

Kureha Corporation Reports Interim Results April – September 2018 (IFRS)

Tokyo, Japan, December 2018 – Kureha Corporation ("Kureha"), a leading global supplier of specialty chemicals and plastics, has reported earnings for the first half of the year ending March 2019 (FY2018), the final year of the company's mid-term management plan, Kureha's Challenge 2018. On a consolidated basis, revenue increased 4.3% to 72.5 billion yen year-on-year while operating profit decreased 2.5% to 7.1 billion yen. Profit before income tax rose by 2.1% to 7.3 billion yen. Profit attributable to the owners of Kureha fell by 7.7% to 5.3 billion yen.

While profits were affected by adverse circumstances, the results also reflect positive factors including better-than-expected performance in the Advanced Materials segment, front-loaded delivery recorded in the Specialty Chemicals segment and higher revenue growth from value-added products. We also recorded fewer expenses in the first half, although we expect expense spending for the full year to remain unchanged.

In Advanced Materials, Kureha continued to see volume growth in advanced plastics and carbon products, although profits were affected by temporary costs related to the polyglycolic acid (PGA) plant operation in the United States. Segment performance was also affected by Hurricane Florence in the United States in September, which disrupted production of polyphenylene sulfide (PPS) at Fortron Industries, Kureha's joint venture with Celanese in North Carolina.

Specialty Chemicals and Specialty Plastics both saw growth in revenue and profits, the former due to solid sales volumes of agrochemicals compensating for slower performance in the pharmaceuticals business, and the latter due to stronger sales volumes of packaging film. Performance in the Construction segment was impacted by a drop in private-sector construction projects, while Other Operations saw revenue and profit growth due to higher sales volumes in the environmental business.

Yutaka Kobayashi, President and Chief Executive Officer, said, "I am pleased to report that performance in the first half of FY2018, the final year of Kureha's Challenge 2018, surpassed forecasts despite continued market challenges and the unexpected force majeure factor in North Carolina. Looking ahead to the second half, I believe we are on track to reaching the plan's target of 14.0 billion yen in operating profit."

"That said, 14.0 billion yen is the minimum line. We are moving forward aggressively with strengthening Kureha's product offering, innovative capabilities and operational efficiency, and have made 2020 the new target year for the mid-term plan's two central qualitative targets: expanding the PGA business and enhancing the management foundation."

Elaborating on Kureha's growth strategy, Mr. Kobayashi added, "Functional products will be key growth drivers. Accordingly, we are steadily expanding production capacity in our high-demand businesses, PVDF and PPS. In the PGA business, we took the decision to further strengthen our product offering in the United States by developing three new frac plug grades, which break down in different temperatures. One of them, a new ultra-low temperature grade product, was successfully launched this fall. Following tests and approval by a major operator for full-bore use, we now look forward to receiving orders.

"While these efforts led to a delay from the initial plan, I believe it is the right strategy to thoroughly establish Kureha's differentiation in the market. On this foundation, we predict a return to profitability for the PGA business in the next fiscal year and are determined to reach a profit level above 1.5 billion yen by 2020."



Consolidated interim results

(Billions of yen, except where stated)

	Sep. 2017	Sep. 2018	Change (%)
Revenue	69.5	72.5	4.3
Operating profit	7.2	7.1	-2.5
Profit before income tax	7.2	7.3	2.1
Profit attributable	5.8	5.3	-7.7
to owners of Kureha			
Dividend per share (yen)	55.00	70.00	-

Consolidated interim results by segment

(Billions of yen)

Segment		Sep. 2017	Sep. 2018	Change (%)
Advanced Materials	Revenue	19.8	22.6	14
	Operating profit (loss)	1.4	0.7	-53
Specialty Chemicals	Revenue	12.6	14.1	11
	Operating profit (loss)	1.9	2.1	9
Specialty Plastics	Revenue	22.2	22.8	2
	Operating profit (loss)	3.3	3.4	3
Construction	Revenue	7.2	5.0	-31
	Operating profit (loss)	0.2	0.1	-42
Other Operations	Revenue	7.6	8.1	7
	Operating profit (loss)	0.6	0.8	29
Adjustments		-0.2	-0.0	-
Total	Revenue	69.5	72.5	4.3
	Operating profit (loss)	7.2	7.1	-2.5

Performance by Segment

Advanced Materials

Major product areas: advanced plastics (PPS, PVDF, PGA), carbon materials

In the first-half period, revenue in the Advanced Materials segment increased by 14% to 22.6 billion yen from 19.8 billion yen. Operating profit decreased by 53% to 0.7 billion yen, mainly due to temporary PGA-related costs.

Advanced plastics: Revenue up but temporary PGA costs affect profits

Revenue in the advanced plastics business continued to see healthy growth, up 12%. This growth was spurred in particular by continued strong demand for polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF), which is used in lithium-ion battery (LiB) binder materials for electric vehicles. In the PGA business, while revenue continued to grow, temporary costs resulting from a temporary halt of operation at the resin manufacturing plant in the United States affected profits. In the PPS business, which continued to enjoy growing demand for automotive applications, performance was affected by the force majeure situation caused by Hurricane Florence in the United States.

Carbon products: Continued growth in revenue and profits

The carbon products business continued its upward trajectory during the first-half period. Revenue rose 4% to 2.7 billion yen due to continued demand for heat-insulating materials used in the manufacturing of silicon ingots for semiconductors, leading to an increase in operating profit.



Outlook: In the PGA business, Kureha expects to see stronger business growth, which will lead to a narrowing of the operating loss. We will focus our business expansion on the Permian Basin and Eagle Ford Shale regions, which are hotspots of U.S. shale oil production, and expect to see a return to profitability in the next fiscal year. Our degradable frac plugs are currently being used by eight oil field operators, with whom we are working closely to gather feedback for product refinements.

