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# About the Action to Implement Management that is Conscious of Cost of Capital and Stock Price (Planning & Disclosure)

Tokyo, June 5, 2024—Maxell, Ltd. (TSE: 6810, hereinafter "the Company") has made up the plan at the Board of Directors held today, following the announcement "About the Action to Implement Management that is Conscious of Cost of Capital and Stock Price (Analysis of Current Situation)" on October 30, 2023 as follows.

In order to realize management that is conscious of cost of capital and stock price, it is requested by Tokyo Stock Exchange to continue to conduct series of actions, "Analysis of Current Situation", "Planning & Disclosure" and "Implementation of Initiatives" and to make progress analysis and update disclosures every year.

In the plan announcing today, the Company clarifies the policy and the initiatives in the period of the Medium-Term Management Plan MEX26 (Maximum Excellence 2026) from the fiscal year ending March 2025 to the fiscal year ending March 2027 toward realization of management that is conscious of cost of capital and stock price, based on the results of analysis of current situation announced on October 30, 2023.

#### (Outline of the Plan)

According to the analysis of current situation, the Company recognizes that "Improving Profitability" and "Stable Profit Growth" which is to respond to expectation for medium- to long-term growth, are the key objectives. In the MEX26, the Company will further accelerate business portfolio reform for improving profitability, and will allocate management resources strategically to the areas such as strengthening of advanced technology developments and new market developments, proactive capital investments, mainly to the growth businesses in the 3 focus areas for realization of stable profit growth. Also, regarding the cash allocation in the period of MEX26, in addition to accelerating growth investments, the Company will strengthen shareholder returns with total payout ratio of over 100% and will optimize its cost of capital in order to realize PBR over 1.0x.

For the details of the plan, please refer to the "Action to Implement Management that is Conscious of Cost of Capital and Stock Price -Planning & Disclosure-" attached. Also, please refer to "Medium-Term Management Plan MEX26" posted on the Company website.

The Company will steadily implement the initiatives based on the plan announced today, and through the regular verification, will aim to realize sustainable growth and enhancement of corporate value over the medium- to long-term.

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# Action to Implement Management that is Conscious of Cost of Capital and Stock Price -Planning & Disclosure-



June 5, 2024 Maxell, Ltd.

#### Introduction



• The Company explains about the plan based on the Medium-Term Management Plan MEX26 for FY2024 - FY2026 relating to "Action to Implement Management that is Conscious of Cost of Capital and Stock Price" requested by Tokyo Stock Exchange

# Analysis of Current Situation

(Disclosed on Oct. 30, 2023)

- · Gain a proper understanding of the company's cost of capital and profitability
- Analyze and evaluate the current situation around these and the market valuation at board of directors meetings

#### Today's explanation

Planning & Disclosure

- Have board of directors discuss and develop policies, targets, planning periods, and specific initiatives for improvement
- Disclose clear information on these, along with assessment of the current situation, to investors

# Implementation of Initiatives

- Push forward with management that is conscious of cost of capital and stock price, based on the disclosed plans
- · Engage in proactive dialogue with investors based on this disclosure

Made up plan based on initiatives of Medium-Term Management Plan MEX26



- Key Objectives according to Analysis of Current Situation
- Initiatives toward realization of PBR over 1.0x
  - Realization of "Improving Profitability" and "Stable Profit Growth"
  - ·Cash Allocation Plan
- Targets of Medium-Term Management Plan MEX26

For details, please refer to "Medium-Term Management Plan MEX26" announced on June 5, 2024



