# **Current Management Issues and Measures**



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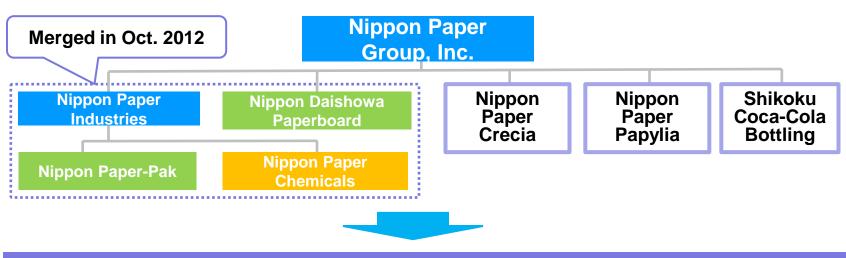
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## Initiatives to Transform the Business Structure

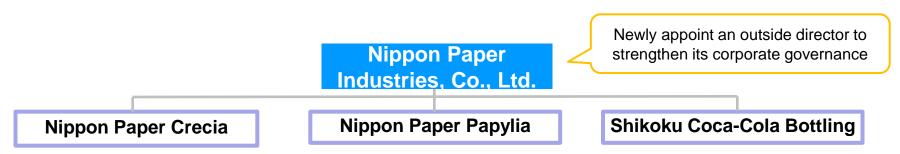
# Consolidated the separated growing businesses and facilitated optimal allocation of management resources

#### Former group structure



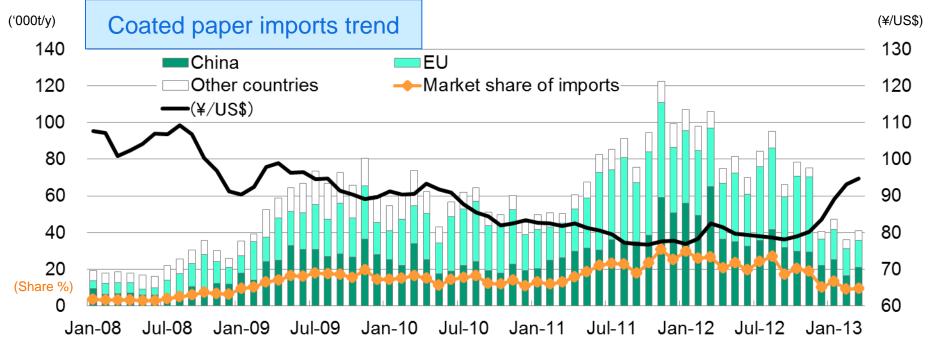
#### Effective from April 1, 2013

# Introduce corporate officer system to separate management and execution and to make a prompt decision



#### **Business Environment**

- •Worldwide economic slowdown; Paper demand decline in developed countries
- Imported paper penetration after the earthquake; Decline of printing paper price
- <After Jan. 2013>
- Drastic depreciation of Japanese yen
   Input cost rising; Increase of export opportunities; Decrease of imports risk



#### Countermeasures

Implemented price revisions of printing paper for general market -Also examining the opportunities of additional price hike in order to offset the input cost rising

