

Financial Highlights Brief Report for 1st Half Fiscal 2003

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A. Financial Highlights for 1H 2003F (Consolidated/Non-consolidated basis)

(unit: billion yen)

		03F 1H (Result) (a)	02F 1H (Result) (b)	Comparison (a)-(b)	Comparison (Ratio)
Operating	Consoli	362.1	309.6	52.5	+17%
Revenues	Non	295.0	244.3	50.7	+21%
Operating income	Consoli	34.3	11.3	23.0	+204%
	Non	28.2	7.2	21.0	+292%
Ordinary income**	Consoli	30.4	7.8	22.6	+288%
	Non	25.1	5.2	19.9	+383%
Net income	Consoli	15.9	4.9	11.0	+224%
	Non	12.5	2.8	9.7	+346%
Exchange R a t e	Average	¥119.24	¥123.77	+¥4.53	+3.7%
Bunker Price	Average	\$171.06	\$152.21	+\$18.85	+12.4%

(unit: dillion yen)					
03F 1H	03F 1H				
(Prospect)*	Comparison				
(c)	(a)-(c)				
355.0	+7.1(2.0%)				
286.0	+9.0(3.1%)				
30.0	+4.3(14.3%)				
24.0	+4.2(17.5%)				
28.0	+2.4(8.6%)				
23.5	+1.6(6.8%)				
17.0	-1.1(6.5%)				
11.5	+1.0(8.7%)				
¥120	¥0.76(+0.6%)				
\$170	+1.06(+0.6%)				

^{*1}H FY2003 prospect is as of 7 August 2003 upon announcement of 1Q 2003F financial close

^{**} Ordinary income is income before income taxes and extra-ordinary items



A-2. Financial Indicators for 1H 2003F

(unit:billion yen)

	'02F 1H End (Sept. '02)	'02F End (March '02) (a)	'03F 1H End (Sept. '03) (b)	Comparison (a)-(b)	2004F End (March '05) KV Target
Shareholders' E q u i t y	77.5	82.0	102.5	+20.5	110.0
Interest Bearing Liabilities	317.4	306.6	294.4	-12.2	275.0
R O E	12.7%	13.0%	34.5%	+21.5%	19%
R O A	3.0%	4.5%	11.6%	+7.1%	7%
Equity Ratio	14.9%	15.9%	19.2%	+3.3%	22%
Current Equity R a t i o	19.4%	30.0%	42.3%	+12.3%	-
Current DER	3.14	1.98	1.30	-0.68	-

Shareholders' Equity and Interest Bearing Liabilities are almost touching KV-Plan final targets.

ROE and ROA considerably over the KV-Plan final targets



B. Business Environment for 1H 2003F

(Global Economy)

- -U.S.: Earlier end of the Iraq War, Stock price recovery, Positive tendency in the economy
- -E.U.: Rather weak economic tendency
- -Japan : Slight picking up from the bottom
- -Other Asia: Limited effect from SARS, Rapid growth in China

(Our business)

- -Steep rise in value of Japanese Yen against U.S. Dollar from mid-September
- -Slight increase in fuel-oil prices
- -Positive container movements in various trades
- -Freight restoration in container services realized in Asia-North America/ Europe, and trans-Atlantic trade
- -Bulker and tanker market positive
- -PCTC increase in volume for Europe and Australia



C-1. Trend of Division-wise Results 1H 2003F (for Container Business)

Container: 1H result exceeded prospect*

(Loaded cargo volume: 1.03(1H'02F) >>>1.13 mil. TEU(1H'03F) (+9%))

- -Positive cargo volume in Asia-North America/Europe trades mainly from China
- -Number of containers carried exceeded prospects in every trade of Asia-North America/Europe, and inter-Asia.
- -Freight restoration in container services realized in Asia-North America/Europe, and trans-Atlantic trades
- -Reinforcement in Asia-Mediterranean Sea trade (April)
- -Slight increase in Fuel-Oil Price



