

1st Quarter FY2011 Financial Review



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<u>1st Quarter FY2011 Review</u> (April 1 - June 30, 2011)

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<u>Achieved ¥1.6 billion net income despite the impact of the</u> <u>Great East Japan Earthquake</u>

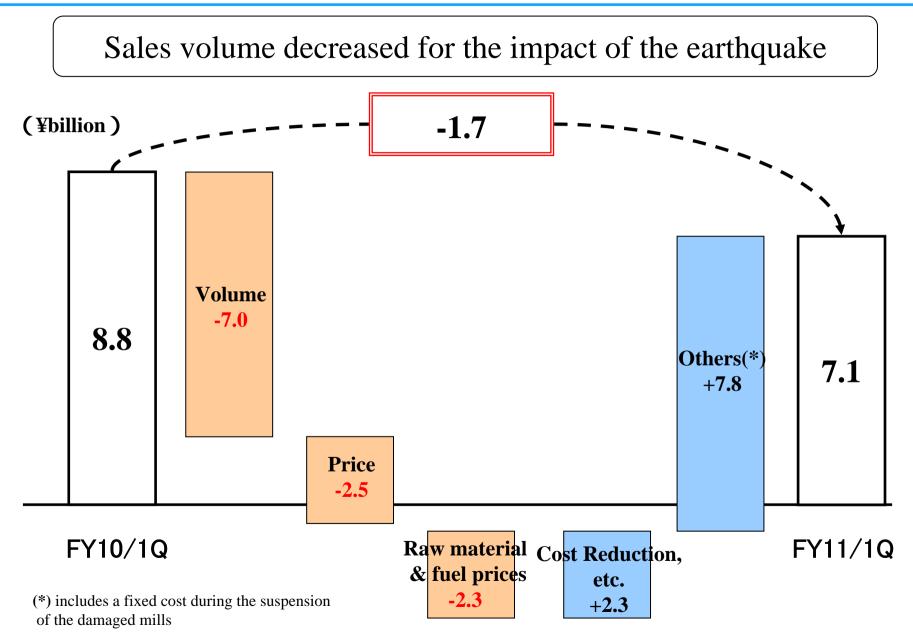
(¥billion)	FY10/1Q	FY11/1Q	Change
<net sales=""></net>	273.0	250.2	-22.8
<operating income=""></operating>	8.8	7.1	-1.7
<ordinary income=""></ordinary>	7.7	7.0	-0.7
<net income=""></net>	3.8	1.6	-2.2

□ Iwanuma and Nakoso mill were fully resumed by May 11

□ Paper-related segment achieved steady performance

Recorded a ¥4.6 billion loss as a fixed cost during the suspension of the damaged mills









FY10/1Q vs. FY11/1Q

(¥billion)

Sales (volume & prices)	-9.5	Volume -7.0, Price -2.5
Raw material & fuel prices	-2.3	Wastepaper -0.5, Pulp 0.1, Oil -0.9, Coal -0.6 LNG -0.1, Others -0.3 (price -5.1, forex 2.8)
Cost reduction	2.3	Manufacturing 1.3, Logistics 0.2, Labor 0.8
Others	7.8	Depreciation 1.1, Fixed costs transferred to extraordinary loss account 6.7
Operating income	-1.7	$7.1(FY11) \leftarrow 8.8(FY10)$
Non-operating income	1.0	Net financial cost -0.2, Equity in earnings of affiliate 0.6, Others 0.6
Ordinary income	-0.7	$7.0(FY11) \Leftrightarrow 7.7(FY10)$



Paper-related segment achieved steady performance

						(¥billion)
(Upside:Sales)	FY10			FY11	Change	
(Downside:Operating income)	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	yoy
Dulp and Danan	222.2	223.6	225.0	208.3	198.3	-23.9
Pulp and Paper	6.5	5.0	5.4	6.3	4.6	-1.9
Paper-related	22.7	24.0	22.5	25.1	23.6	0.9
(packaging, chemical products)	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.4	0.5
Wood Products and	12.8	13.9	14.8	15.1	14.9	2.1
Construction-related	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.0
Other	14.7	17.0	20.7	16.7	13.4	-1.3
(beverages, logistics)	0.1	0.7	1.4	0.2	-0.3	-0.4
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Total	8.8	8.0	9.6	9.2	7.1	-1.7



Domestic paper sales decreased 10.6% yoy

(thousand tons)	FY10/1Q	FY11/1Q	change yoy
Newsprint	297	277	-6.8%
Printing & Business communication paper	681	588	-13.7%
Packaging paper and others	97	97	-0.4%
Domestic sales (paper)	1,076	962	-10.6%
Export (paper)	124	18	-85.5%
Container board	294	309	5.0%
Folding box board and others	88	90	2.6%
Domestic sales (paperboard)	382	399	4.5%
Export (paperboard)	11	12	2.0%
Grand total (paper and paperboard)	1,593	1,391	-12.7%



