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**Principal Products**

- High-pressure hoses, conveyor belts, marine hoses and pneumatic marine fenders, antiseismic products and roadway joints, Hamatite-brand sealants and adhesives, coatings for electronic equipment, aircraft fixtures and components
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BUSINESS RESULTS AND TRENDS

TIRE GROUP

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Japan: Replacement Tires
Our tire business in the Japanese replacement market also declined in unit volume and in yen value. That was on account of escalating price competition and a warm winter, which diminished demand for our studless snow tires. We partly offset the sales impact of those adverse factors by launching appealing new products. Notable products included the BluEarth RV-02, a summer tire for minivans that features fuel-saving performance; the GEOLANDAR H/T G056, a summer tire for sport-utility vehicles; and the iceGUARD 5 PLUS passenger car tire, a new advance in icy-surface handling for our iceGUARD studless snow tires.

Overseas
Price competition was an issue in overseas markets, too, but we nonetheless achieved overall growth in tire business outside Japan. We maintained strong sales momentum in North America and recorded sales growth in China. The October 2015 start of production at our new Mississippi plant for truck and bus tires reinforced our market presence in North America.

Outlook for 2016
We project that operating income in the Tire Group will increase 3.2% in 2016, to ¥44.4 billion, on a 4.1% increase in sales, to ¥521.0 billion. Those projections reflect our expectations of growth in tire sales overseas, a decline in raw material prices, and an improvement in capacity utilization rates at our plants.
BUSINESS RESULTS AND TRENDS

MULTIPLE BUSINESS GROUP

Sales

¥121.7 billion

Up 1.2%

Operating Income

¥10.5 billion

Up 2.9%

Note:
The Multiple Business Group, established in 2015, comprises the operations formerly categorized as “Industrial Products” and the aircraft fixtures and components business formerly included in “Other Products.” We have restated our results by business segment for 2014 to reflect this change retroactively.

Sales and Earnings Performance in 2015
Operating income in the Multiple Business Group increased 2.9% in 2015, to ¥10.5 billion, on a 1.2% increase in sales, to ¥121.7 billion. The group accounted for 19.3% of consolidated operating income and for an identical percentage of consolidated net sales.
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**Industrial Materials**

We posted sales growth in industrial materials. Leading that growth were gains in overseas business in marine hoses and in Japanese business in antiseismic products and other civil engineering products.

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GOLF Equipment
We market golf clubs and other golf equipment under the PRGR brand. Our business in this product category centers on Japan, but we are building a market presence in the Republic of Korea, in China, in Taiwan, and in Southeast Asian nations.

Highlights of 2015
Two New Lines of Clubs for All Golfers to Get the Most Distance
Our popular egg family of golf clubs gained two new lines for all golfers to get the most distance in 2015. The New egg clubs, launched in September, provide excellence distance while complying with professional tournament rules. Our SUPER egg clubs, launched in October and unavailable for tournament competition, incorporate high-repulsion heads for even greater distance. Both of the new lines of clubs have proved popular in their target markets.

Tournament Wins for Two Yokohama-sponsored Golfers
Two professional golfers sponsored by Yokohama captured wins at prominent tournaments in Japan in 2015. Erina Hara won the DAITO KENTAKU eheyanet ladies in August, and Satoshi Kodaira won the Japan Open Golf Championship in October.

Yokohama Tire Golf Tournament PRGR Ladies Cup
We hosted the eighth Yokohama Tire Golf Tournament PRGR Ladies Cup in March 2015. That stop on the Japanese pro tour focuses attention on our continuing contributions to golf through the PRGR brand.