

# FY 2017 ~ FY 2019 Medium-term Business Plan

# **Tosoh Corporation**



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Tosoh's fiscal year runs from April to March of the following year and is named after the year in which it ends in all English materials.

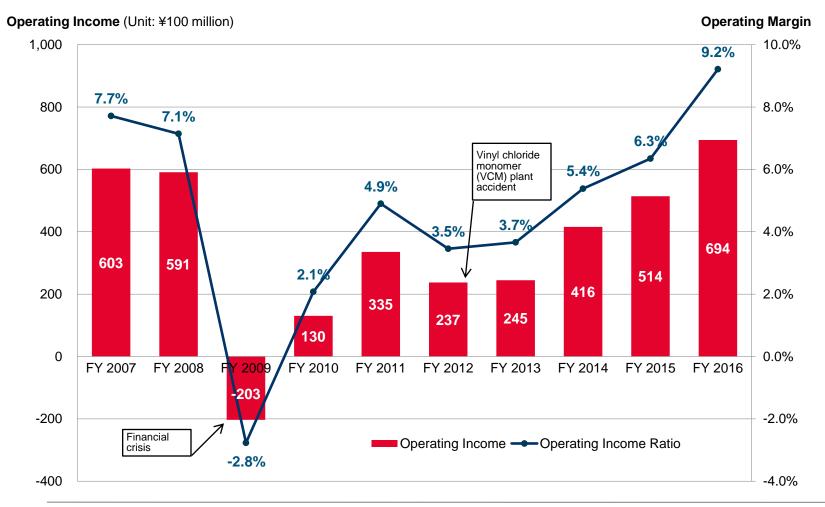


# 1. Current Metrics



# **Current Metrics: Earnings Strength**

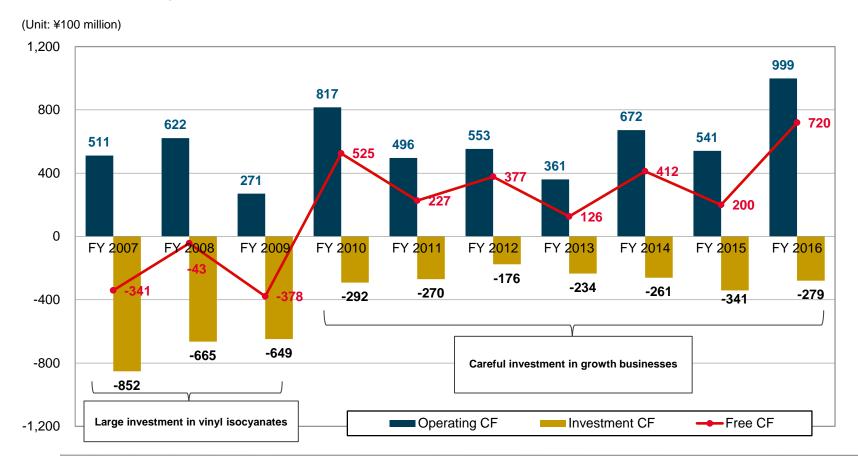
- World financial crisis (FY 2009) and vinyl chloride plant accident (FY 2012) ⇒ reduced earnings strength
- Record profits in FY 2016 through reconstruction of the vinyl isocyanate chain and





# **Current Metrics: Cash Flow**

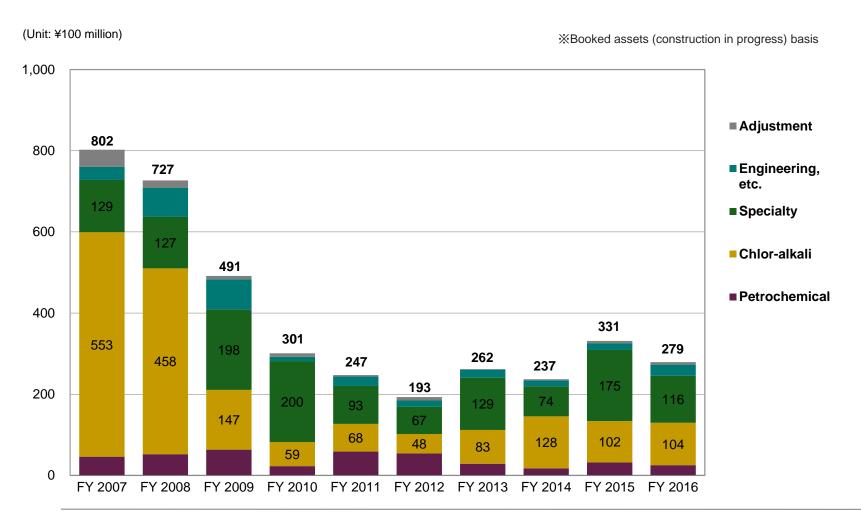
- ~FY2009: Major investment in vinyl isocyanates led to a downturn in free cash flow which combined with the global financial crisis, resulted in deterioration of our financial position
- FY2010~: Rigorous selection of growth businesses to rebuild financial position led to improvements in cash flow





