# FY2011 Results Briefing for the First Half

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## FY2011 First-Half Results

We expected a very difficult market environment after the earthquake. However, sales were solid, especially sales of curry roux products and retort pouched curry products. This reflected a growing trend of eating at home and marketing to boost demand. Earnings rose sharply, attributable to improved profitability due to the downsizing of underperforming operations, a decrease in the amortization of goodwill, and favorable results at subsidiaries.

## Income rose sharply, reflecting improved profitability and a reduction in the amortization of goodwill.

## • Consolidated net sales and income

#### \*Non-consolidated (Million yen)

|                     | FY2010 H1<br>performance | FY2011 H1<br>initial target | FY2011 H1<br>performance | Year on year (%)<br>Simple comparison<br>(upper figure) and real<br>comparison (lower figure) | Comparison with<br>initial target (%) | FY2011 H1<br>performance | Year on year (%)<br>Simple comparison<br>(upper figure) and real<br>comparison (lower figure) |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Net sales           | 109,573                  | 109,000                     | 109,393                  | -180 ( 99.8)<br>+1,729 (101.6)  | +393 (100.4)                          | 75,187                   | -746 ( 99.0)<br>+1,163 (101.6)  |
| Operating<br>income | 5,842(*)                 | <b>6,000</b> (*)            | 7,987(*)                 | +2,144 (136.7)  | +1,987 (133.1)                        | 5,842                    | +15 (100.3)   |
| Ordinary<br>income  | <b>6,241</b> (*)         | <b>6,600</b> (*)            | 8,368(*)                 | +2,127 (134.1)  | +1,768 (126.8)                        | 7,545                    | +387 (105.4)  |
| Net income          | 3,080(*)                 | <b>3,800</b> (*)            | 4,802(*)                 | +1,722 (155.9)  | +1,002 (126.4)                        | 4,420                    | +248 (105.9)  |

- Comprehensive income: ¥2,144m (YOY: -%) in the first half of FY2010, ¥6,337m (YOY: up 195.5%) in the first half of FY2011

- The "real comparison" in the year-on-year column for net sales is the year-on-year comparison excluding a decrease in sales due to the transfer of the mineral water business. (Sales in the mineral water business in the first half of FY2010 is excluded.)

- (\*) Amortization of the goodwill of House Wellness Foods Corporation: ¥2,053m in first half of FY2010, ¥673m in the first half of FY2011

## • Breakdown of sales by business segment

| 12.4% |       |
|-------|-------|
| 5.6%  |       |
|       |       |
| 23.4% | 58.6% |
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|       |       |

|  | FY2011 H1<br>performance | Year on year (%)<br>Simple comparison<br>(upper figure) and real<br>comparison (lower figure) | Comparison with target (%) |
|--|--------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Spice / Seasoning / Prepared Food Business | 64,065                   | +1,744 (102.8)  | +1,465 (102.3)             |
| Health Food Business                       | 25,615                   | -1,261 ( 95.3)  | -985 ( 96.3)               |
| International Business                     | 6,088                    | +626 (111.5)  | +88 (101.5)                |
| Transport and Other Businesses             | 13,624                   | -1,289 ( 91.4)<br>+620 (104.8)  | -176 ( 98.7)               |

Sales in the mineral water business in the previous fiscal year are included in the Transport and Other Businesses. The "real comparison" in the year-on-year column is the year-on-year comparison excluding a decrease in sales due to the transfer of the mineral water business. (Sales in the mineral water business in the first half of FY2010 are excluded.)

(Million yen)

| • B         | reakdown of sales by product type                   | FY2011 H1               | YOY              | % to target     |  |
|-------------|---|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--|
| Spie<br>Bus | ce / Seasoning / Prepared Food<br>iness             | ¥64,065m                | 102.8%           | 102.3%          |  |
|             | Curry roux  | 20,142                  | 102.4            | 103.2           |  |
|             | Stew roux (excl. cup-type products)                 | 4,916                   | 100.0            | 99.8            |  |
|             | Hashed beef sauce roux                              | 2,261                   | 106.9            | 107.0           |  |
|             | Cup-type products                                   | 310                     | 39.5             | 54.7            |  |
|             | Spice (incl. liquid seasoning)                      | 8,508                   | 109.8            | 102.3           |  |
|             | Retort pouched curry                                | 7,251                   | 104.2            | 105.4           |  |
|             | Packaged noodles                                    | 3,287                   | 107.4            | 109.6           |  |
|             | Snack   | 3,995                   | 88.0             | 90.8            |  |
|             | Dessert   | 2,349                   | 122.4            | 117.4           |  |
|             | Food service products                               | 8,332                   | 110.5            | 106.8           |  |
| Hea         | alth Food Business                                  | ¥25,615m                | 95.3%            | 96.3%           |  |
|             | Health foods<br>(excl. direct retail products)      | 9,455                   | 94.0             | 90.2            |  |
|             | Direct retail products                              | 351                     | 66.8             | 67.8            |  |
|             | House Wellness Foods (consolidated)                 | 16,328                  | 96.9             | 101.1           |  |
| Inte        | ernational Business                                 | ¥6,088m                 | 111.5%           | 101.5%          |  |
|             | House Foods America<br>(soybeans, restaurants)      | 3,131<br>(\$38,780,000) | 102.0<br>(111.8) | 99.7<br>(104.9) |  |
|             | Shanghai House Foods                                | 464                     | 149.6            | 75.3            |  |
|             | Restaurants in Asia<br>(China, Taiwan, South Korea) | 805                     | 142.9            | 107.4           |  |
| Tra         | nsport and Other Businesses                         | ¥13,624m                | 91.4%            | 98.7%           |  |
|             | House Logistics Service<br>(consolidated)           | 6,722                   | 106.1            | 100.6           |  |
|             | Delica Chef (deli products)                         | 6,690                   | 103.2            | 97.3            |  |
|             | Mineral water                                       | 0                       | _                | —               |  |
| Сог         | nsolidated sales                                    | ¥109,393m               | <b>99.8%</b>     | 100.4%          |  |

All exports are added to sales in the International Business segment in the breakdown of sales by business segment. However, sales of each product type in the table above include exports.

#### Major trends in sales in the first half of FY2011

#### Spice / Seasoning / Prepared Food Business

- Given a growing trend of eating at home, our well-established brands *Vermont curry* and *Java curry* sold well among curry roux products. Initiatives to revitalize the market, including the "Curry Action Nippon" campaign, contributed to sales.
- Among stew roux products, Fu Fu Stew, a low-price brand in its second year, did not sell very well. However, sales of our mainstay Hokkaido Stew and Stew Mix brands were solid.
- With a growing trend of cooking at home, spice sales continued to rise. Aggressive sales promotion activities and the launch of *Nokkete Gelee* contributed to the strong sales.
- Sales of retort pouched curry increased. The value of the products was rediscovered following the occurrence of special demand for them as part of emergency supplies, and the consumer base expanded.

#### **Health Food Business**

- Sales of the Ukon No Chikara series were weak with the mood of voluntary restraint in the wake of the earthquake. However, falls in sales stopped thanks to the effects of advertisements and a renewal in June.
- *Nutrisystem J-diet*, a weight-loss program, did not have the expected demand and ended at the end of October.
- Sales of private brands of House Wellness Foods Corporation rose, reflecting an improvement in the product supply system and aggressive marketing.

#### **International Business**

- Sales in the U.S. soybean business continued to rise thanks to aggressive sales activities. Sales in dollars, excluding the effect of exchange rates, grew at a double-digit pace.
- Sales in the curry business in China increased sharply, reflecting the remarkable growth of commercial-use products for industrial catering and restaurant chains.
- Each company in the restaurant business in Asia steadily increased the number of restaurants. There are 40 restaurants in the three countries. Each restaurant is popular and highly regarded.

#### **Transport and Other Businesses**

- In the logistics business, a decrease in goods commissioned by the Company due to the transfer of its mineral water business was offset by new logistics operations.
- Sales at Delica Chef rose, reflecting solid sales of dessert, deli products, and bakery goods.

## Income in the Health Food Business increased sharply, thanks to the downsizing of underperforming operations and a reduction in the amortization of goodwill.

| • Net sales and operating incom | e by segment |
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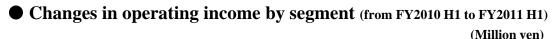
(Million yen)

|  | Net sales         Operating income |                  |                                    |                          |                  |   | DOG        |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---|------------|
|  | FY2011 H1<br>performance           | Year on year (%) | Comparison with initial target (%) | FY2011 H1<br>performance | Year on year (%) | <b>Comparison with</b><br><b>initial target (%)</b> | ROS<br>(%) |
| Spice / Seasoning /<br>Prepare Food Business | 64,065                             | +1,744 (102.8)   | +1,465 (102.3)                     | 5,058                    | -130 ( 97.5)     | +1,658 (148.8)                                      | 7.9        |
| Health Food Business                         | 25,615                             | -1,261 ( 95.3)   | -985 ( 96.3)                       | 1,898                    | +1,336 (337.9)   | -2 ( 99.9)  | 7.4        |
| International Business                       | 6,088                              | +626 (111.5)     | +88 (101.5)                        | 403                      | +110 (137.7)     | +103 (134.5)  | 6.6        |
| Transport and Other<br>Businesses            | 13,624                             | -1,289 ( 91.4)   | -176 ( 98.7)                       | 601                      | +818( - )        | +201 (150.1)  | 4.4        |
| Total  | 109,393                            | -180 ( 99.8)     | +393 (100.4)                       | 7,987                    | +2,144 (136.7)   | +1,987 (133.1)                                      | 7.3        |

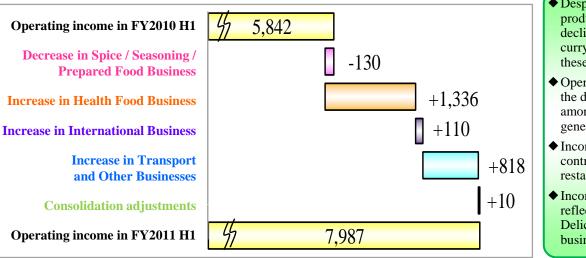
- Sales in the mineral water business in the previous fiscal year are included in the Transport and Other Businesses.

