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## Medium-term Management Plan

# "CONNECT TOGETHER 2019" [FY2017-FY2019]

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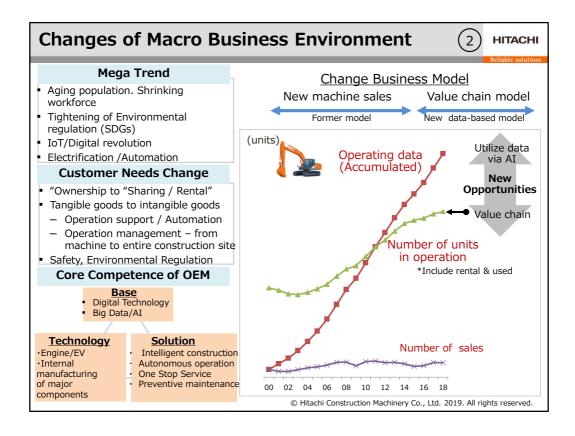
## Major Themes of "CONNECT TOGETHER 2019"(1)



- 1. Strongly increase the profitability of our business structure via enhancement of the entire value chain primarily through spare parts and services.
- 2. Strengthen hydraulic excavators #1 presence and increase market share for wheel loaders and mining dump trucks.
- 3. Expand used equipment and rental business
- 4. Strengthen R&D capabilities and develop ICT/IoT solutions.
- 5. Optimize fixed costs and reduce cost via structural reform
- 6. Promote Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) management.

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- -Six major themes are set for the Mid-term Management Plan "CONNECT TOGETHER 2019" that started in fiscal 2017. This fiscal year (2019) is the last year of the Mid-term Management Plan.
- -This presentation briefs on the progress of the deepening of value chain, progress of business structure reforms, ESG management, and other progress and state of the mid-term management plan.



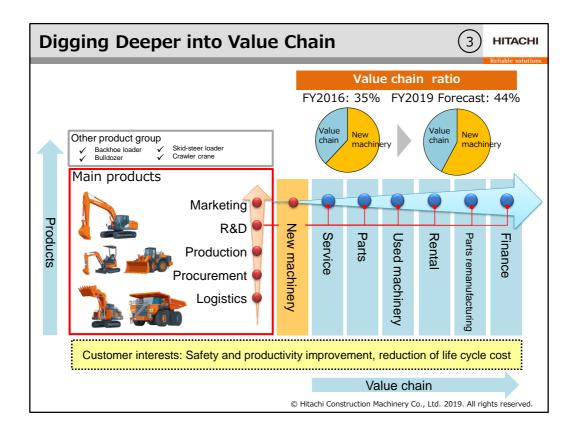
- Customer awareness has changed significantly over the past few years.
- General social trends
  - Aging population and shrinking workforce, tighter environmental regulations, IoT and digital revolutions, and electrification/automation
- Changes in customer needs
  - From ownership to rental and sharing
  - From tangible goods to intangible goods: Operation support and automation, provision of solutions for construction site operation management, etc.
  - Safety and environmental compliance
- \* Electric machinery was introduced at HCM's and other companies 'exhibits at bauma 2019 (international construction machinery trade fair held Apr. 8-14) held in Germany the other day, showcasing a growing interest among customers.

## In line with the above:

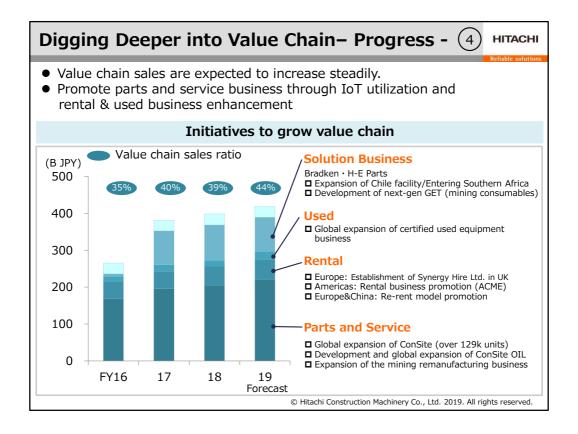
- Alter our business model
  - Respond to the general social trends and the changes in customer needs, and shift from a new machinery-centered business model to a value chain model that targets machinery that operates worldwide after selling new machineries.

