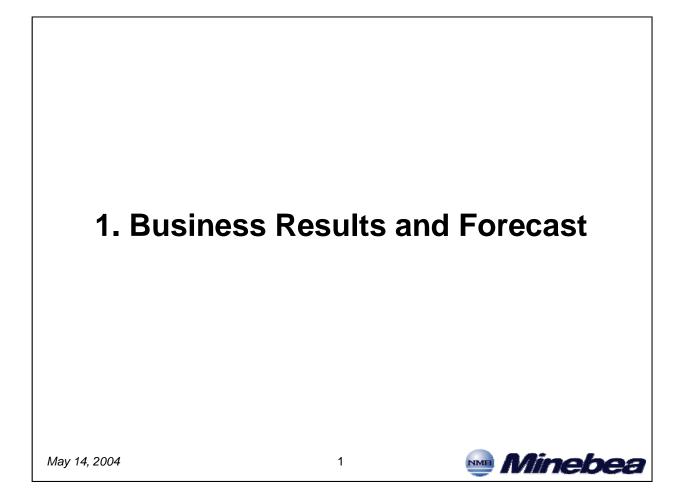


Business Results

Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2004

Minebea Co., Ltd.

Tsugio Yamamoto Representative Director, President and Chief Executive Officer May 14, 2004



Consolidated Fiscal Year e			2004			
(Millions of y	yen)	r ended ar. '03	Year ei Mar.		Change yoy	
Net Sales	27	72,202	268,574		-1.3%	
Operating In	come 1	19,352	18,104		-6.4%	
Ordinary Inc	ome 1	13,420	13,8	300	+2.8%	
Income befo Income Tax		495	12,958		26x	
Net Income		-2,434	6,019		-	
Overview Successful year for ball bearing business Issues remained for electronic devices and components business Effect of FX fluctuations FY Mar'03→FY Mar'04 US\$ ¥122.29 → ¥113.97 Thai Baht ¥2.86 → ¥2.79 Net Sales minus ¥ 8.8 billion Operating Income minus ¥ 0.4 billi 				97 .79 billion		
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Net sales for fiscal year ended March 31, 2004, were 268.6 billion yen. This represents a 2% increase from the previous year in real terms, given a negative impact of 8.8 billion yen on sales by the fluctuations in exchange rate during the year.

Operating income was 18.1 billion yen, down 4% from a year ago in real terms, given a negative impact of 0.4 billion yen by the exchange rate fluctuations during the year.

The delay in enhancing HDD spindle motors earnings, combined with the slow transfer of keyboard production to a new plant, led to no growth in operating income.

Ordinary income increased due to a 1.5 billion yen improvement in the net interest income and expenses.

Net income posted 6 billion yen in fiscal 2004, with no large extraordinary losses. This contrasts with fiscal year ended March 31, 2003, during which there were negative impacts, including losses on liquidation of switching power supplies and related businesses, and losses on revaluation of marketable and investment securities.

Full Year Net Sales and Operating Income by Segment

	Year ended	Year ended	Change
(Millions of yen)	Mar. '03	Mar. '04	уоу
[Net Sales]			
Machined components business	118,117	111,692	-5.4%
Bearing-related products	97,938	94,604	-3.4%
Other machined components	20,180	17,089	-15.3%
Electronic Devices and components business	154,084	156,881	+1.8%
Rotary components	79,188	86,741	+9.5%
Other electronic devices	74,897	70,141	-6.4%
Total Net Sales	272,202	268,574	-1.3%
[Operating income]			
Machined components business	18,519	19,505	+5.3%
Electronic devices and components business	832	-1,400	-
Total Operating Income	19,352	18,104	-6.4%
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Segment net sales and operating income are as indicated above.

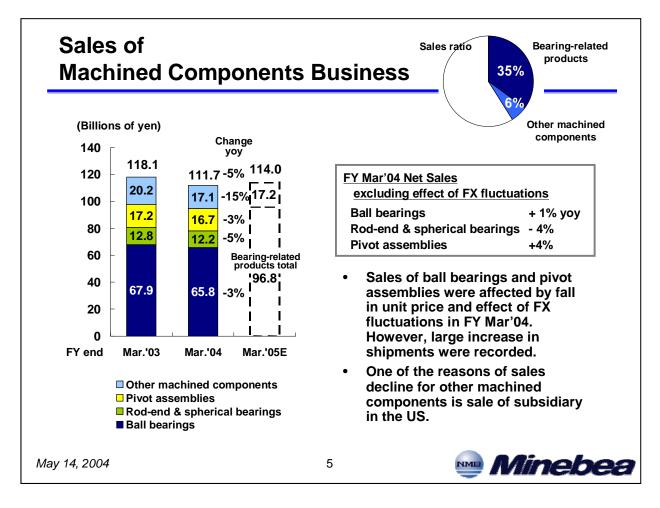
Fourth Quarter Net Sales and Operating Income by Segment