- The amortization of the goodwill of House Wellness Foods Corporation (¥673m) affects operating income in the Health Food Business (real ROS: 10.0%).

- The total operating income is affected by consolidation adjustments (¥17m in the first half of FY2010, ¥27m in the first half of FY2011).







Despite an improvement in earnings relating to retort pouched products, income in the Spice / Seasoning / Prepared Food Business declined, reflecting rising prices of the raw materials of mainstay curry roux and stew products and increasing marketing costs for these products.

◆ Operating income in the Health Food Business rose sharply thanks to the downsizing of the Nutrisystem business and a reduction in the amortization of goodwill, despite declines in sales and income generated by the mainstay *Ukon No Chikara* series.

◆ Income in the International Business continued to rise with steady contributions by companies in the curry business in China and the restaurant business in Asia.

◆ Income in the Transport and Other Businesses increased sharply, reflecting increases at House Logistics Service Corporation and Delica Chef Corporation and the transfer of the mineral water business, where the expense rate was high in the previous fiscal year.

## Income rose sharply due to reductions in marketing costs and the amortization of goodwill.

| • Change in consolida  | ed operating income in the first half of FY2011 Increase of ¥2,144   | m (Million yen)  |
|--|--|--|
| Operating income in FY2010 H   | 5,842  |  |
| Decrease in gross prof   | -146   |  |
| Decrease in personnel expens   | +123   |  |
| Decrease in marketing cos  |  | 538  |
| Decrease in other expens   | Amortization of the goodwill of House Wellness Foods   | +249   |
| Decrease in amortization<br>goodwill of HW                                     |  | +1,380   |
| Operating income in FY2011 H   | 7,987  |  |
|  | 0 2,000 4,000 6,000  | 8,000  |
| <ul> <li>Breakdown of<br/>expenses</li> </ul>                                  | Main factors (non-consolidated)  | Main factors<br>(consolidated subsidiaries)            |
| Gross profit<br>-¥146m<br>Cost to sales ratio: 53.70%<br>(% of sales: up 0.05) | Gross profit: -¥1,079m Cost to sales ratio: 47.65% to 48.57% (up 0.92 percentage point)<br>Gross profit declined, reflecting the transfer of the mineral water business and rising raw<br>material prices.<br>Reduction in costs: ¥334m (¥306m in materials cost, ¥28m in logistics cost)<br>Material cost rate: up 1.04 percentage points; Labor cost rate: up 0.12 percentage point;<br>Manufacturing expense rate: down 0.08 percentage point | Gross profit: +¥933m<br>Subsidiaries total: +¥933m     |
| Personnel expenses -¥123m<br>(% of sales: down 0.10)                           | Personnel expenses: -¥119m (% of sales: down 0.06)<br>* Personnel expenses include those for the Somatech Center (research institute)  | Personnel expenses: -¥4m<br>Business Partners: -¥17m   |
| Marketing costs<br>-¥538m<br>(% of sales: down 0.46)                           | Marketing costs: -¥641m (% of sales: down 0.61)<br>Promotion expenses: -¥511m (% of sales: down 0.53)<br>Sales commissions: -¥146m (% of sales: down 0.17)<br>Advertising expenses: +¥16m (% of sales: up 0.09)  | Marketing costs: +¥103m<br>House Wellness Foods: +¥86m |
| Other expenses<br>-¥249m<br>(% of sales: down 0.21)                            | Other expenses: -¥335m<br>Logistics costs: -¥123m (% of sales: down 0.13%)<br>Depreciation and amortization: -¥35m (% of sales: down 0.03%)  | Other expenses: +¥86m<br>House Wellness Foods: +¥27m   |

● Non-operating income (expenses) FY2010 H1: +¥399m → FY2011 H1: +¥382m (down ¥18m year on year)

● Extraordinary income (loss) FY 2010 H1: -¥588m → FY2011 H1: -¥699m (down ¥111m year on year)

# Full-Year Plan for FY2011

The Company has revised its full-year income targets upward, based on the results in the first half. In addition to rising raw material prices and intensifying sales competition, a decline in reaction to special demand following the earthquake is expected. In this challenging business environment, the Company will curb rises in promotion expenses and will seek to cut costs.

## Given rising raw material prices and intensifying sales competition, the Company will curb promotion expenses and cut costs.

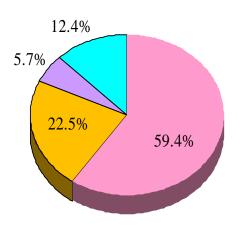
| • Consoli           | dated net sales an    | d income              |                              |   | <b>★Non-consoli</b>          | dated (Million yen)   |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|
|                     | FY2009<br>performance | FY2010<br>performance | Revised target for<br>FY2011 | Year on year (%)<br>Simple comparison<br>(upper figure) and real<br>comparison (lower figure) | Revised target<br>for FY2011 | Year on year (%)<br>Simple comparison<br>(upper figure) and real<br>comparison (lower figure) |
| Net sales           | 220,622               | 216,713               | 216,000                      | -713 ( 99.7)<br>+1,273 (100.6)  | 153,000                      | -2,136 ( 98.6)<br>-151 ( 99.9)  |
| Operating<br>income | <b>10,964</b> (*)     | <b>12,069</b> (*)     | 15,000(*)                    | +2,931 (124.3)  | 13,000                       | -536 ( 96.0)  |
| Ordinary<br>income  | <b>12,187</b> (*)     | <b>13,031</b> (*)     | 16,200(*)                    | +3,169 (124.3)  | 15,300                       | -236 ( 98.5)  |
| Net income          | 4,820(*)              | 5,252(*)              | <b>9,500</b> (*)             | +4,248 (180.9)  | 9,200                        | +1,093 (113.5)  |

- Comprehensive income: ¥6,551m (YOY: - %) in FY2009, ¥4,918m (YOY: down 24.9%) in FY2010

- The "real comparison" in the year-on-year column for net sales is the year-on-year comparison excluding a decrease in sales due to the transfer of the mineral water business. (Sales in the mineral water business in FY2010 is excluded.)

- (\*) Amortization of the goodwill of House Wellness Foods Corporation: ¥4,106m in FY2009, ¥4,106m in FY2010, ¥1,345m in FY2011

## • Breakdown of sales by business segment



|  |                              |   | (Willion yei)                      |
|--|------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
|  | Revised target<br>for FY2011 | Year on year (%)<br>Simple comparison<br>(upper figure) and real<br>comparison (lower figure) | Comparison with initial target (%) |
| Spice / Seasoning / Prepared Food Business | 128,300                      | -290 ( 99.8)  | +1,600 (101.3)                     |
| Health Food Business                       | 48,700                       | -905 ( 98.2)  | -2,200 ( 95.7)                     |
| International Business                     | 12,300                       | +1,779 (116.9)  | -300 ( 97.6)                       |
| Transport and Other Businesses             | 26,700                       | -1,297 ( 95.4)<br>+688 (102.6)  | -100 ( 99.6)                       |

Sales in the mineral water business in the previous fiscal year are included in the Transport and Other Businesses.

The "real comparison" in the year-on-year column is the year-on-year comparison excluding a decrease in sales due to the transfer of the mineral water business. (Sales in the mineral water business in FY2010 is excluded.)

