

Medium-term Management Plan (FY2024/12 to FY2026/12) Sodick Co., Ltd.



1. Withdrawal of the Previous Medium- to Long-term Management Plan and Strengthening Corporate Governance



# Background of the Withdrawal of the Previous Medium- to Long-term Management Plan and Implementation of Structural Reforms

# Current status of the Company

- Amid rapid and drastic external environmental changes including the rapid depreciation of the yen since 2022, the company's overall <u>profitability has</u> declined due to the modulation of the Chinese market.
  - The Company fell to a loss in FY2023 due to significant declines in sales and profit in the machine tool segment and industrial machinery segment.

# Changes in our attitudes and recognition

- If the measures of the previous medium- to long-term management plan are continued, it will not lead to fundamental resolution of current situation, <u>and</u> <u>low profitability will continue.</u>
- For future growth, it is essential to change the business models and <u>make</u> fundamental reforms that include the management structure.

#### Future policy

- Quickly reform the low-profit structure under the new medium-term management plan
- Establish a foundation for future growth by carrying out structural reforms with the main theme of reducing dependence on China, selection and concentration, and restructuring production and sales systems
- Steadily implement plans under <u>a new management structure with</u> stronger corporate governance



## Strengthening of Governance \* Including the content of resolutions at the ordinary general shareholders' meeting in March 2024

#### Shorten the term of office of Directors

Shorten the term of office of Directors from the current two years to one year in order to clarify the management responsibilities of directors and to establish a management structure that can respond quickly to changes in the business environment.

#### Abolish the system of appointing Directors with special titles

Abolish the system of appointing Directors with special titles and separate the decision-making and supervisory function, and executive function of management so as to clarify their roles.

#### Change the structure of the Board of Directors

Change the structure of the Board of Directors to one that is suitable for supervising the promotion of the new medium-term management plan, creating a substantial monitoring Board of Directors, so that we can steadily implement structural reforms and the new plan.

- Increase the number of External Directors at the Board of Directors to a majority (ratio of Independent External Directors: 55%)
- ► The Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Personnel and the Committee on Compensation has been changed from the President and Representative Director to **an External Director**.

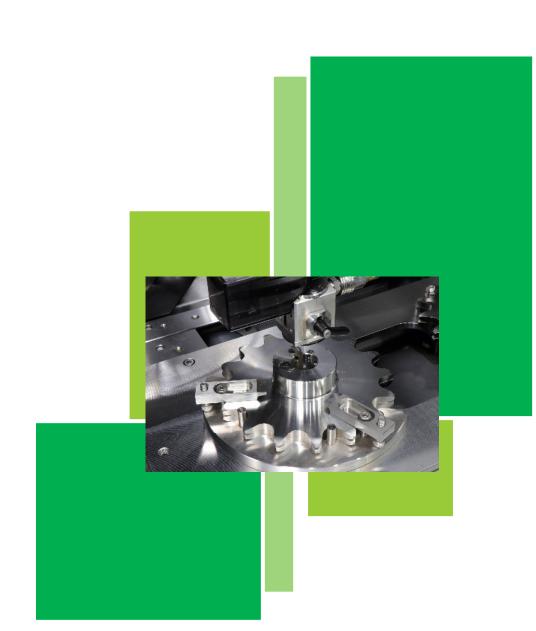
#### Review officer compensation

Consider reviewing officer compensation under the new structure to be more closely tied to the new medium-term management plan

- Ratio of fixed and variable compensation
- Review of performance-linked compensation
- Medium- to long-term incentives

