

Sodick



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Business Report for Fiscal Year 2014 April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014

Sodick Corporate Highlights



Global Sales Launch of the New-Generation V-LINE® High-Cycle Injection Molding Machine TR20EH3

In small precision molds, the trend toward multi-product, short-cycle production is making further advances in high added-value items along with good production yields and growing demand for increasingly high-cycle performance. The new generation V-LINE[®] High-Cycle Injection Molding Machine has been developed in response to these needs and introduced to global markets as the frontrunner in compact dimensions.

This product offers lower weight, lower inertia, lower oil volume in operation, and standardized synchronized motion, etc. Compared with previous products of the Company, dry cycle time has been shortened by 50%, while incidence of off-centering of molded products has been reduced, making this an excellent product with superior replicative properties as regards the intent of mold design and manufacture while providing a very good production yield.



Sponsored by Nikkan Kogyo Shimbun Ltd. The 24th Naming Award by Reader Vote "Idea Naming Prize" Award

The product name "PIKA" for the single optical fiber-type LED floodlight "PIKA series" was by reader vote awarded the "Idea Naming Price" Award sponsored by the Nikkan Kogyo Shimbun. This choice reflects the appreciation for the evocative power of the product name "PIKA" proposed as the perfect

choice of name for LED products that are the first of their kind. Sales activities will be stepped up to make this product known among a wide range of users.







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Dear Shareholders,

With the Japanese economy having exited from the phase of stagnation after the financial crisis of 2008, the manufacturing sector has been regaining its vitality thanks to the stimulus provided by the economic policy program of the Abe administration, which has had visible effects in the form of a correction of the strong yen and recovering stock prices. The strong expansion in order receipts seen at the end of the fiscal year tells of a renewed appetite for capital investment on the part of domestic users. Likewise, Europe and the U.S. have recouped the levels from before the financial crisis of 2008. The U.S. in particular is in the midst of a solid recovery driven by the shale gas revolution and federal policy steps to repatriate previously offshored manufacturing. On the other hand, economic growth in China, which in recent years has been the engine of the global economy, has shifted into low gear. Although China is in the near term expected to continue in its role as the world's factory, we are certainly witnessing a turning point.

These shifts in the global economic environment have brought changes also to the manufacturing sector. Although the offshoring of manufacturing to the emerging economies has continued, manufacturing is currently undergoing a reassessment in the domestic realm, partly also due to the correction of the strong yen. Manufacturing has at the

Dividends

The Company conducts its business with utmost care for the critical capital contributed by its shareholders. Its basic policy is to ensure that the necessary earnings are retained for future business expansion and for reinforcing a solid business structure while continuing to pay a stable dividend. Based on this policy, the Company aims to pay income returns to shareholders reflecting a dividend-on-equity ratio (DOE) of 2% or higher, based on a comprehensive judgment of financial results and cash flows in the subject fiscal year.
Taking into account fundamental policies and financial results, a total annual dividend of ¥14.0 per share is planned, with a per-share year-end dividend of ¥7.0 and a per-share interim dividend of ¥7.0. For the next fiscal year, interim and year-end dividends of ¥7.0 each are planned, for total annual dividends of ¥14.0 per share.



factory floor level in Japan long been associated not only with technology competency but also with the traditional Japanese virtues of coordination and craftsmanship. These properties are being rediscovered and appreciated as unique to Japanese product quality, giving rise to a fresh move focused on further enhancing the quality of manufacturing in Japan.

Trends in manufacturing are in constant worldwide transition. Amid this global tide, the distinction between domestic-based and overseas manufacturing is increasingly losing its meaning. At Sodick we understand the globalization of manufacturing to include the domestic realm and work hard to be on the forefront of every one of those trends and currents. This is why we take into account the aspect of locality in formulating and perfecting our sales strategies, service strategies, and model strategies, and believe in the importance of training a diversity of human resources in the global implementation of those strategies. Much is left that needs to be done. Some things are more difficult than others, but all will be tackled with diligence in order to advance our operations based on the Sodick management principles of creativity, action, and effort.