(Million ven)

| Breakdown of sales by product type                  | Revised target<br>for FY2011 | YOY              |  |
|---|------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Spice / Seasoning / Prepared Food<br>Business       | ¥128,300m                    | 99.8%            |  |
| Curry roux  | 38,700                       | 100.9            |  |
| Stew roux<br>(excl. cup-type products)              | 13,710                       | 96.8             |  |
| Hashed beef sauce roux                              | 4,250                        | 101.8            |  |
| Cup-type products                                   | 520                          | 31.9             |  |
| Spice (incl. liquid seasoning)                      | 16,340                       | 106.3            |  |
| Retort pouched curry                                | 13,770                       | <b>98.8</b>      |  |
| Packaged noodles                                    | 6,800                        | 100.4            |  |
| Snack   | 8,200                        | 93.6             |  |
| Dessert   | 4,400                        | 109.0            |  |
| Food service products                               | 16,000                       | 106.2            |  |
| Health Food Business                                | ¥48,700m                     | 98.2%            |  |
| Health foods<br>(excl. direct retail products)      | 21,360                       | 100.0            |  |
| Direct retail products                              | 740                          | 76.6             |  |
| House Wellness Foods<br>(consolidated)              | 27,670                       | 98.4             |  |
| International Business                              | ¥12,300m                     | 116.9%           |  |
| House Foods America<br>(soybeans, restaurants)      | 6,294<br>(\$78,678,000)      | 110.3<br>(112.4) |  |
| Shanghai House Foods                                | 956                          | 122.7            |  |
| Restaurants in Asia (China,<br>Taiwan, South Korea) | 1,894                        | 151.2            |  |
| Transport and Other Businesses                      | ¥26,700m                     | 95.4%            |  |
| House Logistics Service<br>(consolidated)           | 13,230                       | 102.9            |  |
| Delica Chef (deli products)                         | 13,086                       | 102.6            |  |
| Consolidated sales                                  | ¥216,000m                    | <b>99.7%</b>     |  |

#### Main points of sales initiatives in FY2011

Spice / Seasoning / Prepared Food Business

- The Company aims to increase sales of curry roux by promoting marketing to boost demand in the demand season toward the end of the year and increasing visibility at stores.
- Although sales of *Fu Fu Stew* are weak, the Company will strive to boost demand for stew products through a renewal of the long-selling brand *Stew Mix* and a total promotion in collaboration with Disney.
- *Nokkete Gelee* is contributing to spice sales. In addition, the Company will promote related sales and increase visibility at stores in a "Plus One" campaign.
- Given the expansion of the consumer base of retort pouched curry products, the Company will continue to seek to revitalize the market, including the launch of new products. However, a decline in reaction to special demand after the earthquake in March in the previous fiscal year will not be offset.

#### **Health Food Business**

- The Company will intensively enhance the marketing of the *Ukon No Chikara* series in the peak year-end season. Meanwhile, the Company launched *Togarashi No Chikara*, a new product in the *Chikara* series, to develop a new market.
- Among direct retail products, the Company will focus on the direct marketing of supplements, especially the *Tennen Koka Kassei Ukon* series.
- House Wellness Foods Corporation will continue with the aggressive marketing of the *C1000* brand to expand demand for the brand and will cultivate a fortified rice business.

#### **International Business**

- In the U.S. soybean business, the Company will seek to make revised prices permeate the market. In addition, the Company will focus on increasing transaction volumes, developing customers, expanding sales channels, and developing markets in Europe to continue to boost sales.
- In the curry business in China, the Company will strive to develop commercial-use products and markets in inland China.
- The Company will continue to open new restaurants in Asia to expand operations.
- The Company will establish a subsidiary in Thailand to start operations in Southeast Asia.

#### **Transport and Other Businesses**

- The Group will promote logistics operations commissioned by companies outside the Group to continue to expand sales.
- The transfer of the mineral water business in the previous fiscal year will reduce sales by ¥2bn in the entire fiscal year.

All exports are added to sales in the International Business segment in the breakdown of sales by business segment. However, sales of each product type in the table above include exports.

## **Income in the Health Food Business expected to rise sharply thanks to a reduction** in amortization of goodwill

|   | Net sales | and | operating | income | bv       | segment |
|---|-----------|-----|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
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| • Net sales and op                            | • Net sales and operating income by segment (Million yen) |                  |                                    |                          |                  |                                    |            |  |  |  |
|---|---|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------|--|--|--|
|   |   | Net sales        |                                    | Operating income         |                  |                                    |            |  |  |  |
|   | FY2011<br>revised target                                  | Year on year (%) | Comparison with initial target (%) | FY2011<br>revised target | Year on year (%) | Comparison with initial target (%) | ROS<br>(%) |  |  |  |
| Spice / Seasoning /<br>Prepared Food Business | 128,300   | -290 ( 99.8)     | +1,600 (101.3)                     | 10,300                   | -1,240 ( 89.3)   | +1,800 (121.2)                     | 8.0        |  |  |  |
| Health Food Business                          | 48,700  | -905 ( 98.2)     | -2,200 ( 95.7)                     | 3,200                    | +3,001 (1604.6)  | -300 ( 91.4)                       | 6.6        |  |  |  |
| International Business                        | 12,300  | +1,779 (116.9)   | -300 ( 97.6)                       | 700                      | +350 ( 200.0)    | +300 (175.0)                       | 5.7        |  |  |  |
| Transport and Other<br>Businesses             | 26,700  | -1,297 ( 95.4)   | -100 ( 99.6)                       | 800                      | +816 ( - )       | +200 (133.3)                       | 3.0        |  |  |  |
| Total   | 216,000   | -713 ( 99.7)     | -1,000 ( 99.5)                     | 15,000                   | +2,931 (124.3)   | +2,000 (115.4)                     | 6.9        |  |  |  |

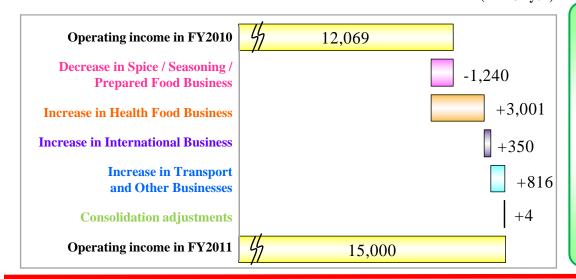
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- Sales in the mineral water business in the previous fiscal year are included in the Transport and Other Businesses.

- The amortization of the goodwill of House Wellness Foods Corporation (¥1,345m) affects operating income in the Health Food Business (real ROS: 9.3%).

- The total operating income is affected by consolidation adjustments (-¥4m in FY2010).

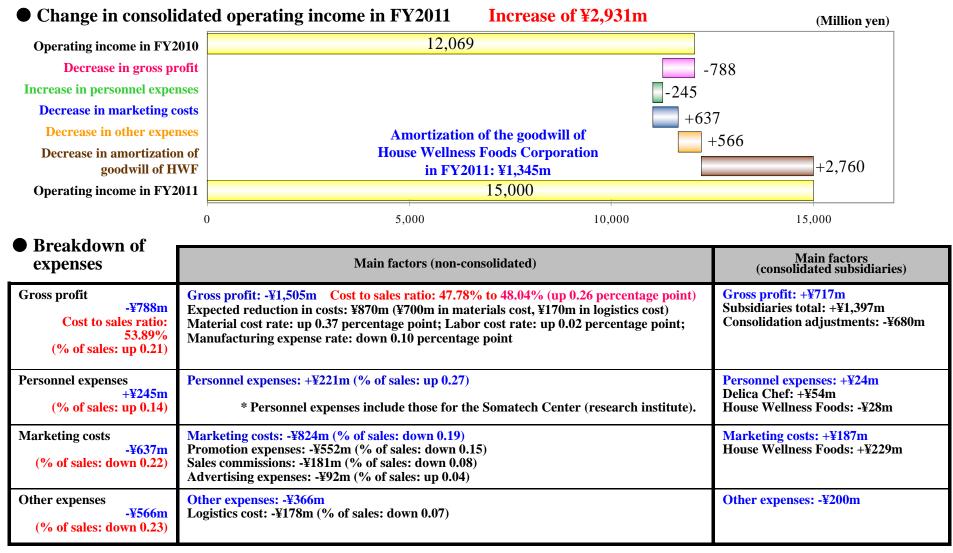
• Changes in operating income by segment (from FY2010 to FY2011)



## • Main factors of changes in operating income by segment

- ◆ Income in the Spice / Seasoning / Prepared Food Business decline, reflecting rising raw material prices and marketing expenditure to boost demand.
- ◆ Income in the Health Food Business will increase sharply as a result of an improvement in earnings associated with the termination of the Nutrisystem J-diet and a reduction of ¥2.8bn in the amortization of goodwill.
- ◆ Income in the International Business will rise, attributable to revisions of the prices of U.S. tofu products, an improvement in earnings in the curry business in China, and increases in income at each of the restaurant businesses in Asia.
- ◆ Income in the Transport and Other Businesses will increase, reflecting the transfer of the mineral water business in the previous fiscal year and an improvement in earnings at Delica Chef Corporation.

## Aiming to increase consolidated income effectively, excluding amortization of goodwill, by cutting costs and improving efficiency



■ Non-operating income (expenses) FY2010: +¥961m → FY2011: +¥1,200m (up ¥239m year on year)

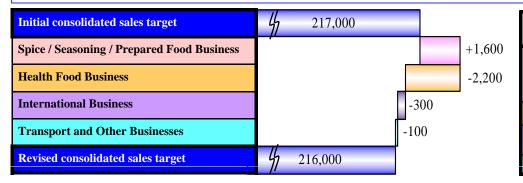
● Extraordinary income (loss) FY2010: -¥3,450m → FY2011: -¥1,000m (up ¥2,450m year on year)

## Main points of a revision to full-year targets for FY2011

| • Consolidated n | net sales and inco          | ome targets for ]                     | <b>★Non-consolidat</b> | (Million yen)               |                                    |                  |
|------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
|                  | Revised full-year<br>target | Comparison with<br>initial target (%) | Year on year (%)       | Revised full-year<br>target | Comparison with initial target (%) | Year on year (%) |
| Net sales        | 216,000                     | -1,000 ( 99.5)                        | -713 ( 99.7)           | 153,000                     | -1,000 ( 99.4)                     | -2,136 ( 98.6)   |
| Operating income | 15,000                      | +2,000 (115.4)                        | +2,931 (124.3)         | 13,000                      | +1,400 (112.1)                     | -536 ( 96.0)     |
| Ordinary income  | 16,200                      | +1,900 (113.3)                        | +3,169 (124.3)         | 15,300                      | +1,800 (113.3)                     | -236 ( 98.5)     |
| Net income       | 9,500                       | +1,100 (113.1)                        | +4,248 (180.9)         | 9,200                       | +1,200 (115.0)                     | +1,093 (113.5)   |

The full-year consolidated income targets affected by the amortization of the goodwill of House Wellness Foods Corporation (¥1,345m).

