

## Financial Results Presentation for FY06/24

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## 1. Overview of FY06/24 Consolidated Financial Results



VSUN Ingot and Wafer Plant

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- Net sales: Net sales down mainly due to a fall in unit prices of solar panels (6.3 billion yen decrease)
- Operating profit: Profits up due to the start of a new solar cell plant and more efficient production of VSUN resulting in lower production costs (10.5 billion yen increase)
- Operating profit margin: Significant improvement of 5.2% year on year

	FY06/23			FY06/24			YoY change	
(Unit: billion yen)	1Н	2H	Full Year	1Н	2H	Full Year	Amount	%
Net sales	111.6	103.7	215.3	108.5	100.5	209.0	(6.3)	(3)%
Operating profit	4.9	7.9	12.8	10.1	13.3	23.3	10.5	82%
Ordinary profit	5.6	8.4	14.0	10.5	14.4	24.9	10.9	77%
Profit attributable to owners of parent	2.1 2.8		5.0	3.6	5.9	9.5	4.6	92%
Operating profit margin (%)	4.4%	7.6%	5.9%	9.3%	13.2%	11.2%	5.2%	-

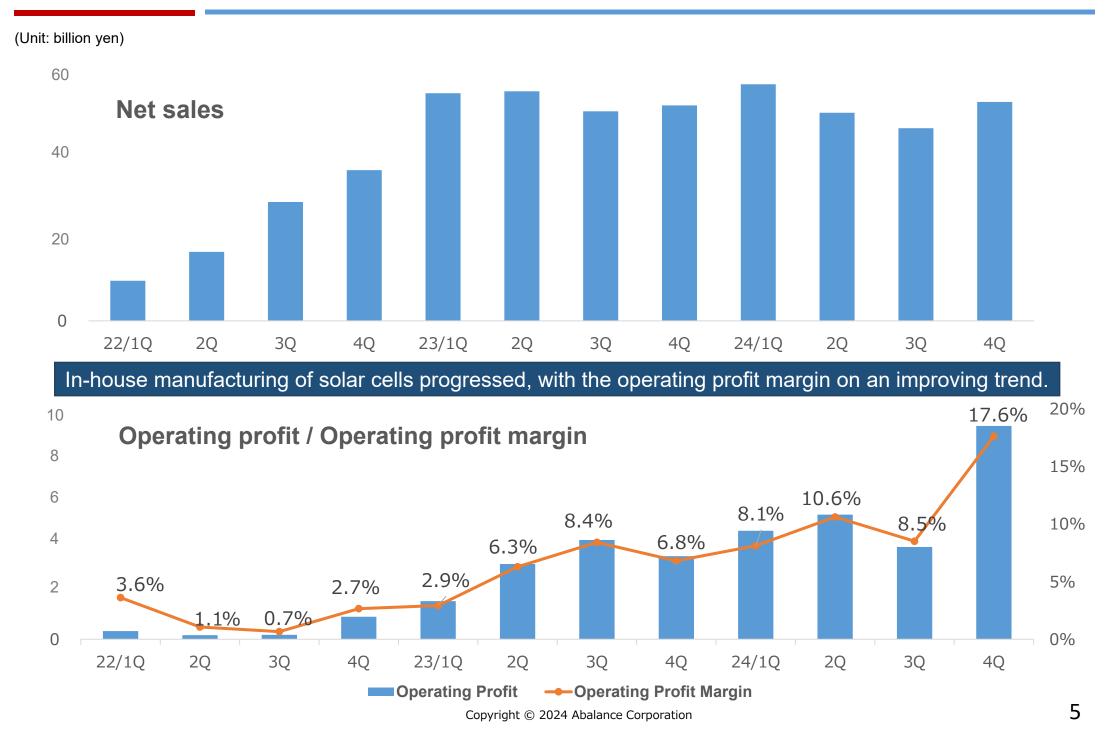
### FY06/24 Consolidated Financial Results (By Segment)



