

Quarterly Financial Results for the Nine-month Period Ended December 31, 2023

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Hirata Corporation
(6258)





Company Name	HIRATA Corporation					
Headquarters	111 Hitotsugi, Ueki, Kita, Kumamoto, 861-0198 Japan					
Representatives	Yuichiro Hirata, President					
Date Established	Dec. 29, 1951					
Capital	2,633 million yen					
Our business	Manufacture and sales of various manufacturing line systems, Industrial robot and logistic equipment					
Stock Exchange Listings	Tokyo Stock Exchange, Prime Market (Code:6258)					
Employees	Consolidated 2,234 (Full-time employees 1,882) Non-Consolidated 1,359 (Full-time employees 1,054)					
Plants and office	7 bases in Japan(4 bases in Kumamoto 1 each in Tochigi, Shiga, Tokyo)					
Subsidiaries	3 subsidiaries in Japan(2 Kumamoto, 1 in Tokyo) 9 overseas subsidiaries(America、Mexico、Germany、Singapore、Thailand、Malaysia、China· Taiwan)					

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FY2023 Third Quarter : From April 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023
 FY2023 Full Year : From April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024





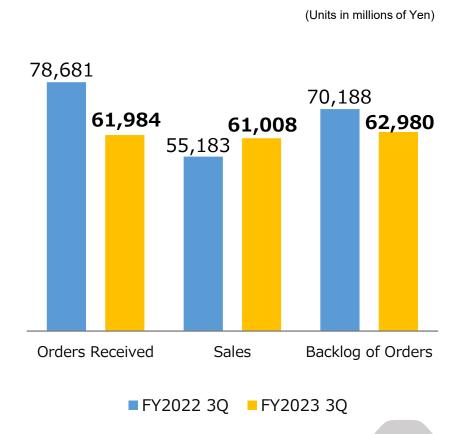


Financial Summary (accumulation for the third quarter)

- Orders Received: Orders received decreased in all segments(automobile, semiconductor, and other automatic labor-saving equipment) due to a decline in capital investment resulting from inventory adjustment in the semiconductor market, decrease in orders for large automotive projects, and a decrease in logistics-related projects, resulting in a year-on-year decrease in overall orders received.
- Sales : Sales increased over the same period of the previous year due to an increase in the EV related business of EDU and battery projects, offsetting the decline in semiconductor and other automatic labor-saving equipment.
- Operating Profit: Operating profit increased over the same period of the previous year due to higher sales in the EV- related business and improvement of cost ratio by promoting price shifting, leading to an improvement in the automobile- and semiconductor-related cost ratios.

(Units in millions of Yen)

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	FY2022	FY2023	YoY C	hange			
	3Q	3Q	Amount of +/-	Percentage of +/-			
Orders Received	78,681	61,984	△16,697	△21.2%			
Sales	55,183	61,008	+5,825	+10.6%			
Operating Profit (profit ratio)	4,473 (8.1%)	5,903 (9.7%)	+1,430 (+1.6pt)	+32.0%			
Ordinary Profit	4,447	6,103	+1,656	+37.3%			
Profit attributable to owners of parent	3,223	4,647	+1,424	+44.2%			
Backlog of Orders	70,188	62,980	△7,207	△10.3%			



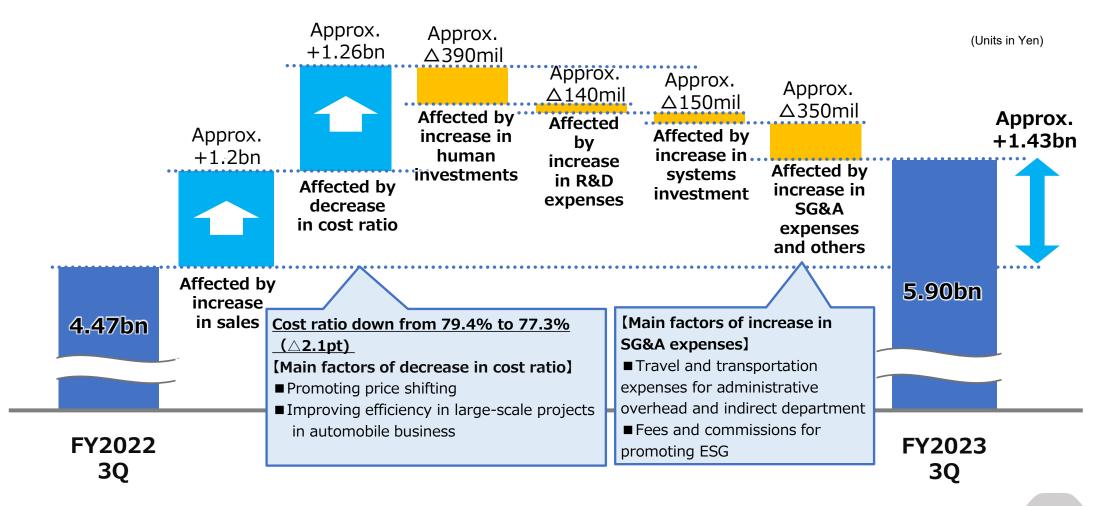


Factor Analysis on Changing Operating Profit (accumulation for the third quarter)

■ Operating profit increased approximately 1.43 billion yen from the same period of the previous year.

[Main factors for increase] The increase in sales and the improvement of cost ratio by promoting price shifting

[Main factors for decrease] The increase in SG&A expenses due to various investment executions and business expansion associated with the reclassification of the novel coronavirus to class 5.