While construction machinery is used for about 10 years, more than 400,000 hydraulic excavators, mini excavators, and wheel loaders that HCM has sold are operating worldwide. However, it is possible that parts and service are only provided for less than half of these machinery. How we should capture this:

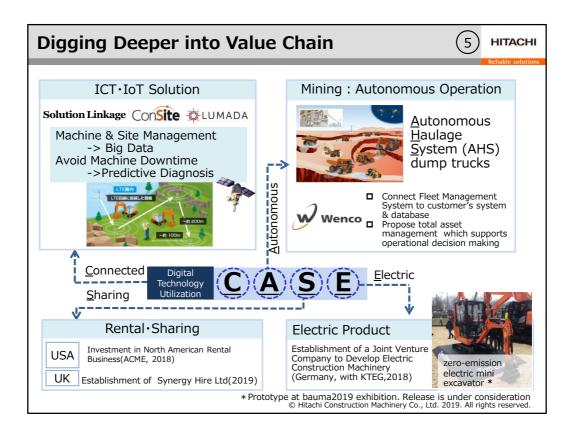
- Operating data accumulated since 2000 is the source of our service competitiveness.
- Based on the accumulated information, deliver solutions to customers using HCM's major proprietary technical strengths and Hitachi Group's technologies.



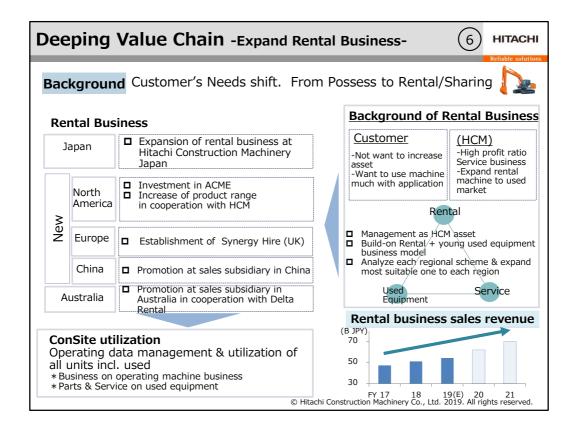
- We believe that we are achieving at least a 70% coverage in terms of product lineup; as such, no expansion is planned for this mid-term management plan period.
- As our efforts for the Connect Together 2019 Mid-term Management Plan: HCM will contribute to improving safety and productivity, as well as reducing life cycle costs, all of which are customer interests, through after-purchase service of existing products, rental business, and parts recycling.
- We also intend to stabilize our profit-making structure.
- Value chain ratio: The value chain ratio from the last year of the previous mid-term management plan (2016) was 35%; we forecast 44% for this fiscal year. New machinery sales are currently growing beyond our expectation; while the value chain ratio did not reach the initial target of 50%, the absolute sales revenue figure has met its goal. We will continue to build an organization and way of working to achieve a 50% value chain ratio.