### Main points of a revision to full-year consolidated sales target: revised down ¥1bn from the initial target



| Change from initial sales target by major product type<br>and consolidated subsidiary (million yen)   |
|---|
| Curry roux +1,000, Dessert +500, Food service products +500, Retort pouched<br>curry +200, Spice +200, Stew and hashed beef sauce +100, Packaged noodles<br>+100, Cup-type product -600, Snack -400 |
| Health foods and direct retail products -2,300, House Wellness Foods +100   |
| Shanghai House Foods -400, House Foods America -100, Restaurants in Asia<br>+200  |
| Delica Chef -200, House Logistics Service +100  |

#### Main points of a revision to full-year consolidated operating income target: revised up ¥2bn from the initial target

| Initial consolidated operating income target | 4 | 13,000 |        |
|--|---|--------|--------|
| Spice / Seasoning / Prepared Food Business   |   |        | +1,800 |
| Health Food Business                         |   |        | -300   |
| International Business                       |   |        | +300   |
| Transport and Other Businesses               | - |        | +200   |
| Revised consolidated operating income target | ÿ | 15,000 |        |

#### Improvement in earnings due to change in sales mix

- In the Spice / Seasoning / Prepared Food Business, the Company has raised sales targets for mainstay products whose profit ratio is high, especially curry roux products, and has lowered sales targets for products that do not contribute to income very much, such as cup-type products. As a result, the sales mix improved, and segment income rose sharply.

- In the Health Food Business, the Company has terminated the sale of *Morning Rescue* and has lowered sales targets for products, especially new products, which do not contribute significantly to income. Meanwhile, the Company will focus on sales of high-margin *Ukon No Chikara*, to boost income. As a result, any decrease in earnings in this segment will be small.

## Comparison of plan for the final year of the 3rd Medium-Term Business Plan and revised full-year targets for FY2011

## • Consolidated net sales and operating income targets for FY2011

|                         | Plan for final year<br>of 3rd Medium-<br>Term Business Plan | Comparison<br>with FY2008<br>performance |   | Revised full-year<br>target for FY2011 | Comparison<br>with FY2008<br>performance | Difference<br>from plan | Percentage<br>change |
|-------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Net sales               | ¥260bn  | 116.8%                                   |   | ¥216bn                                 | 97.1%                                    | -¥44bn                  | 83.1%                |
| Operating income        | ¥16bn   | 156.8%                                   | 7 | ¥15bn                                  | 147.1%                                   | -¥1bn                   | 93.8%                |
| Operating income margin | 6.2%  | +1.6%                                    | / | 6.9%                                   | +2.3%                                    | +0.7%                   | _                    |

• Sales target for FY2011 by business segment in Medium-term Business Plan

| Spice / Seasoning /<br>Prepared Food Business                  | ¥114bn | 99.5%  |   | ¥113.3bn | 98.9%  | -¥0.7bn  | 99.4% |
|--|--------|--------|---|----------|--------|----------|-------|
| Food Service Business  | ¥18bn  | 125.4% |   | ¥15.0bn  | 104.5% | -¥3.0bn  | 83.3% |
| Health Food Business<br>Direct Retail (Mail Order)<br>Business | ¥72bn  | 146.0% |   | ¥48.7bn  | 98.7%  | -¥23.3bn | 67.6% |
| International Business   | ¥20bn  | 240.6% | , | ¥12.3bn  | 147.9% | -¥7.7bn  | 61.5% |
| Other Business<br>(Services Business)                          | ¥36bn  | 100.0% |   | ¥26.7bn  | 74.2%  | -¥9.3bn  | 74.2% |

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# Major Businesses: Status and Strategies

| (1) | Spice/Seasoning/<br>Prepared Food | Core business            | <b>Curry products (roux, retort pouched products)</b>     |                          |
|-----|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| (2) | Business                          |                          | Stew, hashed beef sauce, cup-type products                | Profitability<br>drivers |
| (3) |                                   |                          | Spice, liquid seasoning / dessert products                |                          |
| (4) | Health Food<br>Business           | Another core<br>business | Health food products, direct retail (mail order) business |                          |
| (5) |                                   |                          | House Wellness Foods Corporation                          | Growth                   |
| (6) | International<br>Business         | Growing<br>business      | U.S. business, restaurant business in Asia                | drivers                  |
| (7) | Dusiness                          | Dusiness                 | China curry business                                      |                          |

|               |                               | FY2010 H1<br>performance | FY2010<br>performance   | FY2011 H1<br>performance  | FY2011 H2<br>target     | FY2011 full-year<br>target |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sales         | Curry roux                    | <b>19,677</b>            | 38,354                  | <b>20,142</b>             | 18,560                  | 38,700                     |
| (Year-on-     |                               | (-833)                   | (-693)                  | (+465)                    | (-119)                  | (+346)                     |
| year change)  | Retort pouched curry products | 7,725                    | 15,384                  | 7,865                     | 7,110                   | 14,970                     |
| (Million yen) |                               | (-119)                   | (-113)                  | (+140)                    | (-554)                  | (-414)                     |
|               | Food service                  | 5,326                    | <b>10,381</b>           | 5,769                     | 5,020                   | 10,790                     |
|               | curry                         | (+96)                    | (+384)                  | (+443)                    | (-34)                   | (+409)                     |
|               | Curry total                   | 32,728<br>(-856)         | <b>64,120</b><br>(-421) | <b>33,776</b><br>(+1,048) | <b>30,680</b><br>(-707) | <b>64,460</b><br>(+340)    |

## Using marketing to boost demand and revitalize the market

## Major trends in the first half of FY2011

The Company expected a challenging market environment after the earthquake. However, *Vermont Curry* and *Java Curry*, our mainstay brands, sold well, reflecting a growing trend of eating at home. Initiatives to boost demand, including a Mother's Day campaign during Golden Week and promotions in the summer demand season, contributed to the higher sales. However, earnings declined, reflecting rising marketing costs, among other factors.

Of food service products, commercial-use retort pouched curry products sold well, reflecting the presence of major customers. Sales of curry flakes increased as the Company focused on high-end curry products.

## Initiatives in the second half of FY2011

- The Company will strive to enhance the value of the curry products and revitalize the market by proposing new types of curry products, including curry-flavored seasoning and retort pouched curry products for emergency and summer use without the need to heat them.
- In the tougher market environment, the Company will focus on *Java Curry*, which sold well in the first half. The Company will seek to retain earnings from curry products, maintaining prices and curbing promotion expenses.

#### 2011 Curry Action Nippon Total promotions of curry products

Mother's Day campaign to boost demand

#### こくまろWEEKで、お母さん、ありがとう

Advertised the entire *Kokumaro* brand and boosted sales of high-priced *Kokumaro* Curry Special.





Advertising Java Curry through the intensive

broadcasting of TV commercials and a

Father's Day campaign

*Java Curry* sold well thanks to the combination of a TV commercial featuring Takuya Kimura

of SMAP and events at stores.

## Enhancing curry-flavored seasoning



Launched five new curryflavored seasoning items. Each item is a blend of curry, ingredients, and seasoning.

> Launched nationwide on Aug. 22, 2011



#### Enhancing the savory and mild flavor like European curry without changing the calorie (190 kcal)

Launched nationwide on Aug. 22, 2011

## Meeting unfulfilled needs in retort pouched curry, sales of which are expanding

Demand for curry served at room temperature in hot weather, instead of curry needing cooking

#### Natsu No Curry

Sold only in summer

A retort pouched curry that can be served without being heated with rice.

Launching a curry that is eaten through a whole year that meets needs for emergency food, reduced cooking time, and eco-friendly cooking

### Atatamezuni Oishii Curry

#### New



A retort pouched curry that can be served without being heated. Vegetable fats and oils are used. The mild flavor of vegetables and spice are blended pleasantly.

Launched nationwide on Aug. 22, 2011

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## Using "total promotions" to boost demand for products for stewed dishes

|                                    |   | FY2010 H1<br>performance | FY2010<br>performance | FY2011 H1<br>performance | FY2011 H2<br>target    | FY2011 full-year<br>target |
|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sales<br>(Year-on-<br>year change) | Stew roux<br>(excluding cup-type<br>products) | <b>4,915</b><br>(-64)    | 14,174<br>(+399)      | <b>4,916</b> (+1)        | <b>8,800</b><br>(-463) | 13,710<br>(-464)           |
| (Million yen)                      | Hashed beef<br>sauce                          | 2,116<br>(-203)          | 4,172<br>(-131)       | <b>2,261</b> (+145)      | <b>1,990</b><br>(-67)  | 4,250<br>(+78)             |
|                                    | Cup-type<br>products                          | 784<br>(-569)            | 1,629<br>(-1,161)     | 310<br>(-474)            | 210<br>(-635)          | 520<br>(-1,109)            |

## Major trends in the first half of 2011

Sales of mainstay stew roux brands, including *Hokkaido Stew* and *Stew Mix*, were solid, but sales of *Fu Fu Stew*, a low-priced brand, declined in its second year. Overall, sales were firm.