In the PVDF business, demand will continue to be strong. In response, annual production capacity at Kureha's Iwaki Plant will increase by 2,000 tons annually from January next year as new facilities become operational. In China, where Kureha is currently capable of producing 5,000 tons annually, we are awaiting official approval to produce additional grades of LiB binder materials for the rapidly expanding electric vehicle market.

In the PPS business, Kureha expects a significant profit decline, mostly due to the force majeure disruption seen in the first half in the United States. However, we forecast continued demand for automotive applications, as PPS, which is both lightweight and has excellent heat stability, has proven to be an excellent replacement for metals. Consequently, we are moving forward with plans to raise production capacity at the Iwaki Plant by 5,000 tons/year to a total of 15,700 tons/year by 2021.

In carbon products, revenue and operating profit are likely to decline slightly although price adjustments and continued cost reductions will have a cushioning effect.

Segment revenue for the full fiscal year is projected to be 47.0 billion yen, up 13% year-on-year, while operating profit is expected to rise by 74% to 2.9 billion yen.

Specialty Chemicals

Major product areas – industrial chemicals, agrochemicals, pharmaceuticals

In the first-half period, the Specialty Chemicals segment recorded revenue of 14.1 billion yen, an increase of 11%, and operating profit of 2.1 billion yen, up 9% from 1.9 billion yen. These results were driven by revenue increases across all businesses in the segment.

Agrochemicals: Increases in both revenue and operating profit

Sales volumes of the fungicide *Metconazole* rose due to front-loaded delivery and sustained market demand, leading to increases in both revenue and operating profit.

Pharmaceuticals: Higher sales volumes, but profits affected by price revisions Kureha saw increased sales volumes of *Kremezin*, a therapeutic agent for chronic kidney disease. However, although revenue increased, operating profit was affected by government-mandated drug price revisions.

Industrial chemicals: Healthy sales, but high costs impact profits

Continued high demand for industrial chemicals led to healthy revenue growth. However, operating profit remained largely unchanged year-on-year due to high raw material prices and fuel costs.

Outlook: In the second half of the fiscal year, operating profit from the agrochemicals business will decrease due to lower sales volumes of fungicides, although yen depreciation against the US dollar will have a cushioning effect. In the pharmaceuticals business, sales volumes of *Kremezin* are expected to grow, although government-mandated drug price revisions will lead operating profit to remain flat. The industrial



chemicals business will return to revenue and profit growth as a result of price adjustments and continued cost reduction efforts.

Segment revenue for the full fiscal year is projected to rise by 5% to 27.5 billion yen year-on-year, while operating profit will decrease by 6% to 3.2 billion yen.

Specialty Plastics

Major product areas – food packaging materials, household products

In the first-half period, revenue increased 2% to 22.8 billion yen from 22.2 billion yen, while operating profit was up 3% from 3.3 billion yen to 3.4 billion yen. These results were driven by robust growth in synthetic fiber products and packaging materials.

Consumer goods: Higher costs affect profits

In consumer goods, *NEW Krewrap* plastic wrap and *Seaguar* fishing lines continued to see revenue growth, although as expected higher costs for raw materials and promotion led to a decrease in operating profits.

Packaging materials: Continued healthy sales of heat-shrink film

Commercial-use food packaging materials continued to benefit from last fiscal year's restructuring of Kureha's food packaging sales and production network in the EU and Australia as well as a revised sales expansion strategy for heat-shrink multilayer film. Both revenue and operating profit increased, driven by higher sales volumes of heat-shrink multilayer film.

Outlook: In consumer goods, Kureha forecasts further healthy sales volume gains for *NEW Krewrap* plastic wrap, the *Kitchinto-san* series, and *Seaguar* fishing lines, although high raw material and promotional costs will affect operating profit for the segment as a whole. In packaging materials, Kureha forecasts continued expansion of global sales on the back of solid demand for advanced heat-shrink multilayer film products, leading to increases in both revenue and operating profit.

Segment revenue for the full fiscal year is expected to increase slightly to 46.0 billion yen, while operating profit is projected to decrease by 10% to 6.2 billion yen.

Construction / Other Operations

Major product areas – construction and engineering, environmental engineering, logistics, trading related businesses

Construction: Drop in private-sector projects affects revenue and profits Kureha's Construction segment saw steady growth in public-sector construction projects. However, a fall in the number of private-sector projects, together with higher labor and raw material costs, affected revenue and operating profits. As a result, revenue in the Construction segment declined 31% to 5.0 billion yen, while operating profit fell 42% to 0.1 billion yen from 0.2 billion yen.

Other Operations: Increases in both revenue and profit

In the environmental business, the industrial waste treatment business continued to perform well, leading to increases in revenue and operating profit that more than compensated for logistics and hospital operations, where operating profit remained flat. As a result, revenue in Other Operations rose by 7% to 8.1 billion yen, and operating profit increased 29% to 0.8 billion yen from 0.6 billion yen.



Outlook: In the Construction segment, revenue and operating profit are projected to decrease due to fewer post-earthquake construction projects and continued increases in labor and raw material costs. Revenue is projected to fall 25% to 13.0 billion yen, while operating profit will decrease 52% to 0.5 billion yen.

In Other Operations, Kureha forecasts that the industrial waste treatment business will continue to see strong demand. However, intensifying competition, particularly in the micro-level PCB waste treatment business, will negatively affect revenue and profit. In response, Kureha will continue its cost-cutting and efficiency-raising measures. Revenue is projected to decrease slightly by 2% to 16.5 billion yen, while operating profit will fall 6% to 1.7 billion yen.

Capex, Depreciation, R&D and Debt

(Billions of yen)

	Sep. 2017	Sep. 2018	March 2019 (forecasts)
Capital expenditure	4.0	5.8	14.5
Depreciation	4.9	5.0	10.3
R&D	2.3	2.5	5.8
Interest-bearing debt	56.0	45.9	45.4

Capital expenditure during the first-half period increased from 4.0 billion yen to 5.8 billion yen. For the full fiscal year, Kureha expects to allocate 14.5 billion yen, up from 9.8 billion yen in FY2017. This capital will be used to raise Kureha's PVDF and PPS production capacity in response to intense demand and upgrade production processes for existing products. Depreciation, mainly related to expanded production facilities, rose slightly to 5.0 billion yen and is expected to reach 10.3 billion yen for the full fiscal year.

