

# Progress with Medium- to Long-term Strategy and Future Initiatives

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#### Yarushika

A symbol representing our goal of creating a society that maintains harmony and balance between the pursuit of happiness and a sustainable environment.

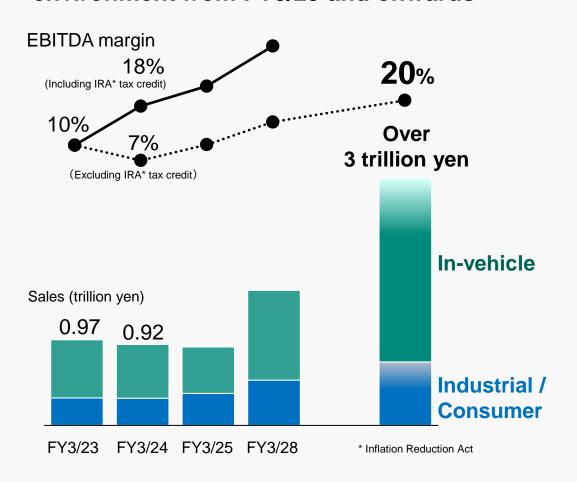
#### **Notes**

- 1. This is an English translation of the original presentation in Japanese.
- 2. In this presentation, "FY3/25" refers to the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.

# Agenda

- 1. Progress with Medium- to Long-term Strategy
- 2. Future Direction and Initiatives

- Pursue "two-pillar management" driven by In-vehicle and Industrial / Consumer businesses, as well
  as "ESG management" to achieve sustainable growth
- The investment plan will remain unchanged until FY3/28; will respond flexibly according to the market environment from FY3/29 and onwards



# **■** Two-pillar Management

KGI EBITDA

#### In-vehicle

# Sales growth driver

- Expand proven cylindrical battery platforms
- Commercialize next-generation products

# Industrial / Consumer

# **Profitability driver**

- Maximize value proposition with batteryapplied systems
- Develop supply systems

# **■ ESG Management**

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- Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and address resource issues
- Promote human capital management and human rights due diligence

  \*Carbon footprint

# **Defined specific growth strategies** to achieve medium-to-long-term goals

#### FY3/23

# Deploy proven cylindrical battery platforms

 Started construction of new factory in Kansas, USA

· Signed sales agreement with Lucid and **Hexagon Purus** 

# Commercialize next-generation products

- Developed high-capacity technology (4680 to be produced in Wakayama)
- bases (including Suminoe & Kadoma)

#### FY3/24

- Signed collaboration agreements with Subaru and Mazda
- Strengthened supply chains to expand in the North American market

(New suppliers include NMG from Canada, NOVONIX from Australia, Nexeon from UK, Sila from USA)

- Started to consolidate and enhance R&D
- Installed 4680 mass production equipment in Wakayama (Production to start at the end of FY3/25 Q2)
- Suminoe Factory: Launched a new R&D facility to help further develop production processes

# Maximize value proposition with batteryapplied systems

- · Data centers: Received orders for nextgeneration products from major customers, and expanded sales
- support the advancement of generative Al

Started mass production of data center power supply systems to

Developed a safe, space-saving integrated storage system

# **Develop supply** systems

Industrial /

- Secondary batteries for energy storage and power equipment: upgraded the Tokushima Factory
- Lithium primary batteries: established a new facility at Wuxi Factory in China
- Dry batteries: Launched a full-scale operation of Nishikinohama Factory, our global flagship factory

Progressing towards start of 4680 mass production in Wakayama by the end of FY3/25 Q2 and of 2170 in Kansas during FY3/25 H2

## Wakayama Factory (4680)

In the final stages of preparations for the planned start of mass production at the end of FY3/25 Q2

Positioning	Serving as the initial mass production and mother base of 46-diameter cells
Progress	<ul> <li>Currently in the final stage of mass production feasibility verification</li> <li>Strengthening mother functions (personnel &amp; production capabilities)</li> </ul>



## **Kansas Factory (2170)**

Building construction is almost complete, with phased introduction of production lines planned.