> Yuji Kaneko President and Representative Director

Global Network

To support the Group's global manufacturing we will work to promote the globalization of development, production, and sales bases.

Associated with accelerating globalization, overseas sales have been expanding. Specifically, Sodick Group has made advances not only in the industrialized nations such as Japan, U.S., and European countries, but also into emerging economies. In China, the most prominent region among the emerging markets, the Group has been involved in proactive business development since the start of the 1990s, enabling sizeable achievements by Sodick Group over the course of Chinese economic growth. As to the sales and service network in the region, Sodick Group's presence on greater China including Taiwan comprises sales and services bases in 26 locations. On the strength of this highly developed network, the Group is able to provide differentiated service that allows customers to use Sodick-made machinery with confidence. In the future, the Group will focus also on markets such as India, Southeast Asia, and Brazil, and in this way contribute to the "art of manufacture" throughout the world.

• Operating segments have been reconfigured for improved disclosure of management information consistent with the actual status of the corporate activity of Sodick Group.

Previous segments	New segments	
Japan, Machine North and South		Outline of new business segments (business lines and main products, etc.)
Tool Operations America, Europe, Greater China, Other Asian Countries	Machine Tool Operations	Development, production, and sales of electric discharge machining tools and machining centers, etc.
Industrial Machinery Operations	Industrial Machinery Operations	Development, production, and sales of injection molding machinery, etc.
Food Processing Machinery Operations	Food Processing Machinery Operations	Development, manufacture, and sales of noodle manufacturing plants, noodle manufacturing machinery, and other food processing machinery
High-Precision Mold and Die Machinery Operations		Development, manufacture, and sales of plastic molded products (formerly the High-Precision Mold and Die Machinery Operations
Element Technology Operations	Other Operations	segment); development, manufacture, and sales of linear motor application products, mold production comprehensive systems, ceramics products and associated control instruments, and LED
Other Operations		lighting, etc. (formerly the Element Technology Operations segment), leasing of electric discharge machining tools, etc.

Europe

China

Asia

Japan

Ratios of domestic and overseas sales

North and South

America



Overview by Segment

Machine Tool Operations

Machine Tool Operations comprise mainly the manufacture, sales and maintenance service of electric discharge machining tools and sales of consumables. Thanks to the improved business sentiment and the demand rush ahead of the consumption tax rate increase, Machine Tool Operations have been on a recovery track as regards the Japanese domestic market. Overseas, in the U.S. market effects have been showing from federal policy efforts at repatriating offshored manufacturing, while in Europe the upset cause by the fiscal crisis has subsided. As a result, facility investment demand geared at the automotive industry has been firm. On the other hand, facility investment demand in greater China, a key market, has been weak under the impact of economic deceleration in mainland China. As a result of these developments, consolidated sales revenue at Machine Tool Operations increased ¥3,796 million (+10.2%) compared with previous fiscal year to 40,836 million.

Industrial Machinery Operations

Industrial Machinery Operations comprise mainly precision injection molding machinery chiefly for users in Japan and greater China. Tracing the developments in the machine tool sector, in the domestic market the improvement in business sentiment has led to a recovery in the inclination to make facility investment, accompanied by steady demand. Demand is also coming from greater China, centered on automotive applications, making for a favorable market environment. As a trend that has persisted over the last few years, multiproduct, short-cycle production has been taking hold in small precision components, reflecting the proliferation of smartphones and mobile devices. Sodick has released a small-dimensioned, upright-format high-cycle rotary injection molding machine which enables flexible responses in the manufacture of the molded components concerned and has been working on product development with a view to tapping potential demand. However, compared with the previous fiscal year, which saw revenue recognition from sales of highpriced big-ticket items, consolidated sales revenue in the period under review declined on a year-on-year basis. As a result of these developments, consolidated sales revenue at Industrial Machinery Operations fell ¥3,777 million (-30.9%) compared with previous fiscal year to ¥8,444 million.