(Millions of yen)	Year ended Mar. '03		- Year ende	ed Mar. '04		4Q ch	nange
	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	уоу	qoq
[Net Sales]							
Machined components business	29,085	28,606	27,059	27,434	28,593	-1.7%	+4.2%
Bearing-related products	24,035	23,959	23,169	23,324	24,152	+0.5%	+3.5%
Other machined components	5,050	4,646	3,892	4,109	4,442	-12.0%	+8.1%
Electronic devices and components business	37,144	37,883	40,193	41,294	37,511	+1.0%	-9.2%
Rotary components	19,734	21,458	22,184	22,209	20,890	+5.9%	-5.9%
Other electronic devices	17,412	16,424	18,011	19,084	16,622	-4.5%	-12.9%
Total Net Sales	66,230	66,489	67,252	68,728	66,105	-0.2%	-3.8%
[Operating Income]							
Machined components	4,585	4,908	4,270	5,035	5,292	+15.4%	+5.1%
Electronic devices and components business	-929	-648	937	-503	-1,186	-	
Total Operating Income	3,657	4,259	5,208	4,531	4,106	+12.3%	-9.4%

Operating income gains in machined components segment in fiscal year ended March 2004 was primarily owing to enhanced ball bearings earnings brought by volume effects and higher productivity.

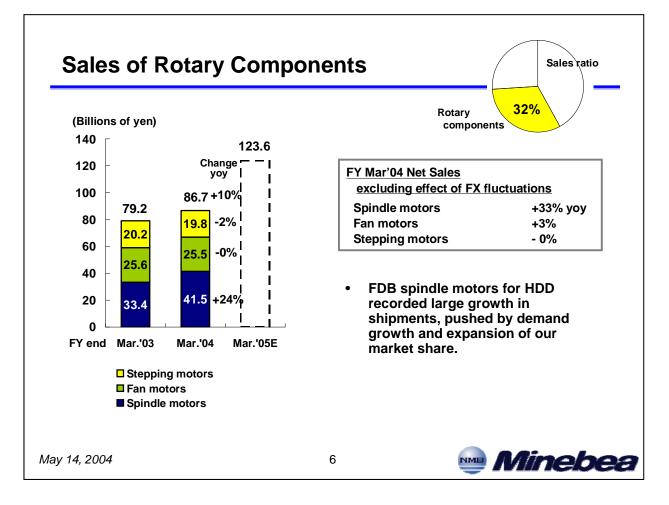
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Electronic devices and components segment posted an operating loss to the March end. The fourth quarter loss of 1,186 million yen in this area was mainly due to sharply declined spindle motors income, driven by lower volume and falling unit prices. In addition, keyboards also were in a difficult environment, reflecting additional fixed costs accompanying the delay in transferring production from Thailand to Shanghai.

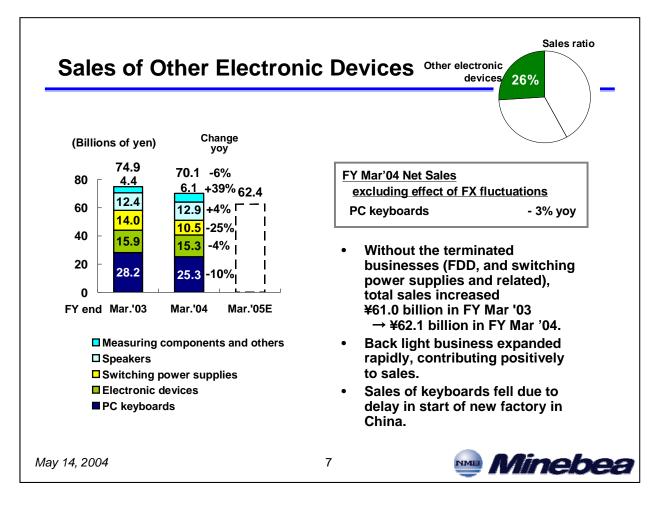


In ball bearings and pivot assemblies, the considerable gains in sales volume offset the impact of falling unit prices in addition to the fluctuations in exchange rate.

One of the factors that contributed to the sizable fall in sales of other machined components was the sale of U.S. subsidiary, IMC Magnetics Corp.