#### Consider shifting to a company with an Audit and Supervisory Committee

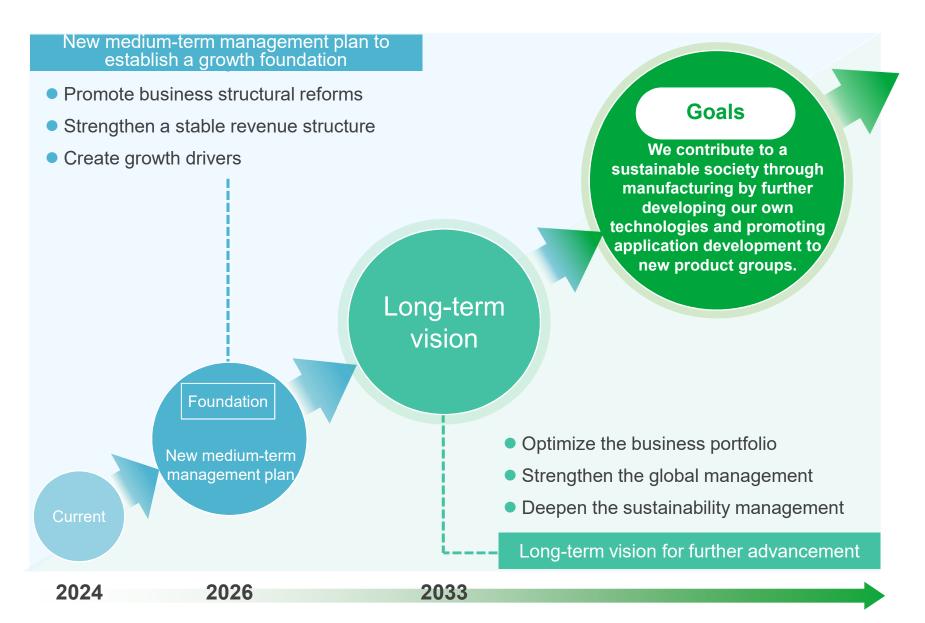
Consider shifting to a company with an Audit and Supervisory Committee from FY 2025 to achieve a stronger corporate governance structure.



2. Long-term Vision and Growth Story

## Long-term Vision and Goals







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#### Reform the profitability of the overall existing businesses

First, in the structural reform period, while strengthening the competitiveness of electrical discharge machines (EDMs), the main pillar, we will reform the profitability of the overall existing businesses through (1) reducing dependence on China, (2) selection and concentration, and (3) restructuring production and sales systems.

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Pursue the following measures as a medium- to long-term growth strategy to expand our business performance

#### Metal 3D printers

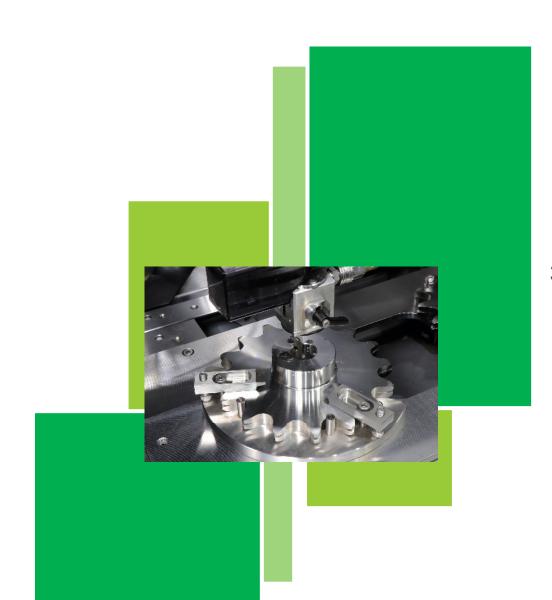
- Accelerate product development (with a view toward alliances with other companies by leveraging the Company's strengths)
- Full-scale deployment in Europe and the United States, the main battlefields
- Differentiate our support capability for giga die-casting molds used for new energy vehicles (NEV)

#### Laser processing machines

- Expand the new business of laser processing machines (with a view toward alliances with other companies)
- Provide unprecedented machining performance
- Develop competitive products and business segments in the niche process of semiconductor manufacturing in the future

#### Food machinery

- Expand overseas sales
- Add a high value to the existing products and development of new products



3. Medium-term Management Plan (FY2024/12 to FY2026/12)



Long-term vision for 2033



- ✓ Optimize the business portfolio✓ Strengthen the global
- management
- Deepen the sustainability management

