

Notice of revision of performance forecasts

The consolidated performance forecast for fiscal 2008 (April 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009) announced on February 4, 2009, has been revised based on recent performance trends.

1. Substance of revision

	Net sales (¥ million)	Operating profit (¥ million)	Ordinary profit (¥ million)	Net income (¥ million)	Net income per share (¥)
Previous forecast	1,571,000	40,100	34,000	14,000	10.01
Revised forecast	1,557,000	34,000	29,000	7,000	5.01
Decrease	(14,000)	(6,100)	(5,000)	(7,000)	–
Percent change	–0.1%	–15.2%	–14.7%	–50.0%	–
cf. Fiscal 2007	1,696,789	127,656	120,456	69,945	50.01

2. Reason for revision

The consolidated performance forecast for fiscal 2008 announced on February 4, 2009, has been revised as, in chemicals operations, performance is now forecast to fall below expectations due to the effect of inventory adjustments, largely in China, being greater than anticipated, and as, in fibers operations, an allowance will be made for disposal of plant and equipment and other costs associated with termination of production as described in the March 26, 2009, announcement *Structural transformation of polyester and monofilament businesses*.

Note: Forecasts are based on the best information available at this time, but actual outcomes may diverge from these forecasts due to a variety of factors which cannot be foreseen.

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