R&D expenditure rose slightly to 2.5 billion yen in the first half. For the full fiscal year, the allocation will rise from 5.0 billion to 5.8 billion yen. As per the mid-term management plan, Kureha's Challenge 2018, this additional investment in R&D will focus on enhancing existing products and processes, and developing next-generation products through collaboration with companies, universities and organizations.

Kureha continues to successfully reduce interest-bearing debt. In the first-half period, interest-bearing debt decreased from 56.0 billion yen to 45.9 billion yen. For the full fiscal year, it is projected to reach 45.4 billion yen

Outlook for the Full Fiscal Year

(Billions of ven, except where stated)

	March 2018	March 2019	Change (%)
Revenue	147.3	150.0	1.8
Operating profit	13.0	14.0	7.9
Profit before income tax	12.7	14.0	10.4
Profit attributable to the owners of Kureha	9.7	10.5	8.3
Earnings per share (yen)	507.48	508.36	
Dividend per share (yen)*	125.0	140.0	



(Billions of yen)

Division		March 2018	March 2019	Change (%)
Advanced Materials	Revenue	41.6	47.0	13
	Operating profit (loss)	1.7	2.9	74
Specialty Chemicals	Revenue	26.2	27.5	5
	Operating profit (loss)	3.4	3.2	-6
Specialty Plastics	Revenue	45.4	46.0	1
	Operating profit (loss)	6.9	6.2	-10
Construction	Revenue	17.4	13.0	-25
	Operating profit (loss)	1.0	0.5	-52
Other Operations	Revenue	16.8	16.5	-2
	Operating profit (loss)	1.8	1.7	-6
Adjustments	Adjustments			-0.5
Total	Revenue	147.3	150.0	1.8
	Operating profit (loss)	13.0	14.0	7.9

FY2016-2018 has been designated as a period to lay the foundation for Kureha's future expansion. The performance in the first half of FY2018 puts us on track to raising operating profit by 7.9% to 14.0 billion yen, which is the target figure stated in Kureha's Challenge 2018. Alongside this rise in operating profit, revenue will increase by 1.8% to 150.0 billion yen. Profit before income tax is expected to grow 10.4% to 14.0 billion yen. As a result, profit attributable to the owners of Kureha is forecast to increase 8.3% to 10.5 billion yen for the full fiscal year.

Kureha will continue to face a challenging market environment in the second half, including factors such as higher costs for raw materials and promotion in the Specialty Plastics segment. Growth will thus be mainly driven by the Advanced Materials segment. An important goal will be to solidify the revenue base for the PGA business in North America, which is positioned to become one of Kureha's future growth drivers. In the second half, Kureha expects to successfully narrow the operating loss for this business. Together with continued strong sales volumes of PVDF, this will more than compensate for lower gains in the PPS business.

Alongside efforts to strengthen existing businesses, we will focus on new business creation and the commercialization of promising R&D themes. We will also continue our efforts to raise productivity, promote group-wide digitization and enhance the ways in which we can fully utilize the wide-ranging talent that exists within Kureha Group.

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Condensed interim balance sheets

As of March 31 and September 30, 2018 (Millions of yen)

	Mar. 2018	Sep. 2018
Assets		
Current assets	76,963	74,522
Cash and cash equivalents	6,475	5,531
Noncurrent assets	165,318	173,666
Property, plant and equipment	114,236	116,038
Intangible assets	1,336	1,227
Investments and other assets	49,745	56,401
Total assets	242,281	248,189
Liabilities and net assets		
Current liabilities	62,595	60,890
Short-term borrowings	25,759	26,026
Fixed liabilities	27,644	26,755
Corporate bonds and long-term borrowings	21,657	19,311
Total liabilities	90,240	87,645
Net assets		
Shareholders' equity	150,193	158,937
Minority interest	1,847	1,605
Total net assets	152,041	160,543
Total liabilities and net assets	242,281	248,189

<u>Condensed interim income statement</u>
As of March 31 and September 30, 2018

	Mar. 2018	Sep. 2018
Revenue	147,329	72,466
Cost of goods sold	107,300	52,386
Selling, general and administrative expenses	27,193	13,745
Operating profit	12,973	7,066
Income before income tax	12,683	7,327
Taxes and minority interest adjustments	2,869	1,995
Profit attributable to owners of Kureha	9,697	5,321

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(Period April 1 – September 30, 2018)

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1. FY2018 Half-Year Results

(April 1 – September 30, 2018)



FY2018 1H Overview

(in billions of yen, except where stated otherwise)

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	FY2017 1H	FY2018 1H	Change (%)					
Revenue	69.5	72.5 72.0	3.0 (4.3%) 0.5 (0.6%)					
Operating profit	7.2	7.1 5.0	-0.2 (-2.5%) 2.1 (41.3%)					
Profit before income tax	7.2	7.3 5.0	0.2 (2.1%) 2.3 (46.6%)					
Profit attributable to owners of Kureha Corp.	5.8	5.3 3.5	-0.4 (-7.7%) 1.8 (52.0%)					
Profit per share Profit per share attributable to owners of Kureha	¥325.40 ¥7,25							
Ratio of profit attributable to owners of Kureha to revenue	62.0%	64. 0 %	o o					
Dividend per share*	¥55.0	¥70. 0)					