Sales, Received Orders, and Backlog of Orders by Business Segment (accumulation for the third quarter)

(Units in millions of Yen)

	Ducinosa Commont	FY2022	FY2023	YoY Ch	nange
	Business Segment	3Q	3Q	Amount of +/-	Percentage of +/-
	Automobile	32,787	28,426	△4,360	△13.3%
	Semiconductor	27,502	19,675	△7,826	△28.5%
Received orders	Other Automatic Labor-saving Equipment	16,632	12,081	△4,551	△27.4%
014615	Others	1,758	1,800	+41	+2.4%
	Total	78,681	61,984	△16,697	△21.2%
	Automobile	21,152	26,842	+5,690	+26.9%
	Semiconductor	20,411	20,126	△284	△1.4%
Sales	Other Automatic Labor-saving Equipment	11,960	12,174	+214	+1.8%
	Others	1,659	1,864	+205	+12.4%
	Total	55,183	61,008	+ 5,825	+10.6%
	Automobile	35,410	33,225	△2,184	△6.2%
	Semiconductor	23,751	21,302	△2,449	△10.3%
Backlog of Orders	Other Automatic Labor-saving Equipment	10,522	7,927	△2,595	△24.7%
	Others	503	524	+20	+4.2%
	Total	70,188	62,980	△7,207	△10.3%



Details of Received Orders and Sales by Business Segment (accumulation for the third quarter)

FY2022 3Q

■ Automobile -related

Although there were many inquires for both EV and internal combustion engine-related products and we received a large order for battery-related products during the quarter, received orders decreased year-on-year. Sales increased year-on-year, as a result of continued strong EV-related sales, mainly EDU and battery projects.

■ Semiconductor -related

Received orders decreased year-on-year due to capital investment restrains, etc. caused by the impact of inventory adjustments in the semiconductor market.

Sales decreased a bit year-on-year due to a decrease in other semiconductor-related projects, although wafer transfer-related production is progressing.

FY2023 3Q

(Units in millions of Yen)

YoY Change

			Actual results	Segment composition	Actual results	Segment composition	Amount of +/-	Percentage of +/-
	Automobile-	EV	25,057	76.4%	21,481	75.6%	△3,575	△14.3%
	related	Others	7,730	23.6%	6,945	24.4%	△784	△10.2%
Received	Semiconduc	Wafer Transfer	16,385	59.6%	13,054	66.3%	△3,330	△20.3%
orders	tor-related	Others	11,118	40.4%	6,621	33.7%	△4,496	△40.4%
	Other Automatic	Organic EL	3,712	22.3%	3,315	27.4%	△396	△10.7%
	Labor-saving Equipment	Others	12,920	77.7%	8,766	72.6%	△4,154	△32.2%
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	Automobile-	EV	13,435	63.5%	20,481	76.3%	+7,046	+52.5%
	related	Others	7,718	36.5%	6,361	23.7%	△1,356	△17.6%
Sales	Semiconduc	Wafer Transfer	11,067	54.2%	13,842	68.8%	+2,775	+25.1%
Sales	tor-related	Others	9,344	45.8%	6,284	31.2%	△3,060	△32.7%
	Other Automatic	Organic EL	3,626	30.3%	3,076	25.3%	△548	△15.1%
	Labor-saving Equipment	Others	8,334	69.7%	9,097	74.7%	+763	+9.2%
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Operating Profit and Operating Profit Ratio by Business Segment (accumulation for the third quarter)

■ **Automobile-related** Profit margin improved due to higher EV-related sales, promoting price shifting and improvement and reduction of

cost ratio by increased proficiency.

■ Semiconductor-related The profit margin improved due to an increase in the sales composition of the relatively profitable wafer transfer

related business and reduction of cost ratio by promoting price shifting.

■ Other Automatic Labor-saving Equipment Although sales increased in FPDs for automotive applications, profit margins deteriorated year-on-year mainly due to lower sales of Organic EL.

(Units in millions of Yen)

	Automobile-related		Semiconductor- related		Other Automatic Labor- saving Equipment		Others		Consolidation elimination		Total	
	FY2022 3Q	FY2023 3Q	FY2022 3Q	FY2023 3Q	FY2022 3Q	FY2023 3Q	FY2022 3Q	FY2023 3Q	FY2022 3Q	FY2023 3Q	FY2022 3Q	FY2023 3Q
Sales	21,152	26,842	20,411	20,126	11,960	12,174	1,659	1,864	△0	△0	55,183	61,008
Operating profit	891	1,917	2,624	3,652	957	375	△3	△45	3	3	4,473	5,903
Operating profit ratio	4.2%	7.1%	12.9%	18.1%	8.0%	3.1%	△0.2%	△2.4%	-	-	8.1%	9.7%

Countermeasures for Impact of External Environment on Business

(Countermeasures to external environments other than those listed below are described on page 24.)

Major external environment	Impact on business	Major countermeasures
-Soaring raw materials and component prices -Insufficient supply of components	[Negative impact]Component prices remain high.Procurement lead time has passed its peak and is gradually improved.	[Negative impact]Advance arrangement of parts and materials promoting standardization
Exchange rate (progress in yen depreciation)	 [Positive impact] Increased price competitiveness relative to overseas competitors due to yen depreciation. [Negative impact] Increase in procurement costs of overseas procured goods(raw materials and components) due to yen depreciation 	 Price revision and reflection on estimates Developing new suppliers globally Design change [Positive impact] Actively expanding orders for overseas projects



Balance Sheet

(Units in millions of Yen)

Assets	FY2022	FY2023 3Q	YoY Change	
Current Assets	79,655	86,959	+7,303	
Cash and deposits	11,134	9,744	△1,390	
Trade receivables, etc.	51,435	58,727	+7,291	
Inventories	14,219	14,945	+725	
Others	2,865	3,542	+676	
Tangible Assets	34,867	38,229	+3,361	
Tangible fixed Assets	24,302	26,888	+2,585	
Intangible fixed Assets	749	853	+103	
Investment and other assets	9,815	10,487	+672	
Total Assets	114,522	125,188	+10,665	

Liabilities	FY2022	FY2023 3Q	YoY Change
Current Liabilities	43,193	45,982	+2,789
Fixed Liabilities	11,754	15,082	+3,328
Total Liabilities	54,947	61,064	+6,117

Net Assets

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	Total Net Assets	59,575	64,123	+4,548

<Main factors of increase/decrease>

• Trade receivables :

Increase in trade receivables due to sales increased

- **Inventories**: Increase in order received and advance arrangements for parts and materials in preparation for supply shortages
- Tangible fixed Assets :

Rebuilding of Kansai factory, Expansion of Shichijo factory Introduction of R&D equipment

• Current Liabilities · Fixed Liabilities :

Increased borrowing due to strong demand for funds for increased production and capital investment

II. FY2023 Full Year Forecasts (Consolidated)





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Revision of Full Year Forecast

On February 9, 2024, we revised our full-year forecasts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

*Reasons for the revision are described on page13 and thereafter.