Medium-term Management Plan 2026

**Basic policies** 

## **Achievement of structural reforms**

## Management infrastructure reform



- Develop Human resources
- Reform organizational culture
- Strengthen the global management
- Deepen the sustainability management
- Improve Cash flow

#### Earnings structure reform



- Optimize the global production and sales structure
- Strengthen a stable revenue structure
- Optimize the business portfolio

## Establishment of competitive advantage



- Use DV to transform Business model
- Allocate resources to growth areas
- Create growth drivers

## Objective and Basic Policy for Structural Reforms



## Objective

The business environment surrounding the Sodick Group has changed drastically and its profitability has declined significantly. The Company plans to fundamentally reform its profit structure and management structure by changing its business models.

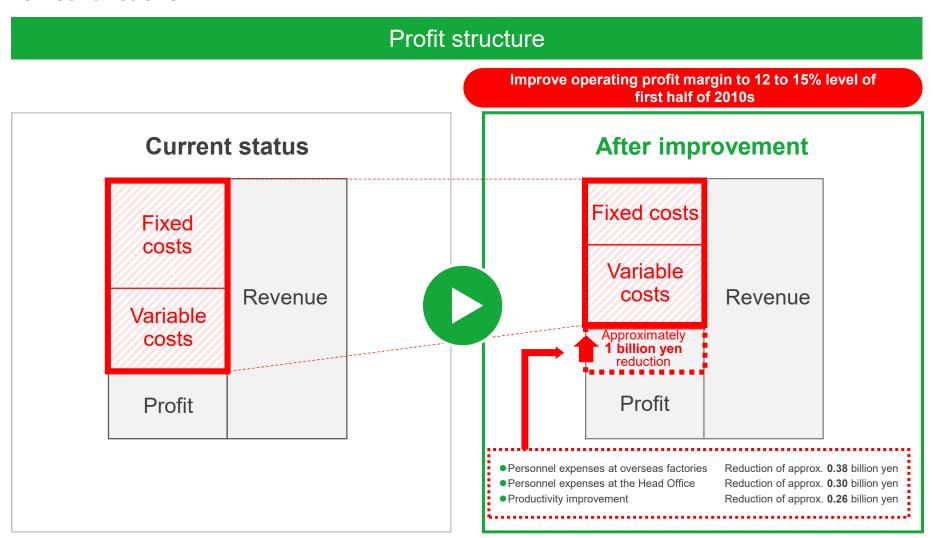
- Reducing dependence on China
- Reorganize manufacturing operations and expand production items in Japan consolidating manufacturing at two factories in China into one factory
- Selection and concentration
- Improve profitability by reorganizing
   business segments and products based on market trends and competitive environment
- Policy

  Restructuring of production and sales systems
- Rebuild production and sales systems
   globally in response to yen depreciation and changes in demand
- Balance sheet improvement
- Enhance the cash conversion cycle and reduce long-term inventory
- Improve cash flows by reducing inefficient non-current assets, etc.





Increase the operating profit margin to historical levels by optimizing personnel requirements at overseas factories (Suzhou, Amoy, Thailand), improving profitability through the introduction of automation facilities, and reducing overhead costs at head office functions.



## Summary of the Impact of Structural Reforms



#### One-time cost

- Personnel reduction at overseas factories: approx. **0.4** billion yen
  - 2023: Approx. 0.26 billion yen
  - 2024: Approx. 0.14 billion yen
- Loss on sale of non-current assets: approx. **0.36** billion yen
  - 2024: Sales of company-owned housing assets
- Impairment losses on non-current assets: approx. 1.03 billion yen
  - 2023: Impairment of manufacturing facilities and goodwill

Total 1.8 billion yen

(Major portion recorded in FY2023)



- Reduction of manufacturing personnel (three overseas factories)
  - Thailand Factory: 132 employees
  - Amoy Factory: 32 employees
  - Suzhou Factory: 34 employees

0.38 billion yen reduction

#### Reduction effect

- · Reduction of personnel expenses at the Head Office (implemented in April 2024)
  - Reduction of **0.3** billion yen by reviewing treatment, etc.
- Decrease in depreciation
  - Reduction of **0.26** billion ven by reducing assets