Food Processing Machinery Operations

Food Processing Machinery Operations comprise the development and manufacture of various types of noodle manufacturing machinery and noodle manufacturing plants. Demand for the manufacture of products supplied to supermarkets and convenience stores has been strong. Product development has been driven by consumer preferences, including noodle manufacturing equipment that enables the processing of noodle dough with a high moisture content of an elastic, dense texture. As a result of the foregoing, consolidated sales revenue at Food Processing Machinery Operations increased ¥1,728 million (+95.5%) compared with previous fiscal year to ¥3,537 million.

• Other Operations

Other Operations consist of High-Precision Mold and Die Machinery Operations (engaged in manufacturing services for precision connectors), Element Technology Operations (engaged in products derived from in-house technologies such as linear motors and ceramics materials, as well as the development and manufacturing of LED lighting fixtures), and lease operations for electric discharge machining tools, machining centers, and injection molding machinery, among others. In the year under review, large-volume orders have been recovering for precision connectors for use in hybrid automobiles. As a result of the foregoing, consolidated sales at Other Operations increased ¥120 million (+3.0%) compared with previous fiscal year to ¥4,080 million.









An Interview with the Company President ······

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The following section presents in a Q&A form views of Sodick's President Kaneko on topics that include changes in the market environment and the direction for the time ahead.

What are your views on the market environment and business results?

The impression is that during this one year the market environment has recovered, not in a dramatic rebound Π. but gradually. For example, in machine tools there have been conspicuous developments especially in Japan. With the government's various policy measures continuing since some time ago and the correction of the strong yen, domestic manufacturers are starting to show a strong preparedness to invest in new facilities. Indeed, the demand rush prompted by the consumption tax rate increase in April has also played out as an additional factor in support of a domestic recovery.

At the global level, there are signs of change in greater China. China continues to be called "the world's factory" but in recent years more companies are relocating their production bases to Vietnam and other countries in reaction to surging personnel expenses, among other factors. To be sure, exports from greater China have been in a slow decline, but domestic demand from a population of over 1.3 billion has been sloping upward. Sodick Group has reacted at an early stage to these changes, including through three China-based sales companies that Sodick Group has owned for some time and used to good effect.

In Europe and the U.S., conditions have been largely favorable. The U.S. federal government has rolled out measures to repatriate offshored manufacturing, with solid demand surrounding automobiles, medical equipment, and aircraft in the main. And in Europe, despite the effects of the debt crisis, overall conditions are about to take a positive turn centered on the German economy. Many business inquiries have been coming also from Russia and Turkey, regarded emerging regions. The situation is almost the same regarding injection molding machinery. Marketing overseas is an issue, but we have put into place a platform for a global approach including the production start of the GA series in Amoy, China.

What are the key points going forward?

I think an important point going forward will be that the Japan-based head office of Sodick takes charge Γ. as the center of control over factories and R&D facilities in Japan and overseas. Within this framework, taking into account the regionality of each country, we will make proactive efforts to achieve further growth in all business areas including machine tools, injection molding machinery, and food processing machinery.

For example, in our China-based factories we have been manufacturing multi-function, high-performance products for export. In order to allow for the regional differences with regard to the demand expansion in greater China, compared with the original products, drastic cost reductions are required. However, if we are to prevent a loss of the Sodick brand power, we must not reduce cost by sacrificing performance. I believe we need to follow a policy of structural simplification that cuts back on functions while maintaining performance. An effective method for lowering production cost is the use of "modules" comprised of components that can be shared across the board by dissimilar machinery, i.e., electric discharge machining tools, machining centers, and injection molding machinery.