(Units in millions of Yen)

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		FY2022 results		Forecast at beginning of term (Announced on May 12)		Revised Forecast (Announced on February 9)		Amount of +/-	Percenta ge of +/ -	FY2023 3Q Cumulative results	Difference b/t revised forecast and actual results
	Sales	78,443	-	90,000	-	83,000	-	△7,000	△7.8%	61,008	21,991
	Automobile- related	30,298	-	38,000	-	38,000	-	0	-	26,842	11,157
	Semiconductor- related	28,954	-	31,000	-	27,000	-	△4,000	△12.9%	20,126	6,873
	Other Automatic Labor-saving Equipment	16,952	-	18,000	-	15,000	-	△3,000	△16.7%	12,174	2,825
	Others	2,238	-	3,000	-	3,000	-	0	-	1,864	1,135
0	perating Profit	5,920	(7.5%)	5,400	(6.0%)	6,200	(7.5%)	+800	+14.8%	5,903	296
C	Ordinary Profit	5,802	(7.4%)	5,500	(6.1%)	6,300	(7.6%)	+800	+14.5%	6,103	196
Pı	ofit attributable to owners of parent	4,269	(5.4%)	3,900	(4.3%)	3,900	(4.7%)	0	-	4,647	△747

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Reasons for revision of Full-year forecasts and 4Q outlook (sales)

Despite efforts to achieve a high level of production in 3Q and 4Q to make up for production delays in 1H due to customers' reasons and other factors, the forecast is not expected to reach the initial forecast, and the full-year forecast has been revised downward.

<Reasons for revision of Full-year forecasts and 4Q outlook>

(Units in millions of Yen)

	Forecast at beginning of term (Announced on May 12)	Revised Forecast (Announced on February 9)	Amount of +/-	Reasons for revision	4Q outlook
Sales	90,000	83,000	△7,000	The forecast wat not expected to reach the initial forecast Despite efforts to achieve a high level of production in 3Q and 4Q to make up for production delays in 1H.	We expect sales to be at a high level as in 3Q and strive to achieve revised forecast.

< Reasons for revision of Full-year forecasts per segment and 4Q outlook>

**Sales by quarter are shown on page 19. (Units in millions of Yen)

Segment	Forecast at beginning of term (Announced on May 12)	Revised Forecast (Announced on February 9)	Amount of +/-	Reasons for revision	4Q outlook
Automobile- related	38,000	38,000	0	•No revision was made for the delay of battery project in the 1 st half due to customer reasons, as it is expected to be recovered in the 2 nd half of the fiscal year.	·We expect relatively high level of sales, including battery projects that have been delayed, mainly related to EV-related business.
Semiconductor -related	31,000	27,000	△4,000	•Production was pushed back due to delays in customers' capital investment plans.	·Sales are expected to progress by advancing projects for which orders have already been received as planned(mainly wafer transport).
Other Automatic Labor-saving Equipment	18,000	15,000	△3,000	•This was due to delays in customer development of projects for which orders had already been received and the postponement of projects for which orders were anticipated (all home appliances).	·Some of the delayed orders from home appliances manufacturers are expected to progress in 4Q, and sales are expected to increase.

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- Reasons for revision of Full-year forecasts and 4Q outlook (operating profit)
- Revised full-year forecasts upward due to improved profit margins resulting from progress in price shifting, etc.
- We expect to see an increase in bonus resources and year-end-specific expenses due to higher operating income.

<Reasons for revision of Full-year forecasts and 4Q outlook>

(Units in millions of Yen)

	Forecast at beginning of term (Announced on May 12)	Revised Forecast (Announced on February 9)	Amount of +/-	Reasons for revision	4Q outlook
Operating Profit	5,400	6,200	+800	 Profitability improved due to progress in price shifting Some expenses are expected to slide to the next fiscal year. 	Operating income is expected to be low due to an increase in bonus funds accompanying higher profits and year-end-specific expenses such as external standard taxation.

<Main factors affecting profit and loss of 3Q progress and 4Q outlook>

Main factors affecting profit and loss	Full year impact (Forecast at beginning of term)	3Q accumulative impact (results)	3Q progress	Full-year outlook
①Human investment	+620 million yen	+390 million yen	 •We conducted wage revision at a rate higher than in FY2022. •We hired 47 new graduates and 57 career hires. 	•We assume the completion of career recruitment (80 people in total), we expect to achieve our initial plan.
②R&D investment	+630 million yen	+140 million yen	 Some costs were unaccounted for due to project delays caused by factors in the contracting partner countries(Indonesia and Argentine) Delays in R&D in existing areas 	•In the plant genetic resources field, unless special circumstances arise in the partner countries, the delayed portion is expected to accrue in the current fiscal year.
③System investment	+300 million yen	+150 million yen	•Implementation projects of ERP and PLM are moving forward as planned.	•Review of expenses to control some cost expenditures

^{**}Full year impact: Projected increase/decrease for full year 2023 compared to full year 2022 results

^{**}ERP(Enterprise Resources Planning): This is a system to manage accounting, sales, inventory control, production, etc. across the board.

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Transition and Forecast of Dividends and Dividend Ratio per Share

					FY2023		
	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	Forecast at beginning of term (Announced on May 12	Revised Forecast (Announced on February 9)
Dividends per Share (yen)	125.00	40.00	65.00	65.00	90.00	90.00	100.00
Dividend Ratio (%)	28.4	23.8	16.6	25.2	21.9	24.0	26.6

Note: Dividend ratio is on a consolidated basis.