Positioning	Serving as the latest mass production base for 21-diameter cells
Progress	<ul> <li>Started equipment installation and ramped up local recruitment activities</li> <li>Initial production to start in the second half of FY3/25, with full production planned from the end of FY3/27</li> </ul>



# 1-3. Progress with Medium- to Long-term Strategy (FY3/23 - FY3/24)



# Steadily improving operations and accelerating implementation of ESG initiatives in order to achieve medium-to long-term goals

## **Strengthening Operations**

## **ESG Management**

#### In-vehicle

Boosting profitability through improvements in production volume and reductions in loss rates

Nevada Factory

- Production volume (M cell/day): +10% (vs FY3/22)
- Quality loss rate: -2.5pt (vs FY3/22)

#### Industrial / Consumer

Increase high added-value in target areas

**Data Center Business** 

·Module/system ratio: +30pt (vs FY3/22)

#### Environment

Accelerating the deployment of zero-CO<sub>2</sub>-emission factories\*

Achieving Carbon Neutrality at factories

- 14 out of 20 factories have already achieved carbon neutrality (as of end FY3/24)
- Expect to achieve carbon neutrality at all sites in Japan by September 2024

\*A site that has virtually zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, achieved through energy-saving initiatives, introduction of renewable energy, and the use of carbon credits.

#### **Human Capital**

Driving the growth of "people," the source of our competitiveness

Enhancing technical talent and establishing a research environment

- Number of employees:\*\* +600 (vs FY3/22)
- R&D facility in Nishikadoma: construction to be completed by FY3/26 (utilizing material informatics and digital transformation of facilities)

<sup>\*\*</sup> Employees at Panasonic Energy in Japan

- In-vehicle: Changes in North American EV demand due to Inflation Reduction Act and responses to past manufacturing-process issues
- Industrial / Consumer: The downturn in the market for consumer products and power equipment has been more prolonged than initially anticipated

#### In-vehicle

Japan-made products are struggling to maintain price competitiveness in the North American market after IRA implementation

Past manufacturing-process issues (No concerns regarding safety)

**Industrial / Consumer** 

A rebound from FY3/24 H2 had been anticipated, however the market downturn continued

Responding to a rapid decrease in demand, adjusting production in Japan to an appropriate inventory level

Short-term Countermeasure

Optimization of domestic fixed costs in line with demand

Provisioning for expenses related to past manufacturing process issue response costs

Impact on FY3/25

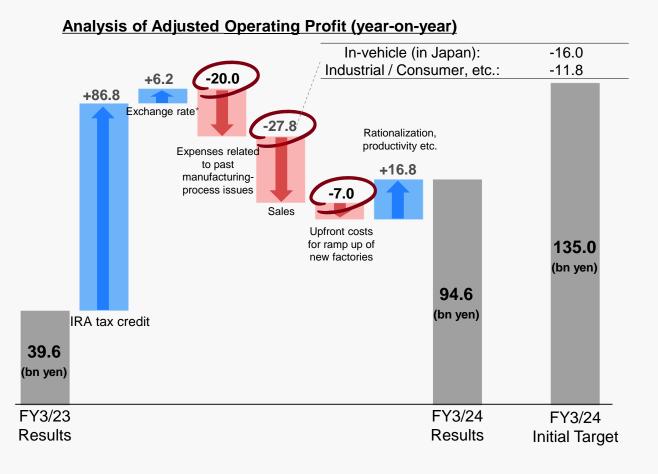
- Permanent measures have been implemented for current manufacturing processes
- There is no possibility of additional provisions

Decreased sales of lithium-ion batteries, etc. for consumer products and power equipment

Future Outlook

Demand in the consumer products and power equipment market is expected to recover in the second half of FY3/25 **Initial targets were not achieved** due to expenses related to past manufacturing-process issues for in-vehicle business, the impact of reduced production in Japan, and a delay in the market recovery for consumer/power usage