# **Current Metrics: Capital Spending**

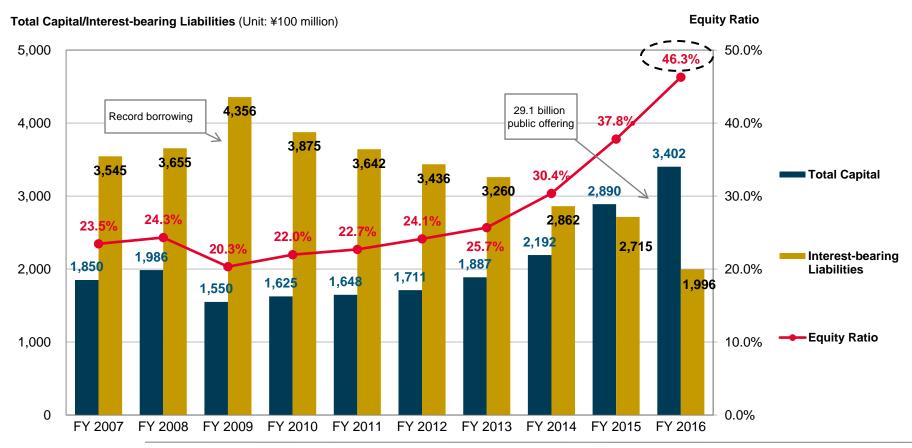
Post FY2010, controlled spending on Commodities and careful investments in Specialties





#### **Current Metrics: Equity Ratio and Interest-bearing Liabilities**

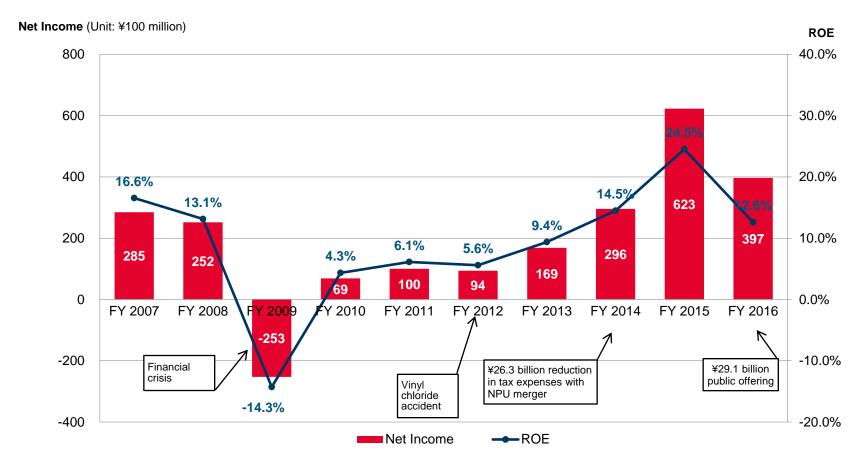
- Major investments in vinyl isocyanates results in record borrowing at the end of FY 2009
- Consistent financial restructuring through careful investment in growth businesses, increased capital, and stronger profitability.
  - ⇒ FY 2016: Equity ratio of 46.3%, net debt to equity ratio of 0.36, leads to upward rating adjustment of "A-" to "A".