Approx. 1 billion yen per year

(Part of the reduction effect will be realized from fiscal 2025 onward)





	(Unit: billion yen)	FY2023 (Result)	FY2024 (Planned)	FY2025 (Planned)	FY2026 (Planned)
	Machine tool segment	46.7	49.4	56.5	61.0
	Industrial machinery segment	8.6	9.0	10.1	11.5
Net sales	Food machinery segment	6.9	8.1	9.3	11.0
	Other segments	4.9	5.7	6.6	7.2
		67.1	72.2	82.5	90.7
	Machine tool segment	0.7	2.8	5.7	7.5
0	Industrial machinery segment	-0.4	0.1	0.5	1.0
Segment profit (loss)	Food machinery segment	8.0	1.0	1.1	1.3
pront (1033)	Other segments	-0.9	0.0	0.2	0.4
		0.2	3.9	7.5	10.2
Company-wide adjustment		-3.0	-2.8	-2.9	-2.9
Total operating profit		-2.8	1.1	4.6	7.3
Ordinary profit		-1.2	1.1	4.6	7.3
Profit		-4.6	0.7	3.5	5.5

#### ▼Expected exchange rates during the plan period

Currency	USD/JPY	EUR/JPY	CNH/JPY	THB/JPY
Exchange rate	140.0	157.0	20.0	4.1



# Machine Tool Segment | Current Situation and Key Points of the Structural Reform

#### Current situation

- Net sales in China decreased due to the downturn in the Chinese market and the impact of domestic competitors' expansion of sales in China taking advantage of the weaker yen.
- Profitability worsened due to excessive production capacity at the factories in China.
- The profit structure is significantly influenced by trends in the Chinese market because both our production and sales are highly dependent on China.

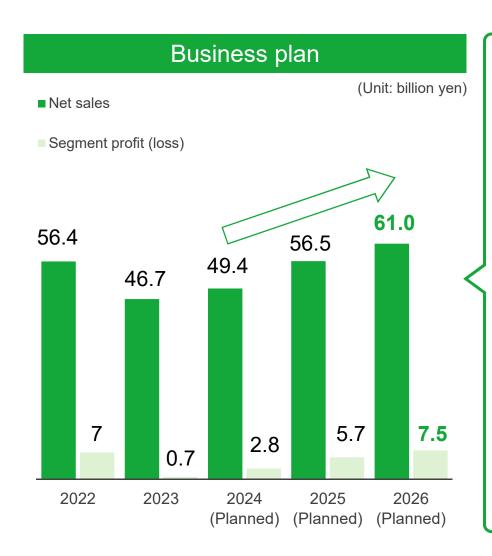
#### Key points of the structural reform

- Consolidate production at Suzhou
   Factory to Amoy Factory to optimize
   the production scale in China
- Fundamentally increase domestic production to create a global threeregion production system compatible with the exchange rate environment (Kaga, Thailand, China)
- Reduce fixed costs, focusing on personnel expenses, and raise profitability by increasing productivity through the introduction of automation facilities



## Machine Tool Segment | Business Plan and Key Initiatives of the Structural Reform

### Improve profitability while strengthening the competitiveness of EDMs



#### Optimize production structure

- Consolidate production at Suzhou Factory to Amoy Factory to optimize the production scale in China
- Fundamentally increase domestic production to create a global three-region production system compatible with the exchange rate environment
- Reduce fixed costs, focusing on personnel expenses, and restore profitability by increasing productivity through the introduction of automation facilities

#### Strengthen stock businesses

 Strengthen the stable and profitable after-sales business (consumables sales and maintenance) and meet customer needs with full lineup of services from machine sales to after-sales services

#### Reduce dependence on China

- Strengthen sales in emerging markets (India, Mexico, etc.)
- Respond flexibly to the return of production related to advanced technologies to Japan and the West



# Industrial Machinery Segment | Current Situation and Key Points of the Structural Reform

#### **Current situation**

- Amoy Factory, which began operations in early 2023, has an excessive production capacity and its profitability worsened as orders in the Chinese market did not increase as expected.
- Due to the release of stock machines from competitors and new old stock machines owned by overseas dealers, our competitiveness regarding delivery time and prices declined.

