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1. Consolidated financial results for the nine months ended September 30, 2019

(From January 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019)

(1) Operating results (cumulative total)

(Millions of yen, rounded down)

(Percentages indicate changes from the same period in the previous fiscal year.)

| | Net sales | | Operating income | | Ordinary income | | Profit attributable to owners of parent | |
|---|-----------|--------|------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|--|--------|
| | | % | | % | | % | | % |
| Nine months ended September 30, 2019 | 27,868 | (12.3) | 4,394 | (26.6) | 4,303 | (28.6) | 3,143 | (28.6) |
| Nine months ended September 30, 2018 | 31,763 | 23.6 | 5,983 | 140.5 | 6,030 | 148.8 | 4,404 | 122.5 |

(Note): Comprehensive income:

Nine months ended September 30, 2019 2,251 million yen; (-39.1%) Nine months ended September 30, 2018 3,696 million yen; (83.7%)

| | Profit attributable to owners of parent per share (basic) | Profit attributable to owners of parent per share (diluted) |
|---|---|---|
| | yen | yen |
| Nine months ended September 30, 2019 | 149.87 | _ |
| Nine months ended September 30, 2018 | 210.47 | - |

| Γ | otal assets | Net assets | Equity ratio |
|---|------------------------|------------|--------------|
| | | | (|
| As of September 30, 2019 | 74,701 | 65,229 | 86 |
| As of December 31, 2018 | 74,951 | 64,096 | 84 |
| eference): Shareholders' equity | , | , | |
| September 30, 2019 December 31, 2018 | 64,515 mi 63,326 mi | | |

2. Dividends

| | Dividends per share (yen) | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|--|--|--|
| | First quarter-end | Second quarter-end | Third quarter-end | Year-end | Total (Full year) | | | |
| Year ended December 31, 2018 | _ | 0.00 | _ | 50.00 | 50.00 | | | |
| Year ending December 31, 2019 (Actual) | _ | 0.00 | _ | | | | | |
| Year ending December 31, 2019 (Forecast) | | | | 50.00 | 50.00 | | | |

(Note) Revisions of projected dividends most recently announced: None

3. Consolidated results forecast for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019

(From January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019)

(Millions of yen, rounded down) (Percentages indicate year-on-year changes.)

| | Net sa | ales | Operating | income | Ordinary | income | Profit attri | ers of | Profit attributable to owners of parent per share |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|----------|--------|--------------|--------|---|
| | | % | | % | | % | | % | yen |
| Fiscal year ending December 31, 2019 | 37,000 | (10.0) | 5,800 | (17.3) | 5,800 | (17.8) | 4,000 | (18.5) | 190.72 |

(Note) Revisions of consolidated forecasts most recently announced: None

* Others

(1) Changes in significant subsidiaries during the period under review:

(Changes in specified subsidiaries accompanying changes in scope of consolidation): None New subsidiaries: ___ (name of company(ies))

Excluded subsidiaries: (name of company(ies))

(2) Adoption of specific accounting methods for the preparation of quarterly consolidated financial statements: Yes

(Note) For details, please refer to "Adoption of specific accounting methods for the preparation of quarterly consolidated financial statements" on page 8 of the Attached Documents.

(3) Changes in accounting policies and accounting estimates and restatements

- 1) Changes in accounting policies due to revisions of accounting standards, etc.: None
- 2) Changes in accounting policies other than 1): None
- 3) Changes in accounting estimates: None
- 4) Restatements: None

(4) Number of shares outstanding (common stock)

1) Number of shares outstanding and issued at the end of period (including treasury stock)

As of September 30, 2019 20,992,588 shares As of December 31, 2018 20,992,588 shares

2) Number of treasury stock at the end of period

As of September 30, 2019 19,815 shares As of December 31, 2018 19,769 shares

3) Average number of shares during the period (quarterly cumulative total)

Nine months ended September 30, 2019 20,972,801 shares Nine months ended September 30, 2018 20,925,010 shares

* The quarterly financial results are not subject to quarterly review by a certified public accountant or an audit corporation.

* Disclaimer regarding appropriate use of forecasts and related points of note

(We urge you to be cautious in relying on forward-looking statements.)

