Press Release

Consolidated Financial Results for the First Quarter Ended June 30, 2016

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Amounts are stated in millions of yen by discarding fractional amounts less than 1 million. Percentage figures indicate increase (decrease) over previous corresponding period.

1. Consolidated Operating Performance for the First Quarter Ended June 30, 2016

(From April 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016)

(1) Results of	f consolidated	d operations	
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	Net s	ales	Operating income		Operating income Ordinary income		Profit attrib	
April - June 2016	300,716	(4.2%)	60,027	16.8%	57,839	5.1%	45,309	20.4%
April - June 2015	314,043	6.6%	51,410	5.7%	55,008	11.0%	37,630	14.3%

(Note) Comprehensive income (Millions of yen) From April 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016: (4,593) [-%] From April 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015: 21,817 [16.3%]

	Basic earnings per share (yen)	Diluted earnings per share (yen)
April - June 2016	106.37	106.36
April - June 2015	88.35	88.34

(2) Consolidated financial position

Stockholders' Net assets per share Total assets Net assets equity ratio (yen) June 30, 2016 2,443,936 2,051,928 81.9% 4,696.03 March 31, 2016 2.510.085 2.080.465 80.8% 4,761.48

(Note) Stockholders' equity (Millions of yen) As of June 30, 2016: 2,000,409 As of March 31, 2016: 2,028,291 Stockholders' equity used for the calculation of indices is net assets excluding both share subscription rights and non-controlling interests in consolidated subsidiaries.

2. Cash Dividends

	Cash dividends per share in the fiscal year (yen)				
	1 st quarter	2 nd quarter	3 rd quarter	Year-end	Fiscal year
April 2015 - March 2016	-	55.00	-	55.00	110.00
April 2016 - March 2017	-				
April 2016 - March 2017 (forecast)		55.00	-	55.00	110.00

(Note) Revision of the latest forecast of cash dividends: Yes

3. Forecast of Consolidated Operating Performance for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2017

(From April 1	, 2016 to Ma	rch 31, 20	<u>17)</u>						(Millions of yen)
	Net sa	ales	Operating	income	Ordinary	income	Profit attrib to owners o		Basic earnings per share (yen)
First half	590,000	(8.6%)	115,000	4.7%	115,000	1.8%	82,000	7.0%	192.50
Fiscal year	1,180,000	(7.8%)	225,000	7.9%	230,000	4.5%	160,000	7.5%	375.61

(Note) Revision of the latest forecast of consolidated operating performance: Yes

Forward-looking statements such as the forecast of results of operations made in this document involves risks and uncertainties since they are based on management's assumptions and beliefs in light of the information currently available to it. The reader should be aware that actual results may be materially different from any future results expressed herein due to various factors. Material factors affecting the actual results may include overall economic conditions in which the businesses of our company and our group companies are involved, the relevant market trends and fluctuations in foreign exchange rates of the yen, in particular, the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the yen; provided, however, that such factors as may affect results of operations are not limited to those enumerated above.



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(Millions of yen)

(Millions of yen)

4. Notes

(1) Changes in significant subsidiaries during the first quarter ended June 30, 2016: No

(Note) This item indicates whether there were changes in significant subsidiaries affecting the scope of consolidation during the first quarter ended June 30, 2016.

(2) Adoption of special accounting methods for presenting quarterly consolidated financial statements: No

(3) Changes in accounting policies applied, changes in accounting estimates and retrospective restatement

Changes in accounting policies applied due to revisions of accounting standards: Yes Changes in accounting policies other than the above: No Changes in accounting estimates: No Retrospective restatement: No

(Note) Please see "2. Other Information" on page 5 for further details.

(4) Number of shares outstanding (common stock)

	June 30, 2016	March 31, 2016
Number of shares outstanding at period end	432,106,693	432,106,693
Number of shares of treasury stock at period end	6,128,018	6,127,692
	April - June 2016	April - June 2015
Weighted-average number of shares outstanding over period	425,978,707	425,905,586

(Information regarding the implementation of quarterly review procedures)

The financial information contained in this report on the quarterly financial results is not subject to quarterly review procedures by independent auditors in accordance with the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law. At the time of issuing this report, the quarterly review procedures are in progress.