		FY06/23			FY06/24	VoV change	
(Unit: billion yen)	1H	2H	Full Year	1H	2H	Full Year	YoY change
Net sales	111.6	103.7	215.3	108.5	100.4	209.0	(6.3)
Solar Panel Manufacturing Business	107.3	99.3	206.6	104.3	95.6	199.9	(6.7)
Green Energy Business	3.9	4.1	8.0	3.9	4.4	8.3	0.3
IT Business	0.30	0.30	0.60	0.30	0.29	0.59	(0.01)
Photocatalyst Business	0.02	0.38	0.40	0.02	0.02	0.04	(0.36)
Other, Adjustment	0.02	0.05	0.08	0.02	0.13	0.14	0.07
Operating profit	4.9	7.9	12.8	10.1	13.3	23.3	10.5
Solar Panel Manufacturing Business	4.6	8.1	12.7	10.1	13.8	23.9	11.2
Green Energy Business	0.7	0.4	1.1	0.6	(0.1)	0.5	(0.5)
IT Business	0.01	0.04	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.04	(0.01)
Photocatalyst Business	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.04)	(0.01)	0.01	0.00	0.04
Other, Adjustment	(0.36)	(0.62)	(0.98)	(0.65)	(0.45)	(1.10)	(0.12)

### **Quarterly Sales and Operating Profit**



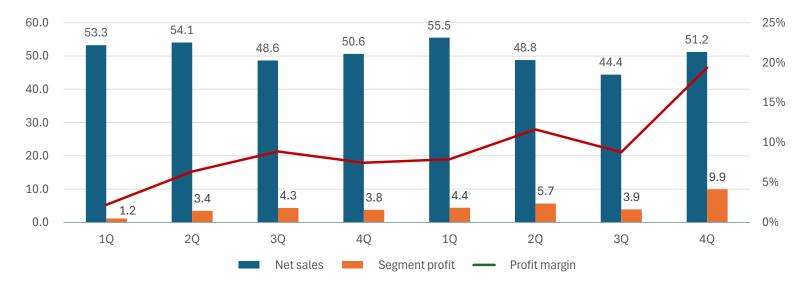




- Net sales: Sales decreased due to a decline in sales prices caused by the softening of global supply and demand for solar panels and cells
- Profit: Overall optimization of the supply chain from production to sales led to a major increase year on year

				FY06/23				FY06/24					前期比		
(Unit: billion yen)	1Q	2Q	1H	3Q	4Q	2H	Full Year	1Q	2Q	1H	3Q	4Q	2Н	Full Year	(%)
Net sales	53.3	54.1	107.3	48.6	50.6	99.3	206.6	55.5	48.8	104.3	44.4	51.2	95.6	199.9	97%
Segment profit	1.2	3.4	4.6	4.3	3.8	8.1	12.7	4.4	5.7	10.1	3.9	9.9	13.8	23.9	188%
Profit margin	2.2%	6.4%	4.3%	8.9%	7.5%	8.1%	6.1%	7.9%	11.6%	9.7%	8.8%	19.4%	14.5%	11.9%	5.8%

#### (Unit: billion yen)

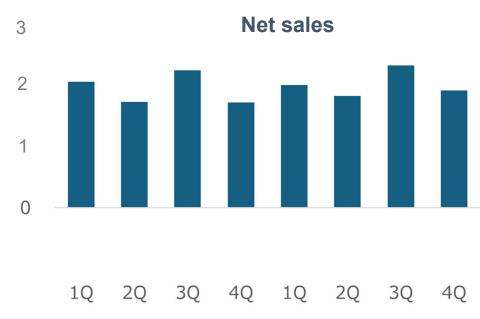




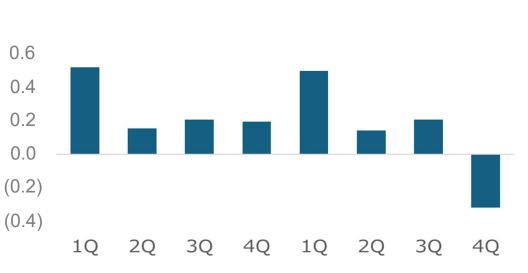
- Steady development of the recurring revenue business model of solar power plant ownership, which is a priority business.
- Actively pursuing non-FIT projects as a PPA operator

		FY06/23				FY06/24									
(Unit: billion yen)	1Q	2Q	IH	3Q	4Q	2H	Full Year	1Q	2Q	1H	3Q	4Q	2H	Full Year	YoY (%)
Net sales	2.1	1.8	3.9	2.3	1.8	4.1	8.0	2.1	1.9	3.9	2.4	2.0	4.4	8.3	104%
Segment profit	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.4	1.1	0.5	0.1	0.6	0.2	(0.3)	(0.1)	0.5	49%

(Unit: billion yen)