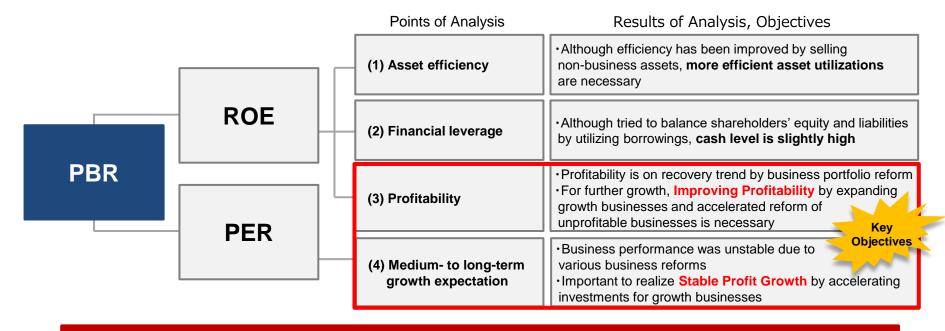
# **Key Objectives according to Analysis of Current Situation**

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(Announced on October 30, 2023)



- •In October 2023, the Company made analysis of current situation from 4 points, (1) Asset efficiency, (2) Financial leverage, (3) Profitability and (4) Medium- to long-term growth expectation
- •The Company recognizes that the key objectives are "Improving Profitability" and "Stable Profit Growth"
- •By implementing initiatives of MEX26, the Company will aim for early realization of PBR over 1.0x

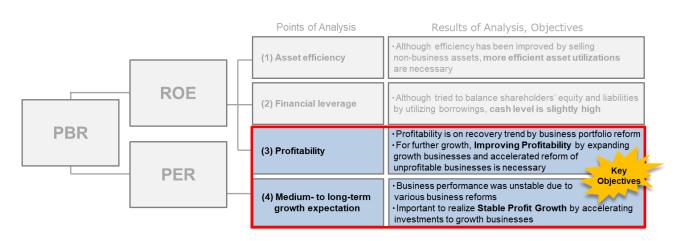


"Improving Profitability" and "Stable Profit Growth" are Key Objectives



## Initiatives toward realization of PBR over 1.0x

#### Realization of "Improving Profitability" and "Stable Profit Growth"



# **Business Distinction toward Improving Profitability**

ABC-XYZ (Profit/Loss Control by Business) PIPJ (Profit/Loss Control by Model)

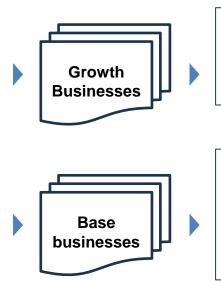


- Prioritize our business based on "market opportunities", "utilization of Analog Core Technologies", and "profitability", and implement continuous resource reallocation
- Position "Mobility", "ICT/Al", and "Human/Social Infrastructure" as 3 focus areas in MEX26 considering their significant changes, and prioritize to solve our customers' technical issues by leveraging Analog Core Technologies

#### [Business distinction process]

Screening business from 3 perspectives and continuously shifting resources to growth businesses

#### Screening business from 3 perspectives (1) Market opportunities perspective √ Is the market experiencing significant changes, and are there expectations of new technological challenges arising? 3 focus areas: Mobility, ICT/Al. Human/Social Infrastructure (2) Analog Core Technologies Individual utilization perspective √ Can we contribute to solving customers' businesses technical issues using our strength in **Analog Core Technologies?** (3) Profitability perspective √ Is it possible to enjoy fair economic value according to the value we provide? Management tools:



#### **Resource allocation**

- Prioritize the allocation of technical sales personnel
- Make proactive investments for growth

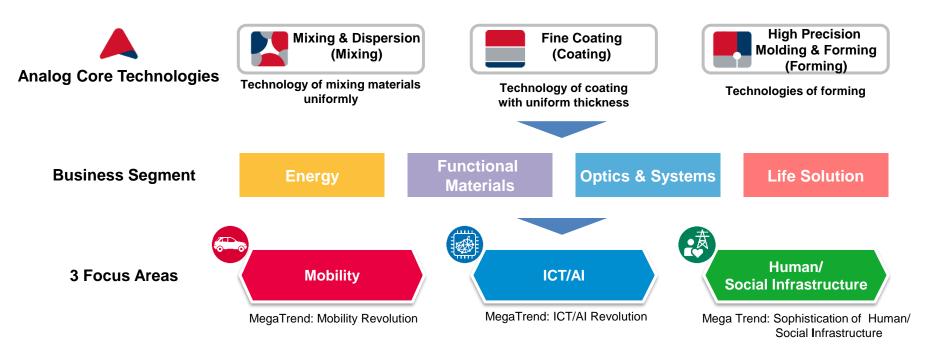
#### Resources

- Transfer resources to key businesses
- Maximizing profitability through low-cost operations
- Shrinking or withdrawing from low-profit businesses