Forward-looking statements, such as the earnings forecasts in this material, are based on currently available information and certain assumptions deemed rational, and are not intended as a guarantee that these forecasts will be achieved. Accordingly, actual results may differ significantly from these forecasts due to various factors. For more information on the preconditions of the forecasts and on precautionary notes concerning the usage of these forecasts, please refer to "Explanation of Information Regarding Consolidated Earnings Forecasts and Other Projections" on page 3 of the Attached Documents.

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1. Qualitative Information Regarding Consolidated Results for the Nine Months under Review

(1) Explanation Regarding Business Results

During the first three quarters of the consolidated fiscal year under review, factors such as the prolongation of trade friction between the US and China, the issue of the departure of the United Kingdom from the EU, and the slowing of regional economies in parts of Asia, including China, resulted in a situation of continued uncertainty. In the Japanese economy, personal consumption remained on a recovery path, but some weakness was seen in exports and production.

With regard to the business environment in which the Group operates, there were movements to cut back capital spending in the semiconductor market but demand, primarily wafer-related, was solid, and the transportation equipment market saw growth in demand for pantograph sliders used in trains both in Japan and overseas. Elsewhere, in the energy-related market, solar cell-related demand remained sluggish.

In this environment, the Group focused on medium-term demand, working to reinforce infrastructure for high value-added products and improve productivity by means of capital spending, and develop new products and businesses.

As a result, in the nine months of the consolidated fiscal year under review, although the 3,204 million yen in sales recorded in the first quarter of the previous fiscal year for Chinese high-temperature reactor-pebble-bed modules (HTR-PM) was removed, net sales were 27,868 million yen (down 12.3% year on year [down 2.4% year on year excluding those of Chinese HTR-PM]). On the income side, due to an increase in fixed costs such as personnel expenses, operating income fell 26.6% to 4,394 million yen, ordinary income fell 28.6% to 4,303 million yen, and profit attributable to owners of parent stood at 3,143 million yen, down 28.6%.

The overall performance of each business segment was as follows. (Please refer to "3. Supplementary Information" for an overview of each product category.)

Japan

Products for semiconductor, LED and metallurgical applications were strong, while carbon products for mechanical applications remained solid. However, the disappearance this fiscal year of 2,651 million yen in sales of products used in Chinese high-temperature reactor-pebble-bed modules (HTR-PM) recorded in the first quarter of the previous fiscal year led to a 9.4% year-on-year decline in net sales, to 15,493 million yen, and operating income of 3,505 million yen (down 8.7% year on year).

United States

Due to strength in products for electronics and metallurgical applications, net sales came to 2,405 million yen (up 12.6% year on year) but increases in fixed costs caused a 17.1% year-on-year decline in operating income, to 378 million yen.

Europe

Although products used in electronics were strong and demand for metallurgical applications remained solid, weakness in carbon brush products resulted in net sales of 2,524 million yen (up 0.4% year on year), with an operating loss of 158 million yen, compared to an operating loss of 179 million yen in the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Asia

In addition to solar cell, metallurgical, and carbon brush products all showing weakness, the disappearance this fiscal year of 553 million yen in sales of products used in Chinese high-temperature reactor-pebble-bed modules (HTR-PM) recorded in the first quarter of the previous fiscal year led to net sales of 7,444 million yen (down 25.7% year on year) and operating income of 605 million yen (down 69.0% year on year).

(2) Explanation Regarding Financial Position

Total assets as of September 30, 2019 decreased by 250 million yen from the end of the previous consolidated fiscal year. This was primarily because although inventory rose by 589 million yen and property, plant and equipment increased by 1,033 million yen, notes and accounts receivable - trade fell by 1,875 million yen.

Total liabilities decreased by 1,383 million yen from the end of the previous consolidated fiscal year. This was chiefly because although provision for bonuses increased by 558 million yen, notes and accounts payable - trade declined by 468 million yen, electronically recorded obligations - operating fell by 272 million yen, income taxes

payable decreased by 666 million yen, and declines in deposits received for social insurance, etc. resulted in the "other" item of current liabilities falling by 554 million yen.

Total net assets increased by 1,133 million yen from the end of the previous consolidated fiscal year. This was primarily because retained earnings increased by 2,094 million yen, despite a decrease of 1,008 million yen in foreign currency translation adjustment.

