in a range of global industries to deliver unique value through our products and services
- Transform our flat glass business, moving from traditional business model towards one increasingly focused on VA

Aim is to pursue business with focus on value-added

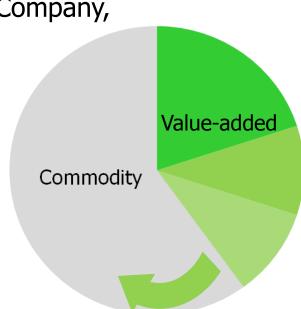
Strategic Vision



Aim to be a VA Glass Company

To transform ourselves into a VA Glass Company, we will become:

- Less asset-intensive;
- Less cyclical, with greater agility; and
- A more profitable glass business



Accelerating shift to a Value-added (VA) product portfolio

MTP Evolution



- Successful restructuring has restored profitability, helping create a leaner, lower cost organization to implement the MTP
- NSG well-positioned to capitalize on improvements in the global economy, with a balanced global footprint and business mix
- MTP focused on achieving financial sustainability, transitioning to strategic growth in longer term, based on value-added products and services
- Experienced management team, with strong leadership, aiming to create shareholder value, through ambitious but attainable financial targets

NSG well-positioned to move to next stage of development

Rightsizing complete, establish financial stability and then growth

Our 3-Phase Strategy

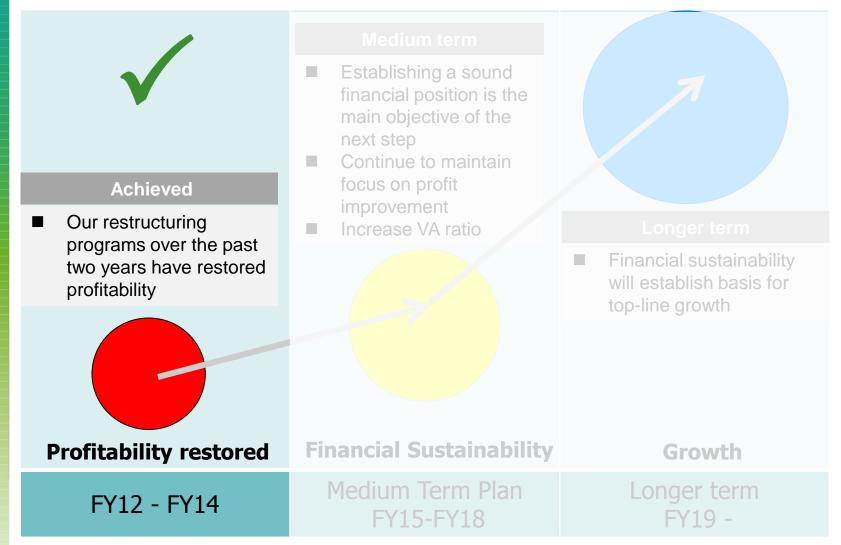


Medium term Establishing a sound financial position is the main objective of the next step Continue to maintain focus on profit **Achieved** improvement Our restructuring Longer term Increase VA ratio programs over the past Financial sustainability two years have restored will establish basis for profitability top-line growth **Financial Sustainability Growth Profitability restored** Medium Term Plan Longer term FY12 - FY14 FY19 -FY15-FY18

FY15:Year to 31 March 2015

Phase 1 – Profitability Restored





Phase 1 – Restructuring Outcome



Capacity rationalization and plant closures

→ removed under-utilised assets

Overhead cost reduction

→ reduced break-even point

- 5 Float lines closed (or mothballed)
- Automotive Glass plants in Sweden and Finland closed
- Architectural Glass downstream 8 sites closed
- Significant reduction in overhead costs
- Headcount reduction of around 6,000 people

Strong cash focus

- Significant improvement in working capital
- Capital expenditure maintained below the level of depreciation
- Selective disposals of non-core assets and financial investments