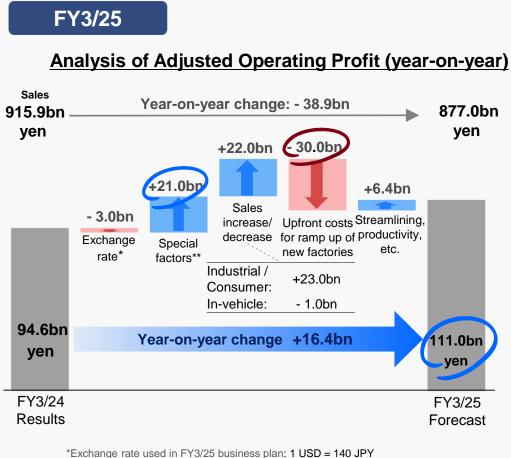
(JPY Billion)	FY3/24		
Including IRA tax credit	Results	YoY	Comparison with initial target
Sales	915.9	94%	89%
Adjusted operating profit	94.6 (10.3%)	+ 55.0	- 40.4
Operating profit	88.8 (9.7%)	+ 55.6	- 44.2
EBITDA	160.4 (17.5%)	+ 61.9	- 43.6
ROIC	14.6%	+ 9.6pt	- 3.3pt



\*FY3/24 exchange rate: 1 USD = 145 JPY

# 1-6. Outlook for Achieving Medium-term Management Goals in FY3/25

- Although there are upfront costs for Kansas/Wakayama, etc., profit is expected to increase year-on-year, factoring in increased profits from sales in industrial and consumer products, etc.
- We expect to strengthen profitability to achieve cumulative operating cashflow target



<sup>\*</sup>Exchange rate used in FY3/25 business plan: 1 USD = 140 JPY

# **Medium Term (~FY3/25)**

KGI	Target	Forecast (Excluding IRA tax cred	
Operating Profit (FY3/25)	87bn yen		on yen 2.0bn)
EBITDA (FY3/25)	150bn yen		on yen <sup>0.0bn</sup> )
Cumulative Operating Cashflow (FY3/23-FY3/25)	330bn yen		on yen* <sup>0.0bn)</sup>
ROIC (FY3/25)	12% (excluding new investment in Kansas, etc.)		<b>.1%</b> 2.2%)

<sup>\*\*</sup>The impact of previous year's expenses related to past manufacturing-process issues

# **Future Direction and Initiatives**

# Despite undergoing rapid changes, the market continues to grow steadily

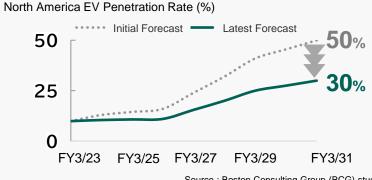
#### **In-vehicle Business**

Even with a slight slowdown, the in-vehicle battery market is still

poised for significant growth



Source: Estimated by Panasonic Energy (PEC) based on Fuji Keizai study



Source: Boston Consulting Group (BCG) study

# Regulations aimed at decarbonization will drive long-term market expansion

(A certain number of BEVs is required)

	China	Europe	<b>USA</b>	Japan	
Regulation/ Policy	NEV regulation	CAFE***	CAFE (Federal) ACC***II regulation (State)	Green Growth Strategy	
Guideline	CY25 NEV* 38%	CY35 EV/FCV 100%	CY32 BEV 35~56%	CY30 EV 20~30%	
EV Penetration Rate (CY23→CY30)	32%→68%	21%→60%	9%→30%	3%→24%	

Source: Regulatory standards announced by governments, EV penetration rate estimated by PEC based on B3/S & P/BCG/ IEA survey data

\*New Energy vehicle \*\*Corporate Average Fuel Efficiency

\*\*\*Advanced Clean Cars

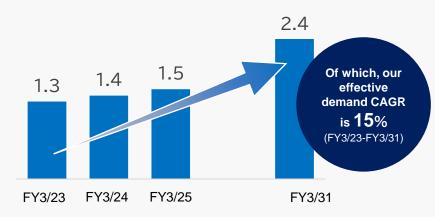
#### Industrial / Consumer Business

#### Long-term market growth prospects



Source: Estimated by PEC based on Fuji Keizai study

Battery Demand for Data Center (GWh) CAGR of the overall market: **8%** (FY3/23-FY3/31)



Source: Estimated by PEC based on Synergy Research.