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(¥ billion)	FY10	FY11	Change
<net sales=""></net>	1,099.8	1,050.0	-49.8
<operating income=""></operating>	35.6	30.0	-5.6
<ordinary income=""></ordinary>	31.6	26.0	-5.6
<net income=""></net>	-24.2	-12.0	12.2

The operation of Ishinomaki mill will partly restart from September

Estimated extraordinary losses
 ¥13.4 billion - fixed costs during the suspension of the damaged mills
 ¥26.0 billion - business restructuring expenses

□ Announced dividend projection (mid-year ¥10/share, year-end ¥20/share)



Domestic Sales

-Sales volume (yoy)

 Paper
 : -6.1%

 Paperboard
 : +1.0%

-Sales price

Paper and Paperboard : Same level as 1Q results

- Announced price increase (from Sep.'11) is not included

Raw material and fuel prices, Forex

Crude Oil	: US\$115/BL(Dubai)
Coal	: US\$130/t(Australian Black Coal)
Wastepaper	: Stay at current level
Forex	: ¥80/US\$1
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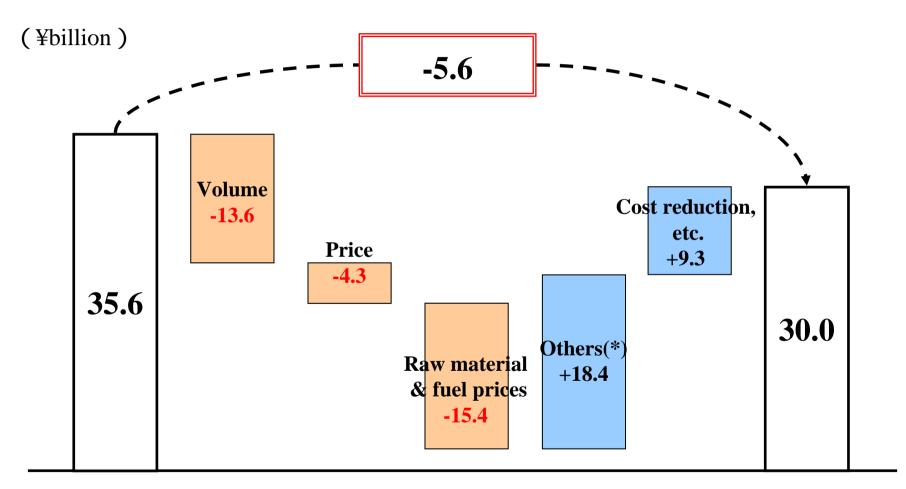


Estimate recovery in domestic paper sales from 2nd Half

(thousand tons)	FY10	FY11	change yoy
Newsprint	1,186	1,142	-3.7%
Printing & Business communication paper	2,704	2,479	-8.3%
Packaging paper and others	375	384	2.3%
Domestic sales (paper)	4,265	4,004	-6.1%
Export (paper)	427	61	-85.8%
Container board	1,156	1,166	0.9%
Folding box board and others	358	362	1.2%
Domestic sales (paperboard)	1,514	1,528	1.0%
Export (paperboard)	58	71	23.1%
Grand total (paper and paperboard)	6,263	5,664	-9.6%



Operating income decrease due to high input costs



FY10

(*) includes a fixed cost during the suspension of the damaged mills

FY11

[Reference 2]



FY10 vs. FY11 est.

(¥billion)

Sales (volume & prices)	-17.9	Volume -13.6, Price -4.3
Raw material & fuel prices	-15.4	Woodchips -1.5, Wastepaper -2.0, Pulp 0.2 Oil -5.0, Coal -3.5, LNG -0.6, Others -3.0 [price -20.6, forex 5.2]
Cost reduction	9.3	Manufacturing 5.6, Logistics 1.2, Labor 2.5
Others	18.4	Depreciation 3.0, Fixed costs transferred to extraordinary loss account 15.4
Operating income	-5.6	$30.0(FY11) \Leftrightarrow 35.6(FY10)$
Non-operating income	0	Net financial cost -1.3, Equity in earnings of affiliate 0.7, Others 0.6
Ordinary income	-5.6	$26.0(FY11) \Leftrightarrow 31.6(FY10)$



	FY09	FY10	FY11 est.
ROE	7.0%	-5.6%	-3.0%
Operating margin on sales	3.9%	3.2%	2.9%
Ordinary margin on sales	3.4%	2.9%	2.5%
D/E (times)	x1.6	x1.8	x1.9
Capital investment (¥ billion)	35.6	46.6	63.9
Depreciation (¥ billion)	81.9	78.6	75.6
Interest-bearing debt (¥ billion)	762.9	832.3	795.0
Number of employees (*)	14,210	13,834	13,624

