

# **Business Strategy of the Functional Components Company**

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#### 1. Business Overview

## 1-1. Business Composition



## Addressing Society's Needs with Functional Components

#### Cast Iron Business









Piping Components
Business





Passenger cars

FY2018 Revenues ¥345.0 bn

Commercial vehicles



**Pickup** 

trucks

Construction and agricultural machinery

Industrial equipment and others

# Heat-Resistant Cast Steel Business





#### **Aluminum Business**





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#### **Piping Components** Cast Iron Business Business Passenger cars Heat-Resistant Cast Steel Business Unprofitable businesses FY2018 Revenues **Pickup** ¥345.0 bn **LIGHTTRUCH** trucks **Aluminum Business** Commercial vehicles Construction and agricultural machinery Industrial equipment and others

# 1-2. FY2018 Medium-Term Management Plan: Basic Policy and Goals



### **■**Basic Policy of the Functional Components Company

Accept the challenge of creating new value by improving the foundation of *monozukuri* to achieve global growth

### **■FY2018 Medium-Term Management Plan: Goals**

	FY2016 Actual (¥108 = US\$1)	FY2017 Actual (¥111 = US\$1)	FY2018 Forecast (¥105 = US\$1)	Change vs. FY2017
Revenues	¥333.5 bn	¥360.1 bn	¥345.0 bn	- ¥15.1 bn
Adjusted operating income	¥17.5 bn	¥11.8 bn	¥17.0 bn	+ ¥5.2 bn
Adjusted operating margin	5.2%	3.3%	4.9%	+1.6%
Overseas sales ratio	79%	80%	79%	-1%

Overriding theme of FY2018: Turn around unprofitable businesses



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# 2. Heat-Resistant Cast Steel (HERCUNITE™) Business

#### 2-1. Issues and Countermeasures

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Greater manufacturing difficulty

Order intake beyond capacity

Inappropriate pricing

Drop in productivity

Increase in air transport

Negative marginal profit

Recorded adjusted operating loss

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Countermeasures

- Productivity "+15%" vs. FY2016
  - Optimization of casting conditions
  - Quality improvement
  - Processing efficiency improvement
- Full utilization of invested equipment
  - Casting line (Launched Oct. 2016)
  - New concept machine processing line (Launched Mar. 2017)
  - Machine processing line in the Americas (Launched Jul. 2017)
- **■** Price correction

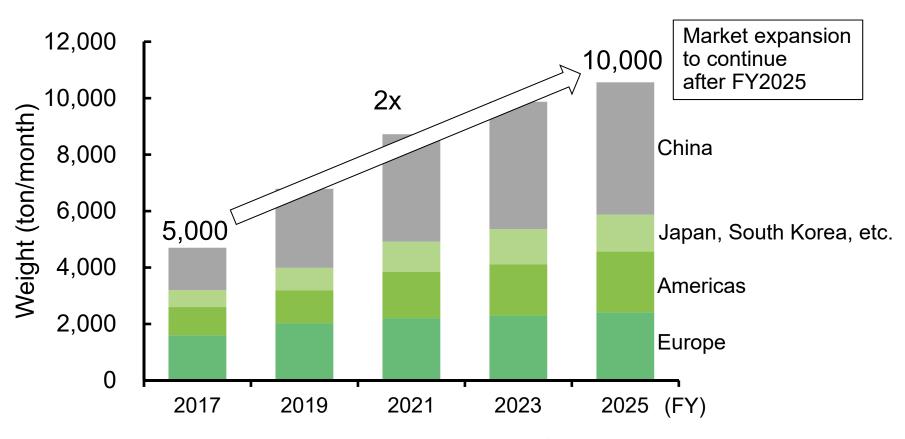


New concept machine processing line

#### 2-2. Market Environment



#### Continued expansion trend of downsized turbo gasoline engine market



Heat-resistant cast steel market forecast

### 2-3. Roadmap



# Transform into a business that can secure profits while addressing increasing demand

	Components technology	● Proposal of optimal components	
Strengths	Manufacturing technology	<ul><li>Lighter weight and thinner design by CAE</li><li>Processing technology for hard-to-cut materials</li></ul>	
	Production capacity	●One of world's largest mass production, integrated manufacturing lines	
Issues	Productivity (Cost)	Promote technology development toward productivity improvement	