About Dividend Forecast

We fully consider profit return to our shareholders as one of the highest priority issue. So, we endeavor to pay dividend stably and continually to be more than 20% of the consolidated dividend ratio as a guide by strengthening our financial characteristic and also taking our consolidated performance and business deployment into consideration.

We have revised our dividend forecast for FY2023 to 100 yen per share, considering the upward revision of the profit forecast figures for the current fiscal year's consolidated performance.

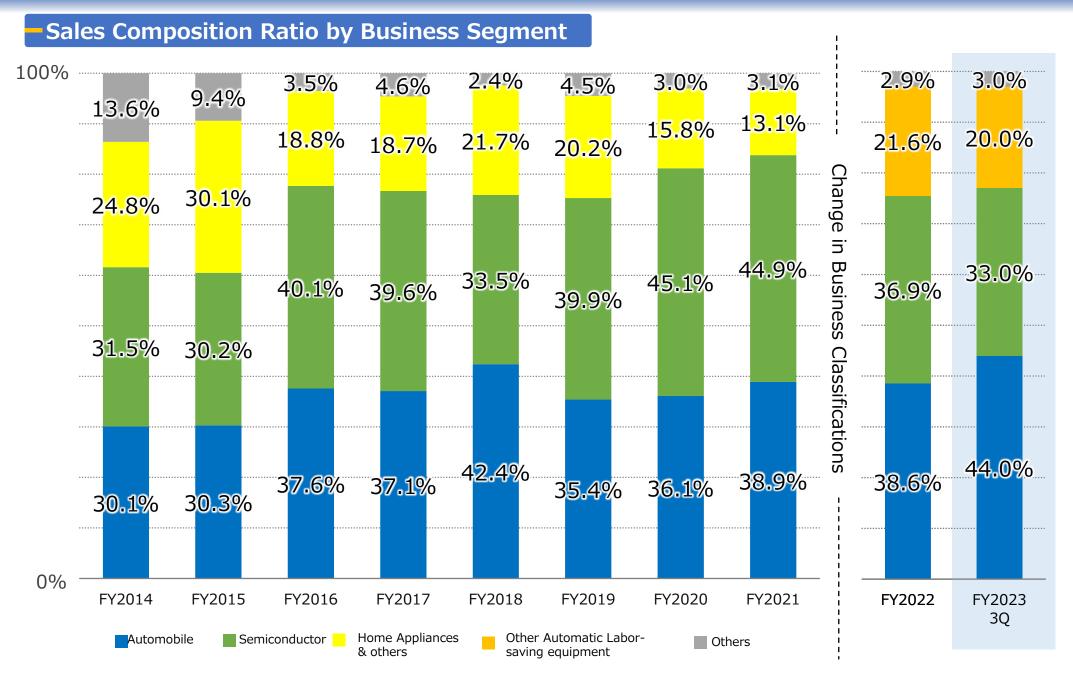
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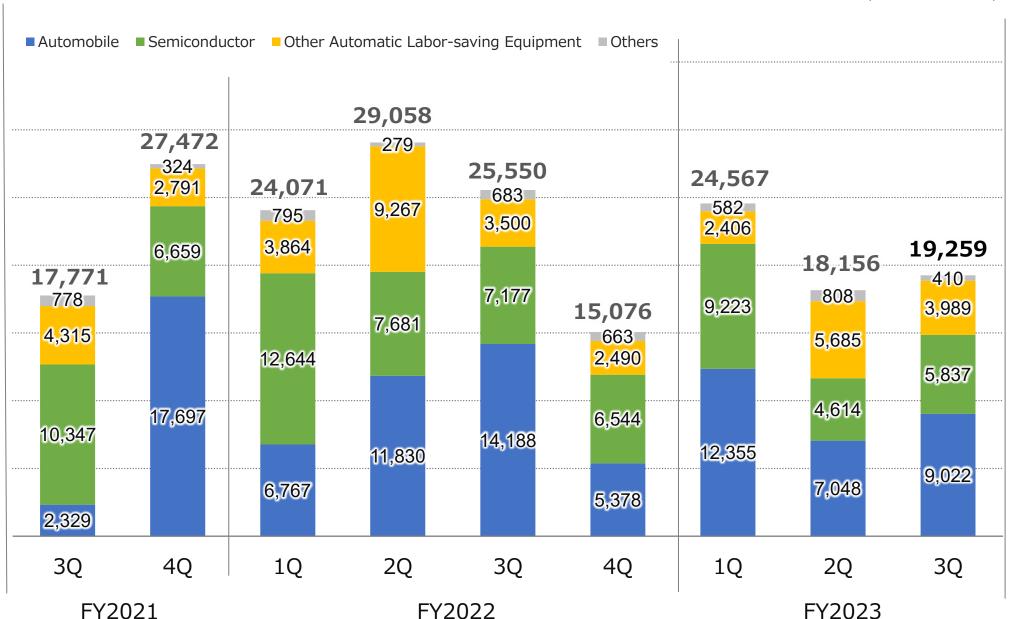


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Quarterly Trends (Received Orders) by Business Segment

(Units in millions of Yen)