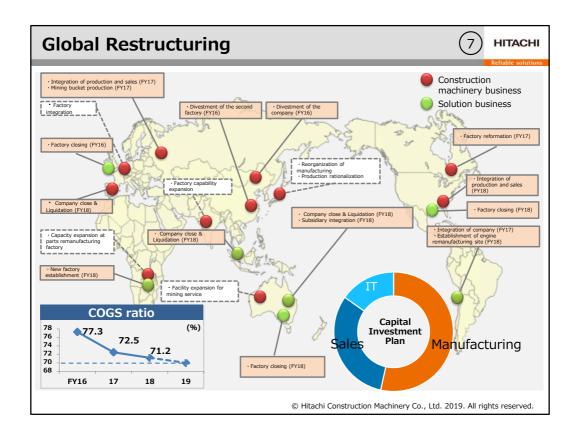
- The value chain sales revenue from sales other than new machineries has been steadily increasing, and is expected to continue increasing during fiscal 2019. The value chain sales revenue increased from 265.2 billion JPY in fiscal 2016 to 418.9 billion JPY in fiscal 2019. Parts and service sales revenue has been particularly and steadily on the increase: 168.2 billion JPY in fiscal 2016 to 220.3 billion JPY in fiscal 2019.
  - Solution business: Expansion into new areas and development of next generation products.
  - Used machineries: Worldwide business of certified used machinery sales. Used machinery business also contributes to parts and service.
  - Rental: Entry into European and American markets.
  - Through ConSite, which utilizes IoT, HCM is expanding the parts and service business as well as parts remanufacturing business.



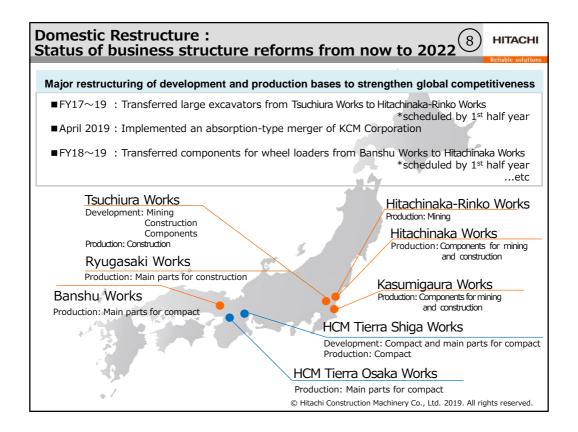
- CASE (Connected, Autonomous, Shared, and Electric) in the automobile industry also applies to HCM's efforts.
  - Connected: HCM provides ICT construction machinery and IoT solutions through Solution Linkage, ConSite, and Lumada (platform).
  - Autonomous: The AHS realizes dump trucks that autonomously drive through intricate connections. Specifically, this is in a trial phase among customers who purchased AHS trucks in Australia; several machineries have been tested since the summer of 2018.
  - Shared: HCM has rolled out a rental business. HCM invested in ACME in the U.S. and established Synergy Hire in UK, as well as other rental businesses in other areas.
  - ➤ Electric: HCM developed a next generation electric hydraulic excavator and exhibited two prototype models at bauma 2019. We aim to productize these models in the future after resolving their problems in cooperation with specific customers.



- HCM has engaged in a wide range of businesses across Japan; on the other hand, customer demand is changing from possession to rental and sharing even in emerging countries, as well as in the U.S. and Europe.
- We have already rolled out rental business in Japan and Australia. Rental business is newly started in North America through ACME, which we have invested in, Synergy Hire is established in UK to enter the local rental market, and a local subsidiary is being used to enter into the Chinese market.
- With the collaboration of the rental, service, and used machinery businesses, we intend to incorporate all operating machinery into the business model.
- We aim to steadily increase our sales revenue from rental business.



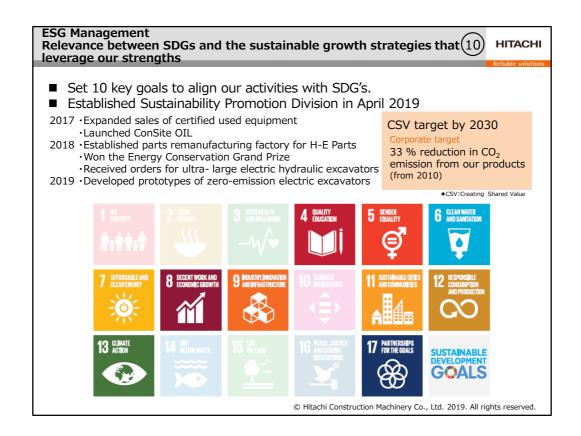
- At all HCM bases worldwide, while we build and improve on our framework to deepen the value chain, we will also consolidate efforts to improve efficiency. The value chain abroad has in large part been dealt with, and we are now setting for full-scale operation in Japan.
- We are working on improving the cost of sales to revenue ratio through such initiatives and aiming for a 70% level for fiscal 2019.
- No major change from the fiscal 2017 plan regarding capital investment; we are staying at a total of 120 billion JPY for the three years mid-term plan.