C-2. Trend of Division-wise Results 1H 2003F (for Bulker & Car Carrier Service)

Bulker & Car Carrier: 1H result exceeded prospect*

Bulker : Market freight level favorable

Remarkable increase in tonnage of every type of bulker,

from 'Cape-size', 'Panamax' to 'small handy'

(Operating Tonnage: 54.86 (1H'02F) >>>68.9 mil.tons (1H'03F) (+26%))

Car Carrier : Decreased volume carried for U.S.A. from both Far East and Europe

Positive cargo movement in Far East-Europe/Australia trade Operational cost reduction with efficient ship deployment

(Units carried: 777 (1H'02F) >>>773 thousand units (1H'03F) (flat))



C-3. Trend of Division-wise Results 1H 2003F (for Energy Transportation)

Energy Transportation: 1H result meets prospect

-LNG Carrier: Stable progress in each project

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(Operating Tonnage : 2.76 (1H'02F) >>> 2.76 mil.tons (1H'03F) (flat))
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-Thermal Coal Carrier: Increase of cargo volume with newly built vessels; Short-term chartered vessels in some trades under longer term freight contracts cause loss due to hike in charterage

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(Operating Tonnage: 6.01 (1H'02F) >>> 7.46 mil.tons (1H'03F) (+24%))
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-Tanker: Comparatively Stable

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(Operating Tonnage: 10.97 (1H'02F) >>> 11.76 mil. (1H'03F) (+7%))
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C-4. Trend of Division-wise Results 1Q 2003F (for Consolidated Subsidiaries)

- Short Sea/Coastal Shipping: Stable
- Services Incidental to Transportation:
 Stable with increased container volume;
 Cargo volume in air freight forwarding decreased from effect of SARS.



D. Outline of upward/downward Profit Factors for 1H 2003F

(unit: billion yen)

Ordinary Income*: 1H2003F prospect**28.0, 1H2002F result 7.8, >>> 1H 2003F result 30.4 billion yen

expected 1H2003F** /comparison with 1F2002F

•	Fluctuation in exchange rate	-0.6	-1.8
•	Increase of Bunker Price	-0.1	-2.3
•	Market improvement(Container, Bulker, Tanker)	+2.8	+19.3
•	Business Expansion	+0	+2.4
•	Cost Reduction, others	+0.3	+5.0
	Total	+ 2.4	+22.6

^{*} Ordinary Income is income before income taxes and extra-ordinary items

^{** 1}H FY2003 prospect is precondition as of 7 Aug. 2003 upon announcement of 1Q2003F financial close



E. Prospect for 2003F (Consolidated/Non-consolidated basis)

(unit: billion yen)

		FY2003 Revised prospects (a)	FY2003 Previous prospects**(b)	Comparison (a)-(b)	1Q-3Q Total
Operating Revenues	Consoli Non	700.0 565.0	700.0 560.0	+5.0	530.0 430.0
Operating Income	Consoli Non	60.0 47.0	55.0 43.0	+5.0 +4.0	48.0 38.0
Ordinary Income*	Consoli Non	53.0 43.0	51.0 41.0	+2.0 +2.0	43.0 35.0
Net Income	Consoli Non	30.0 21.0	30.0 19.0	+2.0	22.0 17.0
Dividend	Non	¥10.00	¥6.00	¥4.00	
Exchange Rate	Average	¥113	¥120	¥5	¥115
Bunker Price	Average	\$169	\$165	+\$4.00	\$169

(unit. billion yen					
FY2002 Results (c)	Comparison (a)-(c)				
632.7 499.8	+67.3 +65.2				
29.3 19.8	+30.7 +27.2				
23.7 16.4	+29.3 +26.6				
10.4 6.5	+19.6 +14.5				
¥5.00	+¥5.00				
¥122.29	+¥7.29				
\$161.60	+\$7.4				

Precondition for 2H: Exchange rate \frac{\pma110}{\pms}, Bunker Price \frac{\pma166}{Kton}

^{*}Ordinary income is income before income taxes and extra-ordinary items.