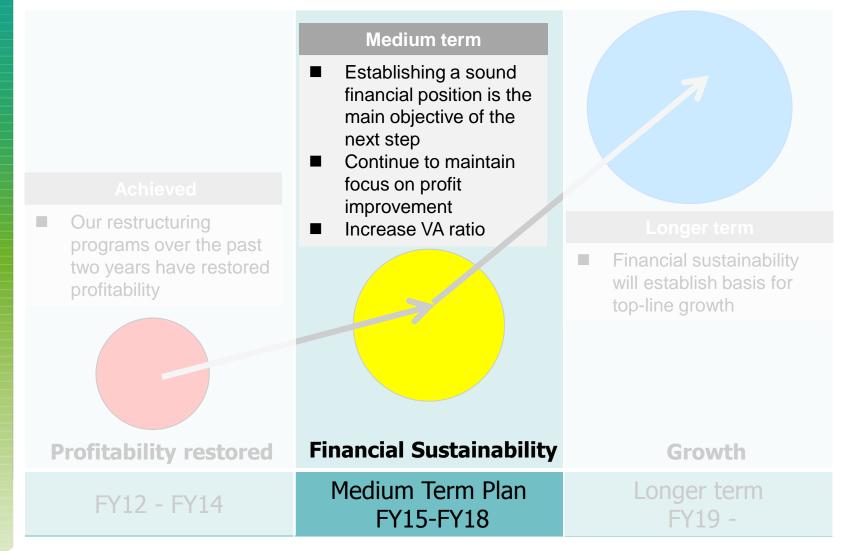
Organizational change, Cost reduction

- → Enhanced regional ownership to execute and implement strategy
 - → Implemented operational cost savings
 - → Continued manufacturing excellence initiatives

Leaner, lower-cost company to implement MTP

Phase 2 – Financial Sustainability





MTP (FY15-18): Target and Action Plan



- Target
 - Achieve financial sustainability
 - Start transformation into a VA Glass Company
- Financial Target
 - Net debt / EBITDA: 3x
 - ROS: 8%*
- Action Plan to achieve target
 - Increase in value-added product share
 - Maximize utilization of existing assets
- Approach
 - Architectural + Automotive : improve profitability
 - Technical Glass: grow with existing businesses and new products, focus on R&D

*Operating Profit before amortization and exceptionals

Establish financial sustainability and start transformation into **VA Glass Company**

FY2018 Expectations



FY2018 Main Financial **Targets**

Net Debt/EBITDA: 3x

Return on Sales: 8%*

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FY2018 projected outcomes (JPY bn)

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Revenues: >=670(606)

Operating Profit: 60* (22)

EBITDA: 100 (54)

Net Debt: 300 (379)

ROE : >= 10%

Glass growth assumptions

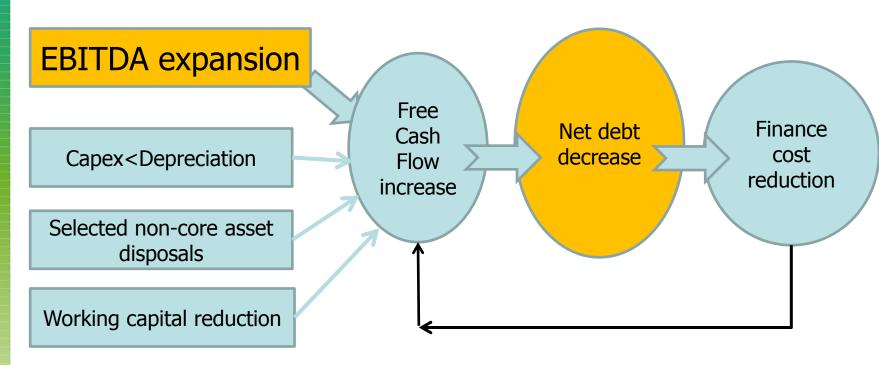
- Developed economies: slow recovery
- Emerging markets: moderate growth