Also, I propose a "Return to Made in Japan." Currently Sodick Group maintains production lines for machinery in a tri-polar arrangement involving Thailand, China, and Japan. In this set-up, the Kaga Factory in Japan serves mainly to cover for technology that is inconvenient to transfer overseas. However, at the same time customers around the world are telling us that their confidence in Japan-made products is still strong. Instead of taking a passive stance, we will work to develop new possibilities based on a strategy specifically geared at products "Made in Japan."

We are also looking to make significant steps in areas other than machine tools and injection molding machinery. For example, in food processing machinery, we have been the focus of praise from convenience store chain operators for our noodle manufacturing machinery with kneading technology taken to perfection. And in LED applications we have branched out into LED light fixtures for school grounds, already with very promising responses.

Yuji Kaneko President and Representative Director

Since two years ago Sodick has been working on strengthening its group frameworks. What is the status now?

In July 2012, we amalgamated Sodick Plustech Co., Ltd., whose operations comprised injection molding machinery and food processing machinery. The move was one of the steps taken in recent years to increase our competitive strength by reinforcing group frameworks. Our success in creating production and R&D frameworks from a global perspective is showing results from all directions.

We also succeeded in solidly establishing a global network of sales companies. Currently Sodick has sales companies in greater China but also in the U.S., Germany, and England, reflecting the steady creation of frameworks for selling both machine tools and injection molding machinery in all areas.

Sodick products, which reward users with low failure rates at high-precision processing, command a large investment up front but ultimately result in cost reductions. By showcasing the superior performance of our products through a globally expanding network of sales companies we will work to distinguish ourselves from competitors.

What is your message to shareholders?

We have been making good progress in preparing a platform for launching major moves at the grouplevel. This gives us a solid basis on which we will unroll bold new strategies in the time ahead.

Japan's largest trade fair for machine tools, the Japan International Machine Tool Fair (JIMTOF), will open on October 30th. Sodick Group has been making preparations to announce new technology at JIMTOF in the confidence that visitors' expectations will be fully met.

In this and other ways, we will persist in our efforts to further enhance the enterprise value of Sodick. In these efforts, I sincerely request the continued support of our shareholders.

Overview

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2014, government spending and accommodative monetary policy in Japan drove a correction from the high yen while corporate profits widened, particularly among exporters, and a mild recovery in consumer spending got underway. However, the outlook remained uncertain due to concerns about the impact of the consumption tax hike on consumer spending, the growth slowdown in emerging markets, and the world situation.

In the manufacturing sector, whose demand for capital spending exerts a heavy influence on the Sodick Group's business performance, the domestic market was generally improving amidst an economic recovery. Meanwhile, developments in overseas markets were favorable in the U.S., where the automotive industry was hitting its stride backed by domestic recovery policies for the manufacturing sector, and in Europe, where the financial crisis was calming down. In the major market of China, however, the full effects of an economic slowdown were being felt, causing the economy to encounter soft demand.

Amidst these developments, the Company expanded its vigorous sales activities in a variety of fields, including appearances at numerous exhibitions such as EMO Hannover 2013, a major international machine tools exhibition in Germany, and FOOMA JAPAN 2013, a food machinery exhibition. The Group has high expectations for Southeast Asia, a market that extends the performance of greater China with its recent years of rapid growth. We have established a sales company in Vietnam, a country with strong prospects for growth and a magnet for foreign investment, and augment our sales activities in the region. The Group will continue to work hard to be always prepared and ready in support of its customers at the frontlines of making products, where globalization is occurring at a quick pace.

For the term under review, operating income fell due to weaker demand for capital investment in the Greater China region, a major Sodick market, and unrecorded revenues in electrical discharging machinery sales, a result of a greater number of projects with product acceptance pending. Based on these developments, consolidated sales rose \pm 1,867 million (+3.4%) compared with previous fiscal year to \pm 56,899 million. In earnings, operating income fell \pm 1,369 million (-34.1%) compared with previous fiscal year to \pm 2,651 million, ordinary income fell \pm 1,470 million (-27.4%) compared with previous fiscal year to \pm 3,886 million, and net income rose \pm 3 million (+0.1%) compared with previous fiscal year to \pm 4,194 million.