Please note that, from the beginning of the consolidated first quarter, the Group has adopted "Partial Amendments to Accounting Standard for Tax Effect Accounting" (ASBJ Statement No. 28 February 16, 2018). In regard to its financial position, it makes a comparison with the accounting figures from the end of the previous consolidated fiscal year after retrospectively applying the necessary treatment.

(3) Explanation of Information Regarding Consolidated Earnings Forecasts and Other Projections

Consolidated forecasts for the year ending December 31, 2019 are unchanged from the figures announced on August 7, 2019.

2. Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements and Important Notes

(1) Quarterly consolidated balance sheets

| | $(\Lambda$ | Millions of yen, rounded down) |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | As of December 31, 2018 | As of September 30, 2019 |
| | Amount | Amount |
| Assets | | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and deposits | 17,885 | 18,306 |
| Notes and accounts receivable - trade | 15,274 | 13,399 |
| Merchandise and finished goods | 6,420 | 6,505 |
| Work in process | 5,619 | 5,911 |
| Raw materials and supplies | 2,646 | 2,859 |
| Other | 557 | 437 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | (245) | (182) |
| Total current assets | 48,159 | 47,236 |
| Non-current assets | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | | |
| Buildings and structures, net | 8,566 | 8,651 |
| Machinery, equipment and vehicles, net | 6,946 | 6,947 |
| Land | 5,816 | 5,789 |
| Construction in progress | 1,315 | 1,708 |
| Other, net | 857 | 1,439 |
| Total property, plant and equipment | 23,502 | 24,536 |
| Intangible assets | 729 | 225 |
| Investments and other assets | 2,558 | 2,702 |
| Total non-current assets | 26,791 | 27,464 |
| Total assets | 74,951 | 74,701 |

| | As of December 31, 2018 | As of September 30, 2019 |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Amount | Amount |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Notes and accounts payable – trade | 2,275 | 1,807 |
| Electronically recorded obligations – operating | 1,325 | 1,053 |
| Short-term loans payable | 402 | 414 |
| Accounts payable-other | 1,923 | 2,033 |
| Income taxes payable | 1,028 | 361 |
| Provision for bonuses | 560 | 1,118 |
| Provision for directors' bonuses | 33 | _ |
| Other | 2,436 | 1,881 |
| Total current liabilities | 9,985 | 8,670 |
| Non-current liabilities | | |
| Long-term loans payable | 103 | 73 |
| Net defined benefit liability | 131 | 133 |
| Asset retirement obligations | 264 | 261 |
| Other | 368 | 331 |
| Total non-current liabilities | 868 | 800 |
| Total liabilities | 10,854 | 9,471 |
| Net assets | | |
| Shareholders' equity | | |
| Capital stock | 7,947 | 7,947 |
| Capital surplus | 9,789 | 9,789 |
| Retained earnings | 44,821 | 46,916 |
| Treasury shares | (59) | (60) |
| Total shareholders' equity | 62,498 | 64,593 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | | |
| Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities | 103 | 89 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | 886 | (121) |
| Remeasurements of defined benefit plans | (162) | (46) |
| Total accumulated other comprehensive income | 828 | (77) |
| Non-controlling interests | 770 | 714 |
| Total net assets | 64,096 | 65,229 |
| Total liabilities and net assets | 74,951 | 74,701 |

(2) Quarterly consolidated statement of income and quarterly consolidated statement of comprehensive income

(Quarterly consolidated statement of income)

Nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2019

| | (Millio | ns of yen, rounded down) |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------|
| | Nine months ended | Nine months ended |
| | September 30, 2018 | September 30, 2019 |
| | Amount | Amount |
| Net sales | 31,763 | 27,868 |
| Cost of sales | 20,803 | 18,342 |
| Gross profit | 10,959 | 9,526 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 4,976 | 5,131 |
| Operating income | 5,983 | 4,394 |
| Non-operating income | | |
| Interest income | 39 | 49 |
| Dividend income | 9 | 8 |
| Share of profit of entities accounted for using equity method | 64 | 53 |
| Other | 157 | 135 |
| Total non-operating income | 270 | 246 |
| Non-operating expenses | | |
| Interest expenses | 9 | 5 |
| Foreign exchange losses | 84 | 262 |
| Other | 128 | 69 |
| Total non-operating expenses | 223 | 337 |
| Ordinary income | 6,030 | 4,303 |
| Extraordinary income | | |
| Gain on sales of non-current assets | 69 | 4 |
| Subsidy income | 51 | 8 |
| Gain on reversal of subscription rights to shares | 13 | - |
| Total extraordinary income | 133 | 12 |
| Extraordinary losses | | |
| Loss on sales of non-current assets | 2 | 4 |
| Loss on retirement of non-current assets | 50 | 205 |
| Total extraordinary losses | 52 | 210 |
| Profit before income taxes | 6,111 | 4,105 |
| Income taxes | 1,642 | 920 |
| Profit | 4,468 | 3,185 |
| Profit attributable to non-controlling interests | 64 | 41 |
| Profit attributable to owners of parent | 4,404 | 3,143 |

(Quarterly consolidated statement of comprehensive income)

Nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2019

| | (Millio | ons of yen, rounded down) |
|---|------------------------|---|
| | Nine months ended Nine | Nine months ended September 30, 2019 |
| | Amount | Amount |
| Profit | 4,468 | 3,185 |
| Other comprehensive income | | |
| Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities | (72) | (14) |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | (669) | (991) |
| Remeasurements of defined benefit plans, net of tax | 1 | 116 |
| Share of other comprehensive income of entities accounted for using equity method | (31) | (44) |
| Total other comprehensive income | (772) | (933) |
| Comprehensive income | 3,696 | 2,251 |
| Comprehensive income attributable to: | | |
| Owners of parent | 3,645 | 2,237 |
| Non-controlling interests | 51 | 14 |

(3) Notes on quarterly consolidated financial statements

(Notes regarding the premise of a going concern)

Not applicable.

(Notes if the amount of shareholders' equity has changed significantly)

Not applicable.

(Adoption of specific accounting methods for the preparation of quarterly consolidated financial statements)

(Tax expense calculations)

Tax expenses are calculated by multiplying profit before income taxes by an effective tax rate, which are reasonably estimated by applying tax effect accounting to estimated profit before income taxes for the consolidated fiscal year, including the third quarter of the consolidated fiscal year under review.

(Additional information)

(Application of "Partial Amendments to Accounting Standard for Tax Effect Accounting")

"Partial Amendments to Accounting Standard for Tax Effect Accounting" (ASBJ Statement No. 28 February 16, 2018) was adopted from the beginning of the consolidated first quarter. Deferred tax assets are stated under "investments and other assets" and deferred tax liabilities are stated under "non-current liabilities."

(Segment information)

I. Nine months ended September 30, 2018 (From January 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018)

1. Information on net sales and the amount of profits (losses) by reportable segment

(Millions of yen, rounded down) Amount Reportable segments recorded in Adjusted consolidated amount quarterly United (Note) 1 Europe Asia Total Japan income States statement (Note) 2 Net sales (1) Sales to unaffiliated customers 17,097 2,135 2,513 10,015 31,763 31,763 (2) Intersegment sales or transfers 5,453 277 237 5,968 (5,968)2,513 10,253 Total 22,551 2,413 37,731 (5,968)31,763 456 (179)1,951 6,069 Segment profit (loss) 3,841 (86)5,983

2. Regional information

Japan North America Europe Asia Rest of world Total (including China only

| | Japan | America | Europe | Asia (including China) | China only | world | Total |
|-----------------|--------|---------|--------|------------------------------|------------|-------|--------|
| Net sales | 11,189 | 2,197 | 2,801 | 15,431 | 12,060 | 143 | 31,763 |
| Composition (%) | 35.2 | 6.9 | 8.8 | 48.6 | 38.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 |

⁽Notes) 1. Sales are based on the locations of our customers, and are categorized into the relevant country or region segment according to geographical proximity.

- 2. The major countries or regions included in each geographic segment (except Japan) are listed below:
 - (1) North America: United States
 - (2) Europe: France, Germany, Italy
 - (3) Asia: China, Taiwan, South Korea

⁽Notes) 1. Adjusted segment profit (loss) mainly takes into account the elimination of intersegment transactions and unrealized income

Segment profit (loss) has been adjusted to reflect the operating income recorded in the consolidated quarterly statement of income.