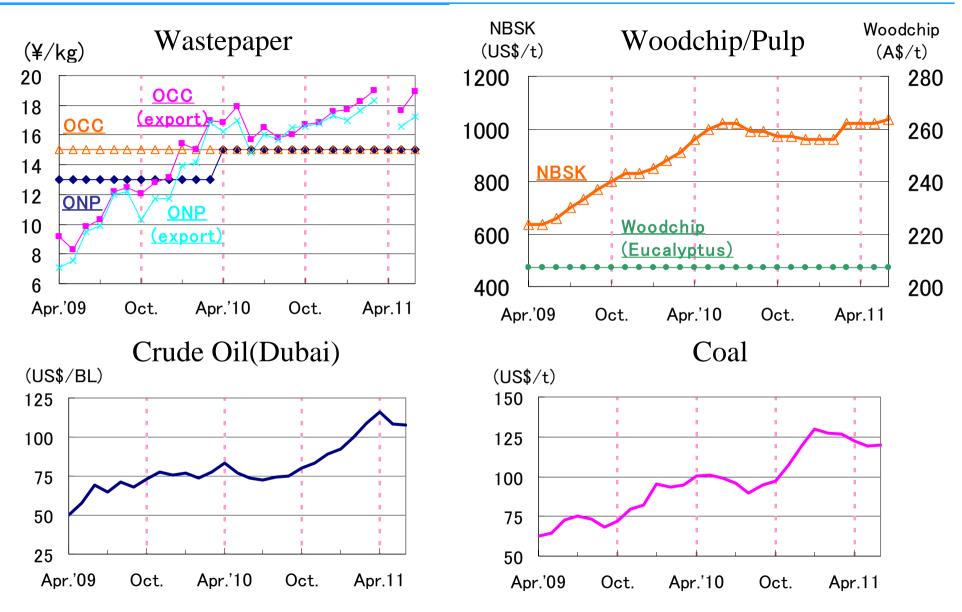
(*) Restructuring plan is not included



Appendix

Appendix - Major input price trends





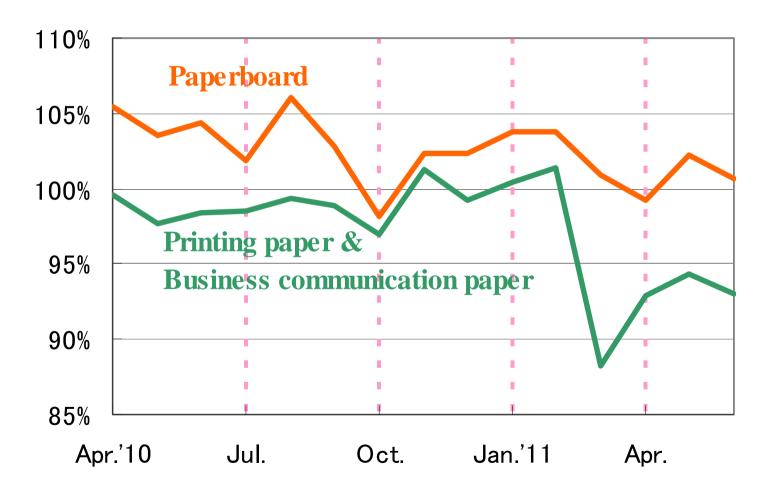
Source: Paper Recycling Promotion Center, Pulp&Paper Week, Crude oil= Platts, Coal=Global Coal Index



Paper & paperboa	Paper & paperboard (FY11/1Q)		
	(1,000 tons)	change yoy	
Newsprint	763	-6.6%	
Printing & Business communication paper	1,995	-6.5%	
Coated *	1,110	-6.3%	
Uncoated & Specialty printing	535	-7.6%	
Business communication	349	-5.6%	
Other papers (Packaging paper, sanitary paper, and paper for miscellaneous uses)	835	-2.5%	
Paper total	3,593	-5.6%	
Paperboard total	2,760	+0.6%	
Paper and paperboard total	6,354	-3.0%	

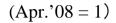
* "Bitoko-shi" paper is included in coated printing paper. Source: Japan Paper Association

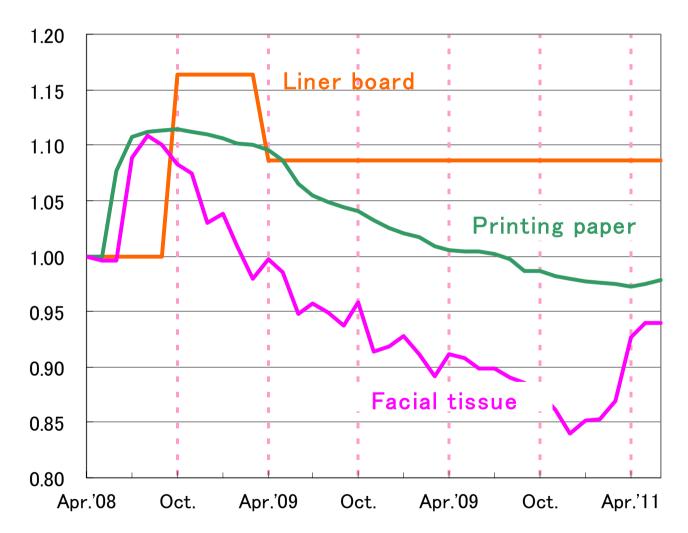




Source: Japan Paper Association







Source: Bank of Japan"Corporate Goods Price Index"



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