Outlook for the Next Fiscal Year

In the Japanese economy, the Company foresees renewed demand accommodated by an environment of greater business confidence as a result of the Abe administration's "Abenomics" policy and the government's "tax system to promote capital investment to improve productivity." In the international economy, the rebound in manufacturing continues to progress in the U.S. and the financial crisis is settling down in Europe. The Company therefore has a favorable outlook in these regions for a wide span of industries, ranging from aircraft and automotive to small precision manufacturing. However, greater China has had a slowdown in the previous year, and we expect demand to pause before it gets back on track.

Group results forecasts for the fiscal year to March 2015 are for consolidated sales of $\pm 61,500$ million (+8.1%), consolidated operating income of $\pm 3,900$ million (+47.1%), consolidated ordinary income of $\pm 3,500$ million (-9.9%), and consolidated net income of $\pm 2,600$ million (-38.0%).

* The above results forecasts are based on assumed average foreign exchange rates during the fiscal year of JPY102/USD1.0 and JPY140/EUR1.0.



Consolidated Balance Sheet

Period	Previous year (37th) As of March 31, 2013	Current year (38th) As of March 31, 2014
Assets		
Current assets	62,688	64,557
Fixed assets	32,352	34,218
Tangible fixed assets	23,458	24,450
Intangible fixed assets	3,583	4,346
Investment and other	5,310	5,421
Total assets	95,041	98,776
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	30,919	29,779
Fixed liabilities	28,088	26,544
Total liabilities	59,007	56,324
Net assets		
Shareholder's equity	35,395	38,673
Capital stock	20,775	20,775
Capital surplus	5,879	5,879
Retained earnings	10,435	13,714
Treasury stock	(1,695)	(1,695)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	595	3,714
Minority interests	42	63
Total net assets	36,033	42,451
Total liabilities and net assets	95,041	98,776

Period	Previous year (37th) April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013	Current year (38th) April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014
Net sales	55,031	56,899
Gross profit	16,734	16,667
Operating income	4,021	2,651
Ordinary income	5,356	3,886
Income before income taxes	5,170	3,857
Net income	4,191	4,194
Comprehensive income	7,000	7,541

Consolidated Statement of Income and Comprehensive Income

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Period	Previous year (37th) April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013	Current year (38th) April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014
Cash flow from operating activities	2,766	5,577
Cash flow from investing activities	(4,776)	(4,181)
Cash flow from financing activities	(1,163)	(3,696)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	1,400	8
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(1,772)	(2,293)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	27,316	25,514
Increase in cash and cash equivalents from newly consolidated or merger of subsidiaries		425
Increase in cash and cash equivalents resulting from merger with non-consolidated subsidiaries		1
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents resulting from exclusion of subsidiaries from consolidation	(29)	(0)
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	25,514	23,647

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150,000,000	
Total number of shares issued 53,432,51	
14,500	
March 31, 2014	L)
No. of shares (shares)	Share of ownership (percent)
3,113,536	5.82
1,465,000	2.74
1,195,975	2.23
1,150,000	2.15
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• Corporate Profile (as of March 31, 2014)

Corporate name:	Sodick Co., Ltd.		
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	Yokohama, Kanagawa 224-8522, Japan		
	Phone: +81-(0)45-942-3111 (representative)		
Established:	August 3, 1976		
Capital:	20,775,756,958 yen		
Representative:	Yuji Kaneko		
Employees:	609 (2,999 consolidated)		
Consolidated subsidiaries:	22		

Main products:

Die-sinking EDM / Wire-cut EDM / Small hole-drilling EDM / Specialist EDMs and special purpose models (pallet changers, robots, etc.) / Numerical control / Specialist tools for EDMs / High speed milling machining center / Nano processing machine / Precision injection molding machines / Industrial ceramics / Linear motor for industrial machinery / Other electronic processing equipment / Electrode wire used for wire-cut electric discharge machining tools / Precision dies and molds / Electronics parts and modules / Various software / Food machinery / LED application products / Commissioned research / Others

• Share Distribution by Holder (as of March 31, 2014)



Distribution by Number of Shares Held



• List of Directors (as of June 27, 2014)

airman and Representative Director	Toshihiko Furukawa
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presentative Director and Vice President	Kenichi Furukawa
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nior Executive Managing Director nief Officer for Electric Discharge Machining ol Operations)	g Takashi Matsui
nior Executive Managing Director nief Officer for Injection Molding Machine erations)	Misao Fujikawa
ecutive Managing Director nief Officer for Food Machinery Operations)	Kenichi Osako
ecutive Managing Director hief Officer for Machining Operations)	Sadao Sano
ecutive Managing Director nief Officer for General Planning)	Hirofumi Maejima
ector, Senior Executive Officer nief Officer for Group-level Manufacture)	Hideki Tsukamoto
tside Director	Kenichi Tsugami
anding Statutory Auditor	Saeji Kusunoki
anding Statutory Auditor	Akio Hosaka
tside Statutory Auditor	Kunio Oki
tside Statutory Auditor	Kazuto Shimoyama
tside Statutory Auditor	Tomio Okuyama

Shareholder Notes

Fiscal year	April 1 to March 31 of the following year
Dividend at end of fiscal year	March 31
Dividend at end of 2nd quarter	September 30
Annual shareholder's meeting	June
Administrator of the shareholder register	Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd.
Administrator's contact	Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd., Stock Transfe 2-8-4 Izumi, Suginami-ku, Tokyo 168-8507, Japa Phone: 0120-288-324 (Toll free in Japan)
Account management institution for special accounts	Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation
Stock listing	Tokyo Stock Exchange, 2nd Section
Stock code	6143
Public notice	Notification shall be given electronically. Public notices shall be released on the following URL: http://www.sodick.co.jp/ir/in *However, in the event of an accident or othe where electronic public notification is not po published in the Nihon Keizai Shimbun.

[Notice]

 Accompanying the conversion to an electronic certificate system, change of address, purchase applications and other such procedures requested by a shareholder are now principally handled by the account management institution (securities company, etc.) where the shareholder has opened an account. Please inquire at the securities company or other institution where you have your account. Also, please note that the administrator of the shareholder register (Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd.) does not offer such services.

 For information on the various procedures concerning shares recorded in a special account, please contact the following office at Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation, Sodick's administration institution for special accounts.

 Unclaimed dividend distributions are payable at the head offices and branch offices of Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd., Mizuho Bank, Ltd., and Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd.

[Procedures pertaining to shares of stock]

○ Stock shares registered in accounts at securities companies, etc.

Description of procedure, inquiry, etc.		
 Inquiries related to sending and return of mail Inquiries related to distribution after payment period expiration General inquiries concerning share administration 	Administrator of the shareholder register	Mi 2-8 Ph
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Description of procedure, inquiry, etc.		
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*Shareholders owning shares of stock registered under a special account may not select pro rata distribution according to the number of shares as the method for receiving dividend distributions.

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Regulations for the purchase of supplemental shares or sales of shares in case of odd lot shares

Since odd lot shares are not tradable in securities markets (the unit size is 100 shares), shareholders whose holdings include odd lot shares can use either of the following alternative regulations.

1. Regulation for the purchase of supplemental shares

Shareholders are able to acquire from the Company the shares missing from a full unit.

2.Regulation for the sale of odd lot shares

Shareholders are able to sell their odd lot shares to the Company.

Where to inquire

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[Methods for requesting procedure forms] O Request made through automated telephone service: 0120-244-479 (Toll free in Japan) O Online downloads: http://www.tr.mufg.jp/daikou/

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