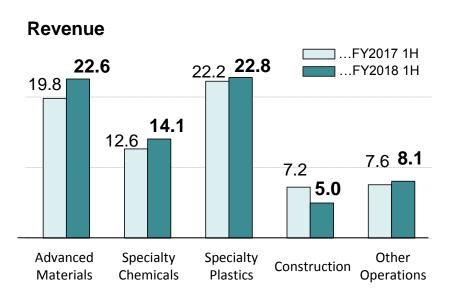
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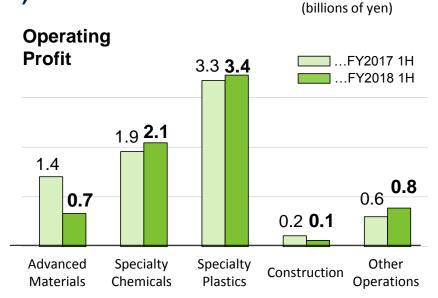
FY2018 1H vs. FY2017 1H

- Revenue grew on strong performance in Advanced
 Materials and Specialty Chemicals, while Construction declined
- Operating profit decreased as result of temporary cost associated with Advanced Materials, more than offsetting gains driven by higher volumes
- Profit before income tax rose due to higher financial income
- Profit for the period increased due to higher tax cost



FY2018 1H Segment Performance (vs. FY2017 1H)





Factors attributing to operating profit (vs. FY2017 1H)

Advanced Materials: Temporary PGA-related cost more than offsetting volume growth in advanced

plastics and carbon products

Specialty Chemicals: Higher agrochemicals volumes compensating for lower gains in pharmaceuticals

Specialty Plastics: Higher packaging film volume more than offsetting higher cost s associated with

home products and synthetic fiber

Construction: Fewer construction projects in private sector

Other Operations: Higher volumes in environmental business



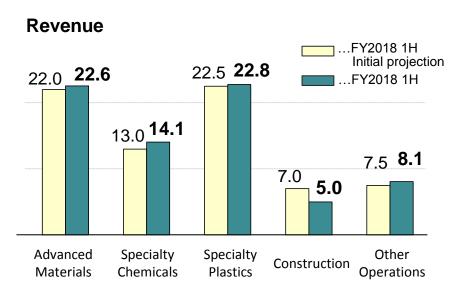
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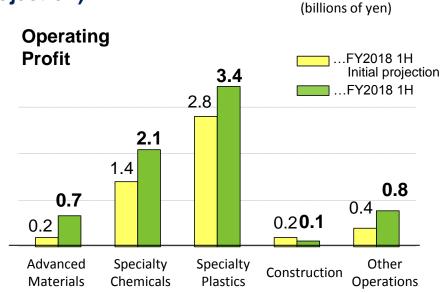
FY2017 1H	Advanced Materials	Specialty Chemicals	Specialty Plastics	Con- struction	Other Operations	Segment Total	Adjustment	Total
Revenue	19.8	12.6	22.2	7.2	7.6	69.5		69.5
Elimination							0.1	
Other income							0.2	
Other expenses	*Environme	*Environment-related expenses: ¥0.4bn					0.5	
Operating profit	1.4	1.9	3.3	0.2	0.6	7.5	-0.2	7.2
Finance income							0.3	
Finance costs							0.4	
Profit before income tax								7.2
Profit for the period								5.8

FY2018 1H	Advanced Materials	Specialty Chemicals	Specialty Plastics	Con- struction	Other Operations	Segment Total	Adjustment	Total
Revenue	22.6	14.1	22.8	5.0	8.1	72.5		72.5
Elimination							-0.1	
Other income							0.2	
Other expenses							0.2	
Operating profit	0.7	2.1	3.4	0.1	0.8	7.1	-0.0	7.1
Finance income							0.4	
Finance costs							0.2	
Profit before income tax								7.3
Profit for the period								5.3

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Factors attributing operating profit (vs. Initial projection)

Advanced Materials: PVDF and carbon products volumes growth compensating for lower profit in PPS

Specialty Chemicals: Higher agrochemicals volumes as result of front-loaded delivery (originally scheduled

for 2nd half of FY2018), higher industrial chemicals prices

Specialty Plastics: Higher home products and synthetic fiber volumes and lower costs

Construction: Fewer construction projects in private sector Other Operations: Higher volumes in environmental business



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FY2018 1H Initial projection	Advanced Materials	Specialty Chemicals	Specialty Plastics	Con- struction	Other Operations	Segment Total	Adjustment	Total
Revenue	22.0	13.0	22.5	7.0	7.5	72.0		72.0
Elimination							0.0	
Other income							0.1	
Other expenses							0.1	
Operating profit	0.2	1.4	2.8	0.2	0.4	5.0	0.0	5.0
Finance income							0.3	
Finance costs							0.3	
Profit before income tax								5.0
Profit for the period								3.5

FY2018 1H	Advanced Materials	Specialty Chemicals	Specialty Plastics	Con- struction	Other Operations	Segment Total	Adjustment	Total
Revenue	22.6	14.1	22.8	5.0	8.1	72.5		72.5
Elimination							-0.1	
Other income							0.2	
Other expenses							0.2	
Operating profit	0.7	2.1	3.4	0.1	0.8	7.1	-0.0	7.1
Finance income							0.4	
Finance costs							0.2	
Profit before income tax								7.3
Profit for the period								5.3

Segment Performance: Advanced Materials

(billions of yen)

	FY2017 1H	FY2018 1H	Change %
Advanced Materials			
Advanced plastics	11.6	13.0	12%
Carbon products	2.6	2.7	4%
Revenue: Kureha Co.	14.1	15.7	11%
Revenue: Subsidiaries	14.0	14.6	4%
Elimination	-8.3	-7.7	
Kureha-G Revenue	19.8	22.6	14%
Kureha-G Operating Profit	1.4	0.7	-53%

(FY18 1H Initial Projection: Revenue ¥22bn, Ope.profit ¥0.2bn)

FY2018 1H vs. FY2017 1H



Advanced plastics:

Operating profit decreased due to temporary PGA-related cost and profit decline for PPS, despite higher revenue driven by PVDF (as LiB binder) and PGA (applications for oil/gas exploration)

Carbon products

Operating profit improved on higher revenue



Segment Performance: Specialty Chemicals

(billions of yen)