(Attached Documents)

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Appendix: Quarterly Operating Results

1. Qualitative Information Regarding Quarterly Results

(1) Explanation Regarding the Operating Results

With regard to the world economy, during the first quarter of FY 2017 (April 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016), although in the United States the recovery of its economy continued, the European economy in part turned out to be lacking in strength and a slowdown tendency continued in the emerging economies, such as those in the Asian region. Although in Japan movement toward an improvement in the employment situation and a recovery in capital investment was seen, because of the tendency toward the appreciation of the Japanese yen, an unstable economic situation continued.

In these circumstances, the Shin-Etsu Group aggressively developed its sales activities to its wide range of customers around the world, and at the same time, we assiduously worked on developing products with special characteristics as well as enhancing our technologies and product quality. Furthermore, we focused on making full use at an early stage of our new global manufacturing plants, expanding our manufacturing bases both in Japan and globally and also on stably securing raw materials.

As a result, the consolidated business results for the first quarter of FY 2016 show that net sales decreased by 4.2% (¥13,327 million) compared with the same fiscal period last year to ¥300,716 million. Compared with the performance of the same fiscal period last year, operating income increased by 16.8% (¥8,617 million) to ¥60,027 million, ordinary income increased by 5.1% (¥2,831 million) to ¥57,839 million and profit attributable to owners of parent increased by 20.4% (¥7,679 million) to ¥45,309 million.

PVC/Chlor-Alkali Business

With regard to the PVC business, Shintech in the U.S. steadily captured the expanding domestic demand for PVC in the U.S. At the same time, Shintech continued to aggressively carry out sales to its worldwide customers, and its shipments continued to be firm. Shin-Etsu PVC in the Netherlands continued steady operation and shipments continued to be firm. In Japan, the PVC business was affected by a decrease in shipment volume due to periodic plant maintenance.

As a result, compared with the first quarter of FY 2016, net sales for this business segment decreased by 8.7% (\$8,975 million) to \$93,922 million and operating income increased by 24.8% (\$2,632 million) to \$13,238 million.

Silicones Business

With regard to the silicones business, in Japan shipments of product applications for cosmetics and building materials continued to do well. Our silicones business outside of Japan continued to be firm in shipments for Europe, the U.S. and Southeast Asia.

As a result, compared with the first quarter of FY 2016, net sales for this business segment decreased by 2.9% (\$1,362 million) to \$45,443 million and operating income increased by 0.3% (\$28 million) to \$10,242 million.

Specialty Chemicals Business

With regard to cellulose derivatives, in Japan, although sales of products for construction materials were slow, shipments of pharmaceutical-use products continued to do well. The business of SE Tylose in Germany continued to be steady, mainly for coatings products. In the silicon metal business of Simcoa Operations in Australia shipments continued to be firm.

As a result, compared with the first quarter of FY 2016, net sales for this business segment decreased by 4.1% (¥1,220 million) to ¥28,501 million and operating income increased by 34.0% (¥1,603 million) to ¥6,321 million.

Semiconductor Silicon Business

With regard to semiconductor silicon, together with applications for memory devices continuing to be firm, logic devices entered on a recovery track, starting with applications for smartphones in China.

As a result, compared with the first quarter of FY 2016, net sales for this business segment decreased by 0.2% (\$107 million) to \$62,530 million and operating income increased by 14.7% (\$1,751 million) to \$13,640 million.

Electronics & Functional Materials Business

With regard to the rare earth magnets business, although products for applications in industrial equipment were slow, products for applications in automobiles continued to be firm, including those for hybrid cars. With regard to the photoresist products business, ArF resists and trilayer materials continued to be steady. Photomask blanks continued good shipments. The business of materials for LED packaging and optical fiber preform continued to be firm.

As a result, compared with the first quarter of FY 2016, net sales for this business segment decreased by 3.3% (¥1,599 million) to ¥46,912 million and operating income increased by 13.3% (¥1,640 million) to ¥14,001 million.