#### Roadmap

FY2018	FY2019–2023	FY2024
Profitable structure	High earnings	Stable accumulation
High-productivity manufatechnology developm		of earnings



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#### 3. Aluminum Business

## 3-1. Issues and Countermeasures for Aluminum Wheels Materials Magle

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# Excessive reduction of fixed costs

Greater mfg. difficulty (Large-diameter, sophisticated design)

Drop in productivity due to equipment and human factors

- +Blackout (external factor)
- +Drop in order intake

Recorded operating loss

Countermeasures

#### ■ Productivity improvement

- Improve processing (cutting) efficiency
- Improve coating equipment utilization rate
- Improve processing loss by changing layout







Brilliant



Special coating

- Renewal of management structure
  - President of Waupaca concurrently serves as head of U.S. base
  - Strengthen human resources







- Recovery in order intake
  - Improve productivity
  - Differentiate by accommodating large diameters and sophisticated design



#### Promote business stabilization in FY2018

### 3-2. Market Needs and Strengths



#### **Main Products**

Aluminum wheels

Sophisticated design and large-diameter products



High-performance aluminum components

EV-related components, powertrain components



Market Needs

Lightweight, thin

Low-price

Complex form

High heat transfer rate

Strengths

✓ Surge in potential of high-performance aluminum components due to spread of EV

High-precision CAE

Lightweight, reduced design time

Manufacturing locations in Japan and U.S.

Structure to expand sales to the Asian region, Americas and Europe

Diverse casting methods

Gravity—low-pressure—high-vacuum die-cast (HIVAC-V®)

#### 3-3. Action Plan



#### **High-Performance Aluminum Components**

#### Increase EV components by utilizing the characteristics of aluminum materials

Develop design, material quality, junction, processing technologies <a href="Improve business value">Improve business value in cooperation with GRIT></a>

Build integrated line, strengthen cost competitiveness

Synergies with other Companies



Aluminum die-cast products

Amorphous material (Specialty Steel Company)

Rare earth magnet (Magnetic Materials Company)

Magnet wire (Cable Materials Company)



EV drive motor



Aluminum water cooling housing

Expand business size by 2.5x by FY2025 (vs. FY2017)



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# 4. Integration of Cast Iron and Aluminum to Become No.1 Supplier 4-1. Market Trend and Strategy

			E	Existing business Enhancem	ent domain New area
	Mechanism	Required needs	Response		Our product
Combustion system	High mileage Low cost Combustion		Conformity to heat- resistance requirements	Diverse heat-resistant components technology	Heat-resistant cast steel
	system	Small gasoline turbo	Design, casting, processing Response ability of locations	Strengthen design & evaluation, processing	Heat-resistant cast iron
er cars	ger cars	Diversified specifications	Form, size, material	Accommodate gravity casting, LPD*1, HPD*2 methods	Battery case
Passenger A	Multi-functional	Combine light-weight and heat dissipation	Develop new materials and methods	Motor/inverter case	
Chassis (Structural components) (Suspension components)	(Structural	Low cost Lightweight	Optimization of materials x strength design	Aluminum-based composite material Develop new material	Aluminum wheels  Suspension
	Quantitative response ability	Response ability of locations	Japan, U.S., S. Korea, India	components  CFRP/  Composite material	
Non-passenger		Load bearing Low cost	Stable supply	Waupaca	Ductile, gray
cars	Accommodate large size	Large casting	Horizontal casting technology	Large ductile	

<sup>\*1</sup> LPD: Low-pressure die-cast; \*2 HPD: High-pressure die-cast; \*3 CFRP: Carbon fiber reinforced plastic © Hitachi Metals, Ltd. 2018. All rights reserved.

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#### Propose optimal solutions to diversifying market needs

#### Address changes in the market with an optimal portfolio

**Automotive Components NM Business Unit** 

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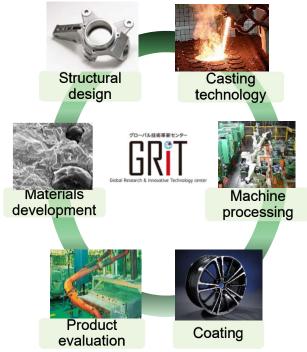
**Automotive Components Aluminum Business Unit** 