II. Nine months ended September 30, 2019 (From January 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019)

1. Information on net sales and the amount of profits (losses) by reportable segment

(Millions of yen, rounded down) Amount recorded in Reportable segments the Adjusted consolidated amount quarterly United (Note) 1 Japan Europe Asia Total income States statement (Note) 2 Net sales (1) Sales to unaffiliated customers 15,493 2,405 2,524 7,444 27,868 27,868 (2) Intersegment sales or transfers 4,625 197 168 4,994 (4,994)Total 20,119 2,603 2,526 7,613 32,862 (4,994)27,868 3,505 (158)4,330 4,394 Segment profit (loss) 378 605 64

2. Regional information

(Millions of yen, rounded down)

| | | North | | As | sia | Rest of | Total |
|-----------------|--------|---------|--------|------------------------------|------------|---------|--------|
| | Japan | America | Europe | Asia (including China) | China only | world | |
| Net sales | 12,272 | 2,737 | 2,608 | 10,126 | 7,004 | 123 | 27,868 |
| Composition (%) | 44.0 | 9.8 | 9.4 | 36.3 | 25.1 | 0.5 | 100.0 |

⁽Notes) 1. Sales are based on the locations of our customers, and are categorized into the relevant country or region segment according to geographical proximity.

- 2. The major countries or regions included in each geographic segment (except Japan) are listed below:
 - (1) North America: United States
 - (2) Europe: France, Germany, Italy
 - (3) Asia: China, Taiwan, South Korea

⁽Notes) 1. Adjusted segment profit (loss) mainly takes into account the elimination of intersegment transactions and unrealized income.

Segment profit (loss) has been adjusted to reflect the operating income recorded in the consolidated quarterly statement of income.

3. Supplementary Information

(1) Orders and sales by product category

i. Orders

(Millions of yen, rounded down)

| | Year ended December 31, 2018 | | | | | | | Year ending December 31, 2019 | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|--------|--|
| Products | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 1Q-3Q | 4Q | Fiscal year total | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 1Q-3Q | |
| Special graphite products | 4,636 | 4,261 | 3,777 | 12,676 | 3,825 | 16,502 | 3,671 | 3,505 | 3,200 | 10,378 | |
| Carbon products for general industries*2 (for mechanical applications) | 911 | 848 | 970 | 2,730 | 968 | 3,698 | 976 | 1,023 | 928 | 2,928 | |
| Carbon products for general industries (for electrical applications) | 1,276 | 1,308 | 1,141 | 3,725 | 1,059 | 4,785 | 1,126 | 1,130 | 1,053 | 3,310 | |
| Compound materials and other products | 3,382 | 2,959 | 2,755 | 9,098 | 2,543 | 11,641 | 2,487 | 1,994 | 1,680 | 6,162 | |
| Total | 10,208 | 9,377 | 8,645 | 28,231 | 8,396 | 36,627 | 8,262 | 7,654 | 6,863 | 22,780 | |

(Notes) 1. These orders were denominated in foreign currency prior to the previous quarter; discrepancies resulting from fluctuations in foreign exchange rates during the quarter under review are included in the figure for orders placed in this quarter.

ii. Outstanding orders

(Millions of yen, rounded down)

| | | | | (xximions of you, rounded down) | | | | |
|--|-------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| | Ye | ear ended Dec | ember 31, 20 | Year ending December 31, 2019 | | | | |
| Products | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | |
| Special graphite products | 3,159 | 3,299 | 2,984 | 3,381 | 3,177 | 2,859 | 2,510 | |
| Carbon products for general industries*2 (for mechanical applications) | 648 | 622 | 729 | 733 | 770 | 823 | 829 | |
| Carbon products for general industries (for electrical applications) | 981 | 977 | 894 | 849 | 848 | 827 | 741 | |
| Compound materials and other products | 3,664 | 4,057 | 4,229 | 4,234 | 4,029 | 3,540 | 2,829 | |
| Total | 8,453 | 8,957 | 8,836 | 9,198 | 8,826 | 8,050 | 6,910 | |

(Notes)
 These orders were denominated in foreign currency prior to the previous quarter; discrepancies resulting from fluctuations in foreign exchange rates during the quarter under review are included in the figure for outstanding orders placed in this quarter.