- Partial revision of strategies and reinforcement measures to achieve sustainable medium- to long-term growth through two-pillar management
- Achieve management structure generating ROIC of over 10% & operating cashflow of over 300 billion yen

# **Strategic Framework**

# Two-pillar management

## In-vehicle

#### **Strategy Revision**

 Shifting from "focus on North America" to "Japan and North America dual-region focus"

#### Industrial / Consumer

#### **Strategy Reinforcement**

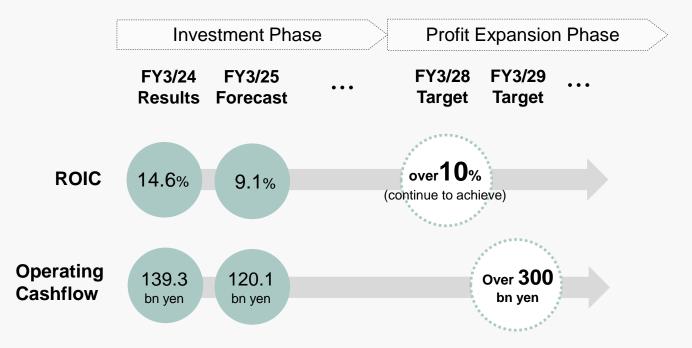
- Maximizing value proposition by battery-applied systems
- Strengthening portfolio in new areas

#### **Environmental / ESG Management (continued)**

 CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction, promotion of human capital management

# **Approach During the Next Medium-term**

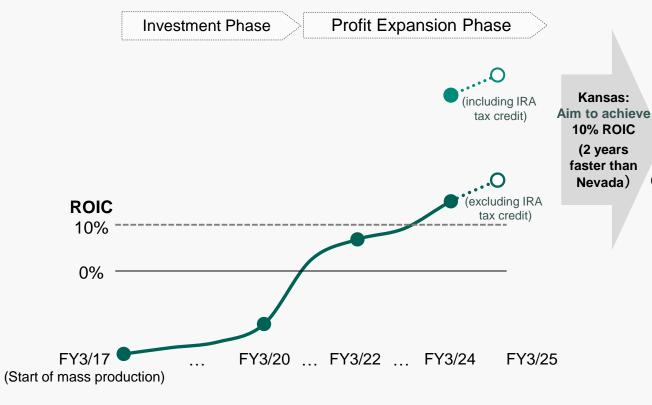
# Building a structure to accommodate profit expansion phase



Transition from investment phase to profit growth phase with sustained ROIC of more than 10%

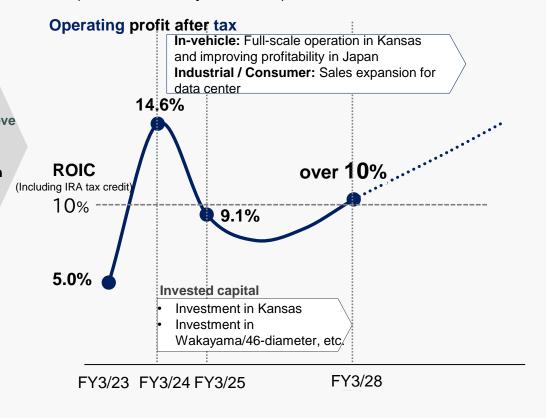
## **Nevada Factory**

- Achieved ROIC of 10% within 5 years of start of mass production
- Continue improvement in ROIC during profit expansion phase