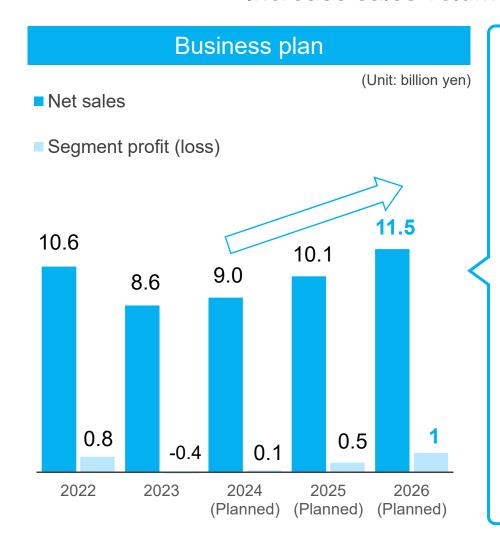
### Key points of the structural reform

- Reduce dependence on China by discontinuing production at Amoy Factory and returning to domestic production
- Classify product types based on profitability and shift to sales of profitable models
- Provide automation solutions based on the needs to address the labor shortage
- Full-scale sales activities in the European market



## Industrial Machinery Segment | Business Plan and Key Initiatives of the Structural Reform

Review production structure and product lineup to improve profit structure Increase sales volume and market share



- Reduce dependence on China and consolidate production structure
- Discontinue production at Amoy Factory and reduce costs by increasing domestic production
- Shift to sales of profitable models
- Shift to the lineup of models with added value by analyzing market needs
- Provide automation solutions
- Work with our subsidiary Sodick F.T. to sell complete line of manufacturing automation, from molds to molded products.
- Enter into the European market
- Expand competitive electronic components and medical products from the U.S. to the European market



# Food Machinery Segment | Current Situation and Key Points of the Structural Reform

#### **Current situation**

 Sales decreased due to prolonged business negotiations overseas

 The cost of sales ratio worsened due to increased cost of materials, dependence on outsourcing, and increase in personnel.

### Key points of the structural reform

 Expand sales by strengthening the overseas sales structure

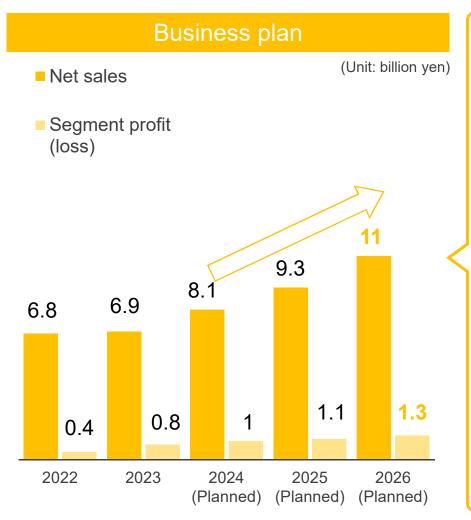
 Improve existing products, aiming to save energy, enhance their productivity, make them smaller, and make them more functional

 Expand the business scale through the development of new food machinery and contract production



## Food Machinery Segment | Business Plan and Key Initiatives of the Structural Reform

Expand sales and business areas in the ASEAN market To be a global general food machinery manufacturer



## Expand overseas sales

 Increase overseas sales by strengthening the sales structure of noodle-making machines and cooked rice production systems in ASEAN

## Improve existing products

 Improve existing products from the perspective of saving energy, enhancement of their productivity, making them smaller, and making them more functional

## Develop new products and take on consigned production

 Expand business scale through developing food machinery and taking on consigned production

## **Financial Targets**



	Indicators	Targets	2023 result		
Capital efficiency	ROE (5-year average)	8% or more	3.5%		
Financial soundness	Equity ratio	50% or more	57.5%		
Shareholder	DOE*1	2% or more*	2.2%		
returns	Total return ratio*2	40% or more	*3		