Strengthening overseas sales

Reinforcing competitiveness through the additional measures

Improving financial position by the streamlining of assets

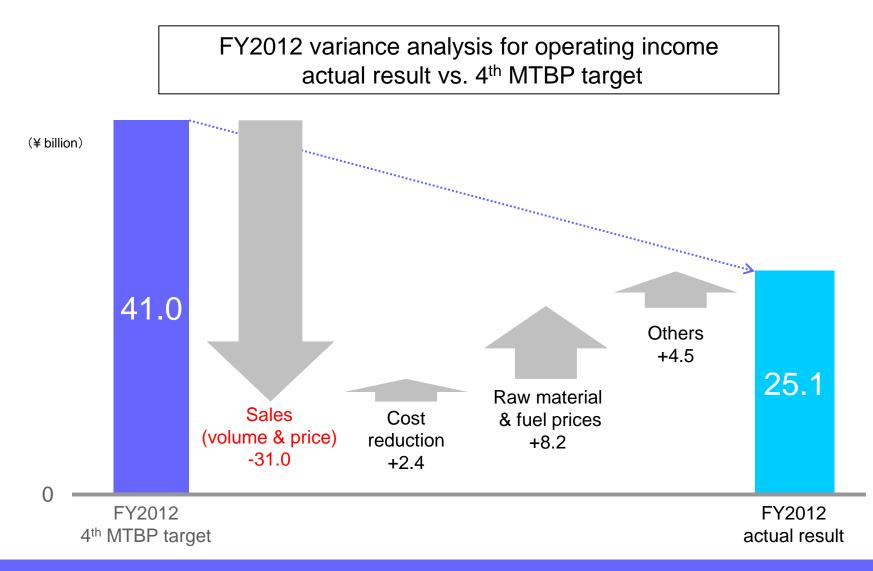
Accelerating transformation of the business structure

#### 2 Business Environment and Countermeasures: Operating Income Trend

# Behind the income target mainly due to paper price decline in FY2012 and sharp ongoing FOREX change in FY2013

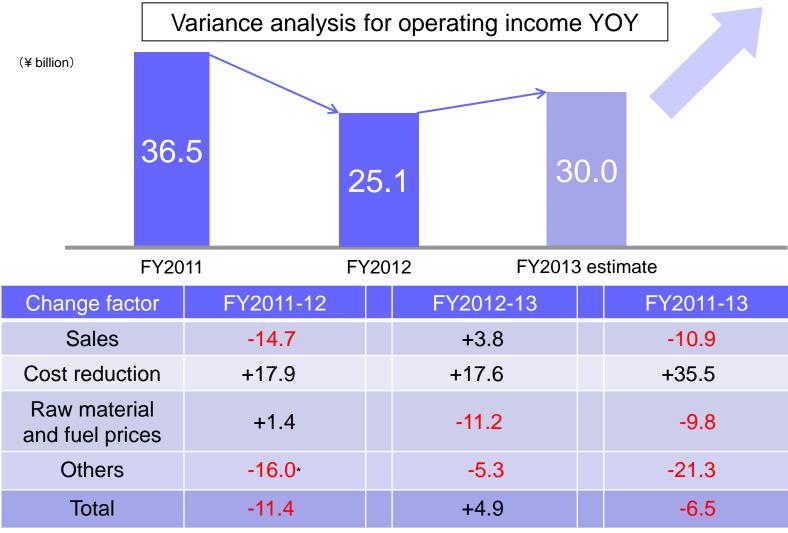
(¥ billion) 80.0 60.0 62.0 40.0 41.0 43.1 20.0 35.6 36.5 30.0 25.1  $\mathbf{0}$ FY2009 FY2010 FY2011 FY2012 FY2013 FY2014 The 3<sup>rd</sup> MTBP The 4<sup>th</sup> MTBP

# Cost reduction exceeded the target, but total operating income was below the target mainly due to sales price decline



#### 2 Business Environment and Countermeasures: Variance Analysis (2)

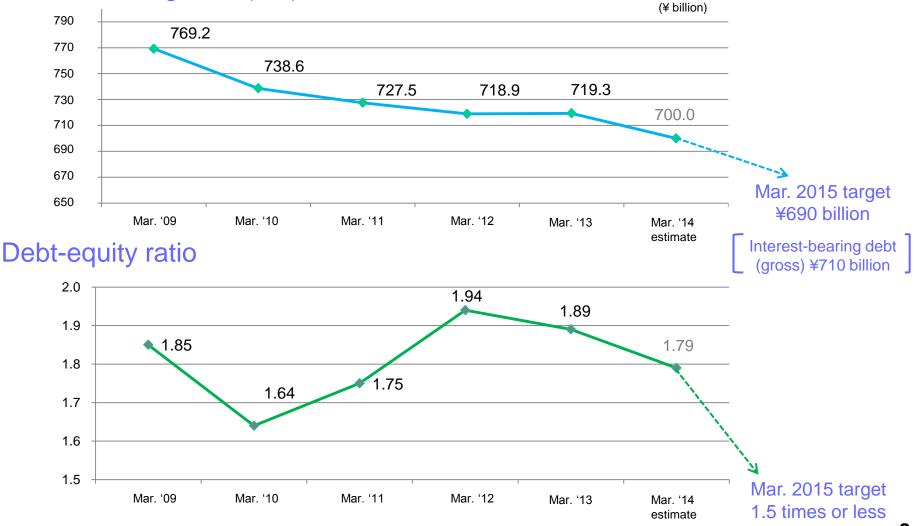
# The keys to improve operating income are continuing cost reduction efforts and price hike to offset the input cost rising



