



MEMBERSHIP

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UBE Corporation Announces Revised Earnings Forecasts and Dividend Projections

UBE Corporation, in light of an assessment of its recent business performance, has revised its earnings forecasts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023, previously announced on October 28, 2022, and its dividend projections, previously announced on November 4, 2022. The changes are described below.

1 Revised Earnings Forecast for the Full Year of the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2023 (April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

Consolidated

(Unit: Billions of yen except per share data)

	Net sales	Operating profit	Ordinary profit	Profit attributable to owners of parent	Net income per share (Yen)
Previous forecast (A)	547.0	29.0	4.5	2.0	20.63
Revised forecast (B)	506.0	20.0	(6.0)	(6.0)	(61.88)
Change (B-A)	(41.0)	(9.0)	(10.5)	(8.0)	
Percentage change	(7.5)%	(31.0)%	-	-	
Previous fiscal year	655.3	44.0	41.5	24.5	249.31

(Reasons for the Revision)

Net sales are projected to fall short of the previous forecast, mainly due to lower sales volumes of nylon polymers, caprolactam, and other products in the Polymers & Chemicals segment resulting from declining demand in the Asian and European markets.

Operating profit, ordinary profit, and profit attributable to owners of parent are expected to fall short of the previous forecasts, despite generally strong product demand in the Specialty Products segment. This is partly due to lower sales volumes of nylon polymers and caprolactam and a narrowing price spread (difference between selling prices and main raw material prices). Another factor is the expected deterioration in the profitability of the equity-method affiliate engaged in cement-related businesses due to delays in effort to correct sales prices.

2 Revised Dividend Forecast for Full Year of Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2023 (April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

(Unit: Yen)

	Cash Dividends per share		
	Interim	Year-end	Total annual
Previous forecast	–	50.00	100.00
Revised forecast	–	45.00	95.00
Results for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023	50.00	–	–
Results for the previous fiscal year ended March 31, 2022	45.00	50.00	95.00

(Reasons for the Revision)

UBE's basic policy is to provide consistent and sustainable dividends as a platform for shareholder returns. The Company set a dividend on equity ratio (DOE) of at least 2.5% and a consolidated total return ratio of at least 30% over the three-year period of its medium-term management plan that was launched in the fiscal year ending March 2023.

Since the fiscal year-end shareholders' equity is expected to remain at about the same level as the end of the previous fiscal year, the Company projects an annual dividend of 95 yen per share based on the DOE of 2.5% which is one of its policies for returning profits to shareholders. As a result, the year-end dividend forecast is 45 yen per share.

(Reference) Consolidated Net Sales and Operating Profit by Segment for the Full Year of the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2023

(Unit: Billions of yen)

Item	Segment	Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2023			The Previous Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2022
		Previous Forecast	Revised Forecast	Change	Result
Net sales	Specialty Products	69.0	65.0	(4.0)	60.8
	Polymers & Chemicals	340.0	301.0	(39.0)	260.0
	Machinery	101.0	101.0	0.0	97.0
	Others	73.0	75.0	2.0	54.2
	Adjustment	(36.0)	(36.0)	0.0	183.2
	Total	547.0	506.0	(41.0)	655.3
Operating profit	Specialty Products	13.0	13.0	0.0	11.6
	Polymers & Chemicals	12.5	4.0	(8.5)	23.5
	Machinery	4.5	4.5	0.0	5.1
	Others	3.0	2.5	(0.5)	3.5
	Adjustment	(4.0)	(4.0)	0.0	0.2
	Total	29.0	20.0	(9.0)	44.0

Note: The above earnings forecasts are based on certain assumptions judged to be reasonable by the Company when preparing this document. Actual results can vary significantly from forecasts, due to changes in a wide variety of conditions.