	FY2017 1H	FY2018 1H	Change %
Specialty Chemicals			
Agrochemicals	4.0	4.6	14%
Pharmaceuticals	2.2	2.5	12%
Industrial chemicals	4.8	5.2	9%
Revenue: Kureha Co.	11.0	12.2	11%
Revenue: Subsidiaries	3.0	3.4	13%
Elimination	-1.4	-1.6	
Kureha-G Revenue	12.6	14.1	11%
Kureha-G Operating Profit	1.9	2.1	9%

(FY18 1H Initial Projection: Revenue ¥13bn, Ope.profit ¥1.4bn)

FY2018 1H vs. FY2017 1H



Agrochemicals

Revenue and profit increased on higher fungicides volumes

<u>Pharmaceuticals</u>

Operating profit declined due to lower prices as result of drug price revisions despite higher Kremezin (therapeutic agent for chronic kidney disease) volume

<u>Industrial chemicals</u>

Revenue grew but operating profit remained flat due to increased raw materials and fuels costs offsetting higher prices



Segment Performance: Specialty Plastics

(billions of yen)

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	FY2017 1H	FY2018 1H	Change %
Specialty Plastics			
Home products	10.6	10.7	1%
Packaging materials	3.2	3.0	-6%
Revenue: Kureha Co.	13.7	13.6	-1%
Packaging materials	5.9	6.3	7%
Fiber products	2.2	2.3	4%
Others	3.5	3.2	-6%
Revenue: Subsidiaries	11.5	11.8	3%
Elimination	-3.0	-2.7	
Kureha-G Revenue	22.2	22.8	2%
Kureha-G Operating Profit	3.3	3.4	3%

FY2018 1H vs. FY2017 1H

Revenue Operating Profit

Home products

Operating profit decreased due to higher costs, despite revenue growth driven by NEW Krewrap (plastic wrap) and Seaguar (fishing lines)

Packaging materials

Revenue and profit grew on higher heat-shrink multilayer film volumes

(FY18 1H Initial Projection: Revenue ¥22.5bn, Ope.profit ¥2.8bn)



Segment Performance: Construction & Other Operations

(billions of yen)

		FY2017 1H	FY2018 1H	Change %
Со	nstruction			
	Construction	10.4	8.1	-22%
	Elimination	-3.2	-3.1	
Ku	reha-G Revenue	7.2	5.0	-31%
Ku	reha-G Operating Profit	0.2	0.1	-42%

(FY18 1H Initial Projection: Revenue ¥7bn, Ope.profit ¥0.2bn)

Other	Operations
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Ju	iei Operations			
	Environmental engineering	4.6	5.3	15%
	Logistics	4.1	4.1	-0%
	Hospital operations	1.8	1.8	0%
	Others	0.9	1.0	4%
	Revenue: Subsidiaries	11.5	12.2	6%
	Elimination	-3.9	-4.1	
(u	reha-G Revenue	7.6	8.1	7%
(u	reha-G Operating Profit	0.6	8.0	29%

FY2018 1H vs. FY2017 1H

Revenue Operating Profit

Construction

Revenue and profit declined due to fewer projects in private sector more than offsetting the steady growth in public sector

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Operating Profit

Environmental Engineering

Revenue and profit increased due mainly to strong industrial waste treatment business

<u>Logistics</u>

Operating profit remained flat on lower revenue

Hospital Operations

Revenue and profit remained flat

(FY18 1H Initial Projection: Revenue ¥7.5bn, Ope.profit ¥0.4bn)

Financial Position

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	Mar.31 2018	Sept.30 2018	Change
Cash and cash equivalents	6.5	5.5	-0.9
Trade and other receivables	32.7	30.9	-1.7
Inventories	36.0	33.6	-2.4
Other current assets	1.8	4.5	2.7
Total current assets	77.0	74.5	-2.4
Property, plant and equipment	114.2	116.0	1.8
Intangible assets	1.3	1.2	-0.1
Investments and other assets	49.7	56.4	6.7
Total non-current assets	165.3	173.7	8.3
Total assets	242.3	248.2	5.9

Liabilities and Equity

	Mar.31 2018	Sept.31 2018	Change
Trade and other payables	21.5	20.0	-1.6
Interest-bearing debt	48.1	45.9	-2.2
Provisions	6.6	6.5	-0.1
Other liabilities	14.0	15.3	1.3
Total liabilities	90.2	87.6	-2.6
Shareholders' equity	18.2	18.2	
Capital surplus	15.3	15.0	-0.2
Less: Treasury stock	-0.7	-0.7	-0.0
Retained earnings	108.7	113.1	4.3
Other components of equity	8.7	13.4	4.6
Non-controlling interests	1.8	1.6	-0.2
Total equity	152.0	160.5	8.5
Total liabilities and equity	242.3	248.2	5.9



Cash Flow

	FY2017 1H	FY2018 1H	Change
Profit before income tax	7.2	7.3	0.2
Depreciation	4.9	5.0	0.1
Other	-1.3	-1.9	-0.6
Cash flow from operating activities	10.8	10.3	-0.4
Cash flow from investing activities	-5.9	-7.3	-1.4
Cash flow from financing activities	-5.3	-4.0	1.2
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	-0.0	0.0	0.1
Increase/decrease in cash and cash equivalents	-0.4	-0.9	-0.6
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	6.2	6.5	0.3
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	5.8	5.5	-0.3



2. FY2018 Full-Year Outlook

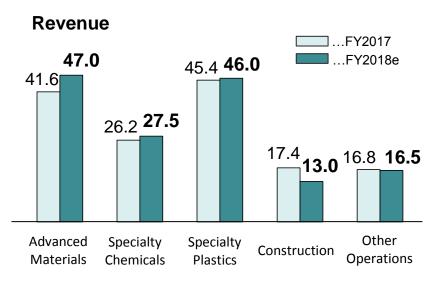
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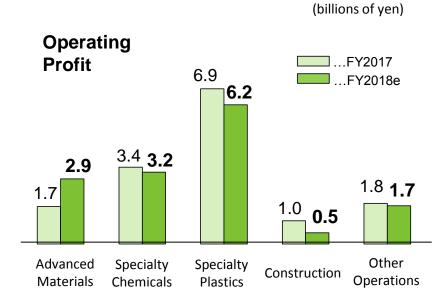