## Initiatives in the second half of 2011

- We are carrying out a "Wizard making everyone smile" campaign and will conduct timely promotions around the time of the release of Beaujolais Nouveau and Christmas, among other dates, and in the coldest season. We will seek to boost demand through promotions at stores in tandem with TV commercials.
- We will renew *Stew Mix*, a long-selling brand in its 46th year, and *Bistro Chef*, a high-end brand. We will revitalize the category by emphasizing stew brands and enhancing products for Western cuisine.

#### A "total campaign" and promotions at stores in tandem with TV commercials to boost demand and reinvigorate the market

"Wizard making everyone smile" campaign August 22, 2011 to November 4, 2011

A "total campaign" conducted in a tie up with Disney. The campaign included invitations to a special Christmas party and original Mickey Mouse and Duffy goods as gifts.





#### Renewing emphasis on the value of a stew brand



Launched nationwide on Aug. 22, 2011 **Bistro Chef Brands** 

Launched nationwide on Aug. 22, 2011

Renewal



The renewed product has added a demiglace sauce and provides a richer flavor.



Enhancing products for Western cuisine

Proposing familiar Western cuisine, especially cooking using beef, aiming to

enhance products for stewed dishes other than curry and stew

Variety

A flavoring material that helps quickly cook hamburger steaks like the authentic ones cooked by stewing was added to the product lineup. Consumers need only prepare the ground meat.

The Company is bolstering this long-selling brand that is now in its 46th year, emphasizing good granulated powder, enhancing convenience by introducing a folding carton, and improving the flavor by changing the mix in accordance with the reality of cooking.

## (3) Spice / Seasoning / Prepared Food Business: Spice, Liquid Seasoning, Dessert Products

|                               |                                | FY2010 H1<br>performance | FY2010<br>performance | FY2011 H1<br>performance | FY2011 H2<br>target | FY2011 full-year<br>target |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Sales<br>(Year-on-            | Spices                         | 7,750<br>(+294)          | 15,370<br>(+1,014)    | <b>8,508</b><br>(+758)   | <b>7,830</b> (+212) | 16,340<br>(+970)           |
| year change)<br>(Million yen) | Of spices, liquid<br>seasoning | 466<br>(-138)            | 755<br>(+50)          | 969<br>(+503)            | 580<br>(+292)       | 1,550<br>(+795)            |
|                               | Desserts                       | 1,918<br>(+58)           | <b>4,037</b> (+323)   | 2,349<br>(+430)          | 2,050<br>(-67)      | <b>4,400</b><br>(+363)     |

Proposing new value and developing a new market in response to the growing trend of cooking and eating at home

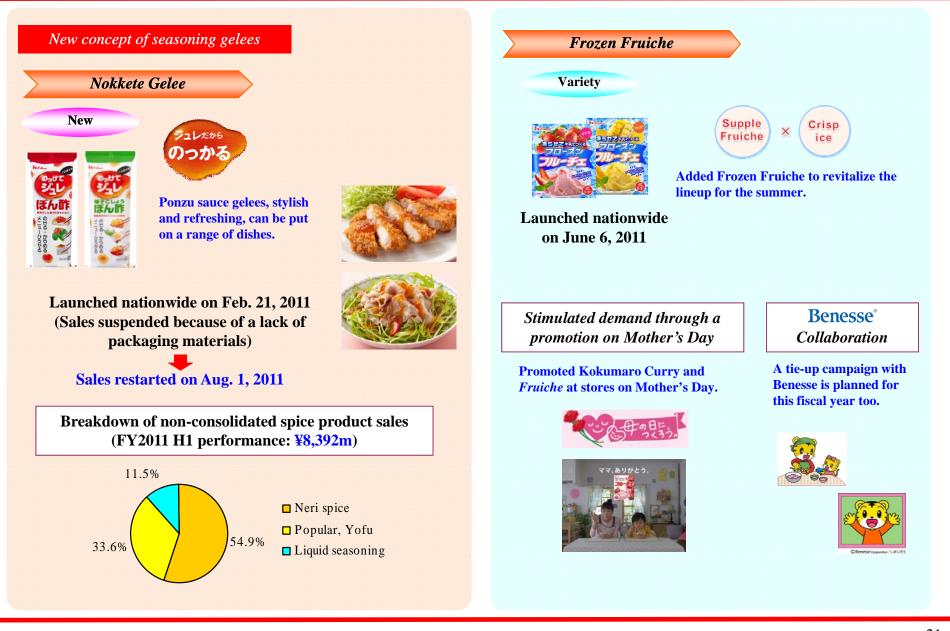
The sales of spices are the sum of non-consolidated sales of spices including liquid seasoning and sales at Asaoka Spice K.K.

## Major trends in the first half of FY2011

- Of spices, sales of the mainstay Neri Spice increased, reflecting the growing trend of cooking and eating at home. Popular spices, including pepper and chili pepper, sold well. The Company launched *Nokkete Gelee*, a gelee seasoning, as a new type of liquid seasoning product to create a new market and new demand.
- Among desserts, sales of *Fruiche* expanded, backed by a tie-up campaign with Benesse, popular with children, in the spring, a promotion on Mother's Day in May, and the launch of a new variety, *Frozen Fruiche*, in the summer.

## Initiatives in the second half of FY2011

- We will continue to seek to expand spice sales through sales promotion activities and by focusing on a "Menu Plus One" marketing campaign to boost related sales in the peak year-end and new-year season.
- We will move spice production facilities from the Higashi-Osaka Plant to the Nara Plant to increase production capacity and cut costs.
- We will launch attractive varieties of desserts, especially varieties of *Fruiche*, in a timely manner. We plan a tie-up campaign with Benesse, which was popular in the past, to attract customers.



|                                    |  | FY2010 H1<br>performance | FY2010<br>performance | FY2011 H1<br>performance | FY2011 H2<br>target    | FY2011 full-<br>year target |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sales<br>(Year-on-<br>year change) | <i>Ukon No Chikara</i><br>(including a<br>granular type) | <b>8,332</b><br>(+620)   | 17,989<br>(+1,376)    | 7,804<br>(-528)          | <b>9,440</b><br>(-222) | 17,240<br>(-750)            |
| (Million yen)                      | Direct Retail (Mail                                      | 525                      | 968                   | 351                      | <b>390</b>             | 740                         |
|                                    | Order) Business  | (+216)                   | (+281)                | (-174)                   | (-52)                  | (-227)                      |
|                                    | Health Food  | 10,582                   | 22,331                | <b>9,805</b>             | 12,300                 | 22,100                      |
|                                    | Business total   | (+618)                   | (+1,315)              | (-777)                   | (+546)                 | (-231)                      |

## Sales of Ukon No Chikara recovering thanks to a renewal. Togarashi No Chikara launched.

The health foods total is the sum of sales of health foods of House Foods, including Ukon No Chikara, and sales of direct retail products.

## Major trends in the first half of 2011

Sales of Ukon No Chikara were weak, reflecting a mood of voluntary restraint after the earthquake, but have recovered gradually, thanks to an improvement in the consumption environment and the effects of the intensive broadcasting of new TV commercials and marketing initiatives, including the strengthening of the presence at stores, in association with a renewal of the product line. Sales of Ukon No Chikara Karyu Super, a high-end, highly-functional variety increased. Faced with difficulty in procuring packaging materials after the earthquake, we suspended sales of Morning Rescue in April to focus on drinks of House Wellness Foods Corporation.

The Nutrisystem J-diet service was terminated at the end of October.

## Initiatives in the second half of 2011

- We will aim to boost demand for *Ukon No Chikara* and maximize sales by promoting marketing, strengthening the presence of the series at stores, and developing sales channels toward the year-end peak sales season.
- We launched *Togarashi No Chikara*, a new product in the Chikara series using spices in September. We will seek to increase the awareness of the product and rapidly establish a market presence through intensive advertising and sampling at gyms.



Launched nationwide on June 20, 2011

#### **Renewal of Ukon No Chikara**

When we renewed three existing products, we ran an intensive TV ad campaign and boosted their presence at stores.





**Termination of** *Nutrisystem J-diet* 

#### **Schedule**

- Announcement of the termination of the service: August 10
- Termination of the service: October 31 (Termination of the website, call center, and counseling center)

#### Effect of the termination of the business on earnings

- A system impairment loss and an inventory valuation loss were posted in the previous fiscal year. No other significant losses are expected.
- Costs declined from the previous fiscal year, when outlays for nationwide advertising were posted.

#### Launch of a new drink in the Chikara series

## Togarashi No Chikara





A chili pepper drink that is drunk at one go. It includes capsaicin, L-carnitine, and malic acid. Our unique technology mitigates the pungency of capsaicin. The product is ideal for people who walk for their health.

Launched nationwide on September 26, 2011



Seeking to increase the awareness of Togarashi No Chikara and promote trial use through TV commercials, newspapers ads, magazines, and the Web, and sampling at gyms



## (5) Health Food Business: House Wellness Foods Corporation

Improving the product supply system to overcome difficulties in procuring packaging materials. Sales of drinks are firm.

|                  | FY2010 H1     | FY2010        | FY2011 H1    | FY2011 H2  | FY2011 full-year |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------|------------------|
|                  | performance   | performance   | performance  | target     | target           |
| Net sales        | <b>19,071</b> | <b>32,904</b> | 18,597       | 14,038     | 32,635           |
|                  | (+563)        | (+732)        | (-474)       | (+205)     | (-269)           |
| Operating income | 1,582         | 1,782         | <b>1,603</b> | <b>201</b> | 1,804            |
|                  | (+323)        | (+463)        | (+21)        | (+1)       | (+21)            |
| Ordinary income  | 1,603         | 1,814         | <b>1,614</b> | <b>206</b> | 1,820            |
|                  | (+343)        | (+482)        | (+11)        | (-5)       | (+6)             |
| Net income       | 1,730         | <b>1,900</b>  | <b>1,653</b> | 196        | 1,849            |
|                  | (+404)        | (+982)        | (-77)        | (+26)      | (-52)            |

Both the performance and targets above are non-consolidated figures.