# **Current Metrics: Return on Equity**

- FY2015: Sharp rise in ROE due to unique factors (¥26.3 billion decrease in tax expenses due to merger with Nippon Polyurethane Industry, Co., Ltd. (NPU))
- FY2016: Maintained ROE over 10% with high profit levels despite capital increase (¥29.1 billion)





## **Current Metrics: Business Portfolio**

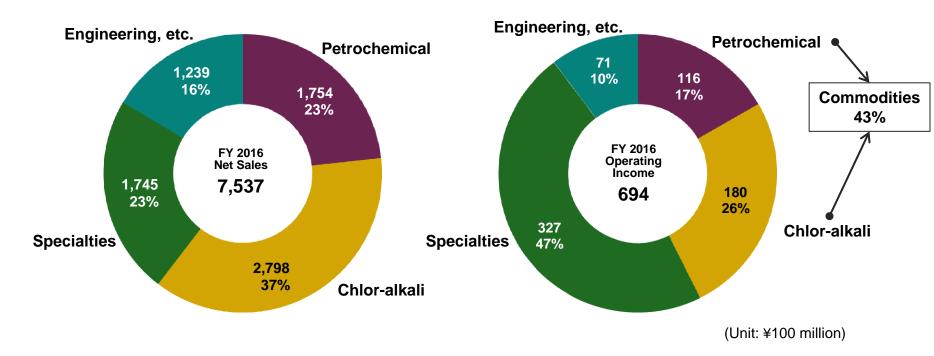
Operating profit contribution ratio:

Commodities (Petrochemicals, Chlor-alkali) 43% vs. Specialties 47%

Operating profit ratio:

Specialties (functional products) 18.7% + commodities (petrochemicals, chlor-alkali) 6.5%

⇒ Gross operating profit ratio: 9.2%





# 2. Management Policies



# **Management Policies: Basic Policies**

#### **Strengthen Commodities and Specialties Management**

Strengthen the balance between Commodities and Specialties

• Commodities: Increase competitiveness and profitability

with current capacities

Specialties: Increase businesses by increasing investment

in growth businesses, by R&D, and by M&A

#### Maintain and Strengthen the Financial Base

 Build a rock-solid financial foundation that enables flexible investment in growth

#### **Promote Safety Reforms**

- Establish technologies for safe and stable operations
- Eliminate problems and abnormal conditions



# **Management Policies: Business Positioning**

Strengthen the Commodities and Specialties balance through building a business portfolio that can withstand changes in the operating environment, therefore increasing corporate value.

#### **Commodities**

- Ensure cash flow and profitability to underpin business
- Fuel Tosoh products with highly competitive internal utilities and basic raw materials
- Leverage the fact that demand for basic raw materials remains firm despite economic environment's impact on profits

#### Strong Balance

#### **Specialties**

- Strive for greater profits to drive growth
- Maintain high profitability through continuous development
- Lead times of over 10 years from development to profitable business



# **Management Policies: Targets (consolidated)**

 Overall operating income ratio over 10% comprising ROS of 5% for Commodities and over 20% for Specialties

(Unit: ¥100 million)	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Forecast	FY 2019 Target
Net Sales	7,537	7,200	7,500
Operating Income	694	720	850
Operating Income Ratio	9.2%	10.0%	>10%
ROE	12.6%	>10%	>10%

Note: Sales forecast and target based on the below assumptions

Exchange rates	USD	<b>120</b> ¥/\$US	110 ¥/\$US	<b>110</b> ¥/\$US	
	EUR	133 ¥/EUR	<b>120</b> ¥/EUR	120 ¥/EUR	
	Domestic Naphtha Price	42,775 ¥/kl	<b>40,000</b> ¥/kl	40,000 ¥/kl	



# **Management Policies: Targets (by group)**

- Commodities (Petrochemicals, Chlor-alkali) ROS: FY 2016 6.5% ⇒ FY 2019 8.6%
- Specialties ROS : FY 2016 18.7% ⇒ FY 2019 21.7%

(Unit: ¥100 million)		FY 2016 Actual		FY 2017 Forecast		FY 2019 Target	
Net Sales	Petrochemicals	1,754		1,623		1,640	
	Chlor-alkali	2,798		2,638		2,770	
	Commodities Total	4,553		4,261		4,410	
	Specialties	1,745		1,651		1,840	
	Engineering, etc.	1,239		1,288		1,250	
	Total	7,537		7,200		7,500	
Operating Income / ratio (%)	Petrochemicals	116	6.6%	150	9.3%	170	10.4%
	Chlor-alkali	180	6.4%	190	7.2%	210	7.6%
	Commodities Total	296	6.5%	340	8.0%	380	8.6%
	Specialties	327	18.7%	319	19.3%	400	21.7%
	Engineering, etc.	71	5.8%	61	4.7%	70	5.6%
	Total	694	9.2%	720	10.0%	850	11.3%