Diversified Business

Shin-Etsu Polymer Co., Ltd.'s business of input devices for automobiles and semiconductor wafer-related containers continued to be firm. In addition, the engineering business of Shin-Etsu Engineering Co., Ltd. also did well.

As a result, compared with the first quarter of FY 2016, net sales for this business segment decreased by 0.3% (¥64 million) to ¥23,406 million and operating income increased by 96.7% (¥1,321 million) to ¥2,687 million.

(2) Explanation Regarding Information Relevant to Forecasts such as Consolidated

Business Forecast

With regard to the world economy, although an economic recovery is expected to continue in the U.S., in addition to the effects of the slowdown in emerging economies, there are concerns about such matters as the economic turmoil as a result of the United Kingdom leaving the EU and there are uncertainties about the future direction of the world economy. In Japan as well, the situation is such that it does not allow for optimism because of such concerns as the effects of the world economy's downward movement.

Among the main products of the Shin-Etsu Group, there are those products that will be greatly affected by such factors as fluctuations in raw material prices and in market conditions as well as in supply and demand conditions. In addition, over 70% of the Group's sales consist of sales outside of Japan, and exchange rate fluctuations affect our company's business. Exchange rate fluctuations also affect us when converting Shin-Etsu Chemical's overseas Group companies' business results into Japanese yen.

Facing such a situation, the Shin-Etsu Group will carefully focus on developments in world markets and aggressively develop our sales activities while accurately capturing growth in demand. At the same time, we will further accelerate the development of our global business by such means as constructing manufacturing bases at optimal locations in the world and strengthening and expanding existing facilities. Furthermore, we will strengthen each business by such means as further focusing on enhancing productivity and product quality. We will develop products that have special characteristics, and we will also strive to assure the stable securing of raw materials.

The forecast for FY 2017's consolidated operating performance is as mentioned below. With regard to dividends, the forecast is ¥55 per share for both interim and year-end

dividends, the same amount as for the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year.

The forecast of the total annual dividends for FY 2017 is \$110 per share, the same amount as that for the previous fiscal year.

The forecasts of consolidated operating performance and dividends were released today in "Notice Regarding Operating Performance and Dividend Forecasts" as well.

	Net sa	les	Opera inco	•	Ordin incor	•	Pro attributa owners o	able to	Basic earnings per share (yen)
First half	590,000	(8.6%)	115,000	4.7%	115,000	1.8%	82,000	7.0%	192.50
Fiscal year	1,180,000	(7.8%)	225,000	7.9%	230,000	4.5%	160,000	7.5%	375.61

(Millions of yen)

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2. Other Information

(1) Changes in Accounting Policies Applied, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Retrospective Restatement

Changes in accounting policies

(Application of Practical Solution on a change in depreciation method due to Tax Reform 2016)

Effective the first quarter of FY 2017, the "Practical Solution on a change in depreciation method due to Tax Reform 2016" (Accounting Standards Board of Japan (ASBJ) PITF No.32, issued June 17, 2016) was adopted, in accordance with the revision of the Corporation Tax Law of Japan. As a result, the depreciation method for facilities attached to buildings and for structures acquired on or after April 1, 2016 was changed from the declining-balance method to the straight-line method.

The impact of this change on operating income, ordinary income, and income before income taxes and non-controlling interests for the first quarter was immaterial.

(2) Supplementary Information

(Application of Revised Implementation Guidance on Recoverability of Deferred Tax Assets)

Effective the first quarter of FY 2017, the "Revised Implementation Guidance on Recoverability of Deferred Tax Assets" (ASBJ Guidance No.26, issued March 28, 2016) was adopted.