F. Trend of Division-wise Prospects for Fiscal 2003

Containership: A hike in fuel-oil price, Concern about rise in value of Yen against U.S. Dollar, Efficient vessel operation along with demand, Further cost reduction by service reorganization, and Further freight rate restoration

>>> Exceeding prospect*

Bulker/Car Carriers: Stable bulk market in high level, Stable car/truck movement with more efficient vessel operation and cost reduction

>>>In line with prospect*

Energy Transportation: Expansion in Thermal Coal Carrier Service, Stable Tanker Market in 2H 2003F

>>> Stable in general

^{*} FY2003 previous prospect is as of 7 August 2003 upon announcement of 2000F financial close.



G-1. Outline of upward/downward Profit Factors for 2003F

(unit: billion yen)

Ordinary Income* 2003F prospect** 51.0, 2002F result 23.7, >>53.0

comparison with 2003F prospect**, 2002F result

•	Fluctuation in exchange rate	- 4.0	- 5.8
•	Increase of Bunker Price	- 0.5	- 1.9
•	Market improvement(Container, Bulker, Tanker)	+ 5.5	+25.0
•	Enhancement of operations	+ 0.5	+ 3.0
•	Cost Reduction, others	+ 0.5	+ 9.0
	Total	+20.0	+29.3

^{*} Ordinary Income is income before income taxes and extra-ordinary items

^{**} FY2003 prospect is precondition as of 7August 2003 upon announcement of 1Q 2000F financial close



G-2. Factors of P/L Volatility

(FY2003 yearly Ordinary Income* basis)

• Rise/fall of 1 Yen in exchange rate

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>>>Non-consolidated -/+0.7 billion yen
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• Increase/decrease of Bunker Price at \$10/MT

Market Fluctuation

>>>Consolidated +/-0.9 billion yen

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H-1. Updated Status of KV-Plan

(unit: billion yen)

			Result	Prospect	KV-Plan	KV-Plan
			for 2002F	for 2003F	for 2004F	achievement ratio
Exchange	Rate	/US\$	¥122	¥115	¥130	+¥15
Bunker I	Price	/MT	\$162	\$169	\$130	+\$39
Non-		Revenues	499.8	565.0	500.0	113%
Consolidat	ted	Operating Income	19.8	47.0	27.0	174%
		Ordinary Income*	16.4	43.0	24.0	179%
		Net Income	6.5	21.0	13.0	162%
Consolidat	ted	Revenues	632.7	700.0	650.0	108%
		Operating Income	29.3	60.0	40.0	150%
		Ordinary Income*	23.7	53.0	35.0	151%
		Net Income	10.4	30.0	20.0	150%

^{*}Ordinary income is income before income taxes and extra-ordinary items

The revised prospects for FY2003 exceed the final targets set for the third year of "KV-Plan" for all main P/L items, prevailing over exchange loss and a hike in bunker price compared to original plan

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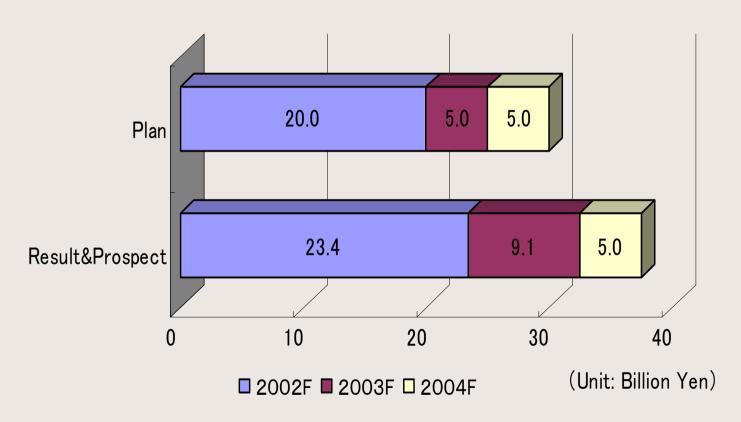
H-2. Transition of "KV-Plan" Numerical Targets on Consolidated basis