# 3. Investment Policies



# **Investment Policies: Basic Policy**

Commodities: Invest to maintain and strengthen competitiveness

Specialties: Invest towards growth

#### FY 2010 ~ FY 2016

- Selective investment in Specialty growth businesses to rebuild financial position
- Invest no more than the minimum in Commodities

Consistent goal of strengthening our financial foundation

#### Medium-term Plan (FY 2017 ~ FY 2019)

#### **Commodities**

 Focus expenditure on renewal and productivity enhancements that maintain and improve our supply stability and competitiveness

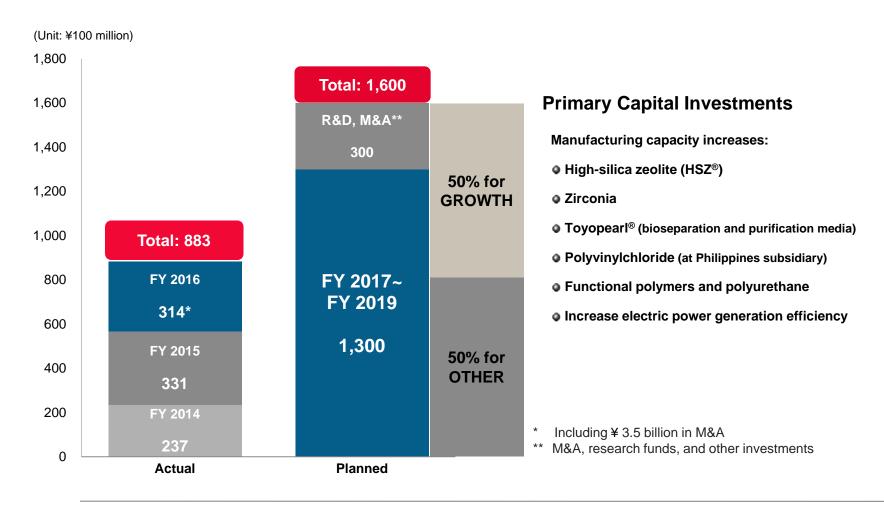
#### **Specialties**

- Greater investment in growth businesses
- Widen business scope through R&D\* and M&A\*\*
  - \*1 Including collaboration with academia and venture businesses
  - \*2 Especially for Bioscience business



# **Investment Policies: Primary Spending Plan**

● FY2017~2019: Capital spending ¥130 billion + M&A ¥30 billion = ¥160 billion





# 4. Research and Development



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Accelerate research and development initiatives in three critical areas

#### Life Sciences

- Clinical diagnostic systems and reagents
- Separation and purification media for pharmaceuticals
- Polymer materials for medical
- Ceramic materials for dental applications

# **Electronic Materials**

- Thin film materials for electronic devices
- Electronic and hole transport materials for organic EL
- Optical polymers for display devices
- Quartz glass for semiconductors and LCDs

#### Environment & Energy

- Chemicals for environmental remediation
- Zeolites for catalysts
- Materials for lithium-ion batteries
- Advanced polymers

#### Measures to accelerate R&D

- Strengthen industry-academic-government cooperation
- Strengthen technical knowledge gathering capabilities through investment in research funds
- M&A

Leading to expanded business scope and acquisition of new technologies



# 5. Strengthening Our Financial Base



# **Strengthening Our Financial Base: Policies**

# **Equity ratio**

• Aim to exceed 50%

# **Interest-bearing debt**

Continually strive to reduce interest-bearing debt



# 6. Business Positioning



# **Growth Strategies: Chlor-Alkali**

 FY2019: Operating profit of ¥21 billion (up ¥3 billion from FY 2016) and operating income ratio of 7.6% (up 1.2% from FY 2016)