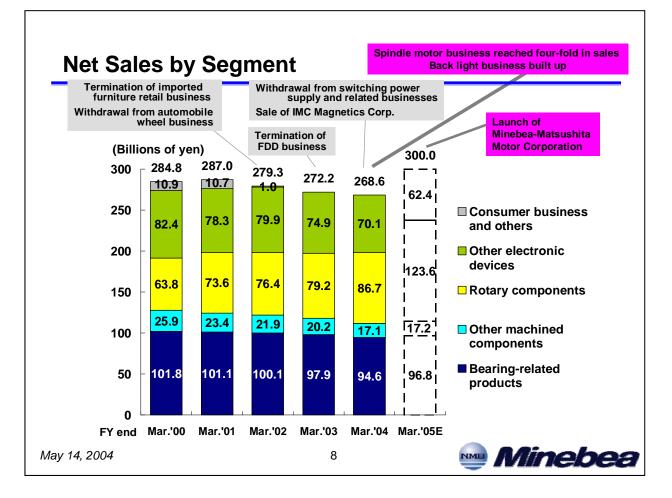


Spindle motors sales rose considerably, reflecting brisk demand and expanded market share.



Reflecting discontinued production and sales of switching power supplies and related products in addition to FDD subassemblies, sales of other electronic devices decreased in fiscal year ended March 2004.

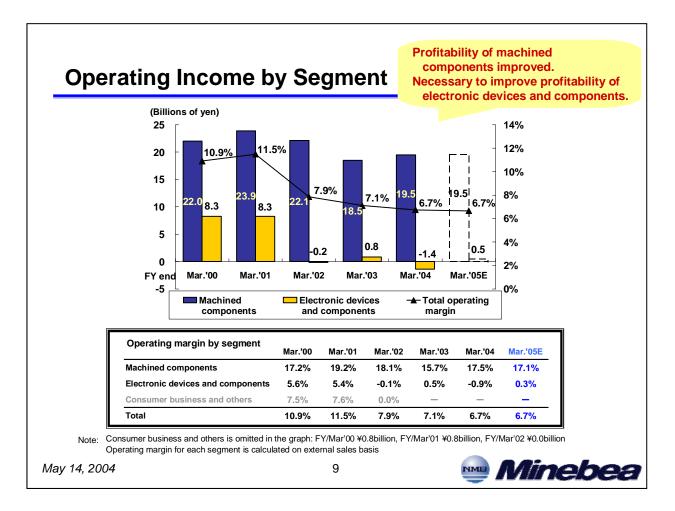
Growth in sales to major customers pushed up sales of lighting devices, which mainly consists of back lights, to nearly 9 billion yen from 2.5 billion yen last year.



The end of restructuring with the withdrawal from switching power supplies and related businesses in fiscal year ended March 2004 has positioned Minebea to be focused on core operations.

Sales of rotary components have been expanding steadily. The business segment that specially contributed to this expansion was spindle motors. Compared with four years ago, sales of these motors in fiscal year ended March 2004 increased nearly fourfold to 41.5 billion yen.

Minebea is ready to expand sales from this fiscal year. The launch of Minebea-Matsushita Motor Corporation is expected to boost sales of rotary components, which will top sales of bearings and bearing-related products. In addition, sales of back lights are spiraling as a new business, although other electronic devices will be negatively impacted by ceased sales of switching power supplies and related products.



In fiscal year ended March 2004, higher ball bearings productivity improved the operating income margin of machined components to 17.5%. In fiscal year ending March 2005, we aim for profitability above plan by focusing our efforts on business development and productivity gains.

Rebuilding our electronic devices and components segment is the key to improved overall group results. In fiscal year ending March 2005, Minebea is committed to turning around the electronic devices and components area, particularly by enhancing spindle motors and keyboards earnings.

Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2004 Sales by User Industry and by Region

Sales by User Industry

	Automobile	Aerospace	Home electronics	OA & IT	PC and PC related equipment	Motors	Others	Total
% of Sales	7.8%	9.2%	9.9%	10.6%	44.4%	5.4%	12.7%	100.0%
Change yoy	+6.1%	-4.9%	-3.5%	+3.9%	-1.4%	-2.1%	-4.5%	-1.3%

Sales by Region

	Japan	Asia (ex-Japan)	North and South America	Europe	Total
% of Sales	25.8%	45.3%	16.9%	12.0%	100.0%
Change yoy	-6.0%	+13.7%	-20.6%	-6.1%	-1.3%

On local currency basis, Sales in Asia increased 20% yoy; Sales in North and South America, and Europe decreased 10% yoy