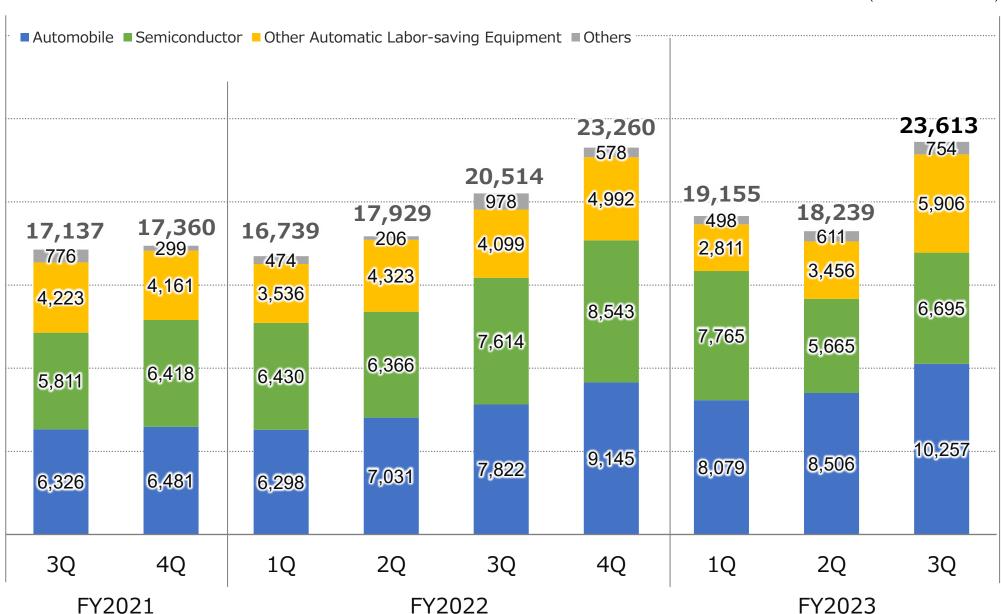


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Quarterly Trends (Sales) by Business Segment

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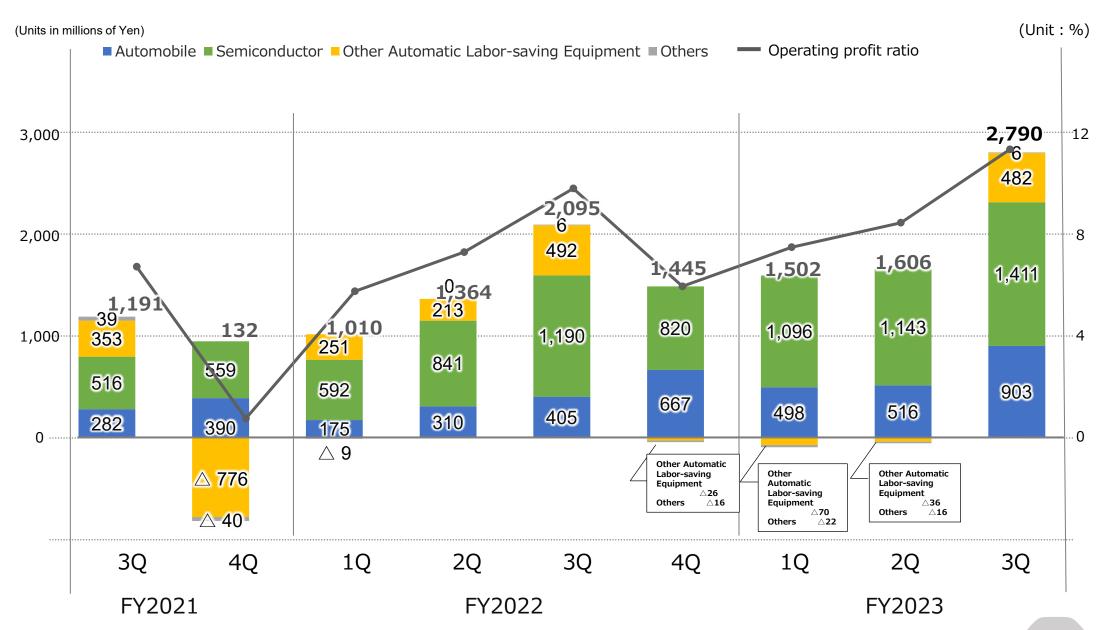


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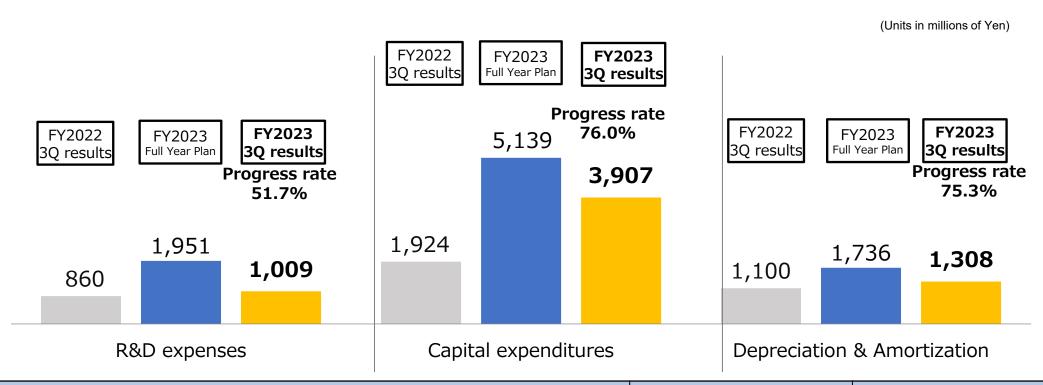
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Ⅲ. Reference Data ③



R&D, CAPEX, Depreciation and Amortization (Cumulative total in the third quarter)



	Main items	Investment plan for FY2023	Investment results for FY2023 3Q
R&D	Next generation product development in existing businesses	Approx.1.38 billion yen	Approx.710 million yen
expenses	Research of biogenetic resources	Approx.560 million yen	Approx.290 million yen
Capital investment	Increase production capacity and productivity(Expansion of Shichijo factory, rebuilding of Kansai factory, and so on)	Approx.2.43 billion yen	Approx.1.68 billion yen
investinent	Research and development facilities	Approx.1.37 billion yen	Approx.1.33 billion yen