#### **Basic Chemicals**

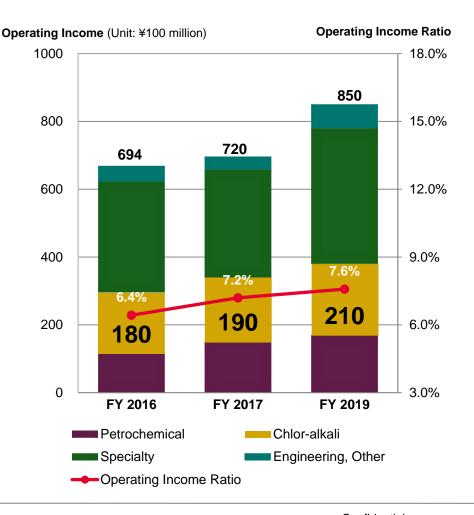
- PVC (polyvinyl chloride resin)
- VCM (vinyl chloride monomer)
- Caustic soda
- Soda and chlorine derivatives

#### **Polyurethane**

- MDI (urethane raw material)
- Functional urethanes

#### Cement

Portland cement

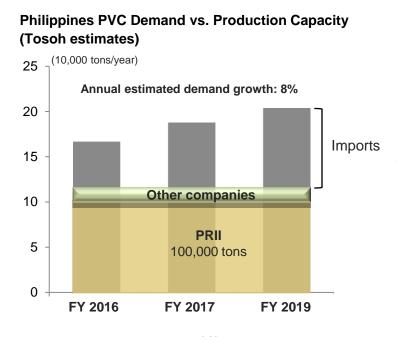




#### **Growth Strategies: Chlor-Alkali**

# Basic Chemicals: PVC (polyvinyl chloride resin), VCM (vinyl chloride monomer), caustic soda, chlorine derivatives

 Maximize profits through full optimization of the vinyl chain



# Strengthen base in Japan Expand derivatives Calcium chloride Sodium hypochlorite Hydrochloride Baking soda Deployment to nationwide network of stock points

**Strengthen Soda and Chlorine Derivative Products** 

- Pursue stable procurement of competitive raw materials
- Build competitiveness through greater efficiencies in power generation, power consignment, and other measures
- Increase PVC production capacity at subsidiary Philippine Resins Industry, Inc. (PRII)
- Strengthen the profitability of our soda and chlorine derivative products

Plants

Stock points

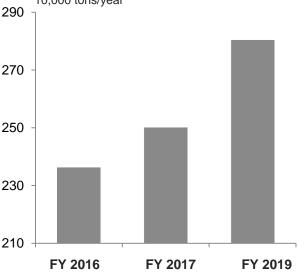


## **Growth Strategies: Polyurethane**

# **Polyurethane:** Methylene diphenyl diisocyanate (MDI, urethane raw material), functional urethanes

 Shift to high value-added MDI and strengthen functional urethanes

# MDI demand in Asia (Tosoh estimates) 10,000 tons/year



Overall Asian annual estimated demand growth: 6% (India 10%, SE Asia 8%)





#### MDI

- Accelerate the shift from commodity products to specialty products, and from single-item sales to system sales
- Strengthen sales in Southeast Asia, India, and the US

#### **Functional urethanes**

- Sales promotion in medical fields (sealing materials, etc.)
- Add production capacity for HDI-derivatives



# **Growth Strategies: Petrochemical**

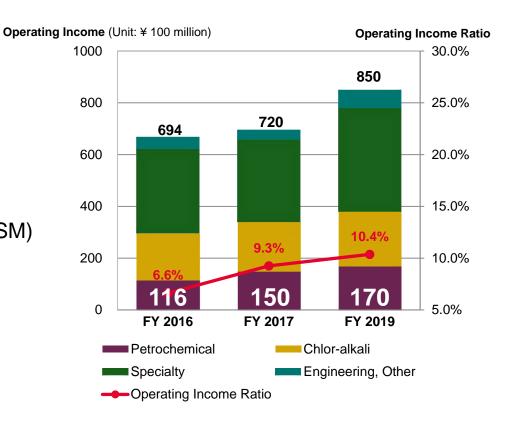
FY2019: Operating profit of ¥17 billion (up by ¥5.4 billion in FY2016) and operating income ratio of 10.4% (up by 3.7% in FY2016)