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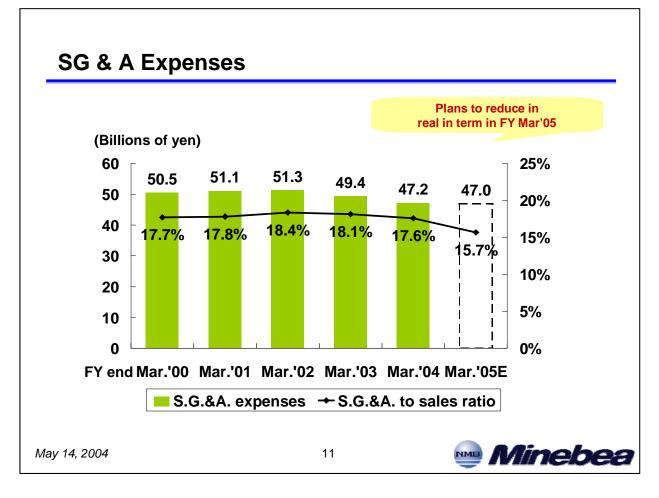
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<Sales by User Industry>

Almost all market segments were negatively affected by the foreign exchange fluctuations and fallen sales of switching power supplies and related products. Overall, there was generally no serious change in our sales composition.

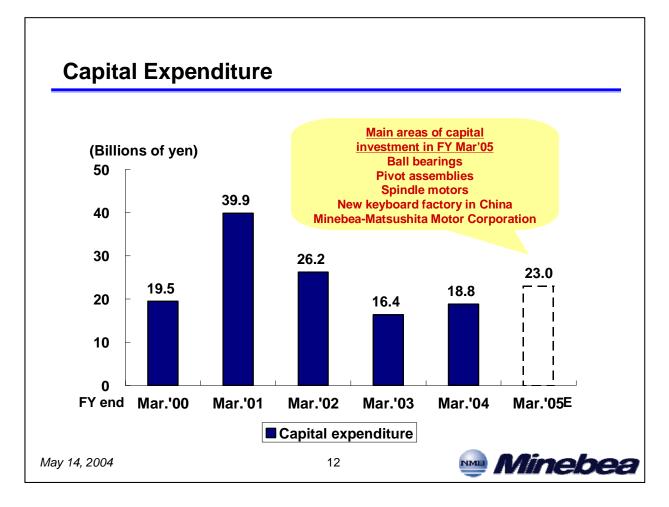
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Despite the decrease in the value of overseas sales adversely affected by the exchangerate fluctuations, sales in Asia excluding Japan continued to rise by about 20% from the prior year on a local currency basis, reflecting the shift by Japanese, European and American customers to production bases in Asia.

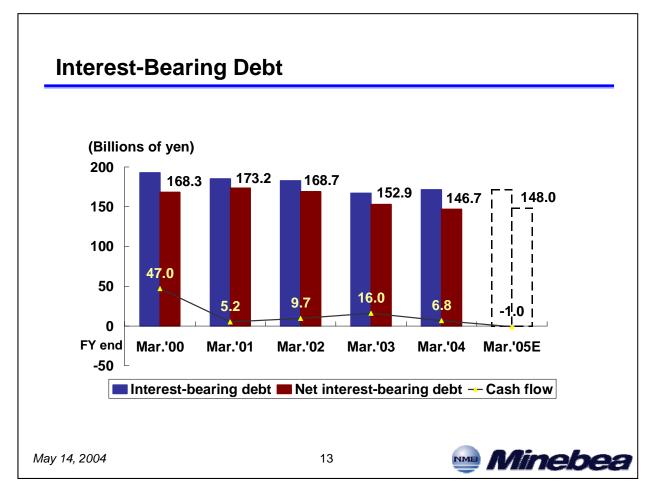


In fiscal year ended March 2004, selling, general and administrative (SGA) expenses were largely trimmed by lowering primarily logistic costs, employee salaries and general expenses.

In fiscal year ending March 2005, expenses associated with Minebea-Matsushita Motor Corporation are expected to rise, but Minebea plans to slash SGA expenses in real terms.



In fiscal year ending March 2005, we plan to make a total capital investment of 23 billion yen, including boosting production of our mainstay products, as well as investments associated with our PC keyboard plant in Shanghai and Minebea-Matsushita Motor Corporation.



Our net interest-bearing debt balance at the end of fiscal year ending March 2005 is expected to do no more than move sideways at prior year-end levels, reflecting added assets and liabilities accompanying the establishment of Minebea-Matsushita Motor Corporation.