Strategies to achieve targets - Finance Strategy



Net Debt/EBITDA: 3x Target



Positive spiral leads to achievement of targets

Improve financial position

Strategies to meet targets

- Business Strategy



Accelerating shift to VA products

Proportion of VA products in total sales

Architectural Glass + Automotive Glass(OE) + Technical Glass

VA ratio **Approximately** 1/3 (Current:FY14) **VA** ratio **Aiming for**

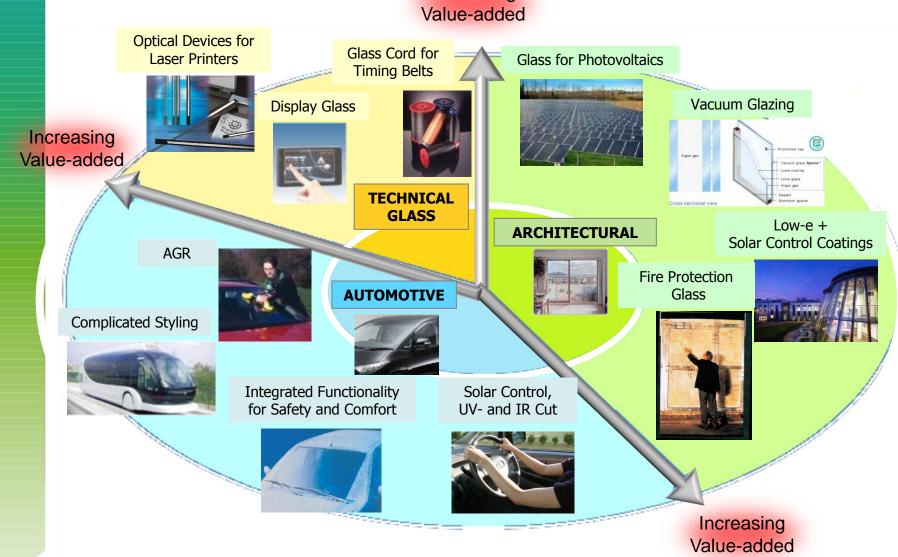
or greater

(Phase 3: FY19-)

Steady increase in VA ratio

Expansion of Value-added Businesses





Increasing

Full Utilization of Assets



Maximize utilization of existing assets

Step-3 Extend capacity

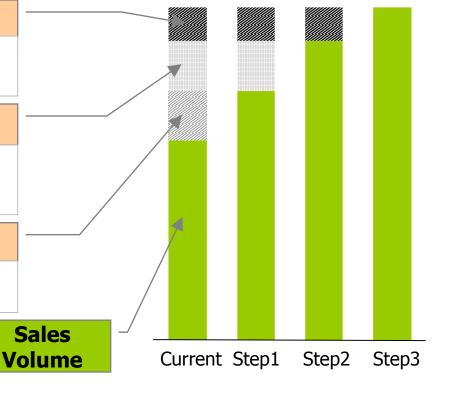
Upgrade equipment, modify design

Step-2 Unlock hidden capacity

Improve equipment efficiency (eg. uptime, yield, line speed)

Step-1 Load unused capacity

Drive sales



Increasing available capacity and growing sales go hand in hand

Maximizing sales volume by leveraging capacity of assets

Business Strategies by Sector Profitability improvement **Automotive Architectural Technical** Growth Glass

Focus on Architectural



Market Expectation

slow recovery in EU, good demand in North America, legislation- driven value growth in Japan, with good growth, but volatility in emerging markets

Business Strategy

- maximum utilization of existing assets
- capability upgrades to handle increase of VA products

VA Approach

- exploitation of leading technologies (online/offline coating, fire protection, vacuum glazing) for energy saving and conversion
- increased share of industrial applications (solar, lighting)