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	FY2017	FY2018e	Change YOY (%)	FY2018e vs. FY2017
Revenue	147.3	150.0	2.7 (1.8%)	 Revenue growth supported largely by Advanced Materials
Operating profit	13.0	14.0	1.0 (7.9%)	 Higher operating profit driven by Advanced Materials, improved
Profit before income tax	12.7	14.0	1.3 (10.4%)	operating loss for PGA and fewer 'other expenses' more than offsetting profit declines and higher
Profit attributable to owners of Kureha Corp.	9.7	10.5	0.8 (8.3%)	costs in other segments • Profit before income tax to improve
				on higher operating profit
Earnings per share	¥507.48	¥508.3	6	 Profit for the period to improve on
Shareholders' equity per share	¥7,272	¥7,73	1	higher profit before income tax
Dividend per share				
(Interim)	¥55.0	¥70.	0	
(Year-end)	¥70.0	¥70.	0	- KUREHA

Segment Performance: FY2018e vs. FY2017





FY2017: ¥147.3bn FY2018e: ¥150.0bn

FY2017: ¥14.9bn FY2018e: ¥14.5bn

Factors attributing to FY2018e operating profit (vs. FY2017)

Advanced Materials: Improved operating loss for PGA more than offsetting lower gains for PPS

Specialty Chemicals: Lower agrochemicals volumes, lower pharmaceutical prices

Specialty Plastics: Higher promotion cost for home products

Construction: Higher labor and raw materials costs

Other Operations: Intensified competition in environmental business



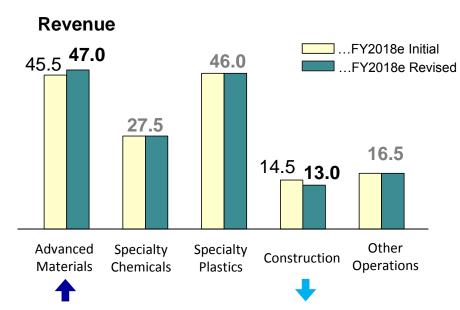
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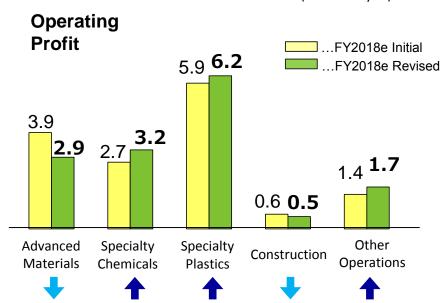
F۱	/2017	Advanced Materials	Specialty Chemicals	Specialty Plastics	Con- struction	Other Operations	Segment Total	Adjustment	Total
	Revenue	41.6	26.2	45.4	17.4	16.8	147.3		147.3
	Elimination			0.2					
	Other income	*Subsidy ind	Subsidy income: ¥0.3bn						
	Other expenses	*Loss on ret impairment:	*Loss on retirement of non-current assets: ¥1.3bn, Loss on non-current asset impairment: ¥0.7bn, Environment-related expenses: ¥0.4bn						
	Operating profit	1.7	3.4	6.9	1.0	1.8	14.9	-1.9	13.0
	Finance income							0.6	
	Finance costs							0.9	
	Profit before income tax								12.7
	Profit for the period								9.7

FY2018e		Advanced Materials	Specialty Chemicals	Specialty Plastics	Con- struction	Other Operations	Segment Total	Adjustment	Total
	Revenue	47.0	27.5	46.0	13.0	16.5	150.0		150.0
	Elimination							0.0	
	Other income		· ·						
	Other expenses	*Loss on ref	tirement of no	n-current asse	ets: ¥0.5bn			0.7	
	Operating profit	2.9	3.2	6.2	0.5	1.7	14.5	-0.5	14.0
	Finance income							0.6	
	Finance costs							0.6	
	Profit before income tax								14.0
	Profit for the period								10.5

(billions of yen)

Segment Performance: FY2018 Revised vs. Initial Projection





Factors attributing to FY2018 revised projection (vs. Initial projection)

Advanced Materials: A large profit decline for PPS including in US JV operation and lower contributions

from PGA subsidiary in US (while achieving sales target) more than offsetting higher

profit gains for PVDF and carbon products

Specialty Chemicals: Improved operating margin for industrial chemicals, favorable effects of weaker yen

against US dollar in agrochemicals export

Specialty Plastics: Higher home products volumes and lower costs Construction: Fewer construction projects in private sector

Other Operations: Higher volumes in industrial treatment business



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FY2017		Advanced Materials	Specialty Chemicals	Specialty Plastics	Con- struction	Other Operations	Segment Total	Adjustment	Total
	Revenue	45.5	27.5	46.0	14.5	16.5	150.0		150.0
	Elimination		Loss on retirement of non-current assets: ¥0.5bn						
	Other income								
	Other expenses	*Loss on ref							
	Operating profit	3.9	2.7	5.9	0.6	1.4	14.5	-0.5	14.0
	Finance income							0.6	
	Finance costs							0.6	
	Profit before income tax								14.0
	Profit for the period								10.5

F	/2018e	Advanced Materials	Specialty Chemicals	Specialty Plastics	Con- struction	Other Operations	Segment Total	Adjustment	Total
	Revenue	47.0	27.5	46.0	13.0	16.5	150.0		150.0
	Elimination							0.0	
	Other income				0.2				
	Other expenses	*Loss on ref	tirement of no	n-current asse	ets: ¥0.5bn			0.7	
	Operating profit	2.9	3.2	6.2	0.5	1.7	14.5	-0.5	14.0
	Finance income							0.6	
	Finance costs							0.6	
	Profit before income tax								14.0
	Profit for the period								10.5