<sup>\*</sup> Dividends per share: **27** yen or more (calculated from the average shareholders' equity at the beginning and the end of FY2023/12 x DOE of 2%)

Profit for fiscal year n FY

<sup>\*1</sup> DOE (Dividend on Equity Ratio) = Total dividends / Shareholders' equity (average at the beginning and the end of the period)

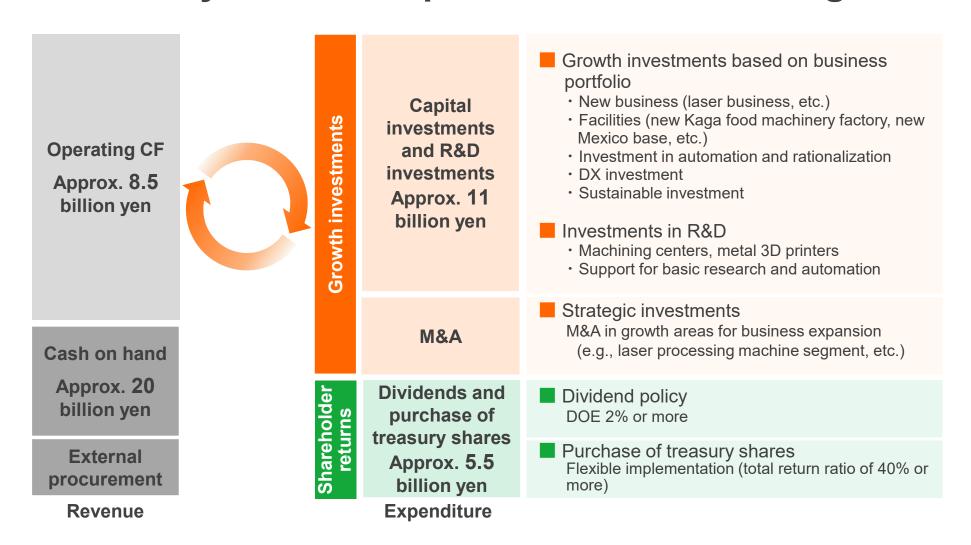
(dividends in *n* FY) + (purchase amount of treasury shares in *n* + 1 FY)

<sup>\*2</sup> Formula for calculating the total return ratio in the Company: Total return ratio =

<sup>\*3</sup> Profit in FY2023 was negative, and the total return ratio was calculated to be negative, which is indicated by a hyphen.



## Proactively allocate capital to investment for growth





4. ESG

### Materiality (Important Issues)



**Philosophy** 

With a spirit of "Create," "Implement," and "Overcome Difficulties," the Sodick Group's philosophy is to contribute to society's sustainable development by **providing the highest value and supporting customers' manufacturing operations**.

## Identification of social issues

## Contributing to evolving manufacturing

Contribute to building of a foundation for economic development through more sophisticated manufacturing

- Higher-precision, higher-functional EDMs
- Higher-precision injection molding machines and greater diversity of molding materials





**Environment** 

Use renewable energy and reduce CO2 emissions to achieve carbon neutrality

- CO2 emission reduction targets
- Promotion of wire recycling system
- Use of solar power generation
- Environmentally-friendly products
- Conversion to environmentally friendly company vehicles
- Implementation of QVP+ activities









Addressing environmental management



Society

Further promote a corporate culture in which diverse employees can work comfortably with a sense of satisfaction

- New personnel system
- Strengthening of hiring of non-Japanese employees
- Addressing the Act on the Promotion of Women's Active Engagement in Professional Life
- Promotion of work-style reforms







Promoting diversification of human resources

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Governance

Strengthen both offensive and defensive governance to support management as the Company grows

- Enhancement of governance
- Strengthening of risk management and compliance
- Thorough export controls