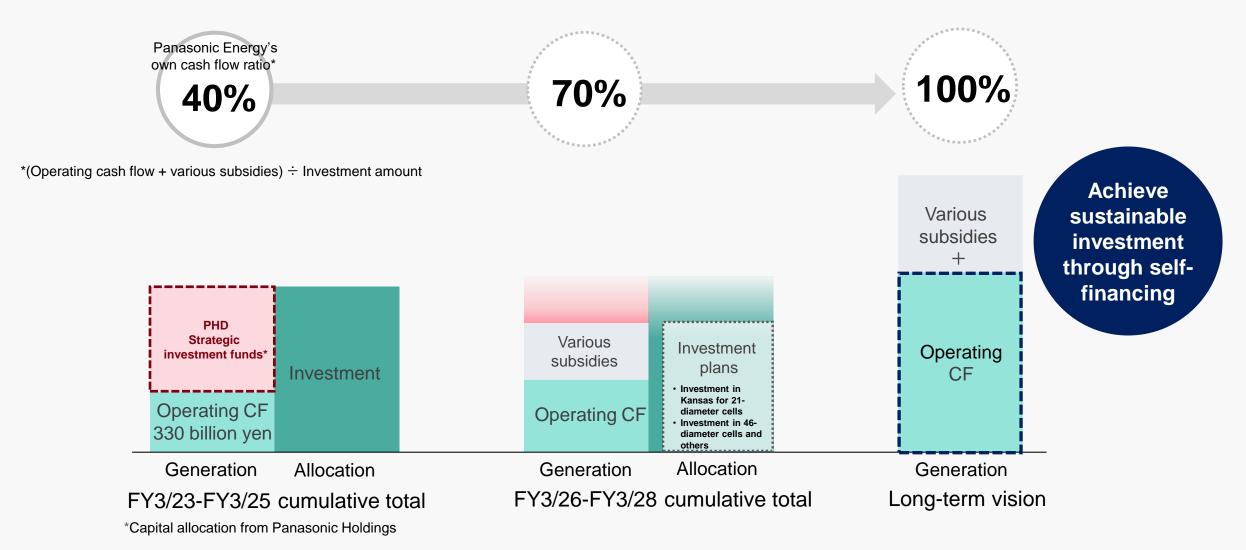


# **Panasonic Energy Companywide**

- Profit increase due to Kansas operation & improved profitability in Japan
- Significant increase in recent invested capital (Kansas/Wakayama, etc.)



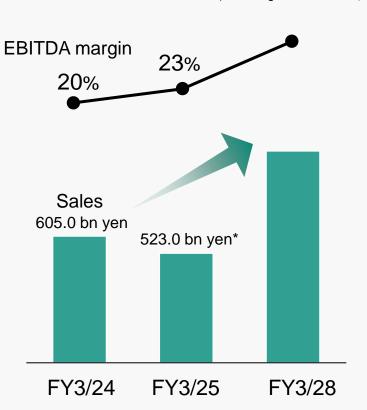
Continuing large-scale investments in In-vehicle business, generating cash that will allow a balance of both investment and return



Shifting from a "North America-focused" strategy to a "Japan and North America dual-region focused" strategy, strengthening the management and revenue foundation

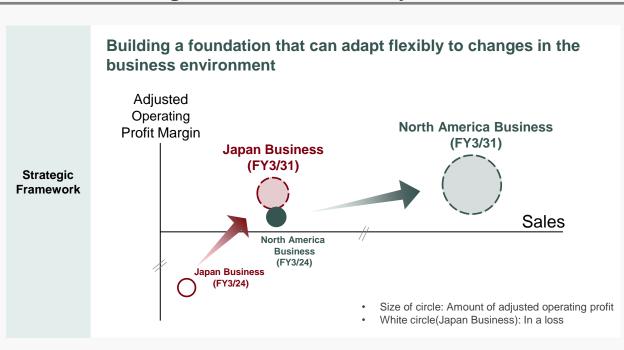
# Sales and EBITDA Margin Trend

(Including IRA tax credit)



<sup>\*</sup> Overall sales volumes are expected to increase slightly due to increased sales at North American factories. However, due to price revisions in line with the declining price of raw materials of -60 billion yen, the -20 billion yen impact of exchange rate changes and other factors, sales are expected to decrease year-on-year

# **Strategic Framework & Key Initiatives**



Key Initiatives

- Japan: Establishing a supply base for domestic customers (Suminoe Factory)
- North America: Maximizing profitability in North America (Nevada and Kansas Factories)

Maximize profitability in North America while transforming our business structure in Japan to achieve growth and profitability in the medium to long term

# **Japan Business**

#### **North America Business**

#### **Establishing a supply base for Japanese customers**

# Enhance the operation of factories in Osaka

# > Reallocate personnel

# > Enhance profitability through cost reductions

 Commence mass production of 4680 at Wakayama factory

# Nevada Factory

 Strengthen parts of the production line (planned operation start FY3/25)