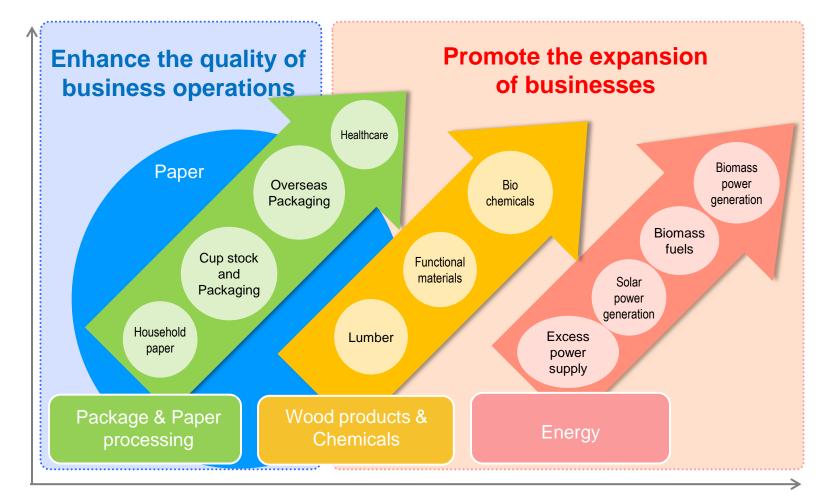
\* including the reversal of "fixed costs transferred to extraordinary loss account" booked in FY2011

## Improve balance sheet by streamlining assets

### Interest-bearing debt (net)



## Concentrate management resources on the growth fields



Allocation of management resources

## Revitalization plan of paper business is progressing favorably

FY2012: ¥13.9 b improvement

FY2013: ¥11.1 b improvement expected

Total ¥25.0 b

| FY2012   |                                   | FY2013 estimate        |  |                        |  |
|----------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--|------------------------|--|
|          |                                   | Benefit<br>(¥ billion) | Progress   | Benefit<br>(¥ billion) | Progress   |
| Total    |                                   | 13.9                   | (Initial plan: ¥12.4 b)  | 11.1                   |  |
| Measures | Reduction in workforce            | 5.9                    | 1,139 job cuts   | 4.1                    | 175 job cuts   |
|          | Variable cost reduction           | 1.7                    | 100% in-house pulp production<br>(Ishinomaki Mill)<br>Zero oil consumption<br>(Ishinomaki Mill, Yoshinaga Mill)<br>20% product grade consolidation | 3.3                    | Optimization of pulp production<br>(Iwakuni Mill, Otake Mill)<br>Zero oil consumption (Iwakuni Mill)<br>Logistics cost reduction,<br>maximization of benefit from<br>production transfer |
|          | Fixed cost reduction              | 6.0                    | Shutdown of 12 machines  | 2.8                    | Contribution throughout the year   |
|          | Electric power selling and others | 0.3                    | Electricity supply started in<br>January 2012<br>(Biomass power generation at<br>Fuji Mill)  | 0.9                    | Full fledged expansion of dissolving<br>pulp production<br>(Kushiro Mill)  |