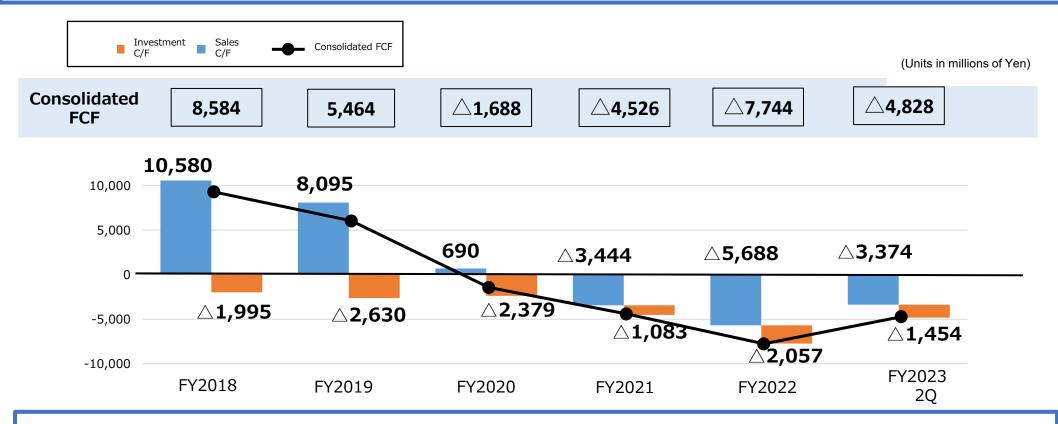
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Transition of FCF(Free Cash Flow)

*Consolidated FCF as of 2Q is shown since consolidated FCF for 3Q is not disclosed.

Consolidated FCF remained negative due to an increase in orders for large projects and increase capital investment to increase production capacity.



<Countermeasures>

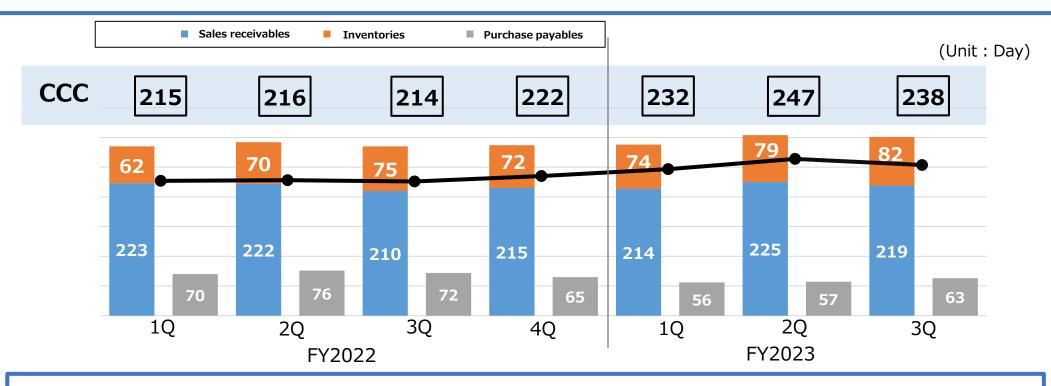
•We continue to negotiate with customers to set and increase advance payments for larger projects and projects with long delivery time, and to collect accounts receivable early.

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Transition of CCC(Cash Conversion Cycle)

CCC deteriorated year-on-year due to an increase in accounts receivable due to an increase in orders for large projects, and an increase in accounts receivable and inventory turnover days due to production delays in some projects.



<Countermeasures>

- •We continue to negotiate with customers to set and increase advance payments for larger projects and projects with long delivery time, and to collect accounts receivable early.
- ·We strive to improve procurement lead time and promote inventory reduction.

Ⅲ. Reference Data **⑥**



Responses to the Assumed opportunities / risks of the major anticipated external environment ①

Assumed major external environment (FY2023)	Assumed opportunities / risks	Major countermeasures
Strengthening countries' efforts to decarbonize and become carbon neutral	[Opportunity] Increase in demand related to EV and semiconductor related business [Risk] Actions taken to reduce GHG emissions (cost increase) Missed orders due to lack of production capacity and human resources	● Improvement of QCD to obtain continuous inquiries from existing customers ● Positioning EVs and semiconductors as growth areas and concentrating resources = Upfront investment in human resources and production capacity in anticipation of increased orders (Increase in personnel, Kansai plant reconstruction, Shichijo plant expansion, etc.) ● Establishment of GHG emission reduction targets and study of optimal target achievement measures
Policy change due to change of government in North America	 (Risk) Decreased capital investment by customers due to EV market contraction Increased materials shortages and procurement costs due to accelerated trade friction 	 Understand capital investment trends through close information exchange with customers Securing new customers and projects by expanding the areas of service Diversify core businesses and optimize resource allocation
U.S. IRA(Inflation Reduction Act) enforcement boosts North American EV market	[Opportunity] Increase in demand related to EV and semiconductor related business [Risk] Missed orders due to lack of production capacity and human resources	● Improvement of QCD to obtain continuous inquiries from existing customers ● Positioning EVs and semiconductors as growth areas and concentrating resources = Upfront investment in human resources and production capacity in anticipation of increased orders
Countries' policy shift toward decarbonization and carbon neutrality	[Risk] Decreased capital investment by customers due to EV market contraction	 Understand capital investment trends through close information exchange with customers Securing new customers and projects by expanding the areas of service Diversify core businesses and optimize resource allocation
Mass production of new methods in battery field	[Opportunity] Expanding business opportunities by following new technologies and mass production [Risk] Deterioration in profitability due to the burden of development factors	 Participate in the customer's research and development phase, and develop and propose products that meet the customer's requirements Reduction of development costs through external procurement

Ⅲ. Reference Data **⑥**



Responses to the Assumed opportunities / risks of the major anticipated external environment 2