Maximize profitability through continuous improvement

- > Production volume up 5%
- Continuously improve production capacity

# Production capacity (FY3/24→FY3/31) +15%

# Medium to long term

Short-

term

- Strengthen collaboration with Japanese OEMs
- Production shift to 2170
  - ➤ Personnel per GWh down over 35% by FY3/29 (vs FY3/23)

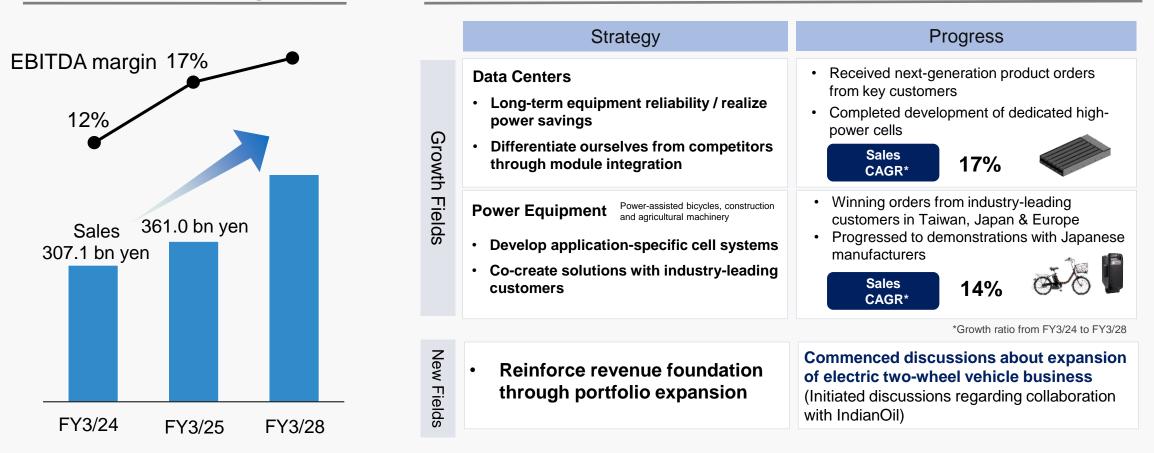
# Kansas Factory

- · Install automated production line
  - Personnel per GWh down over 30% (vs Nevada Factory)
- Introduce next-generation cells through material evolution
  - Cell energy density up 5% (vs conventional standards)

- Expanding in the fields of information infrastructure such as data centers and electrification of **power equipment**, which are expected to grow in the medium- to long-term
- Maximizing value proposition by developing advanced system business with high-safety, highreliability cells and control technologies

# **Sales and EBITDA Margin Trends**

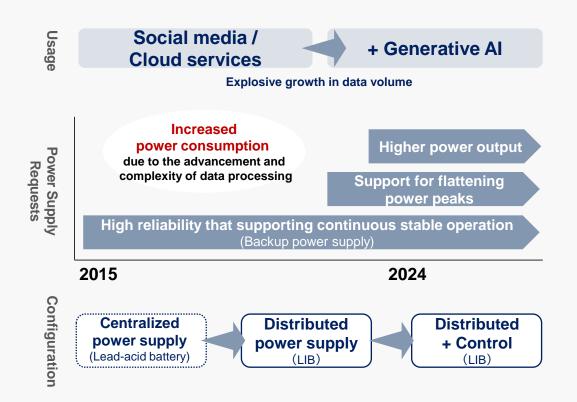
# **Strategy & Progress**



# In response to the rapid evolution of generative AI servers, maximize our contributions of power supply solutions including control

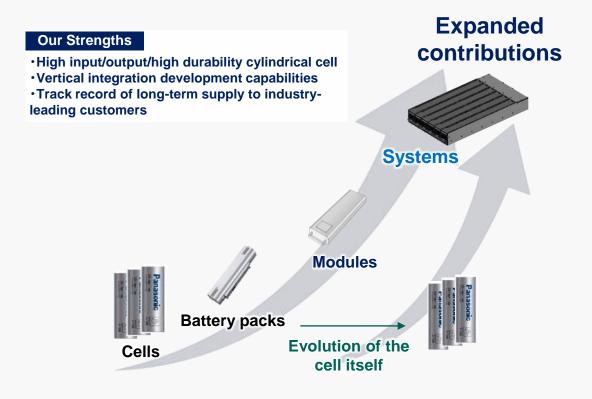
#### **Customer Needs**

- Responding to the increase in power consumption due to the advancement and complexity of data processing
- Development of power supply systems that fit within limited space