Segment Outlook: Advanced Materials

(billions of yen)

	FY2017	FY2018e	Change %
Advanced Materials			
Advanced plastics	24.4	28.2	15%
Carbon products	4.9	4.8	-3%
Revenue: Kureha Co.	29.4	33.0	12%
Revenue: Subsidiaries	29.6	34.0	15%
Elimination	-17.3	-20.0	
Kureha-G Revenue	41.6	47.0	13%
Kureha-G Operating Profit	1.7	2.9	74%

(FY18 1H Initial Projection: Revenue ¥45.5bn, Ope.profit ¥3.9bn)

FY2018e vs. FY2017



Advanced plastics

Revenue and operating profit expected to rise on the back of strong PGA business growth (oil/gas exploration applications) and higher PVDF (LiB binder) volume, more than offsetting a decline for PPS

Carbon products

Revenue and profit likely to decline despite continued price adjustments and cost reduction



Segment Outlook: Specialty Chemicals

(billions of yen)

	FY2017	FY2018e	Change %
Specialty Chemicals			
Agrochemicals	9.2	8.3	-9%
Pharmaceuticals	3.8	5.1	33%
Industrial chemicals	9.4	10.1	7%
Revenue: Kureha Co.	22.4	23.5	5%
Revenue: Subsidiaries	6.5	7.0	8%
Elimination	-2.7	-3.0	
Kureha-G Revenue	26.2	27.5	5%
Kureha-G Operating Profit	3.4	3.2	-6%

(FY18 1H Initial Projection: Revenue ¥27.5bn, Ope.profit ¥2.7bn)

FY2018e vs. FY2017



<u>Agrochemicals</u>

Operating profit to decrease on lower fungicides volumes

Pharmaceuticals

Operating profit to remain level due to lower prices as result of drug price revisions, despite higher revenue expected from volume growth of new Kremezin product

Industrial chemicals

Revenue and profit to grow as result of continued margin improvement and price adjustments



Segment Outlook: Specialty Plastics

(billions of yen)

	FY2017	FY2018e	Change %
Specialty Plastics			
Home products	20.7	21.1	2%
Packaging materials	6.3	5.9	-7%
Revenue: Kureha Co.	27.0	27.0	0%
Packaging materials	13.1	14.0	7%
Fiber products	4.2	4.5	7%
Others	7.4	7.0	-6%
Revenue: Subsidiaries	24.8	25.5	3%
Elimination	-6.4	-6.5	
Kureha-G Revenue	45.4	46.0	1%
Kureha-G Operating Profit	6.9	6.2	-10%

FY2018e vs. FY2017

Revenue / Operating Profit

Home products

Operating profit to decline due to higher promotion cost despite revenue growth driven by NEW Krewrap and Kitchintosan series products

Packaging materials

Revenue and operating profit to increase on the back of global sales expansion for advanced heat-shrink multilayer film products

(FY18 1H Initial Projection: Revenue ¥46.0bn, Ope.profit ¥5.9bn)



Segment Outlook: Construction & Other Operations

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(billions of yen)

		FY2017	FY2018e	Change %
Со	nstruction			
	Construction	23.9	20.0	-16%
	Elimination	-6.6	-7.0	
Ku	reha-G Revenue	17.4	13.0	-25%
Ku	reha-G Operating Profit	1.0	0.5	-52%

(FY18 1H Initial Projection: Revenue ¥14.5bn, Ope.profit ¥0.6bn)

FY2018e vs. FY2017

Revenue Voperating Profit V

Construction

Revenue and operating profit to decrease due to a decline in post-quake demand and higher labor/raw materials costs

Other Operations

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	Environmental engineering	11.0	11.0	0%
	Logistics	8.3	8.3	0%
	Hospital operations	3.6	3.7	3%
	Others	1.8	1.8	1%
	Revenue: Subsidiaries	24.7	24.8	0%
	Elimination	-7.9	-8.3	
Kui	reha-G Revenue	16.8	16.5	-2%
Ku	reha-G Operating Profit	1.8	1.7	-6%

Revenue Operating Profit

Other Operations

Operating profit to remain level on flat revenue, due largely to intensified competition for micro PCB treatment in environment business

(FY18 1H Initial Projection: Revenue ¥16.5bn, Ope.profit ¥1.4bn)

Key Indicators

			FY2017		F	Y2018e	·	Change
		1H	2H	Full-year	1H	2H	Full-year	YOY
Capital e	expenditure	4.0	5.8	9.8	5.8	8.7	14.5	48%
Deprecia	ation	4.9	5.0	9.9	5.0	5.3	10.3	4%
R&D exp	penses	2.3	2.7	5.0	2.5	3.3	5.8	16%
Interest-	bearing debt	56.0	48.1	48.1	45.9	45.4	45.4	-6%
(Currenc	y exchange rate	es)						
1USD:	Term average Term end	¥111.0 ¥112.7	¥110.7 ¥106.2		¥110.3 ¥113.6	¥110.0 ¥110.0		
1EUR:	Term average Term end	¥126.3 ¥132.9	¥133.1 ¥130.5		¥129.8 ¥132.1	¥130.0 ¥130.0		
1CHY:	Term average Term end	¥16.4 ¥17.0	¥17.1 ¥16.9		¥16.7 ¥16.5	¥16.0 ¥16.0		

Cash Flow

	FY2017	FY2018e	Change
Profit before income tax	12.7	14.0	1.3
Depreciation	9.9	10.5	0.6
Other	-2.4	1.1	3.5
Cash flow from operating activities	20.2	25.6	5.4
Cash flow from investing activities	-9.7	-17.7	-8.0
Cash flow from financing activities	-10.4	-8.6	1.8
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	0.2	0.0	-0.2
Increase/decrease in cash and cash equivalents	0.3	-0.6	-0.9
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	6.2	6.5	0.3
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	6.5	5.8	-0.6