<u>3. Consolidated Financial Statements</u>

(1) Consolidated Balance Sheets

As of March 31 and June 30, 2016

Millions of yen			
March 31, 2016	June 30, 2016		
597,048	689,555		
268,905	264,205		
236,486	142,410		
281,013	266,793		
84,020	71,023		
(14,840)	(13,133)		
1,452,633	1,420,854		
410,322	414,666		
394,649	364,029		
804,972	778,696		
13,152	12,488		
241,135	233,556		
(1,807)	(1,659)		
239,327	231,897		
1,057,451	1,023,081		
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	Million	s of yen
	March 31, 2016	June 30, 2016
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities:		
Notes and accounts payable-trade	115,557	105,029
Short-term borrowings	7,873	7,728
Accrued income taxes	29,519	10,481
Allowances	3,174	2,678
Other	125,828	127,028
Total current liabilities	281,954	252,947
Long-term Liabilities:		
Long-term debt	5,288	5,180
Net defined benefit liability	33,319	32,936
Other	109,056	100,944
Total long-term liabilities	147,665	139,060
TOTAL LIABILITIES	429,619	392,007
	127,017	
NET ASSETS		
Stockholders' Equity:		
Common stock	119,419	119,419
Additional paid-in capital	128,759	128,757
Retained earnings	1,731,042	1,752,923
Less: Treasury stock, at cost	(33,407)	(33,409)
Total stockholders' equity	1,945,813	1,967,691
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income:		
Unrealized gains (losses) on	12 700	10.010
available-for-sale securities	13,780	10,919
Deferred gains (losses) on hedges	1,611	2,613
Foreign currency translation adjustments	68,566	20,424
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	(1,480)	(1,238)
Total accumulated other		
comprehensive income	82,478	32,718
Share Subscription Rights	237	229
Non-Controlling Interests in Consolidated Subsidiaries	51,936	51,289
TOTAL NET ASSETS	2,080,465	2,051,928
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	2,510,085	2,443,936
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(2) Consolidated Statements of Income and Statements of Comprehensive Income

Consolidated Statements of Income

For the first quarter ended June 30, 2015 and 2016

	Millions of yen			
	April 1, 2015 - June 30, 2015	April 1, 2016 - June 30, 2016		
Net sales	314,043	300,716		
Cost of sales	229,945	208,277		
Gross profit	84,097	92,439		
Selling, general and administrative expenses	32,687	32,411		
Operating income	51,410	60,027		
Non-operating income:				
Interest income	946	1,192		
Dividend income	2,018	826		
Foreign exchange gain	2,752	-		
Other income	831	4,892		
Total non-operating income	6,550	6,910		
Non-operating expenses:				
Foreign exchange loss	-	8,177		
Other expenses	2,952	921		
Total non-operating expenses	2,952	9,098		
Ordinary income	55,008	57,839		
Income before income taxes and non-controlling interests	55,008	57,839		
Income taxes:				
Current	17,761	6,896		
Deferred	(825)	4,995		
Total income taxes	16,936	11,892		
Profit	38,072	45,947		
Profit attributable to non-controlling interests	441	637		
Profit attributable to owners of parent	37,630	45,309		

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income For the first quarter ended June 30, 2015 and 2016

	Millions of yen			
_	April 1, 2015 - June 30, 2015	April 1, 2016 - June 30, 2016		
Profit	38,072	45,947		
Other comprehensive income:				
Unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities	3,644	(2,911)		
Deferred gains (losses) on hedges	38	1,001		
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(20,550)	(48,692)		
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	595	245		
Share of other comprehensive income of affiliates accounted for using the equity method	16	(182)		
Total other comprehensive income	(16,254)	(50,540)		
Comprehensive income	21,817	(4,593)		
(Breakdown)				
Comprehensive income attributable to owners of parent	21,827	(4,449)		
Comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests	(9)	(143)		

(3) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(Notes on Premise of Going Concern)

Not applicable

(Notes on Significant Changes in Stockholders' Equity)

Not applicable

(Segment Information)

Information on sales, income (loss) and other items of reportable segments

1) For the first quarter ended June 30, 2016 (From April 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016)