## Major trends in the first half of FY2011

Faced with difficulty in sourcing packaging materials following the earthquake, House Wellness Foods Corporation focused on the mainstay *C1000 Lemon Water* plastic bottle drinks, and improved the product supply system. Sales in the contract manufacturing business (manufacturing commissioned by companies outside the Group) declined in association with the company's efforts to improve profitability, which led to a fall in its total sales. However, income rose, reflecting the solid performance of private-brand drinks, although there was concern about a decline in reaction to strong sales in the previous fiscal year because of the extremely hot summer.

 House Wellness Foods Corporation undertook all contract manufacturing of three Ukon No Chikara mini-bottle items to improve production efficiency and for the Group to increase revenues.

## Initiatives in the second half of FY2011

House Wellness Foods Corporation built production facilities for fortified rice, which we are producing using our own technology. The facilities started operation in May. The company, especially the Healthcare Foods Division established in October in the previous fiscal year, is seeking to develop sales routes, including the school meals route, to cultivate fortified rice production as a new business. The company will aim to increase the weighting of the business and to improve the balance of business and earnings during the year.

## **Building fortified rice production facilities**

We built fortified rice production facilities, which started operation in May. Production of rice for school meals and supplement rice has begun.



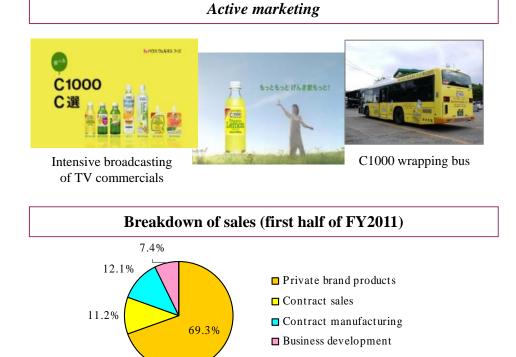




A plant producing fortified rice

Equipment to Equipment to divide rice mix chemicals

into small quantities



#### The product lineup of the C1000 Vitamin Lemon series expanded



The renewed "Collagen" and "Strong-Up" have been added to the Vitamin Lemon series. We carried out aggressive marketing of the three products.

C1000 Vitamin Lemon Collagen (renewal) C1000 Vitamin Lemon Strong-Up (new) Launched nationwide on May 16, 2011



### C1000 Refresh Time & Sparkling



Renewal

The bottles have been changed to boost their visibility. The fruit juice content in Refresh Time has increased, and the flavor has been improved.

C1000 Refresh Time Launched nationwide on September 12, 2011 **C1000 Refresh Time Sparkling** Launched nationwide on September 19, 2011

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## (6) International Business: US Business, Restaurant Business in Asia

The U.S. soybean business is continuing to expand.

The restaurant business in Asia is accelerating the opening of restaurant.

## • The U.S. soybean and restaurant businesses

### • The restaurant business in Asia

#### **House Foods America Corporation**

■ Sales in the soybean and restaurant business of House Foods America Corporation (Million ven)

|                              | FY2010 H1<br>performance | FY2010<br>performance   | FY2011 H1<br>performance | FY2011 H2<br>target      | FY2011<br>target         |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| House Foods<br>America total | <b>3,068</b> (101.4%)    | 5,706<br>(98.4%)        | <b>3,131</b><br>(102.0%) | <b>3,163</b><br>(120.0%) | <b>6,294</b> (110.3%)    |
| Soybean<br>business          | <b>2,238</b> (103.7%)    | <b>4,189</b><br>(99.9%) | <b>2,261</b> (101.0%)    | <b>2,386</b> (122.3%)    | <b>4,648</b><br>(110.9%) |
| Restaurant<br>business       | 510<br>(91.6%)           | 981<br>(92.7%)          | 532<br>(104.5%)          | 513<br>(108.6%)          | 1,045<br>(106.5%)        |
| Exchange rate                | ¥88.48                   | ¥81.49                  | ¥80.73                   | ¥80.00                   | ¥80.00                   |

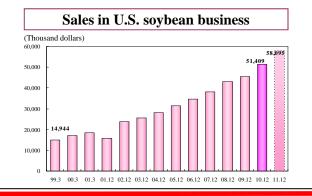
House Foods America Corporation has a soybean business and a restaurant business, and engages in the import and sale of House Foods Corporation's products.

- In the soybean business, product prices rose around 7% in June, given an increase in the price of soybeans. The price increase was accepted by the market, and sales remain solid.

Promotions in Asian markets and increases in volumes handled at American

supermarkets contributed to continued rises in sales. Tofu and tofu shirataki sell well. Sales rose 10.7% year on year in dollars.

In the restaurant business, an underperforming restaurant in San Diego was closed in April, and earnings improved. There are ten restaurants as of September 30.



| Companies in China, South Korea, and Taiwan 長子         |                          |                        |                          |                       |                        |                       |  |  |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| Sales at each restaurant company in Asia (Million yen) |                          |                        |                          |                       |                        |                       |  |  |
|  | FY2010 H1<br>performance | FY2010<br>performance  | FY2011 H1<br>performance | FY2011 H2<br>target   | FY2011<br>target       | Number of restaurants |  |  |
| China  | <b>316</b> (115.7%)      | 668<br>(119.2%)        | 420<br>(132.8%)          | 653<br>(185.8%)       | 1,073<br>(160.7%)      | 19                    |  |  |
| South<br>Korea   | 120<br>(128.6%)          | 269<br>(122.3%)        | 168<br>(139.7%)          | 202<br>(135.7%)       | <b>370</b><br>(137.5%) | 11                    |  |  |
| Taiwan   | 127<br>(115.4%)          | <b>316</b><br>(139.1%) | 217<br>(171.2%)          | 234<br>(123.8%)       | 451<br>(142.9%)        | 10                    |  |  |
| Total  | 563<br>(118.0%)          | 1,252<br>(124.3%)      | <b>805</b><br>(142.9%)   | <b>1,089</b> (158.0%) | <b>1,894</b> (151.2%)  | 40                    |  |  |

(The number of restaurants is as of September 30, 2011)

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- Each restaurant operator in Asia is adding new outlets and improving results steadily. Each of them is popular in their country and expects to increase earnings.

- In South Korea and Taiwan, we are developing small and highly profitable restaurants to reduce investments, and accelerating the opening of new restaurants.

- In preparation for the acceleration of the opening of new restaurants, we are improving our production bases, cultivating human resources and setting up, and automating, central kitchens.



A long line of people in front of a popular restaurant

We are striving to maintain and enhance the service levels and develop human resources in store operation, cultivating executive candidates and hiring trainers.



## (7) International Business: China Curry Business

Aiming to improve the awareness of curry, both for household use and commercial use, and expand operations

| <ul> <li>China curry business</li> <li>好侍食品</li> <li>Shanghai House Foods Co., Ltd.</li> </ul> |             | Promoting curry and rice,<br>one of Japan's most popular dishes,<br>in China |             |            |            |
|--|-------------|--|-------------|------------|------------|
|  | FY2010 H1   | FY2010   | FY2011 H1   | FY2011 H2  | FY2011     |
|  | performance | performance  | performance | target     | target     |
| Sales  | 310         | 779  | <b>464</b>  | <b>492</b> | <b>956</b> |
| (Year-on-year change)  | (+88)       | (+266)   | (+154)      | (+23)      | (+177)     |
|  |             | _  |             |            |            |

## Major trends in the first half of FY2011

- We raised the price of *Vermont Curry* by around 10% (from 7 yuan to 8 yuan) on November 1 last year. We suspended shipments due to slow progress in negotiations in certain distribution channels, and as result, sales were adversely affected early in the fiscal year under review.
- While developing operations for products for household use, we approached industrial catering, school canteens, and restaurant chains. As a result, commercial-use products sold well, and accounted for increasing percentages of total sales. In contrast, sales of retort pouched curry for household use were weak.
- We established House Foods (Shanghai) Corporation, a trading company (sales subsidiary), in China in April.

### Initiatives in the second half of FY2011

- We will accelerate the expansion of operations by developing unique sales activities and channels using the new trading subsidiary in addition to pre-existing channels.
- We will continue to improve the awareness of curry foods and the House brand and will promote trial use of them through aggressive advertising and sales activities especially for curry roux.
- We will step up our efforts to develop channels for commercial-use products and will aim to increase the weight of commercial-use products.

Developing commercial-use products and sales channels in addition to products for household use

While seeking to increase the awareness and sales of products for household use, we put the priority on developing channels for commercialuse products. We are aiming to introduce curry to industrial catering, college canteens, and restaurant chains, while supplying raw materials for curry lunches and curry bread sold at convenience store chains.