Forecast for Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2005

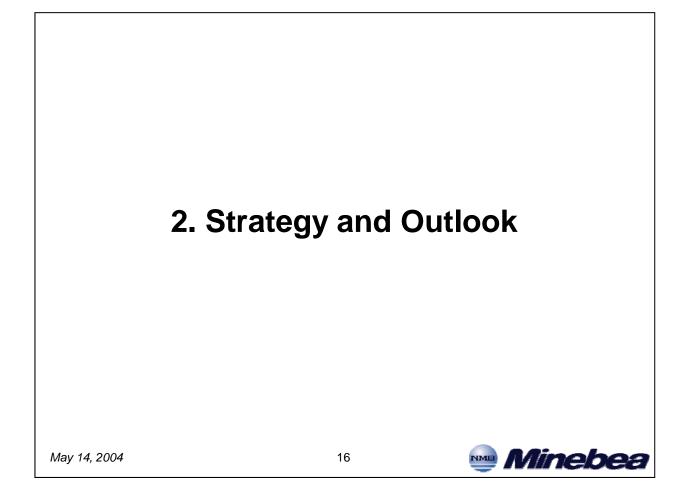
(Millions of yen)	Year ended Mar. '04	Year ending Mar. '05 Forecast	Change yoy
Net Sales	268,574	300,000	+11.7%
Operating Income	18,104	20,000	+10.5%
Ordinary Income	13,800	15,500	+12.3%
Income before Income Taxes	12,958	14,500	+11.9%
Net Income	6,019	9,000	+49.5%
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The above-tabulated financial statement is our earnings guidance for fiscal year ending March 2005.

Forecast of Net Sales and Operating Income by Segment

	(Millions of yen)	Year ended Mar. '04	Year ending Mar. '05 Forecast	Change yoy
	[Net Sales]			
	Machined components business	111,692	114,000	+2.1%
	Bearing-related products	94,604	96,800	+2.3%
	Other machined components	17,089	17,200	+0.6%
	Electronic Devices and components business	156,881	186,000	+18.6%
	Rotary components	86,741	123,600	+42.5%
	Other electronic devices	70,141	62,400	-11.0%
	Total Net Sales	268,574	300,000	+11.7%
	[Operating income]			
	Machined components business	19,505	19,500	-0.0%
	Electronic devices and components business	-1,400	500	-
	Total Operating Income	18,104	20,000	+10.5%
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Bas	ic Management Directions
1.	Further reinforce our mainstay bearings and bearing-related products
2.	Build our operations in the area of precision small motors and other rotary components into a second pillar of our operations after bearings and bearing- related products
3.	Increase the ratio of high-value-added products in mainstay product categories and diversify offerings to serve a broader market
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As previously announced, Minebea's basic management directions are as follows:

1. Further reinforce and expand the bearing business – our core business segment.

2. Build our operations in the area of precision small motor motors and other rotary components into a second pillar of our operations after bearings and bearing-related products.

3. Achieve growth by consistently cultivating new markets.

Measures for the	Last Fiscal Yea	r	
Six Measures		Achie	vement
1. Expand and further str	engthen Ball Bearing b	usiness 🗸	
2. Improve profitability of	HDD Spindle Motor bu	siness X	\rightarrow review
3. Improve profitability of	Pivot Assemblies busi	ness 🗸	
4. Improve profitability of	Other Electronic Devic	e Products X	\rightarrow review
5. Further expand Fan Mo	otor business	VI	×→ ongoing
6. Terminate Switching Pa and Related businesse	ower Supplies s	🗸	
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In line with the management tasks discussed earlier, Minebea translated six items of earnings-enhancement measures into practice in the previous fiscal year.

As a result, regarding the ball bearing business, remarkable results were yielded. In addition, profitability gains in pivot assemblies, as well as discontinued production and sales of switching power supplies and related products, were also achieved.

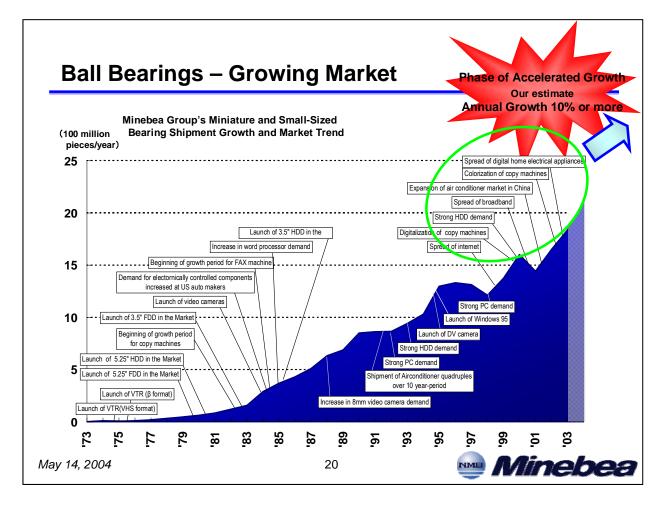
Regarding other items of the measures, however, performance came short of plan.