# **Value Proposition**

 Providing our unique value through development of power supply systems that meet high input/output, high durability, safety, and energy efficiency requirements

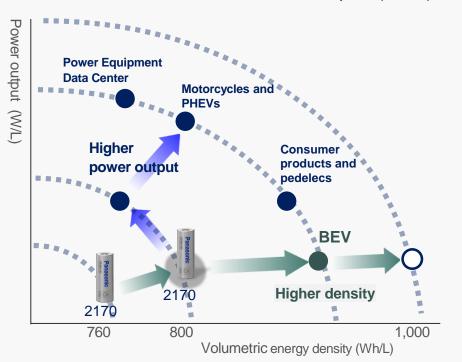


- Enhance product competitiveness along evolutionary axes of higher energy density and power output
- Promote local material procurement in North America and IP income base to strengthen business foundations

# Enhancing Product Competitiveness Through Technological Innovation

Pursue higher energy density\* and power output\*\* in response to customer demand

\*5% increase in density compared with previous model
\*\*Twice the number of cycles compared with previous model



2170: Advancing from the world's highest energy density (800Wh/L) to achieve increased levels of both power output and density

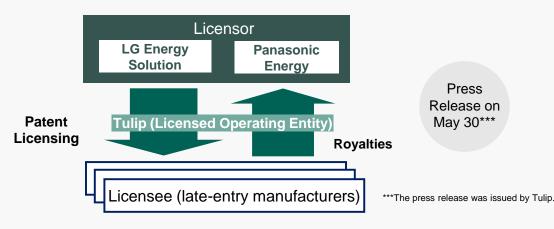
4680: Starting mass production of the world's highest capacity 46-diameter (end of FY3/25 Q2)

#### **Supply Chain Resilience**

- Signed contracts for procurement from North America and other regions, mainly for anode materials
   NMG (graphite), NOVONIX (graphite), Sila (silicon materials), etc.
- Building supply networks for local production and consumption/purchasing of recycled materials in the U.S.

#### **Establishing IP Foundation**

- Launched the industry's first joint licensing program with LGES
- Fair competition and reinvest in development of differentiated technologies



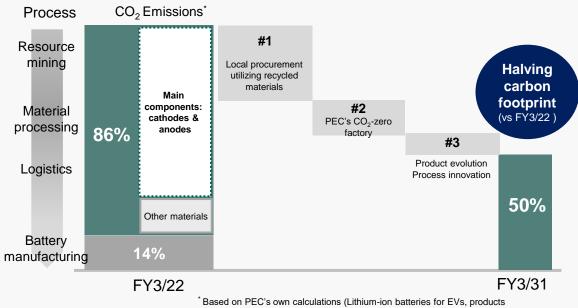


- Enhancing our strategies in the upstream of supply chain and accelerating efforts towards halving carbon footprint
- Promoting environmental impact reduction through recycling leveraging the characteristics of ternary LIBs\*

\*Lithium-ion battery using nickel-based cathode.

### **Carbon Footprint Reduction**

Steadily advancing efforts to halve carbon footprint

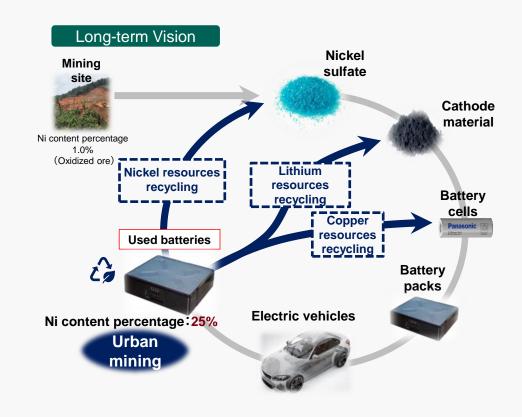


\* Based on PEC's own calculations (Lithium-ion batteries for EVs, products manufactured at North American factories, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per unit of battery capacity)