Architectural by Region



• Europe:

meet advanced functionality needs

Super thermal insulation, fire protection, aesthetics and design

• North America:

exploit online coating technology, expand into non-architectural markets

Glass for photovoltaics and large displays, aesthetics and design

Japan:

meet demand for eco-glass from energy efficiency building regulations

Vacuum glazing, low-e, glass for photovoltaics, aesthetics

Rest of World:

respond to regional requirements

Mirror, tinted glass, laminates, double-glazing

Higher performance requirements everywhere – but different

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Focus on Automotive



Market Expectation

- OE: slow market recovery in EU, steady growth in North America, stability in Japan, good growth in Emerging Markets
- AGR: moderate, but steady growth

Business Strategy

- maximize utilization of existing assets
- capability upgrades to handle increase of VA products
- operational flexibility to cope with variability of demand
- continuous cost down to compensate inflation

VA Approach

- focus on additional functionality (Solar control, UV-IR Cut, light weight, integrated electronic features)
- enhanced service offering in AGR

Sales recovery and mix improvement

Automotive by Region



• Europe:

- load remaining facilities with recovering demand
- benefit from advanced, integrated facility in Poland

• North America:

improve operational performance to improve returns from ongoing high demand

Japan:

- promote UV cut and IR cut products
- cooperate with leading OEMs in developing advanced glazings

South America:

market growth will be absorbed, capacity utilization will grow

Improved operation and growing VA share to drive regional profits

Focus on Technical Glass



Market Expectations

- strong technology-driven growth in electronic and optical glass applications
- steadily growing demand for more sophisticated car engine parts (timing belts, battery components)

Business Strategy

- work in close co-operation with technology partners and customers
- develop existing product range in line with technology development
- launch new innovative products in core and adjacent sectors
- exploit own technologies for new applications

VA Approach

- increase investment in R&D
- focus on thin glass, advanced compositions, optical and opto-electrical technology and special glass fibers

Technology-driven growth with enhanced and new products

Technical Glass by Division



Display:

thin glass market continues to grow because of expansion of touch panel applications

- Vietnam Ultra Fine Flat float line in full scale production from October 2014
- new composition for competitive solutions in advanced cover glass segment

Information Device:

Office-use printer market continues to grow

- increasing demand for LED type printers with Selfoc Lens Array®
- new optoelectronic products in development

Functional Products:

- glass cord: growing share of rubber belts in car engines
- higher performance batteries require enhanced separators

Revenue and profit growth in all divisions

MTP Resource Allocation



- The Group expects Capital Expenditure in the period covered by the MTP to be below depreciation
- New developments in R&D productivity will support delivery of the MTP, with the Group's R&D effort increasingly focused on the next generation of VA products and services