| Management Issues | Pro  | gress / Upco       | oming meas          | sures                   |             |
|-------------------|--|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Sales price       | <ul> <li>⇒ Revised printing paper prices for general market</li> <li>⇒ Considering another price hike to offset the input cost rising</li> </ul> |                    |                     |                         |             |
|                   | Ourrent status ⇒ Recovered sal   |                    | e by deve           | loping nev              | v products  |
|                   | FY/Half  | FY10/2H            | FY11/2H             | FY12/1H                 | FY12/2H     |
|                   | Domestic sales ('000t)   | 2,122              | 1,957               | 1,920                   | 2,030       |
| Oslassiskuus      | Domestic demand forecast   |                    |                     |                         |             |
| Sales volume      | Grade  | Newsprint Printing |                     | Business<br>communicati |             |
|                   | Growth rate  | -1.0 to -1.        | -1.5% -1.5 to -2.5% |                         | 0.0 to -1.0 |
|                   | Enlarging exports ('000t)  |                    |                     |                         |             |
|                   |  | FY2012             | FY                  | ′2013                   | FY2014      |
|                   | Revised plan   | 102                |                     | 185                     | 218         |
|                   | 4 <sup>th</sup> MTBP original  | 59                 |                     | 80                      | 99          |

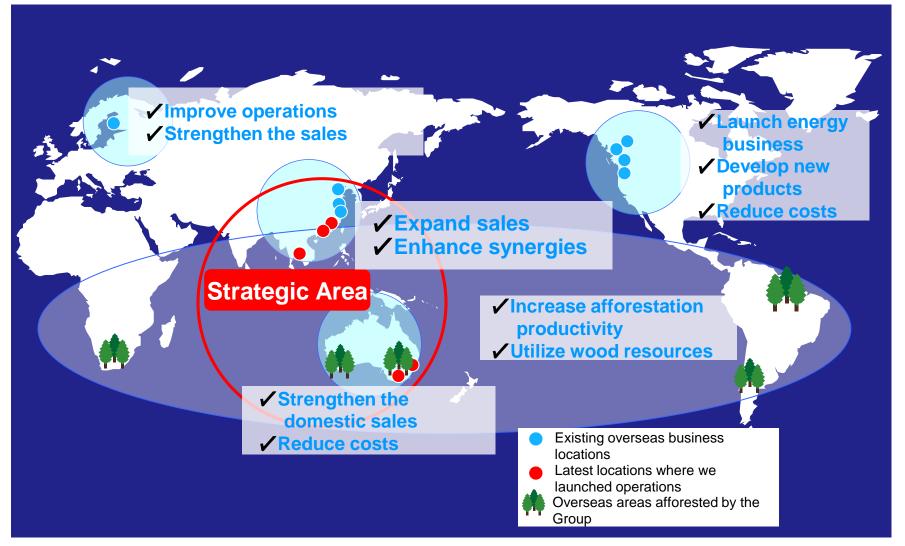
| Management issues | Upcoming measures (additional measures)   |
|-------------------|---|
|                   | <ul> <li>Sales capabilities</li> <li>⇒ Reshape sales structure (Apr. 2013 onward)</li> <li>•Directly link production and sales</li> </ul>   |
| Strengthening     | <ul> <li>⇒ Strengthen development and sales of industrial paper and specialty paper</li> <li>•Expand sales of high-value-added products, develop new products that take advantage of equipment characteristics</li> </ul> |
| competitiveness   | Cost reduction  |
|                   | <ul> <li>⇒ Further reduce fixed costs</li> <li>•Streamline indirect operations, reduce total labor costs</li> </ul>   |
|                   | <ul> <li>⇒ Strengthen earning power of printing paper for general mark</li> <li>•Thoroughly review quality design and business processes</li> </ul>   |
|                   | ⇒ Reduce other costs  |

