

Briefing on Q3 Financial Results for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2024
Sumitomo Bakelite Co., Ltd.

Q&A Summary

Date: February 5, 2024 (Monday) 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Presenter: Toshiya Hirai, Director Managing Executive Officer

[Company-wide matters]

Q: Please tell us if you have any discussions about shareholder returns and cash allocation for the next mid-term business plan.

A: We are discussing internally that we have to consider shareholder returns with high priority. We would like to have an opportunity to explain this at an appropriate time.

[Semiconductor Materials segment]

Q: Please tell us how you expect the recovery in demand for semiconductor materials.

A: Mobility applications are strong, but consumer applications are weak. It is very difficult to say because there are various opinions, but we think recovery will be seen in the second half of the next fiscal year.

Q: Could you tell us about regional trends?

A: With regards to our sites, China is doing well, especially in power semiconductor related applications, but Singapore and Taiwan show slower recovery.

Q: How is the progress of the three strategic products for mobility?

A: Progress is on schedule toward this fiscal year's target of 8 billion yen.

[High Performance Plastics Segment]

Q: Please tell us about the reasons for the increase in sales and profit compared to the Q2.

A: In addition to the recovery in automobile production, materials for consumer electrical equipment such as smartphones and PCs are recovering from inventory adjustments in Asia, especially in China.

Q: How do you foresee the trend from the 3Q to the 4Q?

A: Sales volume is recovering led by Asia, but it is still slow in Europe and North America.

[Quality of Life Products Segment]

Q: Please tell us about the reasons for sales volume growth.

A: Sales of QOL remain firm overall. In particular, sales of films & sheets for pharmaceutical packaging have continued to grow.

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