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Segment profit

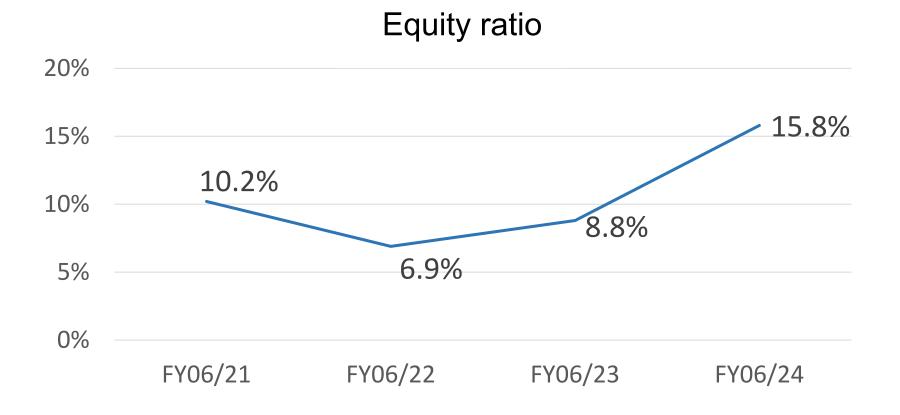
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■ Equity ratio (FY06/24): **15.8%** 

\*The rate has shown signs of improvement since 6.9% in FY06/22.

We will continue to ensure financial soundness by increasing our equity capital through the accumulation of retained earnings mainly from the Solar Panel Manufacturing Business and the Green Energy Business.





- Policy: We will provide stable and continuous dividends while expanding and effectively utilizing retained earnings, thus improving corporate competitiveness and shareholder value.
- FY06/25: Annual dividends have not yet been determined, but we will make appropriate decisions while assessing our business performance.

(Unit: yen)	FY06/20	FY06/21	FY06/22	FY06/23	FY06/24 (Plan)
Interim dividends	7	7	8	3	3
Year-end dividends	10	10	10	5	5
Annual dividends	17	17	18	* 8	8

\*The figures for FY06/23 onwards indicate the dividends per share after a three-for-one stock split.



## 2. Recognition of Business Environment



Model: VSUN390-72BMH-DG(Illinois, USA)

### **Recognition of Business Environment**



### 2030 Group Vision A global core renewable energy company

The renewable energy market is expected to grow as the world is moving away from fossil fuels and going for a carbon-free society over the medium to long term

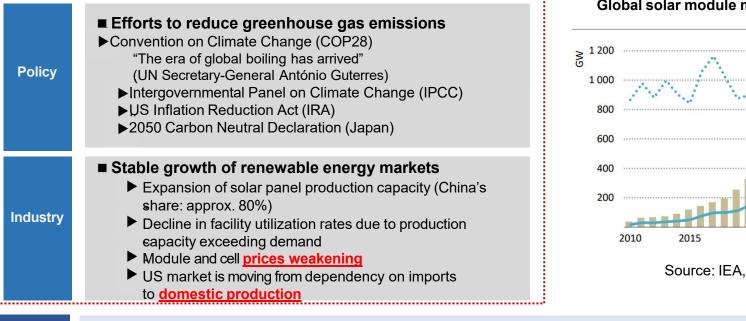
Strengthen competitiveness by building a global supply chain

### **Global Solar Module Production Capacity**

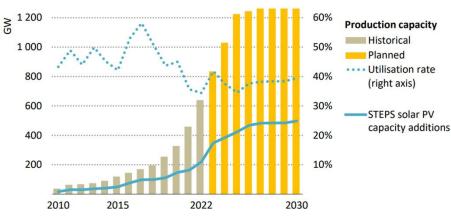
### **Production concentrated on top 5 countries**

- ► China: 80% (500GW)
- Group 2: 13% (Vietnam, India, Malaysia, Thailand)
- Group 3: Approx. 5% (US, South Korea, Cambodia, Turkey, Taiwan)

Source: IEA, "World Energy Outlook 2023 "



### Global solar module manufacturing and solar PV capacity



Source: IEA, "World Energy Outlook 2023 "

Risk Factors US: The end of import tariff exemptions for solar power products from four Southeast Asian countries (June 2024)
 US: The enactment of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) accelerated domestic production of solar products, reducing dependency on