Integrate

**Automotive Components Business Unit** (Newly established on Apr 1, 2018) Provides the optimal solution

#### Strengths of the Functional Components Company

Sales ability Planning and proposal skills	Cooperate with Corporate and other Companies
Diverse product line-up	Iron, stainless steel, aluminum, resin, composite materials
Technical capabilities	Materials development, structural design, casting technology, machine processing, coating, product evaluation
Manufacturing efficiency	Add value by taking advantage of world's largest manufacturing scale and manufacturing efficiency
Development capabilities	Global Research & Innovative Technology Center (GRIT) Casting Technology Research Laboratory



# 4-3. Example: Solutions for Suspension Components Magle



North American market trend of suspension components (knuckles)

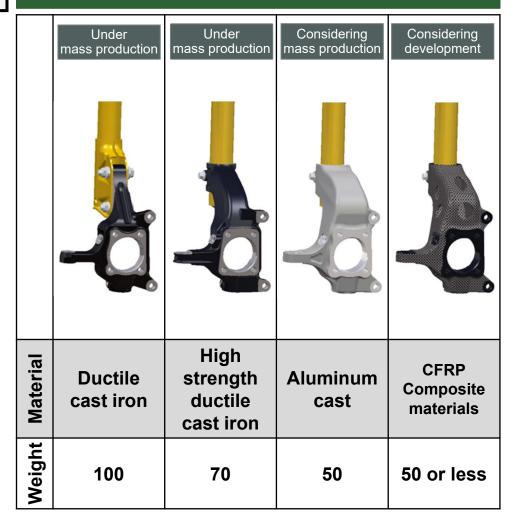
#### Aluminum forging 70 Steel forging 60 Million units/year 50 Aluminum cast 40 30 20 Ductile cast iron 10 0 2013 2018 2021

(Hitachi Metals' estimate based on various research materials)

Continue cast iron through development cost reduction and stable procurement measures

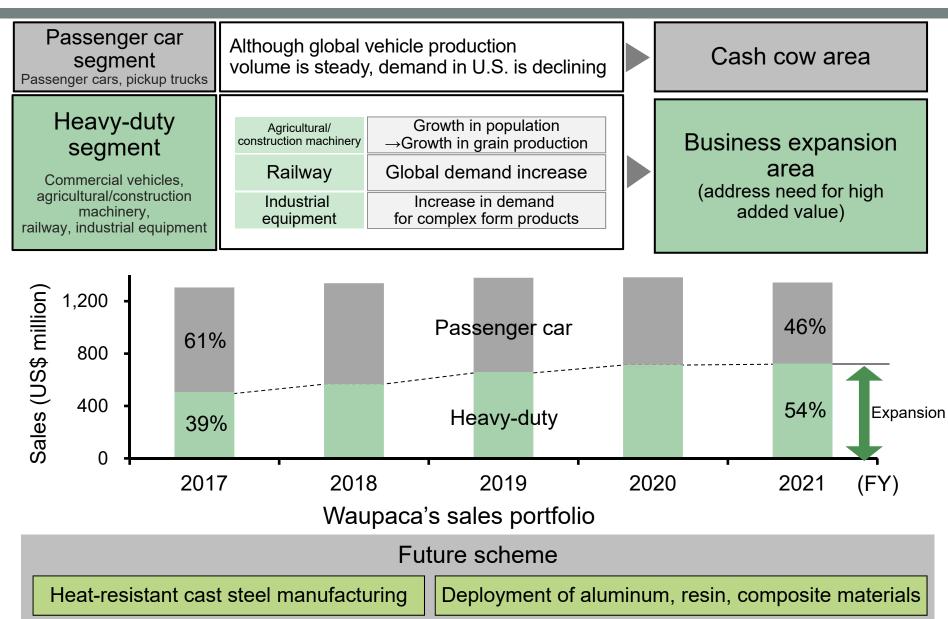
> Mileage regulations→lightweight→ aluminum replacement progressed

#### Propose cast iron, aluminum, and new materials



### 4-4. Waupaca's Portfolio Reform







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### **5. Piping Components Business**

## 5-1. Business Strategy



#### Three pillars for the growth of the Piping Components Business

Expansion of existing businesses

Inject managerial resources into growth businesses

Strengthening of *monozukuri* capabilities

Capital investment in Kuwana Works (Launch in FY2018)