# **Approach to 3 Focus Areas with Analog Core Technologies**



- Analog Core Technologies is a collective term for mass production technology developed through the manufacture
  of batteries and tapes such as "Mixing & Dispersion", "Fine Coating" and "High Precision Molding & Forming"
- Achieve sales and profit growth by focusing on 3 areas where Analog Core Technologies can be a source of competitive advantage



# **Growth Strategies in 3 Focus Areas**



Systems

Functional

#### **Market Perception and Strategic Policies**



- √ Temporary business stagnation due to technological transitions at customer
- √ While maximizing profit, proactively promote the development and investment in advanced technologies that will bear fruit beyond fiscal year 2027



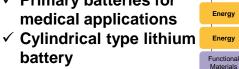
- ✓ Keep up with the growing semiconductor market
- ✓ Expanding into new markets and new customers while strengthening our existing position



- ✓ Identify markets where demand is expected to emerge and expand in the future.
- ✓ Actively promote proactive investments tied to customers based on our technological capabilities

#### **Growth Businesses**

- ✓ Heat resistant coin type lithium battery Optics & Systems
- ✓ LED Headlamp Lens
- ✓ In-Car Camera Lens. Unit
- **Coated separator**
- Materials ✓ Tapes for Materials semiconductor manufacturing process ✓ Semiconductor DMS Optics & Systems ✓ EF2 (electro forming) Optics & Systems
- ✓ Primary batteries for
- battery
- √ Tapes for construction
- ✓ Hydraulic tools



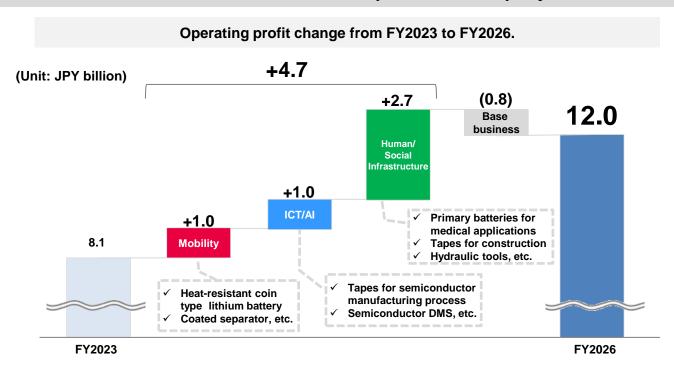
Energy

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# Improving Profitability by Profit Increase in 3 Focus Areas



- Aim for growth in 3 focus areas
- In other businesses (base businesses), reallocate resources, including downsizing or withdrawing,
   to accelerate growth in the focus areas
- Promote business distinction to increase sales and profits on company-wide level



## **Proactive Growth Investments toward Stable Profit Growth**



- Achieve business growth through proactive investment by developing products that contribute to solving our customers' technical issues in 3 focus areas
- Growth investment in MEX26 is anticipated to be more than double compared to MEX23

[Growth investment] MEX26 MEX23 billion yen Moré than Double 17.3 billion yen

[Major Growth Investment Examples]



# Mobility

- Investment in increasing production capacity for heatresistant coin type lithium batteries
- ✓ Investment in the development and production expansion of coated separators for electric vehicles



#### ICT/AI

- Investment in increasing production capacity for semiconductor DMS
- ✓ Investment in development of all-solid-state batteries