#### **Olefins**

- Ethylene
- Propylene
- Cumene

#### **Polymers**

- Polyethylene
- Synthetic rubber (CR and CSM)
- •PPS resin
- Petroleum resins

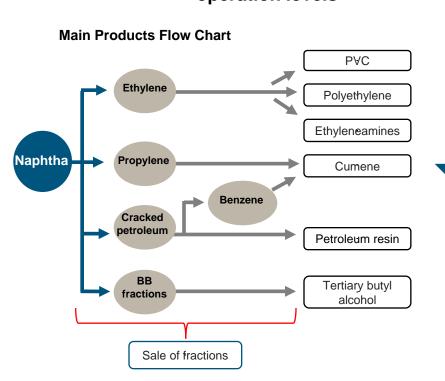




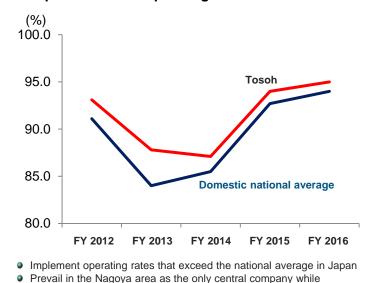
# **Growth Strategies: Petrochemical**

# **Olefins:** Ethylene, propylene, cumene

Significantly increase profitability by maintaining optimal naphtha cracker operation levels



#### **Naphtha Cracker Operating Rate Trends**



Achieve good balance between consumption and sale of

leveraging the balance of large-scale ethylene purchases

- each fraction to maintain high naphtha cracker operating rates
- Become more competitive by improving our energy inputs
- Build a pricing system that has an appropriate spread

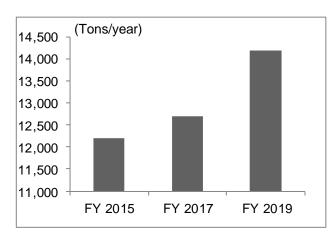


## **Growth Strategies: Petrochemical**

# **Polymers:** Polyethylene, functional polymers (chloroprene rubber, chlorosulphonated polyethylene)

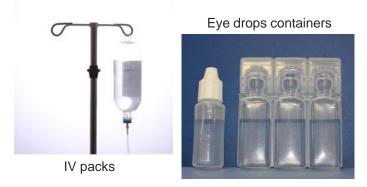
Shift to unique, high value-added products

#### **CSM Sales Outlook**



Anticipate developing new markets through the development of new grades

#### Medical Applications for Polyethylene



#### **Polyethylene**

- Expand domestic sales and strengthened overseas deployment of special grades for foods, medical, and electronics
- Enter high-end fields through quality improvements

#### **Functional polymers**

- Promote special CR grades (sulfur-modified, non-fouling metal molds, etc.
- New construction of No.2 CSM plant
- Bring new (improved oil resistance) polymers to market



 FY 2019: Operating income of ¥40 billion (up ¥7.3 billion from FY 2016), and operating income ratio of 21.7% (up 3% from FY 2016)

#### **Advanced Materials**

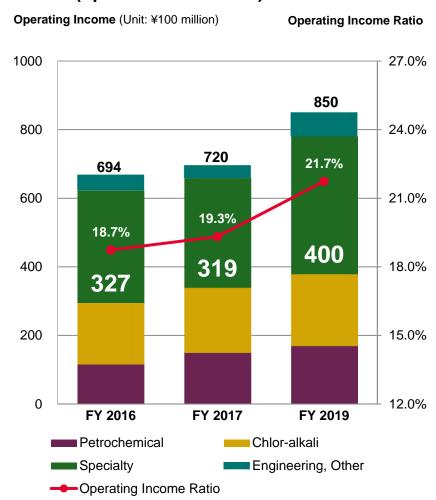
- •High silica zeolite (HSZ®)
- •Zirconia (ceramics)
- •Electrolytic manganese dioxide (battery materials)
- Quartz glass
- Sputtering targets

#### **Organic Chemicals**

- Ethyleneamines
- •Polyurethane catalysts (TEDA, TOYOCAT®, RZETA®)
- Bromine and flame retardants

#### **Bioscience**

- •Chromatographic instruments, columns, separation and purification media
- Immunoassay analyzers and reagents