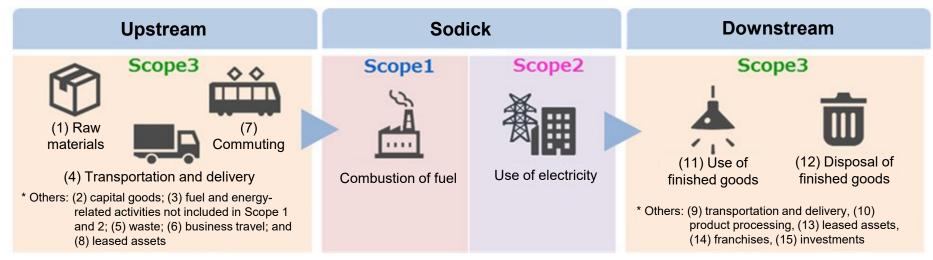


**Strengthening governance** 

# E (Environment) | TCFD Four Major Requirements and Disclosure



Required items	Content of disclosure
Governance	Reporting and deliberation by the Sustainability Committee and the Board of Directors (at least once a year)
Strategy	Identification of risks and opportunities through scenario analysis  → List of assessment of significance at 4 °C/1.5 °C
Risk management	Reporting and deliberation at the Risk Management Committee on the same level with other risks (on a company-wide management basis)
Indicators and targets	Set targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions (as compared to the base year of 2013)  Reduce Scope 1 and 2 by 46% in 2030  Promote overall emission reductions, including Scope 3, and aim for carbon neutrality by 2050



Source: the Ministry of the Environment website (https://www.env.go.jp/earth/ondanka/supply\_chain/gvc/estimate.html)



#### Materiality and KPIs related to human resources

Materiality	KPIs		Actions			
Promoting diversification	Increasing percentage of women in management positions	Target 5% (by 2026)	Consideration of women's leadership training, etc. for position-specific and objective-specific training			
of human resources	Increasing percentage of male employees taking paternal leave	Target 80% (2025)	Dissemination using in-house newsletters and training for managers  Conducting personal interviews with employees eligible for childcare leave			

#### Measures to achieve the targets

#### (1) Women in management positions

Continue to actively recruit female employees and support their career development in consideration of diversifying life events such as parental leave and shorter working hours after returning to work

### (2) Foreign nationals in management positions

Secure human resources with global mindsets by recruiting new hires of not only Japanese exchange students, but also overseas local students by participating in career forums in Boston and Shanghai

#### (3) Mid-career hires in management positions

Actively hire mid-career employees with diverse backgrounds and experience

## G (Governance) | New Structure, Skills Matrix, Committee Structure



### Directors (Ratio of Independent External Directors: 55%, female ratio: 11%)

	Name	Title	Internal/ external	Corporate management	Finance and accounting	Legal matters and risk management	Manufacturing, technology, and R&D	Global	Marketing	Advisory Committee on Personnel	Committee on Compensation
1	Kenichi Furukawa <sub>*1</sub>	President and Executive Director	Internal	•	•	•		•	•	•	•
2	Vuii Δkuteu	Vice President and Executive Director	Internal	•	•			•	•		•
3	Hideki Isukamoto	Senior Executive Managing Director	Internal	•			•	•			
4	HIROHIMI Waelima	Executive Managing Director	Internal		•	•		•			
5	Kazunao Kudo	_	External	•			•	•		•	
6	Kenzo Nonami	_	External	•			•	•		•	
7	Yoshikazu Goto	_	External	•			•			•	•
8	Haruchika Gohara <sub>2</sub>	_	External		•	•					
9	Ayako Sano *2	_	External	•	•						

#### Audit & Supervisory Board Members (female ratio: 25%)

	Name	Title	Internal/ external	Corporate management	Finance and accounting	Legal matters and risk management	Manufacturing, technology, and R&D	Global	Marketing	Advisory Committee on Personnel	Committee on Compensation
1	Tomohide Kawamoto	_	Internal		•	•		•			
2	Tetsuro Kawahara	_	Internal	•	•						
3	Masahiro Shimojo	_	External		•	•		•			
4	Mari Otaki	_	External		•	•					
Substitute	Yukiko Omura *2	_	External	•		•		•			

<sup>\*1</sup> Representative Director

<sup>\*2</sup> Scheduled to be elected by resolution of the Ordinary General Shareholders' Meeting in March 2024



**Appendix** 



#### Founding spirit

Founder Toshihiko Furukawa expanded his business under the founding spirit of "Create," "Implement," and "Overcome Difficulties."