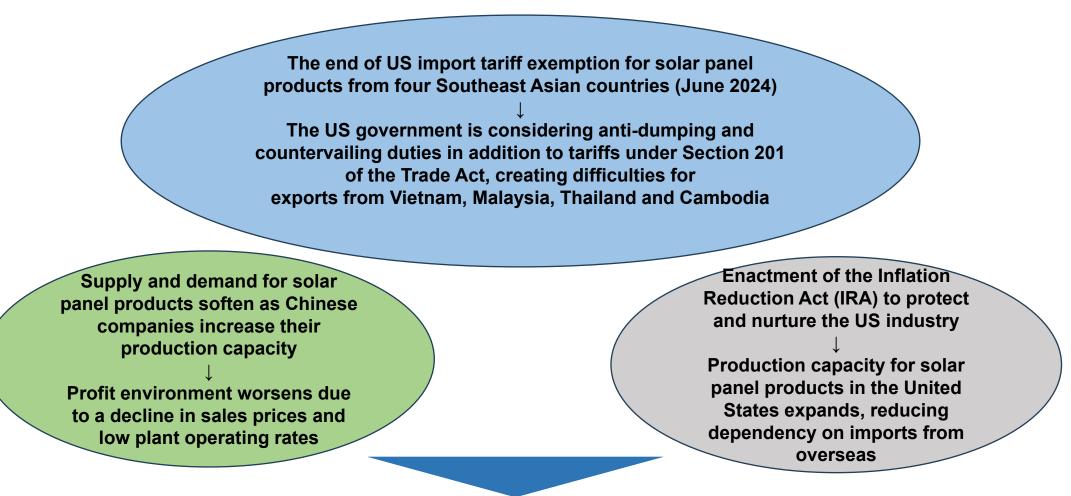
### imports from overseas

►US: Unclear renewable energy policy of the new administration after the presidential election (November 5, 2024)

### Changes in Environment Surrounding Solar Products



The following three main changes in the environment have been affecting the business management of the Group.



Solar Panel Manufacturing Business faces intensifying competition in the US market, necessitating a restructuring of global strategy



## 3. Performance Forecast for FY06/25



Model: VSUN475-156BMH (Wisconsin, USA)



<ul> <li>Net sales: Sales to the US will decrease due to a decline in sales prices in the solar power market and US import tariff policies Sales of solar panel products will be strengthened in Europe and Asia, including India Domestic sales for FY06/25 are expected to be 10 billion yen, compared to the target of 14.8 billion yen set in the Medium-Term Management Plan (announced in Sep. 2023), due to some delays in the M&amp;A and new businesses</li> <li>Profit: Profit will decrease due to a decline in sales of solar products, but operating profit margin will remain stable due to cost improvements, etc.</li> <li>Net sales</li> <li>80.0 billion yen (down 129.0 billion yen year on year)</li> </ul>							
	FY06/24 FY06/25 YoY change						
(Unit: billion yen)	Results	Plan	Amount	%			
Net sales	209.0	80.0	(129.0)	(62)%			
(Overseas) Solar panel manufacturing	199.9	70.0	(129.9)	(65)%			
(Domestic) Green energy, etc.	9.1	10.0	0.9	10%			
Operating profit	23.3	10.0	(13.3)	(57)%			
Ordinary profit	24.9	10.0	(14.9)	(60)%			
Profit attributable to owners of parent	9.5	6.0	(3.5)	(37)%			
Operating profit margin	11.2%	12.5%	1.3%	-			

### **Assumptions for FY06/25 Financial Result Forecasts**



Changes in the solar power market environment	<ul> <li>resulting in a deterioration in p</li> <li>The end of US import tariff exe difficult to export products</li> </ul>	mption for products from four Southea Reduction Act (IRA) accelerates dome	ist Asian countries makes it
Assumptions for FY06/25 financial result forecasts	Selling prices Solar panels and cells continue to be low priced	<u>Vietnam plant</u> Operating rates fall due to lower sales of panels and cells to the United States Sales are diversified	<u>Cost improvement</u> Profit margin is improved by in-house manufacturing of cells, wafers, and ingots which are the upstream processes of solar panels
Company-wide			
consolidated net sales and operating profit	FY06/24 results Net sales: 209.0 billion yen Operating profit: 23.3 billion yen		FY06/25 forecast Net sales: 80.0 billion yen Operating profit: 10.0 billion yen
Group's strategy	resources on Europe, India, an expected ▶The subsidiary TOYO (listed or	g Business shifts from focusing sales on nd other solar power markets where m n the NASDAQ in the United States) is on bases (panels and cells) in the Unit market in the country	id- to long-term growth is s utilized to promote the