Grow in the expanding Accelerate sales and R&	g ball bearing market D activities to capture new	v market requirements
	• •	all precision motor business gy effect with ball bearing business
□ Improve profitability of	of electronic device pr	oduct businesses
Concrete Measures		
3. Market the new FDBs	linebea-Matsushita Mo and improve profitabilit es of every electronic d	tor Corporation by of HDD Spindle Motors levice products

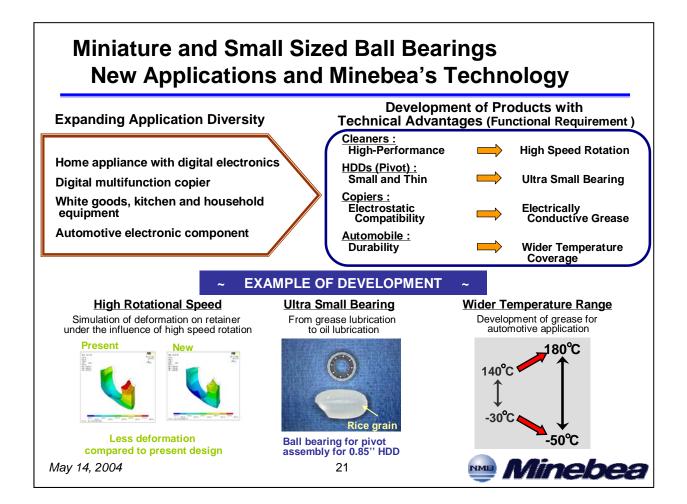
Our management tasks for this fiscal year can be narrowed down to the following three items:

- Further expand and reinforce the ball bearing business in the growing market.
- Establish a structure of growth in the precision small motor area, whose size is expanding at a very rapid rate, and enhance synergy with the ball bearing business.
- Improve earnings from the electronic devices and components business at an early stage.

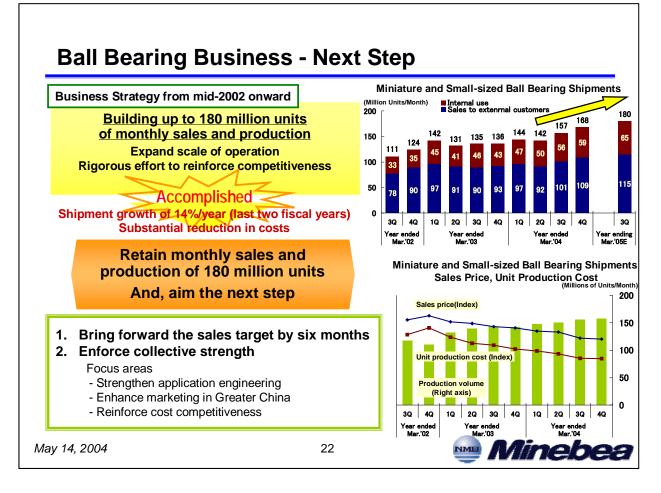
This fiscal year, Minebea is committed to implementing the above five concrete measures.



In the past several years, market and applications for ball bearings have been expanding on the back of digitalization and colorization of copiers, diffusion of broadband and expanding production of home appliances in China. Driven by such market trend, we believe that miniature and small-sized ball bearings is entering a new phase of growth. We expect demand to grow by more than 10% per year for the next several years.



We are continuously developing products that meet functional requirement for new applications. Ball bearing for HDD pivot assembly is one example of ultra small bearing. Because extreme precision is also required, Minebea's strength, vertically integrated production of all components from steel balls to retainers, comes to an advantage.

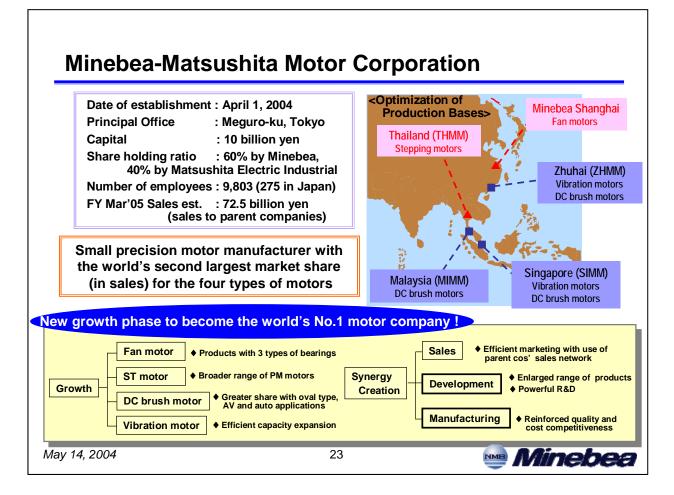


The stage of producing 180 million units per month toward our next target has arrived.