The Group expects to invest around 350 oku in R&D during the course of the MTP

Capex below depreciation. R&D investment to support MTP delivery

MTP Summary



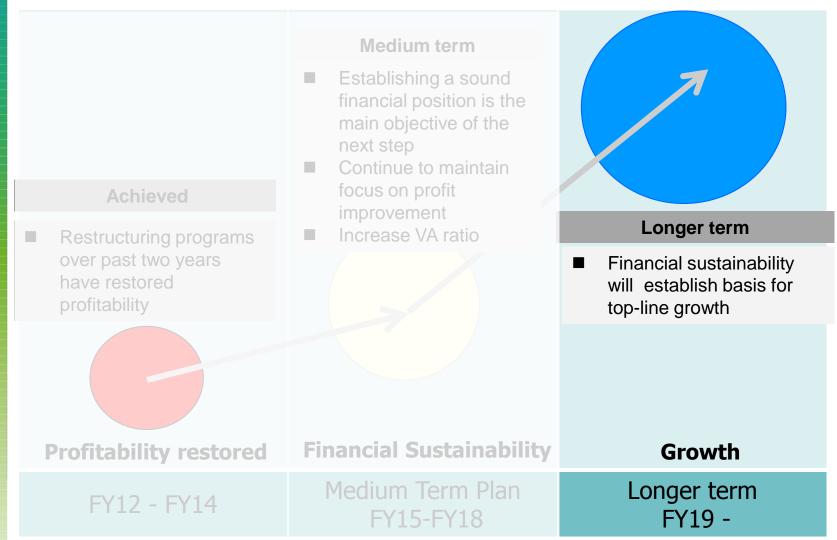
- Strategic Vision Grow profitably as a VA Glass Company
- MTP Framework (From April 2014 to March 2018)
 - Objectives First priority is to achieve financial sustainability
 - Direction Transition from a restructuring to growth phase
 - Focused on enhancing operational performance, increasing profitability and creating a more financially stable Group
 - Financial Target Net Debt/EBITDA: 3x (FY2014:7x)
 - Return on Sales: 8%*
 - Strategy Increasing shift to value-added products
 - Full utilization of existing capacity
 - Consolidating our reputation for manufacturing excellence (cost, quality)
 - Selective Capex (less than depreciation)
 - Macroeconomic Developed countries: slow and steady recovery,
 - background Emerging countries: moderate growth but at a subdued pace

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Enhancement of profitability and operational performance

Phase 3 - Growth

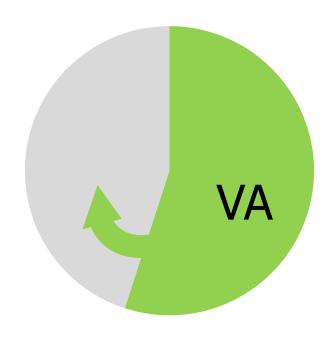




Phase 3 - Growth



- Further strengthen financial foundations
- Capability to proactively invest in growth opportunities and R&D
- Create highly value-added products in architectural, automotive, technical glass and new business creation
- Products with leading positions in seminiche segments, that provide unique functionality and technical properties
- VA ratio of sales to be more than 50%
- Less cyclical as an entire business model
- A group structured with a lighter asset base and higher profitability



Growth will follow margin improvement, built on solid foundations

Key Points



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- An experienced management team, with strong leadership, committed to creating shareholder value, with ambitious but attainable financial targets
- Overall aim is enhancement of profitability and operational performance

Notice



The projections contained in this document are based on information currently available to us and certain assumptions that we consider to be reasonable. Hence the actual results may differ. The major factors that may affect the results are the economic environment in major markets (such as Europe, Japan, the U.S. and Asia), product supply/demand shifts, and currency exchange fluctuations.

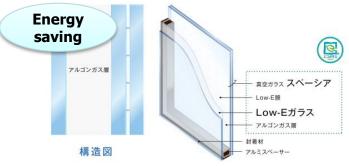
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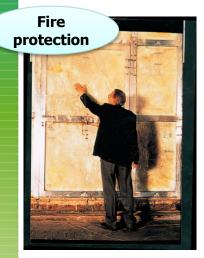
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Architectural Value-Added Products









Pyrostop

Architectural glass Value-Added products



New application

TEC glass: Large display with touch panel

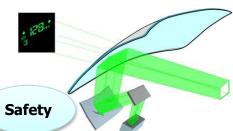


Optiwhite (High transmission glass)

Automotive Value-Added Products









Anti-fogging glass



Automotive glass Value-Added products



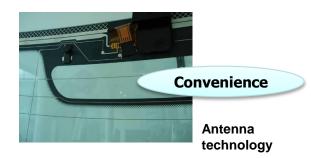
Thin glass manufacturing technology

Wire heated glass





Laminated front door glass



Technical Glass Value-Added Products







Battery separator for idling start and stop system



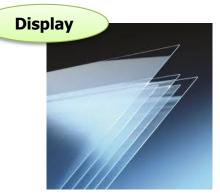


Glass cord for belt in oil



SLA for LPH

Technical glass Value-Added products



UFF for cover/touch panel glass