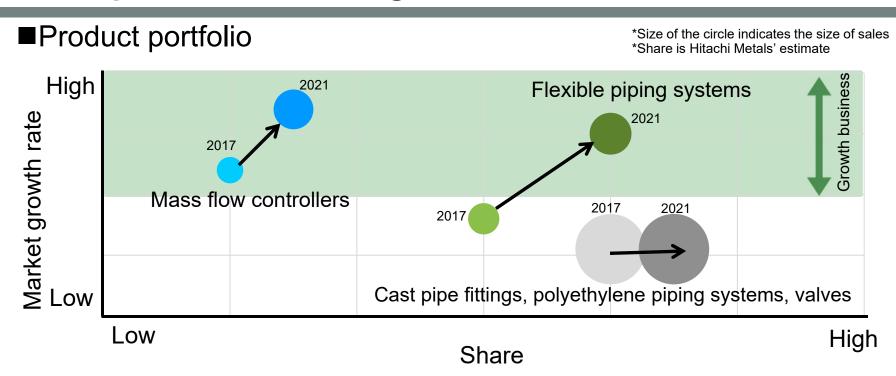
Commencement/ strengthening of new business (solutions business)

Established Piping
Components
Solutions Sales
Dept.
(Apr 2018)

Sales target of the Piping Components Business ¥50.0 bn (FY2017) ⇒ ¥70.0 bn (FY2021)

### 5-2. Expansion of Existing Businesses





■Sales increase due to injection of managerial resources in growth businesses

Expansion measures		
Mass flow controllers	Development and sales expansion of next-generation products	
Flexible piping systems	Market entry based on strength of high workability • Europe: Market penetration by strengthening distribution network • China: Obtain certification from major gas company	

## 5-3. Strengthening of *Monozukuri* Capabilities



Capital expenditure in Kuwana Works with the Aim of Further Strengthening *Monozukuri* Capabilities of the Piping Components Business

#### **■Investment details**

- Rationalization toward productivity improvement of cast pipe fittings
- Enhancement of production capacity of flexible piping systems (20% capacity enhancement)





## ■Amount and timing

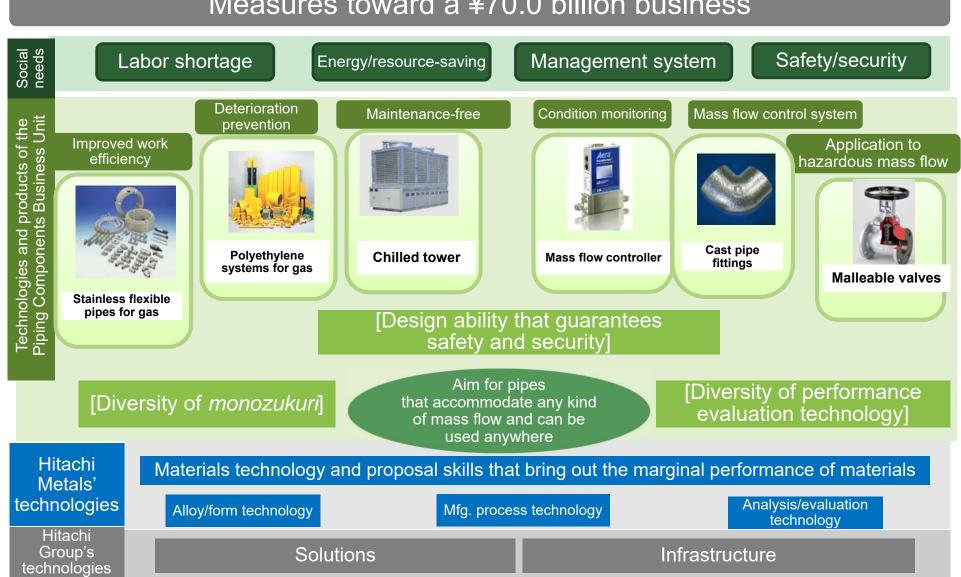
- ♦ Approx. ¥3.0 bn
- ♦ Scheduled for launch in FY2018



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# Accept the challenge of creating new value by improving the foundation of *monozukuri* to achieve global growth

FY2018 Plan

Revenues: ¥345.0 bn

Adjusted operating income: ¥17.0 bn

Adjusted operating margin: 4.9%

# Information on Risks Inherent in Future Projections Magle

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- Changes in the competitive advantage and the capabilities of the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates to develop and commercialize new products and businesses
- Fluctuations in the status of product markets, exchange rates and international commodity markets
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