	Millions of yen									
	April 1, 2016 - June 30, 2016									
	PVC/Chlor- Alkali	Silicones	Specialty Chemicals	Semiconductor Silicon	Electronics & Functional Materials	Diversified	Total	Adjustment*	Figures in consolidated financial statements	
Sales to outside customers	93,922	45,443	28,501	62,530	46,912	23,406	300,716	-	300,716	
Intersegment sales	681	1,488	3,089	0	1,676	20,141	27,077	(27,077)	-	
Total	94,603	46,932	31,590	62,531	48,588	43,547	327,794	(27,077)	300,716	
Segment income (Operating income)	13,238	10,242	6,321	13,640	14,001	2,687	60,133	(105)	60,027	

*Elimination of intersegment transactions

2) For the first quarter ended June 30, 2015 (From April 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015)

Millions of yen									
April 1, 2015 - June 30, 2015									
PVC/Chlor- Alkali	Silicones	Specialty Chemicals	Semiconductor Silicon	Electronics & Functional Materials	Diversified	Total	Adjustment*	Figures in consolidated financial statements	
102,897	46,805	29,721	62,637	48,511	23,470	314,043	-	314,043	
831	1,451	3,398	1	1,964	17,346	24,994	(24,994)	-	
103,729	48,257	33,119	62,638	50,475	40,816	339,037	(24,994)	314,043	
10,606	10,214	4,718	11,889	12,361	1,366	51,157	253	51,410	
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*Elimination of intersegment transactions

The main products and services of each segment are as follows:

Segment	Main products and services				
PVC/Chlor-Alkali Business	Polyvinyl chloride, Caustic soda, Methanol, Chloromethane				
Silicones Business	Silicones				
Specialty Chemicals Business	Cellulose derivatives, Silicon metal, Polyvinyl alcohol, Synthetic pheromones				
Semiconductor Silicon Business	Semiconductor silicon				
Electronics & Functional Materials Business	Rare earth magnets for electronics industry and general applications, Semiconductor encapsulating materials, Packaging materials for LEDs, Photoresists, Photomask blanks, Synthetic quartz products, Liquid fluoroelastomers, Pellicles				
Diversified Business	Processed plastics, Export of plant equipment, Technology licensing, International trade, Engineering				

Appendix: Quarterly Operating Results

(Billions of yen)

		FY 2017 April 1, 2016 -				
	April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016					March 31, 2017
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Total	1Q
Net Sales	314.0	331.7	330.0	303.8	1,279.8	300.7
PVC / Chlor-Alkali	102.8	117.7	118.2	102.7	441.7	93.9
Silicones	46.8	48.3	46.8	45.7	187.7	45.4
Specialty Chemicals	29.7	30.0	29.5	27.6	116.8	28.5
Semiconductor Silicon	62.6	63.4	62.5	54.6	243.3	62.5
Electronics & Functional Materials	48.5	46.3	44.9	46.9	186.7	46.9
Diversified	23.4	25.9	27.9	26.0	103.4	23.4
Operating Income	51.4	58.4	52.6	46.0	208.5	60.0
PVC / Chlor-Alkali	10.6	13.3	12.6	8.0	44.6	13.2
Silicones	10.2	10.3	10.8	10.1	41.5	10.2
Specialty Chemicals	4.7	5.1	4.4	3.8	18.1	6.3
Semiconductor Silicon	11.8	15.1	10.3	9.5	46.9	13.6
Electronics & Functional Materials	12.3	12.7	13.1	13.1	51.4	14.0
Diversified	1.3	1.7	1.0	1.5	5.6	2.6
Ordinary Income	55.0	58.0	57.7	49.2	220.0	57.8
Profit Attributable to Owners of Parent	37.6	39.0	39.7	32.4	148.8	45.3
Depreciation and Amortization	25.4	25.5	26.2	23.1	100.4	20.7
Capital Expenditures	24.4	30.4	42.0	37.7	134.7	27.1
R&D Costs	13.8	15.2	14.2	9.9	53.1	12.5
Overseas Sales	228.9	247.6	246.2	225.6	948.3	215.7
Ratio of Overseas Sales to Net Sales	73%	75%	75%	74%	74%	72%

(Note) Amounts are stated in billions of yen by discarding fractional amounts less than 0.1 billion.