# 4. Withdrawal of Numerical Targets of the Medium-Term Management Plan (2024-2026)



Model: VSUN270-60P (Mersin, Turkey)



Withdrawal of Medium-Term Management Plan ►As stated in the "Notice concerning Withdrawal of Numerical Targets of the Medium-Term Management Plan (2024-2026)" announced on August 14, 2024, we have withdrawn the Medium-Term Management Plan ending in FY06/26

### Reasons

- ▶ In the global market for solar panels and other products, the Chinese manufacturers are expanding their production capacity, and the market is weakening due to the softening of supply and demand
- The US import tariff exemption for solar panel products for four Southeast Asian countries (Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, and Malaysia) ended on June 6, 2024
- Furthermore, the United States has launched industrial support measures aimed at protecting and nurturing the domestic solar panel industry, expanding domestic production capacity for products such as solar panels and cells

### **Future outlook**

- The Group will continue to closely monitor market trends for solar panel products, policy trends in the United States regarding Southeast Asian-made solar panels and cells, and the expansion of domestic supply capacity due to the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).
- Should any matters that need to be disclosed arise, we will disclose them promptly.



## 5. Business Division Action Plans







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Aroo	Deteile	FY06/23	FY0	6/24	FY0	6/25	FY06	27
Area	Details	2H	1H	2H	1H	2H	1H	2H
	Modules	Plant No. 4 start (Production capacity: 4GW)						
Vietnam	Cells		Phase 1 (Production capacity: 4GW)	External	Phase 2 (on hold) (Production capacity: 4GW) cell sales and India:			
Vietnam	Ingots Wafers			part of 4GW New plant start (Production capacity: 4GW)	/ in Phase 1)			
	Silicon			Strategic partnership with OCI (Silicon materials procurement)				
	NASDAQ listing				NASDAQ listing (July 2024)			
US	Modules					New plant start (considered) (Production capacity: 2GW)		
	Cells						New plant start (considered) (Production capacity: planned)	

\*FY06/26 has been omitted from the table above because there are no plans to start operations at a new plant in that year.



Recognition of business environment	<ul> <li>■ Growth in demand for renewable energy with the progression of global warming</li> <li>■ Increasing demand for solar panels and cells in the European and US markets         <ul> <li>*The US Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) has stimulated <u>domestic production (domestic investment)</u></li> </ul> </li> <li>■ The end of tax exemption for imports of panels and cells from Southeast Asia in the US (June 2024)         <ul> <li>■ Decreasing supply of panels and cells from Vietnam → Urgent need to consider expanding business into the US</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Listing of subsidiary	<ul> <li>TOYO Co., Ltd. was listed on NASDAQ on July 2, 2024 (US time)</li> <li>TOYO is the parent company of Vietnam Sunergy Cell Company</li> <li>The amount raised was approx. 6.0 million US dollars (approx. 971 million yen)</li> </ul>
Future challenges	<ul> <li>Consider the establishment of a supply chain including a solar panel and cell production base in the United States</li> <li>Monitor demand trends in the US market as well as policy trends such as tax systems, and consider additional fundraising schemes in line with business expansion</li> </ul>

The Group aspires to:

Use the listing as an opportunity to accelerate business expansion in the United States and seize opportunities for growth in the solar power market in the country



Strategy Directions	<ul> <li>Strengthen competitiveness by building a global supply chain</li> <li>Switch from external purchasing to in-house production of cells, the key component of solar panels</li> <li>Build a manufacturing plant for ingots and wafers (Start of operations in April 2024)</li> <li>Build a stable system for purchasing key components and reduce costs to improve profit margin <u>Initial investment plan</u></li> <li>Production capacity: 8GW</li> <li>Total investment amount: Approx. US\$300 million (Approx. 45.0 billion yen)</li> <li>Implementation policy: Execute capital investment in two phases, Phase 1 and Phase 2</li> </ul>