- As our main measure for strengthening HCM's global competitiveness, we have significantly reorganized the major development and production bases in Japan as part of our long-term plan until the next mid-term management plan. The progress of the reorganization is explained hereafter.
- As part of the plan to centralize large machinery production at Hitachinaka-Rinko Works, we are transferring large hydraulic excavators from Tsuchiura Works. Specifically, this move is planned to take place during the May Golden Week holidays.
- The production of components for wheel loaders is being transferred from Banshu Works to Hitachinaka Works in Ibaraki Prefecture.
- HCM merged with KCM, which has been developing and producing various sizes of wheel loader products.
- We will respond to customers needs by product size in order to improve development and production efficiency.
  - \* The key element of the domestic business structure reform is to consolidate development at Tsuchiura Works and HCM Tierra and consolidate production by product size.

#### **Financial Targets** (9 HITACHI To become a company adept at change, we will improve profitability and efficiency through enhancement of the value chain and business structure reform. (The company aims to achieve Medium-term Management Plan "CONNECT TOGETHER 2019" targets based upon the guidelines & forecasts announced in April 2017.) CT2019 CT2019 CT2019 CT2019 March 2020 March 2018 March 2019 March 2020 **Forecast** Actual Actual Guidance (%As of April 2017) 110.9 111.0 100.0 100.0 FX rate ¥/\$ 130.1 127.9 110.0 110.0 ¥ /€ ¥/RMB 16.6 15.0 15.0 Global Demand 230K units 220K units 220K units 170K units (Hydraulic excavators) %(y-o-y)+27% %(y-o-y)+6% %(y-o-y)△5% **Environment of** 959.2 1,033.7 950.0 Revenue billions of yen 850.0 Adjusted operating Over 9% 9.8% 11.3% 9.1% income ratio Over 9% ROE 14.1% 14.7% Over 9% 0.4or less Net D/E ratio 0.33 0.49 0.4or less Approximately 30% Dividend payout Approximately 30% 30.1% 31.0% or more policy or more

- To become a company adept at change, we will improve profitability and efficiency through enhancement of the value chain and business structure reform.
- The mining business is currently steady, and even with the same level of performance as in fiscal 2018 forecast for global demand in hydraulic excavators, considering the possible range of performance for fiscal 2019—specifically, between  $\pm 0\%$  and -5% compared to the previous fiscal year—we forecast 220,000 units, taking the bottom figure. We also set the currency exchange rate to 100 yen per dollar from our estimated ranges between 100 to 110 yen per dollar. Demand forecast and currency exchange rates are set using the least optimistic estimates.
- While the sales revenue will fluctuate depending on the global hydraulic excavator demand environment, we will carry out the HCM group-wide measures for the final year of the mid-term management plan to achieve our goals: an adjusted operating income ratio of over 9%, ROE of over 9%, and Net D/E ratio of 0.4 or less.



- HCM has always set "sustainable growth strategy "at the core of our management. HCM set 10 key goals to align our activities with SDG's.
- To further promote the incorporation of "sustainable growth" in our management strategy, we established the Sustainability Promotion Division in April 2019 by integrating the Environmental and CSR Promotion Divisions.
- In particular, we intend to promote hybrid and electric machinery for the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Our Creating Shared Value goal for 2030 is to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from our products by 33% (compared with fiscal 2010).

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