•Review logistics costs and maintenance costs

| Business field              | Progress / Upcoming measures  |   |  |  |
|-----------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Paperboard                  | <ul> <li>Energy cost reduction</li> <li>⇒Yoshinaga Mill: Zero oil<br/>consumption (from Jun. 2012)</li> <li>⇒Akita mill: Fuel conversion<br/>(from Jun. 2013)</li> </ul>                          | <ul> <li>Expand sales of products<br/>attuned to market needs</li> <li>⇒ Soka Mill: Start of operation of<br/>equipment for high-quality<br/>products (from Jan. 2013)</li> </ul>                       |  |  |
| Packaging cartons           | <ul> <li>Sales expansion of<br/>aseptic filling system</li> <li>⇒Started sales of new high<br/>speed filler (from Dec. 2012)</li> <li>⇒Adopted new functional pack<br/>(from May 2013)</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Procure base paper<br/>advantageously</li> <li>⇒Continue and strengthen<br/>measures for promoting in-<br/>house production</li> <li>⇒Develop paper barrier packaging<br/>materials</li> </ul> |  |  |
| Household<br>paper products | Mill in September 2012<br>⇒Benefit achieved as planned (¥<br>Sales of healthcare proc   | enefit achieved as planned (¥1.0 b/year)<br>Ales of healthcare products increased 50%<br>0% YoY growth in FY2012. Further reinforce sales of  |  |  |

| Business field                    | Progress / Upcoming measures   |
|-----------------------------------|--|
|                                   | <ul> <li>Expand dissolving pulp sales</li> <li>⇒ Increase production by utilizing existing pulp equipment<br/>at Kushiro Mill, produce high-value-added lines at<br/>Gotsu Works (Start full-scale sales in FY2013)</li> </ul>   |
| Chemicals                         | <ul> <li>Increase production of LCD optical films, expand<br/>sales of high-value-added products</li> <li>⇒ Commercial production using the new coater started in<br/>the second half of FY2012; increase in volume in high-<br/>value-added for medium-size and compact products field</li> </ul> |
|                                   | <ul> <li>Increase production of wood chemicals</li> <li>⇒ Introduce new equipment at Yufutsu Works,<br/>Scheduled to start operation in May 2014</li> </ul>  |
|                                   | <ul> <li>Expand sales of functional coating resin</li> <li>Introduce new equipment at Iwakuni Works</li> </ul>   |
| Lumber and construction materials | <ul> <li>⇒ Increase sales volume in line with demand for housing<br/>and reconstruction from the disaster</li> <li>⇒ Strengthen ability to collect biomass fuel</li> </ul>   |

## Strengthening earning power of the existing businesses



| Company (country)                             | Progress situation / Upcoming measures   |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| Australian Paper<br>(Australia)               | <ul> <li>Install equipment for recycled pulp<br/>(scheduled to start operation in Feb. 2014)<br/>Capacity: Approx. 50,000 tons/year<br/>Total investment: Approx. ¥5.2 b</li> <li>Aim to expand sales of environmentally<br/>conscious products</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| Siam Nippon<br>Industrial Paper<br>(Thailand) | <ul> <li>Construct a new facility for manufacturing machine glazed paper (scheduled to start operation in summer 2014)</li> <li>Equity stake: Nippon Paper Group 55%, Thai Paper (*) 45%</li> <li>*Wholly-owned subsidiary of SCG Paper</li> <li>Capacity: 43,000 t/y</li> <li>Total investment: Approx. ¥5.5 b</li> </ul> |  |  |
| Lee & Man Paper<br>(China)                    | <ul> <li>Sep. 2012: #17 paper machine at Hongmei Mill started operation (coated duplex board 600,000 t/y)</li> <li>Sales in Shanghai area through NPG's sales network</li> <li>⇒ Target: 100,000 t/y</li> <li>⇒ Aim to contribute to NPG's profit by further expanding sales</li> </ul>                                    |  |  |

### 3 Initiatives by Business Field: Overseas Businesses (3)

#### **Company (country)**

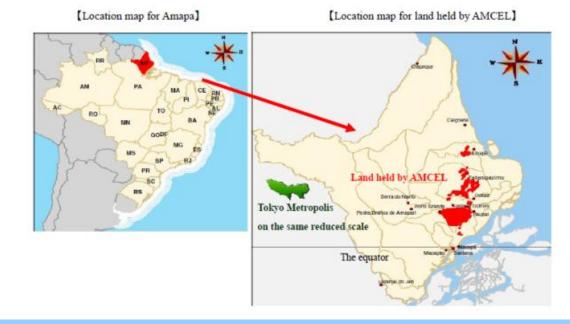
#### **Progress situation / Upcoming measures**