Consolidated Companies: Revenues & Assets

		(billions of yell)						
		FY2017 1H		FY2018 1H		Change		
		Revenue	Total assets	Revenue	Total assets	Revenue	Total assets	
Kureha Corporation		32.2	191.1	34.3	196.9	1.9	5.8	
Kureha Trading Group (2)		8.6	13.9	9.2	13.8	0.6	-0.1	
	Kureha Corporation	14.1		15.7		1.5		
	Kureha Trading Group (2)	5.3		5.7		0.5		
	Kureha Extron Co.	0.9	2.0	1.1	2.1	0.2	0.1	
	Kureha Extech Co.	1.1	1.6	1.3	1.4	0.2	-0.1	
Advanced Materials	Kureha GmbH	0.9	0.7	1.1	1.1	0.3	0.5	
	Kureha America Group (4)	3.3	28.7	1.2	27.2	-2.1	-1.5	
	Kureha (Shanghai) Carbon Fiber Materials Co.	0.4	1.6	0.7	1.3	0.2	-0.3	
	Kureha China Group (2)	2.2	11.2	3.5	10.2	1.3	-1.0	
	Consolidation adjustments	-8.3		-7.7		0.6		
	Total	19.8		22.6		2.7		
	Kureha Corporation	11.0		12.2		1.3		
	Kureha Trading Co.	3.0		3.4		0.4		
	Consolidation adjustments	-1.4		-1.6		-0.2		
	Total	12.6		14.1		1.4		
Specialty Plastics	Kureha Corporation	13.7		13.6		-0.1		
	Kureha Trading Co.	2.5		2.4		-0.1		
	Kureha Gohsen Co.	2.2	4.6	2.3	5.0	0.1	0.4	
	Kureha China Group (2)	0.1		0.1		-0.0		
	Kureha America Group (4)	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	-0.0	0.0	
	Kureha Europe Group (4)	4.2	7.5	4.7	7.7	0.4	0.2	
	Kureha Vietnam Co.	1.7	3.8	1.6	3.4	-0.0	-0.4	
	Consolidation adjustments	-3.0		-2.7		0.3		
	Total	22.2		22.8		0.5		

Revenues & Assets

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		FY2017 1H		FY2018 1H		Change	
		Revenue	Total assets	Revenue	Total assets	Revenue	Total assets
Construc-	Kureha Nishiki Group (4)	9.4	10.9	6.7	10.0	-2.6	-0.9
	Kureha Engineering Co.	1.0	2.3	1.4	1.8	0.4	-0.4
	Consolidation adjustments	-3.2		-3.1		0.0	
	Total	7.2		5.0		-2.2	
	Kureha Ecology Management	4.0	8.0	4.7	8.8	0.6	0.8
	Co.						
	Kureha Special Laboratory Co.	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.1
	Kureha Unyu Group (2)	4.1	5.9	4.1	6.2	-0.0	0.3
Other	Kureha Trading Co.	0.0		0.0		-0.0	
Operations	Kureha Service Co.	0.3	1.0	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.0
Operations	Kureha-Kai Medical	1.8	3.5	1.8	3.3	0.0	-0.2
	Corporation						
	Kureha Staff Service Co.	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
	Consolidation adjustments	-3.9		-4.1		-0.2	
	Total	7.6		8.1		0.5	
Kureha Group Total		69.5		72.5		3.0	
Total number of consolidated subsidiaries & equity-method affiliates		32		32			

^{*}Parenthesized numbers indicate the number of consolidated companies for each group.



Supplemental Information



Iwaki Factory Capacity Enhancements

Polyvinylidene fluoride(PVDF)

Electrification of vehicles (EV/PHEV/HEV)



Demand growing for LiB binder



Commercial production at the new Iwaki plant (2000tpa, capex ¥4.7bn, completed in Aug. 2018) begins in January 2019.

→Annual PVDF production capacity: 11,000tpa (6,000t in Iwaki, Japan and 5,000t in China)

Polyphenylene sulfide(PPS)

Heat resistance

Mechanical strength

Weldability

Electrification





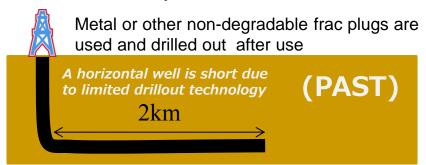
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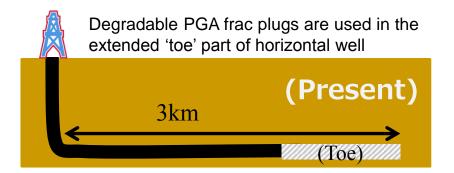


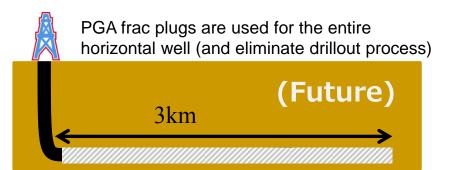
Capacity enhancement of 5,000tpa is underway at the current Iwaki plant (10,7000tpa) and scheduled to complete by February 2021 (capex ¥10bn)

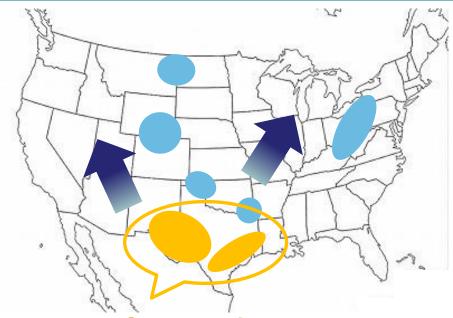
→Annual PPS production capacity: 15,700tpa

Shale Oil/Gas Exploration









Present focus markets: Permian, Eagle Ford

PGA degradable frac plugs

- Currently adopted by 8 oil field operators
- Continue to expand in the US market
- A new ultra low-temp degradable grade launched this fall
- Tested and approved by a major operator for full-bore use – Preparing for orders



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