Commercial-use Vermont Curry (1 kg)

Commercial-use Java Curry

#### Industrial catering and school meals

Proposing curries to canteens at plants and colleges and promoting the supply of raw materials



Approaching restaurant and convenience store chains

Supplying raw materials for curry and rice and curry bread served at fast food chain restaurants and curry-and-rice lunches sold at convenience store chains



#### House Foods (Shanghai) Corporation established

We set up a sales subsidiary to expand sales in China, in addition to sales through a local trading company and distributor (Ajinomoto China and Mitsubishi Corporation China). The subsidiary is developing channels for commercial-use products and markets in the interior of the country.

#### Profile

| Established         | April 2011   |
|---------------------|--|
| Capital             | \$1.5m (House Foods 100%)  |
| Business            | Import and sale of products of the House<br>Foods Group in China |
| Location            | Changning district of Shanghai                                   |
| Number of employees | 20 (including three loaned employees)                            |

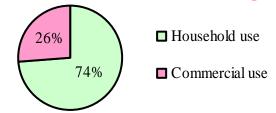
Activities to introduce Chinese people to curry and rice





Outdoor PR activity

#### Sales of household-use and commercial-use products



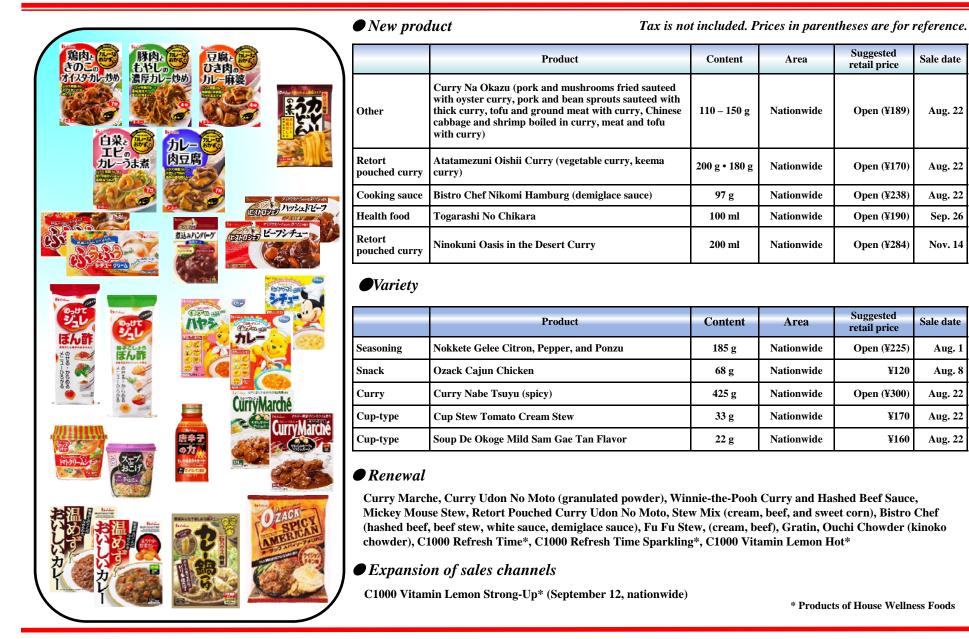
# Supplementary Description

## Founded as a company dealing in Chinese medicine and expanded with a focus on curry

## • History of businesses

|                                      | Major busine  | ess  |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 1913                                 | Urakami Shoten, an enterprise dealing in herbal medicines   | s, founded   |  |
| 1926<br>1934<br>1960<br>1964<br>1966 | Spice<br>Launch of powder curry start<br>Hashed beef sauce<br>Curry roux<br>Dessert<br>Stew                                 | Vermont Curry<br><b>NET TO CONTROL</b><br>Launched in 1963 | <u>Stew Mix</u><br>کریکی کریکی<br>Launched in 1966   |
| 1970<br>1973<br>1977                 | Retort pouched food (Sun House Foods)<br>Transport and warehousing (House Logistics Service)<br>Instant noodles<br>Snacks   | <u>Kukure Curry</u>  | <u>Tongari Corn</u>  |
| 1983                                 | Restaurants (USA)<br>Mineral water<br>Tofu (USA)  | Launched in 1971<br><u>Kanjuku Tomato No</u>               | Contraction of the second seco |
| 1985<br>1995                         | Products to be cooked in the microwave oven<br>Deli products (Delica Chef)<br>Liquid seasoning                              | Hayashi Rice Sauce   | Launched in 1978<br><u>Ukon No Chikara</u>   |
| 1997<br>1998<br>2002                 | Restaurants (China)<br>Health foods<br>Retort pouched curry (China)   | Launched in 1996<br><u>Prime</u>                           |  |
| 2005<br>2006<br>2007<br>2009         | Curry roux (China)<br>Health foods (House Wellness Foods)<br>Restaurants (South Korea)<br>Health foods (Nutrisystem J-diet) | Launched in 2006   | Launched in 2004   |
| 2010                                 | Transfer of the mineral water business  | Launched in 2006   |  |

## Description of major new products and varieties for the autumn and winter



Sale date

Aug. 22

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Sep. 26

Nov. 14

Sale date

Aug. 1

Aug. 8

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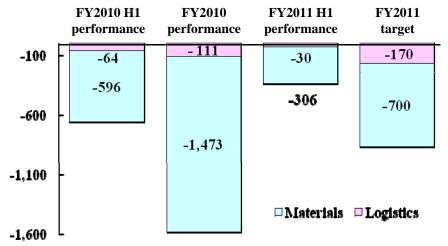
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| Sales by product type                          | FY2011 H1<br>performance | Year on<br>year  | Comparison<br>with target | Component<br>ratio | Revised FY2011<br>target | Year on<br>year  | Component<br>ratio |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Curry and Spice                                | ¥33,664m                 | 104.4%           | 102.3%                    | 30.8%              | ¥64,900m                 | 102.5%           | 30.0%              |
| Curry (incl. roux)                             | 20,653                   | 101.7            | 101.7                     |                    | 39,700                   | 100.4            |                    |
| Spice  | 8,508                    | 109.8            | 102.3                     |                    | 16,340                   | 106.3            |                    |
| Food service products                          | 4,039                    | 105.6            | 103.6                     |                    | 8,000                    | 104.2            |                    |
| Stew and Packaged Noodles                      | ¥13,311m                 | 98.3%            | 100.1%                    | 12.2%              | ¥30,500m                 | 94.4%            | 14.1%              |
| Stew (excl. cup-type stew)                     | 4,916                    | 100.0            | 99.8                      |                    | 13,710                   | 96.8             |                    |
| Hashed beef sauce roux                         | 2,261                    | 106.9            | 107.0                     |                    | 4,250                    | 101.8            |                    |
| Cup-type products                              | 310                      | 39.5             | 54.7                      |                    | 520                      | 31.9             |                    |
| Packaged noodles                               | 3,287                    | 107.4            | 109.6                     |                    | 6,800                    | 100.4            |                    |
| Food service products                          | 658                      | 93.6             | 94.0                      |                    | 1,300                    | 83.6             |                    |
| <b>Retort Pouched Foods</b>                    | ¥20,692m                 | 104.8%           | 101.4%                    | 18.9%              | <b>¥39,800</b> m         | 101.8%           | 18.4%              |
| Retort pouched curry                           | 7,251                    | 104.2            | 105.4                     |                    | 13,770                   | <b>98.8</b>      |                    |
| Deli products (Delica Chef)                    | 6,690                    | 103.2            | 97.3                      |                    | 13,086                   | 102.6            |                    |
| U.S. soybean business                          | 2,261<br>(\$28,010,000)  | 101.0<br>(110.7) | 100.2<br>(105.5)          |                    | 4,648<br>(\$58,095,000)  | 110.9<br>(113.0) |                    |
| Food service products                          | 2,712                    | 111.8            | 108.5                     |                    | 4,850                    | 103.3            |                    |
| Drinks, Snacks and Other Products              | ¥34,851m                 | 92.8%            | 97.9%                     | 31.9%              | ¥67,300m                 | <b>97.8</b> %    | 31.2%              |
| Drinks   | 0                        | _                | _                         |                    | 0                        | _                |                    |
| Health foods<br>(incl. direct retail products) | 9,805                    | 92.7             | 89.1                      |                    | 22,100                   | 99.0             |                    |
| House Wellness Foods (consolidated)            | 16,328                   | 96.9             | 101.1                     |                    | 27,670                   | 98.4             |                    |
| Snacks   | 3,995                    | 88.0             | 90.8                      |                    | 8,200                    | 93.6             |                    |
| Dessert  | 2,349                    | 122.4            | 117.4                     |                    | 4,400                    | 109.0            |                    |
| Restaurants (international)                    | 1,337                    | 124.7            | 102.7                     |                    | 2,940                    | 131.6            |                    |
| Food service products                          | 924                      | 156.7            | 131.9                     |                    | 1,850                    | 161.9            |                    |
| Transport and Warehouse Operations             | ¥6,876m                  | 106.2%           | 101.1%                    | 6.3%               | ¥13,500m                 | 102.7%           | 6.3%               |
| Consolidated sales                             | ¥109,393m                | <b>99.8</b> %    | 100.4%                    |                    | ¥216,000m                | <b>99.7</b> %    |                    |
| (Sales of food service products)               | (8,332)                  | (110.5)          | (106.8)                   |                    | (16,000)                 | (106.2)          |                    |