#### AMCEL Overview

| Company name:     | Amapa Florestal e Celulose S.A     |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Location:         | Santana AP, Brazil                 |
| Equity stake:     | Nippon Paper 100% (from Mar. 2013) |
| Forestation area: | Approx. 60,000 ha                  |
|                   | (Total land holdings: 300,000 ha,  |
|                   | Plantable area: 130,000 ha)        |

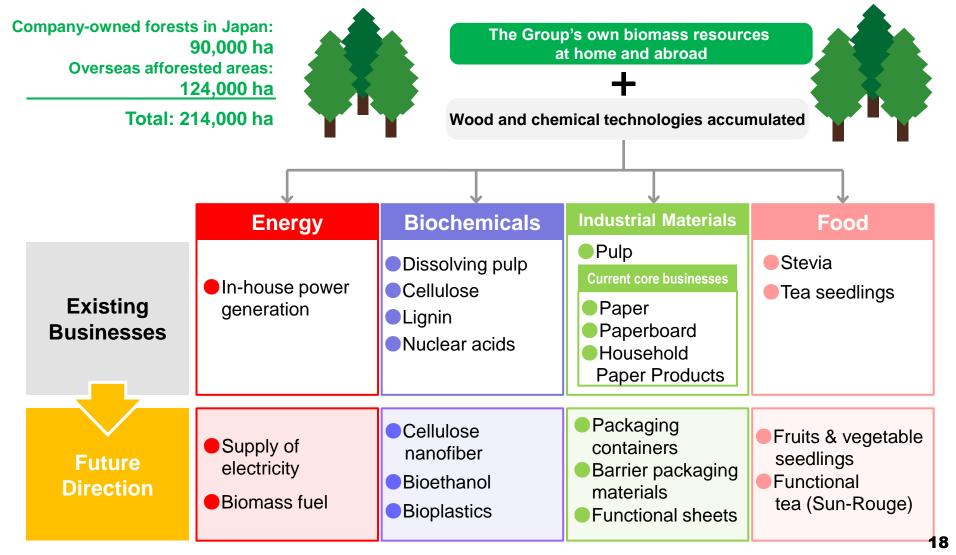
# Strengthen as a stronghold for developing the resource & energy business

⇒ Respond to demand for woody biomass fuel in Europe



AMCEL (Brazil)

# Transform the business structure toward the comprehensive biomass company



# Greater Business Opportunities for the Energy Business

#### **External business environment**

- Pressure in electricity supply/demand triggered by the Great East Japan Earthquake and the nuclear accident
- Feed-in tariff for renewables
- Increased electricity charges
- Separating electricity generation, transmission and distribution
- Liberalization of electricity markets, including retail

#### Internal business environment

Declining domestic demand for paper

#### **Nippon Paper's strengths**

- Electricity supply using existing facilities
- •Japan's leading power generation capacities except for power utilities (Approx. 1.7 MW)

## Procurement of wood biomass

- •Ownership of forest resources (214,000 ha)
- Japan's foremost wood biomass procurement capability

### Management resources

- •Operation and management expertise of power generation facilities using pulverized coal and biomass fuel
- Long-cultivated wood science and technology
- Infrastructure and environmental responsive facilities

**Future orientation** 



Increase electricity sales

Develop biomass-derived fuel

Develop new power sources capitalizing on management resources

## Initiatives to Develop Energy Business

## Expand electricity supply using existing facilities

⇒Start electricity supply from biomass boilers at Fuji Mill (from Jan. 2012)

⇒Assumed energy saving (Yatsushiro Mill→ Contributing to energy saving of Group companies in Kansai area and Shikoku area)

### Expand electricity supply using wood biomass

- ⇒Expand electricity supply capacity from a biomass boiler at Fuji Mill (from Aug. 2013)
- ⇒Introduce a biomass boiler at Yatsushiro Mill (scheduled to start power generation in Mar. 2015)