Assumed major external environment (FY2023)	Assumed opportunities / risks	Major countermeasures
Diffusion of Generative AI	[Opportunity] Increase in demand related to semiconductor related business [Risk] Missed orders due to lack of production capacity and human resources	 Improvement of QCD to obtain continuous inquiries from existing customers Positioning semiconductors as growth areas and concentrating resources Upfront investment in human resources and production capacity in anticipation of increased orders
Progress of Silicon Islanding in Kyusyu	[Opportunity] Increase in demand related to semiconductor related business [Risk] Insufficient human resources due to competition for talent	 Improvement of QCD to obtain continuous inquiries from existing customers Positioning semiconductors as growth areas and concentrating resources Upfront investment in human resources and production capacity in anticipation of increased orders Aggressive hiring of personnel Wage revision and retention measures based on other companies' trends
Rising U.S. interest rates and a weakening yen	[Opportunity] Increased price competitiveness relative to overseas competitors due to yen depreciation [Risk] Increase in procurement costs for overseas procurement(raw materials and parts) due to yen depreciation	 Secure profits by reflecting estimated raw material price hikes and revising prices Ongoing cost reduction through standardization, promotion of DX, development of new suppliers, etc.
Soaring raw materials and component prices	 (Risk) Deterioration in profit margin due to inability to reflect prices Decrease in competitiveness due to price reflection (sales price increase) 	 Reflecting procurement price increases in estimates and price revisions (Requested to all customers as a company-wide policy) Development and launch of high value-added products Developing new suppliers Promote standardization through design changes
Shortage of parts and materials	[Risk] Decrease in sales, deterioration of cost ratio and increase in inventories due to delay in production schedule and lengthening of production lead time	 Reduction in the number of required parts and materials through standardization Secure parts inventory by making advance arrangements Developing new suppliers Promote standardization through design changes

■. Reference Data ⑦



Topic : Receipt of large-scale projects

① Receipt of large-scale purchase order for battery charging and discharging related equipment for EVs (disclosed in January 2024)

- We received an order for 3 lines for battery charging and discharging related equipment for EVs, amounting to more than 4 billion yen.
- The order for battery charging and discharging related equipment for EVs will begin in earnest in FY2022, and our ability to handle large-scale projects and its track record of delivering charging and discharging related facilities have been highly evaluated, and we have received the order.
- We will continue to improve our proficiency in battery charging and discharging related equipment and focus on expanding orders in this field.

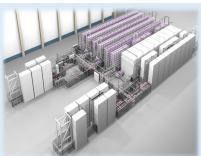


Image of battery charging and discharging related equipment

② Receipt of large-scale purchase order for automotive internal combustion engine related equipment (disclosed in February 2024)

- · We received an order for automotive internal combustion engine related equipment totaling approximately 13 billion yen.
- We have an established track record in providing assembly and test equipment for engine and transmission assembly lines for ICE passenger vehicles and light duty trucks. Our recent receipt of orders is a reflection of our excellent track record in this area.
- We are steadily accumulating design and manufacturing expertise in this market and will continue to address the needs of our customers around the world by utilizing our experience and production capacity to meet both ICE and EV market demand.

<The list of large-scale purchase order projects we disclosed in FY2023>

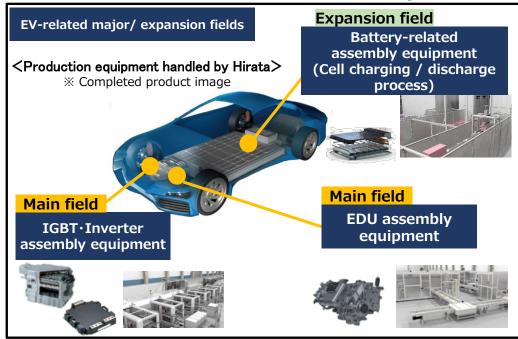
Business segment	Disclosure date		Outline of the equipment	Amount
	2023	June	EDU assembly equipment for EVs	More than 8 billion yen
Automobile- related	J.	January	Battery charging and discharging related equipment for EVs	More than 4 billion yen
· c.acca	2024	February	Automotive internal combustion engine related equipment	Approximately 13 billion yen

III. Reference Data ®



Business overview : Main products of automobile-related business

√Continued orders from North American automakers (big three), North American emerging EV manufacturers, domestic electronic components manufacturers, focusing on EV related



Main field

EDU assembly equipment

Manufacturing EV-drive parts assembly equipment called EDU (ELECTRIC DRIVE UNIT) combined with in-vehicle motors and gearboxes

Main field

IGBT· Inverter assembly equipment

Manufacturing of in-vehicle electronic components mounted on EVs and transmissions such as IGBT and inverters

Expansion field

Battery-related assembly equipment(Cell charging / discharge process)

Manufacturing of conveying equipment for charging and discharging processes that are part of the battery cell progress.

Main Areas, customers, superiority

Major fields	Arone	Customore	Hivata's superiority
Major fields	Areas	Customers	Hirata's superiority
EDU assembly equipment	North America	North American automakers (Big Three)North American emerging EV manufacturers	【Common in segment】 OIntegrated system from development to production and maintenance OEngineering ability to respond to customer requests
IGBT· Inverter assembly equipment	Japan	Domestic electronic components manufacturers	OCustomer trust and continuation transactions [Unique in segment] • Ability to handle large facilities, some of which
Battery-related assembly equipment(charging / discharge process)	Japan	Domestic battery manufacturers	exceed 1 km in total length, solely in-house • A vast factory that allows to verify the entire production line

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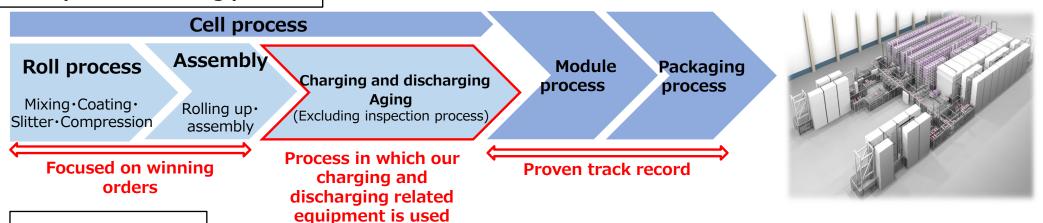


Business overview: Battery manufacturing process and the scope of our charging and discharging related equipment

- Manufacturing of charging and discharging related equipment used in the final charging and discharging process of battery cells
- Delivering to customers as a system incorporating charging and discharging machines, utilizing transfer and stocker technology

Battery manufacturing process

• Image of charging and discharging facilities



Our products

Charging and discharging related equipment

- The process of activating cells (batteries) by applying power to the assembled cells and repeating charging and discharging in the initial stage, after aging, after high temperature testing, etc.
- We deliver the system to the customer by incorporating the charging and discharging machines procured from external suppliers into the transport lines and automated warehouses manufactured by us.