During last fiscal year business strategy to build up, monthly production and sales to 180 million units, a strategy since the middle of 2002, yielded positive results. With volume gains including internal consumption, sales of approximately 180 million units were attained in March. In addition, the large trim in manufacturing costs produced profitability gains in this area.

To step up the position as a leader in the industry, we address two targets this fiscal year.

First, we have decided to move up the monthly sales target of 180 million units by six months, and aim to achieve the target by the middle of the current fiscal year. Second, we aim to further strengthen our strength to meet all needs from customers.



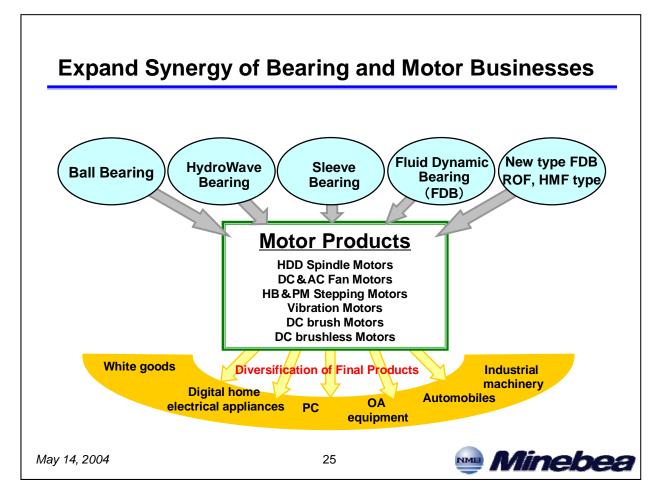
Minebea-Matsushita Motor Corporation was inaugurated on April 1 2004. Integration of production facilities, and development and launch of new products are underway.

The new company is a small precision motor manufacturer with the world's second largest market share (in sales) for the four types motors, namely fan motors, stepping motors, DC brush motors and vibration motors. The objective of the joint venture company is to increase value added through creation of synergy, including enlarged range of products, powerful R&D, and reinforced quality and cost competitiveness.

Products of Minebea-Matsushita Motor

Fan Motors Market: PC, home appliances, AV equipment and others	 Product example: Axial DC motor Superior airflow and air pressure characteristic with new design fan blade and optimized design motor Product range compatible with either ball bearing or high performance sleeve bearing
Stepping Motors Market: Optical media equipment OA, digital camera and others	 Product example: Stepping motor with lead screw Depending on use, either mold screw or metal screw is selectable New product with high performance torque and positioning accuracy
DC Brush Motors Market: AV media equipment, OA, automotive electronic component and others	 Product example: DC brush motor Wide range of small and thin models suitable for various applications Broad product range for automotive application
Vibration Motors	 Product example: Vibration motor Product development focused on superior performance and low cost Higher output with small-diameter and high-density wired motor
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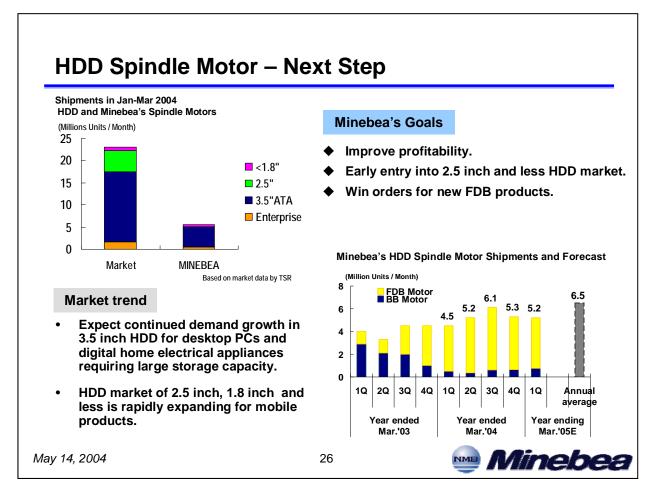
The above are Minebea-Matsushita Motor Corporation's wide range of products.



Minebea's motor business is now in a new stage of creating synergy with bearings.

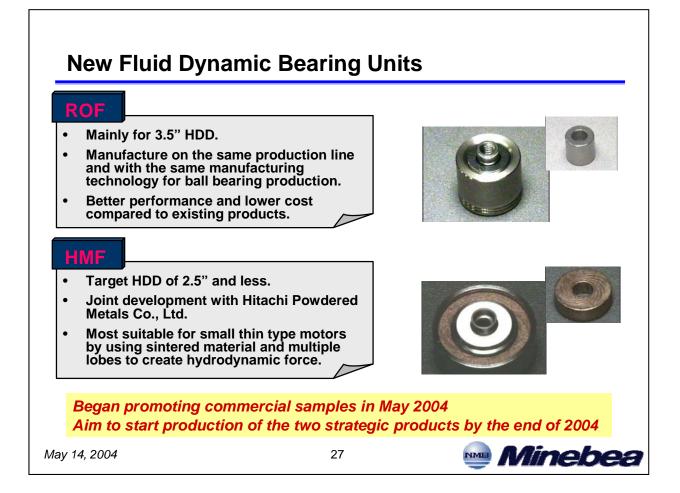
The recent launch of Minebea-Matsushita Motor Corporation, combined with the completion of development of new FDB units to be discussed later, enables Minebea to meet all market needs with all types of bearings ready for small motors.