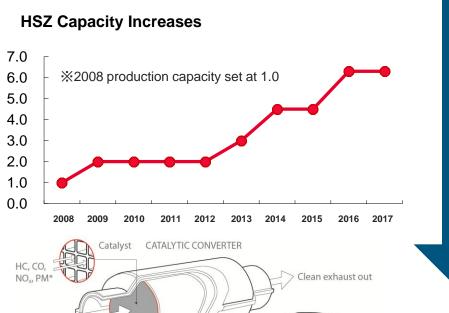




# Advanced Materials: High silica zeolite (HSZ)

Timely development of new grades

and additional capacity



#### **Automotive Emissions Regulations**



- EU: Beyond 2017, stronger regulations in response to Volkswagen issue
- China: Introducing regulations similar to Euro6



Increased demand, higher functionality

- More robust system for developing new grades
- New HSZ production facilities in Malaysia (construction completion in fall 2016)
- Increased capacity next fiscal year

Dirty exhaust in

\*Particulate matter



#### Advanced Materials: Zirconia

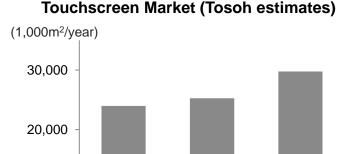
 Continuous marketing of differentiated grades and increased manufacturing capacity

#### Zirconia dental materials penetration **Grades Differentiation XTosoh estimates** U.S. **Europe** >50% >40% Japan TZ-3YSB-E Zpex Asia <10% Low **Target Zone** TZ-3YSB-E **Zpex®** (conventional Dental materials: Expand translucency grades grade) Decorative uses: Quick development of materials to meet customer needs Strength **Zpex** Smile ® Increase zirconia production capacity (Facility at Yokkaichi Complex to be completed in fall 2016) Translucency Develop new uses and increase capacity next fiscal year



# Advanced Materials: Electrolytic manganese dioxide, quartz glass, sputtering targets

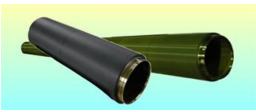
Shift to advanced functionality



 Demand projected to grow as newly emerging economies follow the lead of developed countries in expanded smartphone usage.

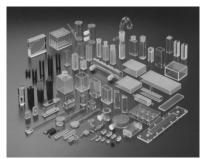
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Quartz glass

Target materials



#### Electrolytic manganese dioxide

Setting ourselves apart with advanced dry cell applications

#### Quartz glass

 More competitiveness through reductions in manufacturing costs and development of new materials

#### Sputtering targets

 Marketing for touchscreen applications and development of high-performance products

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10,000

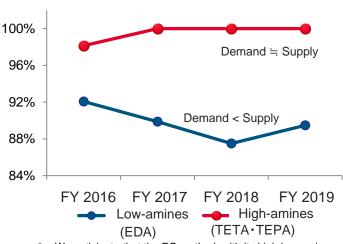
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# **Organic Chemicals:** Ethyleneamines, polyurethane foaming catalysts, bromine and flame retardants

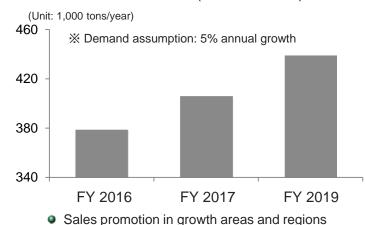
Improve profitability of existing products and stabilize new product businesses

# Worldwide Ethyleneamine Supply and Demand Balance (Tosoh estimates)



- We anticipate that the EO method, with its high low-amine generation rate, will continue to grow.
- Implementation of the high-amine method, with its ability to reduce low-amine generation to zero.

#### Bromine demand in Asia (Tosoh estimates)



#### **Ethyleneamines**

 Significant improvement in profitability from shift to highamines

#### Polyurethane catalysts

- TOYOCAT: Focus on high-functionality product sales
- RZETA: Increase marketing in Europe and USA

#### **Bromine and flame retardants**

 Investment in more efficient bromine production facilities (completion in spring 2017)

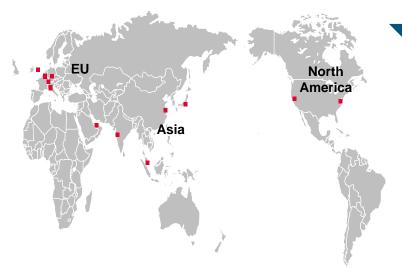


# **Bioscience:** Chromatography instruments, columns, separation and purification media, immunoassay analyzers and reagents