^{*2.} Data for general carbon products (carbon for mechanical applications) includes orders that have not been officially confirmed.

^{*2.} Data for general carbon products for general industries (mechanical applications) includes orders that have not been officially confirmed.

iii. Sales performance by product category

(Millions of yen, rounded down)

| | Year ended December 31, 2018 | | | | | | | Year ending December 31, 2019 | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|--------|--|--|
| Products | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 1Q-3Q | 4Q | Fiscal year total | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 1Q-3Q | | |
| Special graphite products | 7,248 | 4,521 | 4,464 | 16,234 | 4,019 | 20,254 | 4,227 | 4,300 | 3,993 | 12,521 | | |
| [Electronics applications] | 1,392 | 1,775 | 1,587 | 4,754 | 1,445 | 6,200 | 1,440 | 1,540 | 1,502 | 4,483 | | |
| [General industries applications] | 2,232 | 2,306 | 2,394 | 6,932 | 2,160 | 9,093 | 2,308 | 2,275 | 2,090 | 6,674 | | |
| [Others] | 3,624 | 439 | 483 | 4,546 | 413 | 4,959 | 478 | 484 | 400 | 1,364 | | |
| Carbon products for general industries (for mechanical applications) | 873 | 894 | 883 | 2,651 | 1,005 | 3,656 | 960 | 998 | 952 | 2,911 | | |
| Carbon products for general industries (for electrical applications) | 1,292 | 1,293 | 1,214 | 3,801 | 1,189 | 4,991 | 1,128 | 1,141 | 1,121 | 3,391 | | |
| Compound materials and other products | 2,384 | 2,518 | 2,592 | 7,495 | 2,579 | 10,075 | 2,756 | 2,429 | 2,384 | 7,571 | | |
| [3 major products] | 2,083 | 2,256 | 2,206 | 6,547 | 2,220 | 8,767 | 2,347 | 2,041 | 1,973 | 6,363 | | |
| [Other products] | 300 | 262 | 385 | 948 | 359 | 1,307 | 408 | 387 | 411 | 1,208 | | |
| Related goods | 536 | 493 | 551 | 1,580 | 574 | 2,155 | 614 | 584 | 273 | 1,472 | | |
| Total | 12,335 | 9,720 | 9,707 | 31,763 | 9,368 | 41,132 | 9,686 | 9,455 | 8,726 | 27,868 | | |

(2) Overview

Special graphite products

In electronics applications, products for single-crystal silicon manufacturing were supported by steady demand and performed well, but demand for solar cell applications remained weak, leading to year-on-year declines in sales.

In general industries applications, demand for products for continuous casting, EDM electrodes and industrial furnaces was solid, but sales recorded a year-on-year decline, mostly as a result of significant declines in demand for products used in optical fiber applications in China.

In others, the disappearance this fiscal year of 3,204 million yen in sales of products used in Chinese high-temperature reactor-pebble-bed modules (HTR-PM) recorded in the first quarter of the previous fiscal year led to sales falling year on year.

The result of these changes was that sales of special graphite products as a whole fell below the level recorded in the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Carbon products for general industries

Sales of carbon products for mechanical applications surpassed the same period of the previous fiscal year with strong ongoing demand for mainstay products such as bearings, seal materials and pantograph sliders.

Carbon products for electrical applications failed to match their sales performance in the same period of the

previous fiscal year due to weak demand for products used in electrical power tools and home appliances.

The result of these changes was that overall sales of carbon products for general industries undershot the level recorded in the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Compound materials and other products

Sales of SiC (silicon carbide)-coated graphite products performed well due to strong demand for semiconductor applications, but the sense of a slowdown in LED applications, which began in the second quarter, strengthened and led to sales remaining at the level of the same period in the previous fiscal year. In C/C composite products, sales of semiconductor and industrial furnace applications remained solid, but due to falling sales of solar cell applications, a year-on-year decline was recorded. In graphite sheet products, generally sluggish demand for automotive, electronics, and metallurgical applications resulted in a year-on-year declines in sales.

The result of these changes was that sales of compound materials and other products as a whole were flat year on year.