



Kureha Chemical Industry Announces Record Profit for Fiscal 2004

Strategic Businesses Make Solid Contribution to Earnings

Condensed consolidated statement of income

For the fiscal years ended 31 March 2004 and 2005

¥ millions

	FY2004	FY2003
	31 March 2005	31 March 2004
Sale	130,400	135,020
Cost of goods sold	91,987	98,241
Selling, general and administrative expenses	28,158	27,315
Operating income	10,255	9,463
Non-operating revenue	771	686
Non-operating expenses	1,320	1,829
Recurring income	9,705	8,320
Extraordinary gains	1,621	2,204
Extraordinary losses	3,276	3,682
Profit before income taxes	8,050	6,843
Taxes and minority interest adjustments	3,583	2,660
Net income	4,467	4,183

Condensed consolidated balance sheets

As of 31 March 2005 and 2004

¥ millions

	FY2004	FY2003
	31 March 2005	31 March 2004
<i>Assets</i>		
Current assets	61,525	65,617
Cash and equivalents	6,001	7,584
Fixed assets	111,201	107,678
Property, plant and equipment	69,289	66,568
Intangible assets	2,091	2,279
Investments and other assets	39,820	38,831
Total Assets	172,727	173,295

<i>Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</i>		
Current liabilities	57,713	60,286
Short-term borrowing	25,209	24,405
Long-term liabilities	21,165	19,538
Long-term liabilities	9,651	9,953
Total Liabilities	78,879	79,824
Minority Interest	785	1,696
Shareholders' Equity	93,062	91,774
Total Liabilities, Minority Interests and Shareholders' Equity	172,727	173,295

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Notes to Editors

About Kureha Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.

Kureha Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. is a leading chemical and plastic products company, listed on both the Tokyo and Osaka Stock Exchanges (4023). The company was established in 1944 as a manufacturer of caustic soda, chlorine-based chemicals, and fertilizers.

Utilizing strong in-house R&D capabilities, Kureha has developed into a leading manufacturer of advanced plastics (such as PPS resin and PVDF resin), specialty chemicals (pharmaceuticals, including anti-cancer agent Krestin, and agrochemicals) and specialty plastics (food packaging products, including New *Krewrap*, and other household goods).

The company also undertakes a number of construction and maintenance operations in association with each of its major businesses, as well as providing transport, environmental management and other services.

Kureha's main factory is located in Nishiki, Fukushima Prefecture, Japan. In addition, the company has overseas production facilities in China, The Netherlands, and via a joint venture in the United States. More information may be found at <http://www.kureha.co.jp/>