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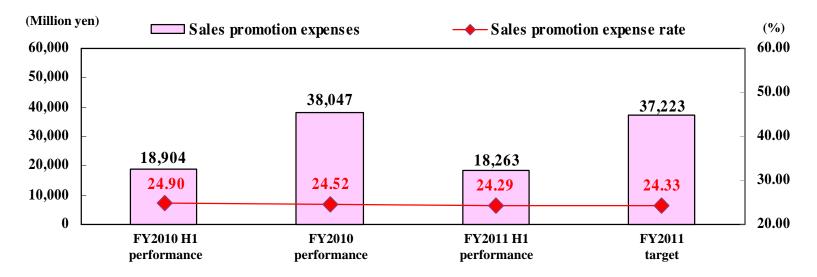
## Trends of cost reductions and sales promotion expenses



|                          | Materials<br>cost | Logistics<br>cost | Total |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|
| FY2010 H1<br>performance | 596               | 64                | 660   |
| FY2010<br>performance    | 1,473             | 111               | 1,584 |
| FY2011 H1<br>performance | 306               | 30                | 336   |
| FY2011 target            | 700               | 170               | 870   |

## • Trends of cost reductions (from the year-ago level, non-consolidated)

### • Sales promotion expenses (non-consolidated)



(Million yen)

## Breakdowns of non-operating income and expenses and extraordinary income and loss

|   | (Million yen) |           |              |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------|--|--|
| Non-operating income and expenses               | FY2010 H1     | FY2011 H1 | Year on year |  |  |
| Interest income                                 | 168           | 209       | +40          |  |  |
| Dividend income                                 | 236           | 249       | +13          |  |  |
| Equity in earnings of affiliates                | 187           | 166       | -21          |  |  |
| Other (incl. income from leasehold properties)  | 104           | 88        | -16          |  |  |
| Total non-operating income                      | 696           | 711       | +16          |  |  |
| Interest expenses                               | 19            | 21        | +2           |  |  |
| Foreign exchange losses                         | 259           | 249       | -10          |  |  |
| Other (incl. expenses for leasehold properties) | 18            | 60        | +41          |  |  |
| Total non-operating expenses                    | 296           | 330       | +33          |  |  |

|  | (Million yen) |           |              |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Extraordinary income and loss  | FY2010 H1     | FY2011 H1 | Year on year | Remarks  |  |  |
| Gain on sales of noncurrent assets   | 1             | 0         | -1           | FY2010 H1 Other  |  |  |
| Reversal of allowance for doubtful accounts  | _             | 1         | +1           | $\rightarrow$ including reversal of provision for loss     |  |  |
| Other  | 151           | 6         | -145         | on guarantees  |  |  |
| Total extraordinary income   | 151           | 7         | -144         |  |  |  |
| Loss on retirement of noncurrent assets  | 55            | 62        | +7           | FY2010 H1  |  |  |
| Loss on sales of noncurrent assets   | 9             | 11        | +2           | Loss on valuation of investment securities                 |  |  |
| Loss on valuation of investment securities   | 467           | 46        | -421         | $\rightarrow$ including loss on valuation of listed        |  |  |
| Loss on valuation of membership  | 3             | 8         | +6           | shares   |  |  |
| Impairment loss  | _             | 399       | +399         | FY2011 H1  |  |  |
| Loss on adjustment for changes of accounting standard for asset retirement obligations | 177           | _         | -177         | Impairment loss<br>→ including noncurrent asset impairment |  |  |
| Loss on disaster   | _             | 160       | +160         | loss associated with the rebuilding of                     |  |  |
| Other  | 29            | 20        | -9           | the Osaka Head Office                                      |  |  |
| Total extraordinary loss   | 739           | 706       | -33          |  |  |  |

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### (Million yon)

## Trends of capital investment and depreciation and amortization

## • Trends of capital investment

(Million yen)

|             |            | Consolidated |       |            | on-consolidate | ed    | Major capital investment  |  |
|-------------|------------|--------------|-------|------------|----------------|-------|---|--|
|             | Investment | Leases       | Total | Investment | Leases         | Total | Major capital investment  |  |
| FY2010 H1   | 1,501      | 226          | 1,727 | 789        | 138            | 927   | Remodeling and replacement of snack<br>equipment<br>Buildings and production equipment of House<br>Foods America                      |  |
| FY2010      | 2,825      | 386          | 3,211 | 1,216      | 217            | 1,433 | Remodeling and replacement of snack<br>equipment<br>Replacement of wastewater treatment facilities<br>of Sun House Foods              |  |
| FY2011 H1   | 2,387      | 330          | 2,717 | 1,524      | 80             | 1,604 | Relocation and replacement of equipment in the<br>Higashi-Osaka Plant<br>New facilities for fortified rice at House<br>Wellness Foods |  |
| FY2011 plan | 5,400      | 600          | 6,000 | 3,500      | 200            | 3,700 | Relocation of spice production equipment<br>Remodeling and replacement of production<br>equipment; systems, research equipment        |  |

## • Trends of depreciation and amortization

#### (Million yen)

|             |                                     | Consolidated      |       | Non-consolidated                    |                   |       |  |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------|--|
|             | Depreciation<br>and<br>amortization | Lease<br>expenses | Total | Depreciation<br>and<br>amortization | Lease<br>expenses | Total |  |
| FY2010 H1   | 2,782                               | 295               | 3,078 | 1,699                               | 168               | 1,867 |  |
| FY2010      | 5,704                               | 566               | 6,269 | 3,501                               | 318               | 3,819 |  |
| FY2011 H1   | 2,574                               | 245               | 2,819 | 1,506                               | 130               | 1,636 |  |
| FY2011 plan | 5,500                               | 500               | 6,000 | 3,400                               | 200               | 3,600 |  |

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## Concept of the Third Medium-Term Business Plan (FY2009 to FY2011) and business targets for the final year (FY2011)

Image of the Company 10 years later: A company that creates new value by promoting healthy lifestyle for consumers through our tasty and high quality products

Key words in the Medium-term Business Plan: "Communicate," "Challenge," and "Seize"

Reconstructing and achieving the Group's scenario for growth in businesses

- Classify businesses into units to consider business strategies, considering two aspects of theirs: (1) value of products provided and (2) contact points with customers, that is, channels and areas.
- Sestablish "Profitability drivers" and "Growth drivers" as priority businesses and draw up and promote scenarios for new growth.
- In response to the increase in the number of factors that can weigh on profits, including procurement risks and soaring prices of raw materials, enhance product development and business development capabilities that create high cost competitiveness and new value.

## • Consolidated net sales and operating income targets for FY2011

| Net sales: ¥260bn | (116.8% of the FY2008 level) |                           | FY2008 | FY2011      |
|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|-------------|
|                   | (156.8% of the FY2008 level) | <u>* Operating margin</u> | 4.6%   | <b>6.2%</b> |

| Business                                      | Classification of growth and profitable businesses | Position in the Third Medium-Term Business Plan   | FY2011<br>sales target | Comparison<br>with sales in<br>FY2008 |
|---|--|---|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Spice / Seasoning /<br>Prepared Food Business | Core business                                      | Profitability drivers<br>(Value-added strategy, cost-competitive strategy)<br>Maintain and expand profitability as core business by utilizing<br>the brand and technological strengths. | ¥114bn                 | 99.5%                                 |
| Food Service Business                         |  |   | ¥18bn                  | 125.4%                                |
| Health Food Business                          | Another core business                              | <b>Growth drivers</b><br>(Growth strategy)<br>Drive the Group's growth by utilizing its strengths in areas<br>where market growth can be anticipated and capture new<br>businesses.     | ¥72bn                  | 146.0%                                |
| Direct Retail (Mail Order)<br>Business        | Growing business                                   |   |                        |                                       |
| International Business                        |  |   | ¥20bn                  | 240.6%                                |
| Other Business<br>(Services Business)         |  |   | ¥36bn                  | 100.0%                                |

- Using free cash flow generated over three years for investments in growth drivers: the Health Food Business, Direct Retail (Mail Order) Business, and International Business

- Consolidated payout ratio: 30% or more

## **Content of Business Segments in the Third Medium-Term Business Plan**

| Business segment                              | Main product groups, businesses, and subsidiaries   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Spice / Seasoning /<br>Prepared Food Business | <pre><curry roux=""> <retort curries="" pouched=""> [Sun House Foods Corporation] [Sun Supply Corporation] <spices> [Asaoka Spice K.K.] <stews> <hashed beef="" sauce=""> <cup-type products=""> <packaged noodles=""> <snacks> <desserts> </desserts></snacks></packaged></cup-type></hashed></stews></spices></retort></curry></pre>          |  |
| Health Food Business                          |   |  |
| International Business                        | United States [House Foods America Corporation]<br>China [Shanghai House Foods Co., Ltd.] [Shanghai House Curry Coco Ichibanya<br>Restaurant, Inc.]<br>South Korea [Korea Curry House Co., Ltd.]<br>Taiwan [Taiwan Curry House Restaurant, Inc.]<br><exports of="" products=""></exports>   |  |
| Transport and Other<br>Businesses             | <rokko mizu="" no="" oishii=""> → The business was transferred at the end of May 2010,<br/>and its sales were transferred at the end of June 2010.<br/>[House Logistics Service Corporation] [High Net Corporation]<br/>[Delica Chef Corporation]<br/>[House Business Partners Corporation]<br/>[House Food Analytical Laboratory Inc.]</rokko> |  |

<Product group/business> [Subsidiary]