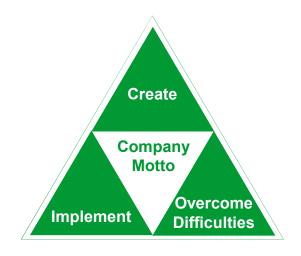
With the sole purpose of "helping our customers make their own products," we have listened to every little request of our customers, faced and overcome any difficult technical challenges, and solved problems by working together with our customers.





#### Philosophy

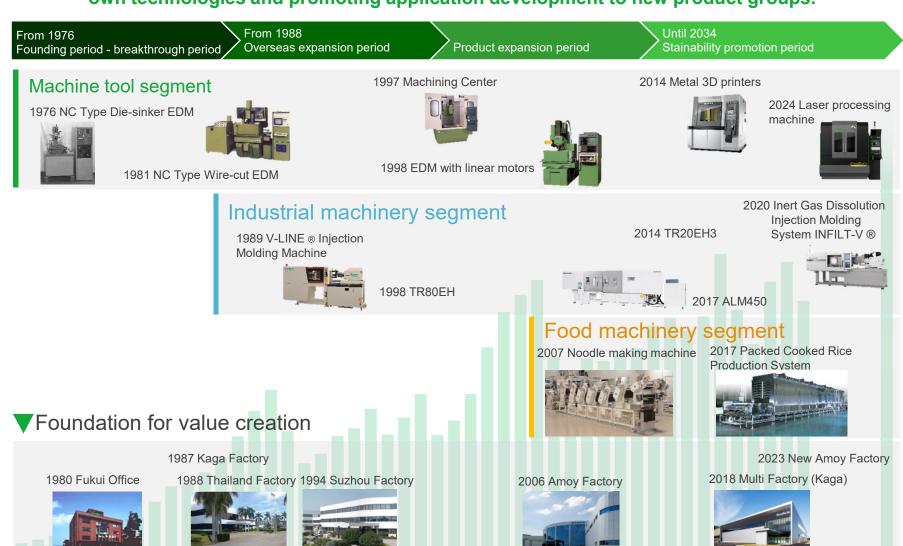
Under the founding spirit of "Create," "Implement," and "Overcome Difficulties," we provide the highest value to our customers and contribute to a sustainable society as a company that "Create Your Future."



## Sodick's History



Since our founding, under the founding spirit of "Create," "implement," and "Overcome Difficulties," we have contributed to a society through manufacturing by further developing our own technologies and promoting application development to new product groups.



### Sodick's Strengths



In-house development of core technologies that are sources of our competitiveness
Promoting development in the three bases of Japan, the United States, and China

While conducting R&D activities related to the performance and quality of products such as EDMs, machining centers, and injection molding machines in Japan, we have been promoting R&D from a global perspective over many years, considering the characteristics of each area.

Global development, production and sales systems Overseas net sales accounted for about 70% of the total net sales

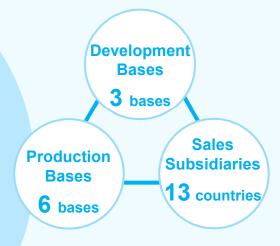
We have established production and sales systems that take into account market trends in each area. In addition to promoting base strategies based on the characteristics of each area, we are working on developing a marketing network that can quickly identify changes in each market.

#### **8 Core Technologies**



Excellent R&D Capabilities Global Business Development

Total
Manufacturing
Solution



Total support for all manufacturing processes from product design to mold processing and manufacturing molded products

We provide total support for all manufacturing processes, from product design to mold and parts processing to finishing machined surfaces and molding. We provide the best solutions to solve customers' problems.

#### Design

CAD/CAM creates design data in three dimensions.

## Processing

Ultra-high-precision machining in sub-micron units is realized by an EDM.

Manufacturing process



The injection molding machine with an innovative structure can meet various needs.