Initiative	1	2	3
Progress	<ul><li>Graphite (NMG, etc.)</li><li>Copper foil and cathode (Redwood)</li></ul>	Targets for FY3/29	<ul> <li>Utilization of recycled nickel</li> <li>Advancement of less- nickel development</li> </ul>

## **Development of Circular Economy Model for LIBs**

- Establishing a cycle of utilizing recycled materials to contribute to the environment (conservation and reduction of carbon footprint)
- Ensuring a reliable supply of resources to support business growth



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■ Cumulative operating CF (FY3/23-3/25) : 330.0 billion yen

■ Return on Invested Capital (ROIC) (FY3/25) : 9.1%

■ EBITDA (FY3/25) : 187.0 billion yen

■ Carbon footprint (FY3/31) : Half (vs FY3/22)

(yen: billions)	FY3/23		FY3/24		FY2/25	
(yen. billions)	Results	YoY Change	Results	YoY Change	Forecast	YoY Change
Sales	971.8	+199.0	915.9 (1,017.3)	-55.9 (+45.5)	877.0 (978.0)	-38.9 (-39.3)
Adjusted operating profit	39.6	-31.2	94.6 (7.8)	+55.0 (-31.8)	111.0 (24.0)	+16.4 (+16.2)
Operating profit	33.2	-33.6	<b>88.8</b> (2.0)	<b>+55.6</b> (-31.2)	109.0 (22.0)	+20.2 (+20.0)
EBITDA	98.5	-24.5	160.4 (73.6)	+61.9 (-24.9)	187.0 (100.0)	+26.6 (+26.4)
Operating CF	70.6	-5.5	139.3	+68.7	120.1	-19.2
ROIC	5.0%	-9.1%	14.6% (0.4%)	+9.6% (-4.6%)	9.1% (2.2%)	-5.5% (+1.8%)

Figures in brackets exclude US IRA tax credit

P/L

	(yen: billions)	FY3/23 Results	FY3/24 Results	FY3/25 Forecast
Sale	s	971.8	915.9	877.0
	In-vehicle	654.1	605.0	523.0
	Industrial / Consumer	310.7	307.1	361.0
Adju	sted operating profit	39.6	94.6	111.0
	In-vehicle	10.7	68.1	70.0
	Industrial / Consumer	28.5	26.1	40.0
Othe	er income/loss	-6.4	-5.8	-2.0
Ope	rating profit	33.2	88.8	109.0
(OF	% to sales)	3.4%	9.7%	12.4%
Depr	eciation (tangible)	65.3	71.6	78.0
EBIT	ΓDA *1	98.5	160.4	187.0
(EBI	TDA % to sales)	10.1%	17.5%	21.3%

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(yen: billions)	FY3/23 Results	FY3/24 Results	FY3/25 Forecast
Free cash flow	0.5	-174.0	_
Operating CF	70.6	139.3	120.1
Investing CF	-70.1	-313.3	_
Capital investment (tangible)	90.6	292.1	430.0
Investment in intangible assets	1.1	3.4	_
R&D expenditures	25.1	23.2	_

#### B/S

\$ (yen: billions)	FY3/23 Results	FY3/24 Results	FY3/25 Forecast
Cash and cash equivalents	120.2	222.6	_
Trade receivables	261.6	229.9	_
Inventories	204.2	160.9	_
Other current assets	33.7	54.7	_
Current assets	619.7	668.1	_
Property, plant and equipment	181.5	464.1	_
Right-of-use assets	6.9	6.6	_
Goodwill and intangible assets	3.1	5.9	
Other non-current assets	10.6	228.8	_
Non-current assets	202.1	705.4	
Total assets	821.8	1,373.5	_
Trade payables	204.1	180.7	_
Debt (1)	129.7	169.2	_
Lease liabilities (2)	7.0	6.7	_
Other liabilities	106.9	258.2	
<u>Liabilities</u>	447.7	614.8	_
Equity (3)	374.1	758.7	_
Invested capital (1)+(2)+(3)	510.9	934.7	_
ROIC	5.0%	14.6%	9.1%

<sup>\*</sup> Additionally adjusted with the amount equivalent to depreciation corresponding to underlying assets that are applied with lease accounting treatment as a lessor