### Progress Status of Cell Plant Construction Project (Phase 2 is on hold)

Phase 1 (in operation)	<ul> <li>Completion ceremony held on November 22, 2023</li> <li>Annual production capacity: 4 GW</li> <li>Capital investment: Approx. US\$180 million (Approx. 27.0 billion yen)</li> </ul>
Phase 2 (on hold)	<ul> <li>The plan was to start operation in the first half of FY06/25, but was put on hold due to the sluggish market (annual production capacity: 4GW)</li> <li>Phase 2 in Vietnam will be carefully considered, including expansion of cell production bases in the United States</li> </ul>

Planning to expand upstream processes to strengthen global supply chain \*See next page

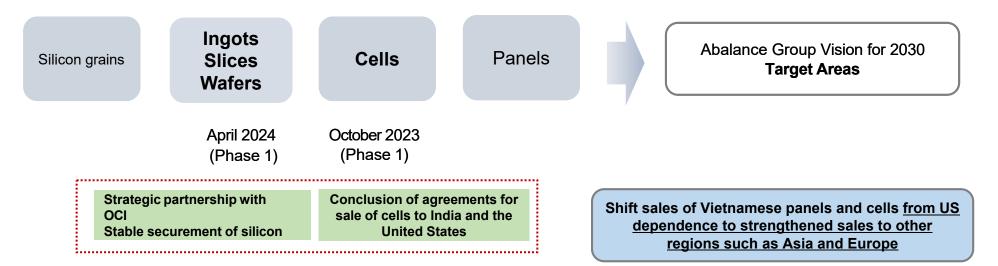


### Medium- to long-term strengthening of competitiveness

- Switch from external purchasing to in-house production of key components of solar panels (cells, wafers, ingots)
- Aim to improve profitability by stabilizing parts procurement and reducing costs through in-house production of major parts
- Consider "Made in USA," or expansion of panel and cell production bases in the United States in response to the strengthening of import tariffs in the country

### Solar Panel Manufacturing Business: Global Supply Chain

Local production in Vietnam and expansion into the US market and a third location

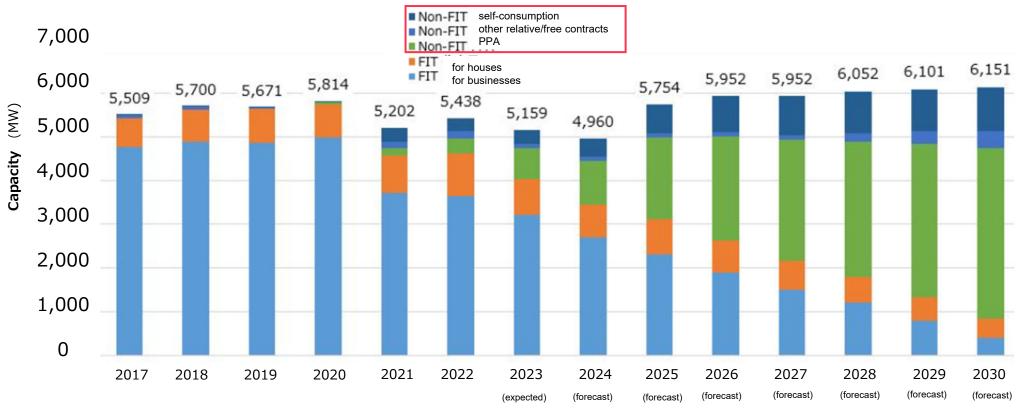


### Gradual Expansion of Domestic Solar Power Market in Medium to Long Term



Recognition of Environment	<ul> <li>The market as a whole will expand gradually until 2030</li> <li>Due to government policy, the number of FIT (Feed-in Tariff) projects in Japan has gradually decreased since 2021.</li> <li><u>Non-FIT PPA and self-consumption</u> will drive growth in the future</li> </ul>
Company Strategy	<ul> <li>The Green Energy Business will respond to market trends and promote company ownership of solar power plants as a PPA operator.</li> <li>Aim for long-term business growth and consider replacing assets as necessary</li> </ul>

Trends and Forecasts of Domestic Solar Power Generation Installation Capacity (By Contract Type)



Source: Yano Research Institute Ltd., "Trends and Forecasts of Domestic Solar Power Generation Installation Capacity (By Contract Type)" in Conducted a Survey on the Solar Power Market (2023)

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Promote one-stop solutions mainly by subsidiaries, WWB Corporation and VALORS Corporation