As a leading manufacturer of precision small motors that develops bearings, the Minebea Group is committed to rolling out both bearing and motor businesses globally.



For HDD spindle motor business, the two major goals for this fiscal year are entry into market of HDD of size of 2.5 inch and less, and improvement of profitability.

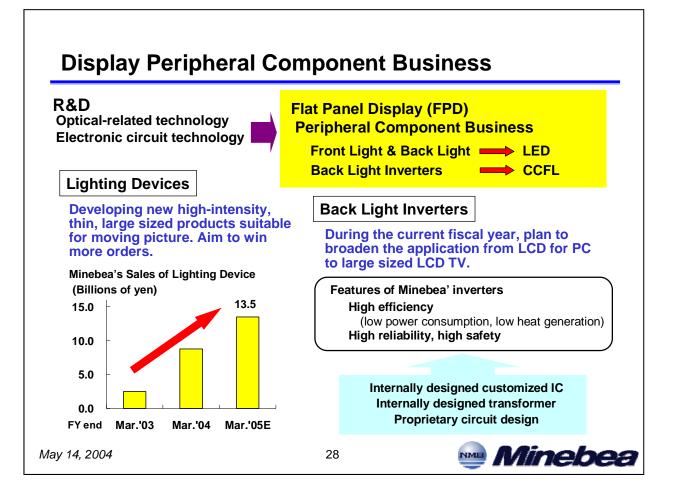
During last fiscal year, we expanded market share amid brisk HDD demand. We expect 3.5 inch HDD demand to continue to grow for applications requiring high memory capacity. Meanwhile, however, entry into FDB motor market for HDD of size 2.5 inch and less is essential. We are attempting to make an entry from all angles by promoting newly developed products as well as conventional type products that we have been developing.



On April 14, we announced new FDB units. ROF type is primarily characterized in that it is produced with Minebea's proprietary ball bearing manufacturing technology on the same production line for ball bearing production. We have begun marketing sample products for mainly 3.5 inch HDDs.

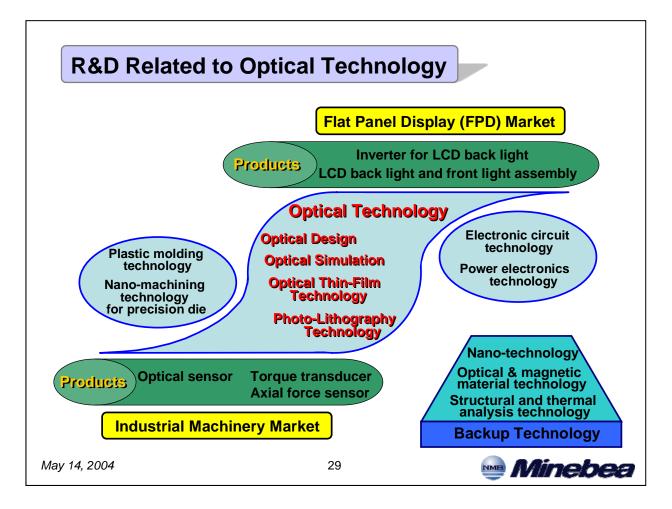
HMF type is jointly developed with Hitachi Powdered Metals. It is most suitable for small thin type of motors by using sintered material and multiple lobes inside of the bearing to create hydrodynamic force in radial direction. We have started marketing sample products targeting HDD of size 2.5 inch and less.

The new FDBs should enable our HDD spindle motor business to make a major leap.



Back light applies optical related technology that we have built up over many years. Combining this optical related technology with electronic circuit technology, we have been promoting R&D in display peripheral component business. We foresee sales of back light inverter to increase from this fiscal year as we begin commercial shipments of back light inverter for large sized LCD TV, expanding our application which previously was mainly PC displays.

Amid expanding market of flat panel display, we are promoting front light and back light in the area of display with LED and back light inverter in the area of display with CCFL. We aim to expand display peripheral component business to one of our mainstay businesses.



The slide introduces our R&D related to optical technology, which forms base for businesses such as lighting devices.

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