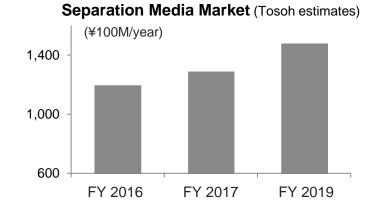
Expand markets through R&D as well as M&A and promote in newly-emerging economies

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#### **Business units in Japan and overseas**



Tosoh has 15 business units in 10 countries



Acquire new technologies and products by leveraging M&A

#### **Separations**

- Develop new columns and separation media grades for the biopharmaceuticals market
- Increase our TOYOPEARL (separation media) production capacity

#### **Diagnostics**

- Expand differentiated reagents in growth areas
- Develop the Indian market through Tosoh India (formerly Lilac Medicare Pvt. Ltd., acquired in fiscal 2015)



# 7. Safety Reform Initiatives



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## Establish safe and stable operating technologies

Improve safety by benchmarking the know-how and skills of experienced operators

#### Eliminate problems and abnormal conditions

- Invested ¥10 billion in 3 years starting in 2014 with the goal of improving facilities, safety (additional investments as necessary)
- Implement facility safety policies over the medium- to long-term

## **Enhance education and training programs**

- Implement practical education at chemical plant training facilities
- Cultivate operators' ability to respond to problems

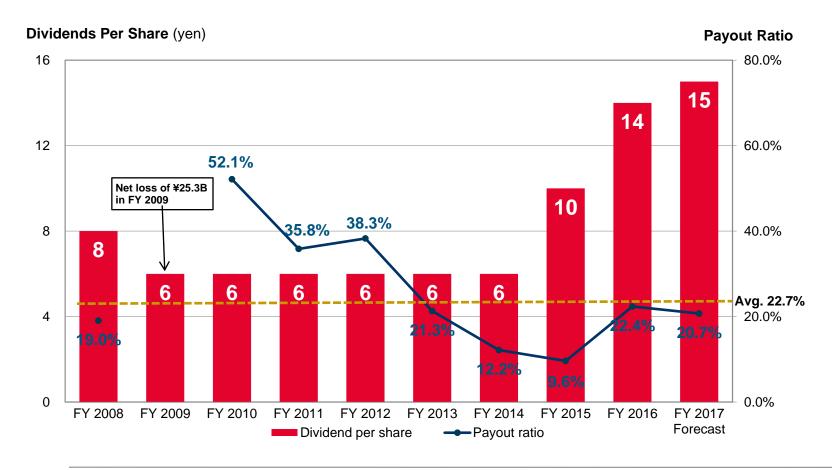


# 8. Shareholder Return Strategies



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- Continue fundamental policy of stable dividends
- Dividends determined based on a comprehensive assessment of results for the period, free cash flow, future business development, and other factors
- Over the medium- to long-term, aim for a payout ratio of 30%





# **Attachment: NOx Reduction Technologies**

#### ■ディーゼル車用尿素SCRシステムの構成図

#### **Urea Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) System**

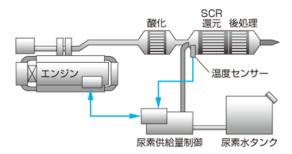
- Oxydation and SCR catalysts (uses HSZ)
- Reduces NOx in urea water 4NO+4NH₃+O₂→4N₂+6H₂O
- Feature: Uses urea water as the reducing agent

#### Lean NOx Trap (LNT) System

- Uses a NOx adsorber catalyst (does not use HSZ)
- Feature: Uses the fuel as the reducing agent

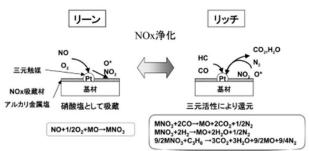
# Exhaust Gas Reduction (EGR) System

- No use of catalyst (does not use HSZ)
- Reduces NOx by lowering combustion temperature from emission gas recirculation
- Feature: Reduces NOx at the engine



Source: New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization http://www.nedo.go.jp/hyoukabu/articles/200804nissan/

#### 図12●DPNR触媒におけるNOx, PMの同時低減メカニズム(5)



Source: Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association Kusashika, Hitoshi. *JAMAGAZINE*. Mar 2008.

Used by Mazda's "SKYACTIV-D"



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