Stable earnings	<ul> <li>Promotion of recurring revenue business: company ownership of solar power plants</li> <li>Promotion of company ownership of solar power plants as a PPA operator</li> </ul>
M&A	<ul> <li>Expansion of business scale through M&amp;A of renewable energy-related companies</li> <li>Execution of M&amp;A with awareness of cost of capital</li> </ul>
Business tie-ups and partnerships	<ul> <li>Expansion of business foundations by building business alliances and partnerships</li> <li>Pursuit of joint ventures for domestic and overseas projects</li> </ul>
New businesses	<ul> <li>Company ownership of solar power plants as a PPA operator</li> <li>Self-consumption solar power generation EPC business (roof installation at large companies)</li> <li>Grid-connected batteries business: Formation of SPC with a partner company in the Hokkaido area, grid connections underway</li> </ul>
R&D, etc.	<ul> <li>Development of hydrogen products and promotion of business</li> <li>Promotion of green transformation (GX)</li> </ul>

### **Promotion of Green Energy Business**



Promotion of recurring revenue business model	<ul> <li>Expansion of recurring revenue business through company ownership of solar power plants         <ul> <li>Company-held power plants: Approx. 110 power plants (Japan and overseas)</li> <li>Company-owned power generation capacity: Over 140MW (including projects under development and planned for acquisition)</li> </ul> </li> <li>CO<sub>2</sub> emission reductions from Green Energy Business: Approx. 2 million tons         <ul> <li>Equivalent to the annual power consumption of approximately 770,000 households</li> <li>Company ownership of solar power plants as a PPA operator</li> </ul> </li> </ul>					
Promotion of business tie-ups	Basic policy To achieve our growth strategy, we will actively pursue alliances with leading domestic and overseas companies in areas such as energy storage					
Specific examples	Meiji Machine	<ul> <li>Formed a business alliance with subsidiaries WWB and Japan Photocatalyst Center</li> <li>Established mutual funding line</li> </ul>				
	Yamada Trading	►Sale of photovoltaic storage batteries				
	au Renewable Energy	<ul> <li>Concluded a sales agreement for non-FIT power plant equipment</li> <li>March 29, 2024: Commenced grid connection (power plant handover completed)</li> </ul>				

(Kakuda Solar Power Plant)



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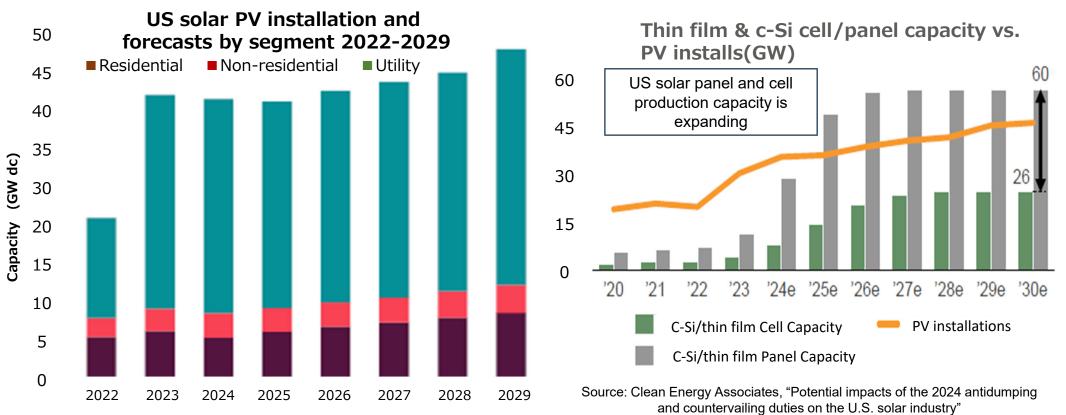
Model: VSUN475-156BMH (Minnesota, USA)



### ■ A market where stable growth is expected with a shift in progress to domestic production

- The solar power market will maintain a steady expansion trend in the medium to long term (Factor) Increasing demand for heating and cooling due to economic growth, population growth, and climate change
- ► Globally more supply than demand due to expanding production in China (→low prices)
- Policies such as IRA have accelerated domestic investment in products made in the United States, expanding domestic supply capacity
- August 2, 2024: The US Department of Commerce rejected Vietnam's request to be designated a "market economy" country

→Sales of Vietnamese solar panels and cells in the United States face tough times



Source: Wood Mackenzie "Three prediction for global solar in 2024"

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### Imports of Vietnamese Products Face Tougher Conditions as US Import Tariffs Tighten