(unit:billion yen)

	2 0 0 1 F Results	2 0 0 2 F Results	2 0 0 3 F Prospects	2 0 0 3 F KV Target	2 0 0 4 F KVTarget
Operating Revenue	571.0	632.7	700.0	630.0	650.0
Ordinary Income	12.0	23.7	53.0	23.0	35.0
Shareholders' Equity	77.7	82.0	115.0	95.0	110.0
Interest Bearing Liabilities	335.6	306.6	295.0	295.0	275.0
R O E	6.5%	13%	30%	13%	19%
R O A	2.3%	4.5%	10%	5%	7%
Equity Ratio	14.6%	15.9%	21%	19%	22%
Cash Flows From Operating Activities	33.1	32.9	65.0	45.0	55.0
Free Cash Flows	14.6	9.2	18.0	22.0	20.0
Interest Bearing Liability Ratio	79.8%	77%	72%	74%	70%



H-3. Updated Status of CS-300 (Cost Slash-300/Cost curtailing plan in KV-Plan)



The entire target for the 3-year plan is expected to be achieved within two years



I-1. Updated status of "KV-Plan" Fundamental Assignments

< Fundamental Assignments >

- 1. Further strengthening of Company's overall financial aspects through cost reductions and profitable use of IT, etc.
- 2. Enhancement of those aspects of globalization that are firmly based on regional communities and are consistent with the pursuit of business synergy among different business sectors.
- 3. Redoubling efforts for implementing logistics business.
- 4. Pursuit of technical innovations in marine transport, perfection of safety in navigation/cargo operations and contributing to environmental preservation.
- 5. Strengthening of corporate governance aiming at more transparency and greater effectiveness in management.



I-2. Updated status of "KV-Plan" Fundamental Assignments

<Fundamental Assignment No.1> Cost reductions & IT

- Cost reduction of ¥9.1 billion is expected to be achieved, well over the targeted ¥5.0 billion for 2003F
- Start of world-wide port information database, "K" Line Port Information Archive (K-PIA). (May 2003)

< Fundamental Assignment No.2>

Globalization firmly based on regional communities

- Opening Business Base in U.S. for Natural Gas Transport Services (May 2003)
- Start Short Sea car carrier services in Europe by ourselves dissolve existing J/V company (June 2003)
- Opening "K"LINE (CHINA) LTD. Chongqing Representative Office (July 2003), Wuhan (November 2003), and Beijing (to be opened in January 2004)

< Fundamental Assignment No.3>

Redoubling efforts for implementing logistics business

- Logistics J/V company established in Indonesia (May 2003)
- Governmental permission obtained to establish new logistics J/V company in Shanghai (November 2003)



I-3. Updated status of "KV-Plan" Fundamental Assignments

- **Fundamental Assignment No.4>** Technical innovations in marine transport, perfection of safety in navigation/cargo operations and environmental preservation.
- Compressed natural gas (CNG) carrier design received "Class Approval in Principle" from ABS (American Bureau of Shipping) (May 2003)
- A handling guide for dangerous cargo became operational on the in-house intra-network (July 2003)
- Environmental Report 2003 Issued (August 2003)
- Tanker fleet heading for 100% double hull with selling the last single hull tanker (September 2003)
- Expansion of "K" LINE's ISO 14001 Certification to its long-term chartered tonnage in addition to the group's own fleet (September 2003)
- Included in the "Dow Jones Sustainability World Indexes" (DJSI World). (September, 2003)

< Fundamental Assignment No.5>

Strengthening of corporate governance

- Establishment of Compliance Committee (April 2003)
- Issue of Stock Options (July 2003)