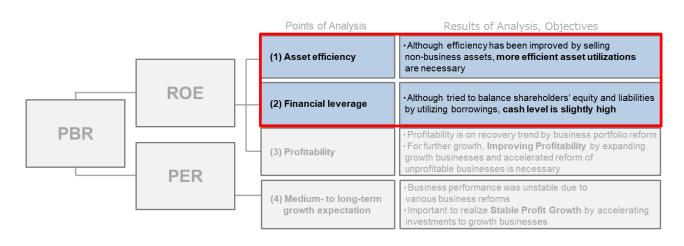
#### Human/ Social Infrastructure

- Investment in development and increasing production capacity of primary batteries for medical applications
- ✓ Investment in increasing production capacity for tapes for construction and others



# Initiatives toward realization of PBR over 1.0x

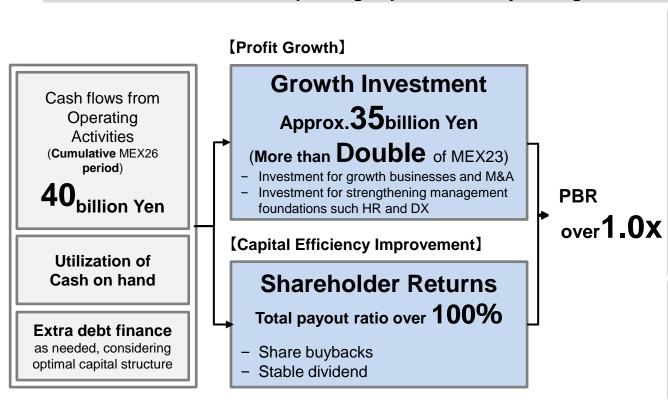
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• In MEX26, aim to achieve PBR over 1.0x by achieving profit growth through proactive growth investments as well as improving capital efficiency through enhanced shareholder returns



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#### FY2024 shareholder return strategy

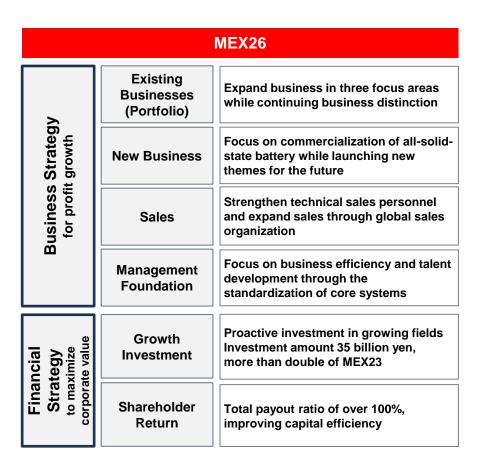
- ✓ Implement share buyback with upper limit of 5 billion yen starting from June 6, 2024
- ✓ FY2024 annual dividend forecast (50 yen/share)



# **Targets of Medium-Term Management Plan MEX26**

#### **Points of MEX26 Initiatives**







# **Quantitative Target of MEX26**



# [MEX26 Targets]

#### MEX26

Item	FY2023	FY2026
Net Sales (JPY billion)	129.1	150.0
Operating Profit (JPY billion)	8.1	12.0
OP Margin	6.3%	8.0%
ROIC	5.0%	7.5%
ROE	8.5%	10.0%

# [Breakdown by Business Segment]

MEX26
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	et Sales perating Profit	FY2023	FY2026
	Total (JPY billion)	129.1 8.1	150.0 12.0
	Energy	35.0 0.5	38.5 2.5
	Functional Materials	<b>30.1</b> 1.4	37.6 2.7
	Optics & Systems	<b>41.4</b> 5.6	45.2 4.8
	Life Solution	22.7 0.6	<b>28.7</b> 2.0

## Notes about statements about the future



Parts of this document contain predictions about the future that are based on our current expectations and beliefs.

These statements are provided as background material for investors.

We cannot ensure or guarantee that any such statement will prove to be correct.

Please keep in mind that actual outcomes might differ from anticipated results.