The United States moves to strengthen import tariffs on solar products (announced in April and May 2024)

NO.	Policy Type		Target product	Target country	Tariff level	Company target	Remarks
1	Anti-dumping and Countervailing Duty: AD/CVD	Import duties	Cells and panels	Cambodia Malaysia Thailand <b>Vietnam</b>	To be decided (Under review by US Dept. of Commerce)	0	AD/CVD tariff levels expected to be finalized in 2025
2	Tariffs under Section 201 of the Trade Act (Section 201 Tariffs)	Import tariff	Cells and panels	All countries (except Mexico, Canada, and developing countries)	The tariff rate for bifacial solar panels is 14.25%.	0	Import tariff exemptions for four Southeast Asian countries, including Vietnam, ended on June 6, 2024 *Section 201 of Trade Act expires in February 2026
3	Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA)	Human rights	wafers, cells, and	China Uyghur Autonomous Region	Import ban		Importation of products from this area into the United States prohibited
4	Additional tariffs under Section 301 of the Trade Act (Section 301 Tariffs)	Import tariff	Cells and panels	China	Increase from 25% to 50%		Effective from August 1, 2024

Source: Created by the Company based on Clean Energy Associates, "PV Supply, Technology, and Policy Report/Q2 2024"

\*US imports of Chinese solar products are already minimal (2023: panels: 0.09%, cells: 0.03% / Source: Wood Mackenzie, "US Solar Market Insight Q2 2024"), and the impact of 3-4 above on the market is likely to be limited

Vietnam (panels & cells) sales Sales in the United States have expanded steadily thanks to the tax exemption for solar panels in the United States

As sales to the United States are expected to be tough in the future, the Company will shift sales destinations from its current reliance on the United States to Europe and Asia, including India



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Top 10 EU27 countries with the most solar ► In Europe, there is a move away from fossil power installed (2024-2027) fuels, and the solar power market is Recognition expected to continue to grow in the medium No.1: Germany, No.2: Spain, No.3: Italy of to long term Environment ▶ In particular, Germany, Spain and Italy are Germany 76.5 57.9 leading the solar power market 62.8 Spain 46.6 27.5 46.4 27.2 Italy 197 35.0 Projected cumulative introduction of Poland 25,1 800 solar power in Europe (2024-2027) 30.8 702 700 20.0 France 15.5 600 23.0 letherlands 19.7 19% 13.0 500 471 13.9 21% 10.9 Greece ٩Ŵ 6.9 400 356 <sup>23%</sup> 12.6 24% 305 10.0 Austria 300 263 7.0 11.8 200 Romania 8.7 4.1 100 10,4 Sweden 7.7 4.9 0 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 GW Medium Scenario Historical data Low Scenario **High Scenario High Scenario** Medium Scenario Low Scenaric Source: SolarPower Europe, "EU Market Outlook FOR Solar Power 2023-2027"

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Recognition of Environment The average annual growth of the Indian solar power market in 2024-2029 is expected to be 19.8%
 There will be a shift to domestic production, and domestic demand for panels will be met in 2026, but <u>import demand for cells will continue</u>

Indian solar power market will grow at CAGR of 19.8% 2024-2029			A	Solar Although pan	el manufactı		y is expandi		
Projected introduction of solar power in India (2024-2029)		(GW 120	<sup>()</sup> r	110				110	
		195	100					94	
GW			80 60		62			52	<sup>59</sup> 56
	79		40		38	_	41		38
			20	18 4.3	6.8	19			
	2024	2029	0	21/1	22/1	23/1	24/1	25/1	26/1
Source: Mordor Intelligence			Source: JMK Research & Analytics				(Year/Month)		

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## **Abalance Group Summary**



Trade Name	Abalance Corporation
Address	Tennozu First Tower 16F 2-2-4 Higashishinagawa, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo
Establishment	April 17, 2000
Capital	2,518 million yen
President & Representative Director	Yasuaki Mitsuyuki
Stock Listing	Tokyo Stock Exchange (Standard Market: 3856)
Employees	Consolidated: 1,684; Non-consolidated: 38 (as of June. 30, 2024)
Primary consolidated subsidiaries	Japan: WWB, VALORS, Abit Overseas: VSUN, Vietnam Sunergy Cell Company Limited TOYO Co.,LTD(NASDAQ: TOYO)
Equity-method affiliate	Meiji Machine Co., Ltd. (TSE Standard: 6334)

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