<Transport system>

This system provides optimal transfer between processes according to recipes (process procedures).

<Warehouse system for aging>

The system performs tests in high-temperature environments and measures the performance of cell voltages after a certain period of time in an automated warehouse.

< Warehouse system for charging and discharging>

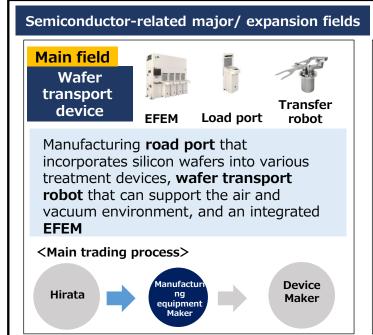
It is used in a process in which a full charge and discharge are repeated several times. It takes several hours to set the charging capacity, charging speed, and number of repetitions.

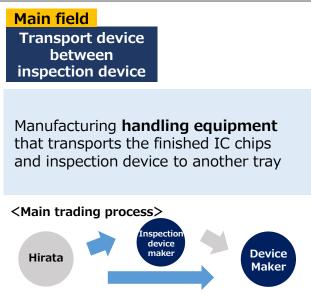
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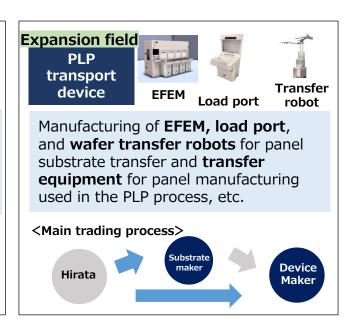


Business overview : Main products of semiconductor-related business

✓ Continuing orders mainly for wafer transport devices for domestic device manufacturers and handling devices between inspection devices







Main customers, competitors, superiority

Major fields	Areas	Customers	Hirata's superiority
Wafer transport device	Japan	Domestic manufacturing equipment manufacturer	[Common in segment] OIntegrated system from development to production and
Transport device between inspection device	North America, Japan	North American device makerDomestic inspection equipment manufacturer	maintenance OEngineering ability to respond to customer requests OCustomer trust and continuation transactions
PLP transport device	North America, Europe, Japan	North American device maker Domestic/European substrate manufacturer	 Unique in segment A wealth of component lineup Knowledge technology required for customization and optimization to meet customer requirements

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- Business overview: Semiconductor manufacturing process and the scope of our wafer transport device

 Manufacturing of load ports that take wafers into various processing equipment mainly used in the front-end process of semiconductor manufacturing, wafer transfer robots that transfer wafers, and EFEMs that integrate them

Semiconductor manufacturing process

Process in which our wafer transfer equipment is primarily used

Design

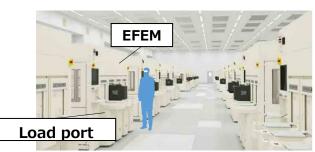
Front-end process

Back-end process

- Design for circuit
 and pattern
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- Photomask creation
- Wafer creation
- Circuit pattern creation
- Oxidation of wafer surface
- •Thin film formation
- Pattern transcription of photomask
- Ion implantation

- Dicing
- Die bonding
- Wire bonding
- Packaging
- Commercialization and final inspection

● Image of our product installation



Multiple EFEM/load ports are used on a single line because EFEM/load ports are installed at each processing unit.

① EFEM

Our main products

1 EFEM (Equipment Front End Module)

It is placed for each processing unit, with a wafer transfer robot inside and a load port on the front.

② Load port

It opens and closes the lid on the back side of the FOUP %, a device that makes up the EFEM, but is also sold as a standalone item.

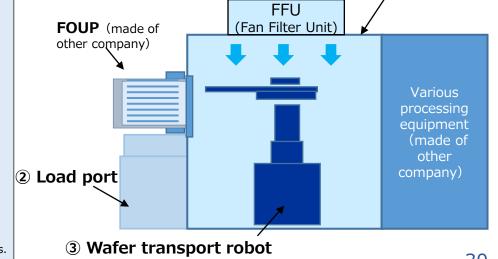
3 Wafer transport robot

Wafers are removed from the FOUP and transferred to the processing equipment. After processing, the wafers are stocked back in the FOUP. It is a device that makes up the EFEM, but is also sold as a stand-alone item.









Installation image of our products

%FOUP: It is a container for wafers that holds multiple wafers and moves them between processes.

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Business overview: Other Automatic Labor-saving Equipment

✓ Manufacturing products for various industrial fields such as organic EL vapor equipment, assembly equipment for home appliances, and medical physics and chemical equipment

Main · New fields of other automatic labor-saving equipment

Main field

Organic EL Vapor equipment Contracted the manufacturing of vacuum vapor equipment for organic EL panels

Main field

Assembly equipment for home appliances

Manufacturing all equipment, including motor assembly equipment built into high-performance home appliances

Main field

Medical physiology and chemical equipment Manufacturing a system for sample tests (pathological tissue specimen device and fully automatic continuous thinning device)

New field for monetization

Focused ultrasound therapy equipment

- •Focused ultrasound therapy equipment for Pancreatic Cancer Under Development with SONIRE Therapeutics Inc. (Headquarters: Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, SONIRE, hereinafter, Sonia)
- •Aiming for non-invasive cancer treatment that fuses SONIRE's Ultrasonic Technology with our robot technology
- ·Started clinical trials in a person and started developing the next mass production device

Main customers, competitors, superiority

Major fields	Areas	Customers	Hirata's superiority
Organic EL Vapor equipment	Japan	Domestic manufacturing device manufacturer	【Common in segment】 OIntegrated system from development to production and
Assembly equipment for home appliances	Asia	Asian home appliance manufacturer	maintenance OEngineering ability to respond to customer requests OCustomer trust and continuation transactions
Medical·physics and chemical equipment	Japan	Domestic medical specialty manufacturer	[Unique in segment] ● Extensive knowledge and expertise in production facilities and equipment in all fields



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