## Introduce photovoltaic power generation and promote development of renewables

⇒Start a mega-solar project at the site of former Komatsushima Mill (Dec. 2014)

⇒Develop new biomass solid fuel (10-fold improvement of the mixed fuel burning ratio for the existing coal-fired boilers; effective for reducing CO2 emissions)

Jun. 2013: Energy Business Department to be reorganized as the Energy Business Division



Biomass boiler No. 3 at Fuji Mill of Nippon Paper Industries



Semi-carbonized pellets made of bark of Cryptomeria

Target sales of ¥50 b or more over the medium term

## Biomass power generation project utilizing unused lumber

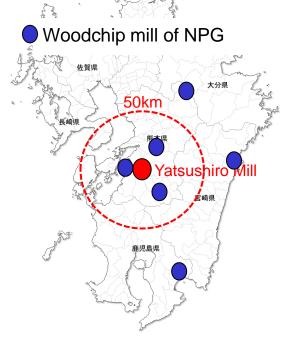
## Facility overview

- •Location: Yatsushiro Mill
- •Investment: Approx. ¥3.0 b
- •Power generation capacity: 5,000 kW
- •Fuel: 100% unused lumber (Approx. 70,000 tons/year)
- •Start of power generation: Mar. 2015 (plan)

## Project features

| Fuel                   | Collection ability  | Leading collection network in Kyushu area  |  |  |
|------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
|                        | Transportation cost | Able to collect within a 50km radius centering on Yatsushiro Mill                            |  |  |
|                        | Quality             | Established know-how, such as control of moisture content and certification of unused lumber |  |  |
| Facilities             | Infrastructure      | Use of on-site pure water production equipment and wastewater treatment facilities           |  |  |
|                        | Workforce           | Use of the existing personnel  |  |  |
| Electricity sales rate |                     | 33.6 yen/kWh   |  |  |





## Mega-solar project using existing infrastructure

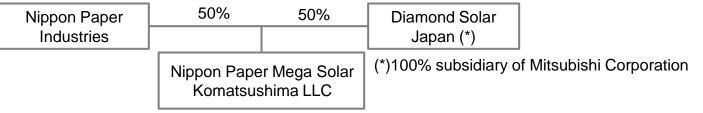
### Facility overview

Location: Site of former Komatsushima Mill (Site area: Approx. 250,000m<sup>2</sup>)
Power generation capacity: 21MW (solar module capacity)
Start of power generation: Dec. 2014 (plan)



#### <Rendering>

## Business scheme



#### Project features

| Infrastructure          | Use of a former mill site and its electricity transmission facilities |  |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| Maintenance             | Maintenance by the existing personnel                                 |  |
| structure               | Maintenance by the existing percention                                |  |
|                         | Investment minimized by using project finance                         |  |
| Investment              | Estimated expenditure by NPG: Approx. ¥0.7 b (10% of                  |  |
|                         | the total investment amount)  |  |
| Electricity sales price | 42 yen/kWh  |  |

#### Initiatives to Transform the Business Structure: Cellulose Nanofiber (CNF) 4

## Business development for CNF, which is stronger than steel and light as paper

## Features

- Strong and lightweight
- •Resilient to temperature change
- •Low environmental impact
- •High barrier performance



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Viscosity improvers

Construct new verification and production facilities (scheduled to start) operation in Oct. 2013)

- •Location: Iwakuni Mill of Nippon Paper Industries
- Investment: ¥0.3 b (of which ¥0.2 b is a subsidy\*)
- Production capacity: 30 tons/year

\* Selected for the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry's 2012 innovation site support business, "Subsidies for Maintenance, etc. of Advanced Technology Verification and Assessment Facilities"

## Upcoming initiatives

•Establishment of Cellulose Nanofiber (CNF) Business Promotion Office (from Apr. 2013)

- •Supply of samples and joint development with users
- Consideration of production facilities for commercial production

Japan's first full-scale facilities to produce cellulose nanofiber by chemical treatment

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