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1-1 Project Background



Contribute to the development of sustainable social infrastructure

Accelerate Social Innovation Business

Global

Fusion

Environment

- Leverage Hitachi's strengths to promote a global growth strategy
- Focus business resources on the Social Innovation Business
- Strengthen the business structure to stabilize profitability

Shift from competition focused on the Japanese market to emphasis on true global competition

- Establish an earnings platform for competing effectively with leading global corporations
- Shift to a cost structure that allows Hitachi to compete effectively with companies from emerging markets

1-2 Benchmarking Global Competitors



FY 2010

Unit: %; Figures in parentheses represent indexed figures with Hitachi equal to 100.

	Hitachi	A (Japanese)	B (Japanese)	C (non-Japanese)	D (non-Japanese)	E (non-Japanese)	F (non-Japanese)	G (non-Japanese)
Cost of sales	(100)	(102)	(96)	(87)	(94)	(93)	(72)	(89)
	74.8	76.5	72.0	65.2	70.0	69.8	53.9	66.4
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(100) 16.2	(91) 14.7	(108) 17.5	(96) 15.6	(86) 14.0	(90) 14.6	(135) 21.9	(105) 17.0
R&D	(100)	(119)	(100)	(112)	(126)	(81)	(143)	(140)
expenditures	4.2	5.0	4.2	4.7	5.3	3.4	6.0	5.9
Operating income	(100)	(79)	(133)	(302)	(263)	(246)	(410)	(233)
	4.8	3.8	6.4	14.5	12.6	11.8	19.7	11.2

Reform the cost structure across the entire Hitachi Group

1-3 Issues Related to Cost Structure Reforms



Developing a global growth strategy for the Social Innovation Business

- High cost structure dependent on domestic resources
- Inefficiencies and redundancies of resources due to multiple businesses, large organizations, and optimization at the individual company level
- Excessive focus on doing things internally



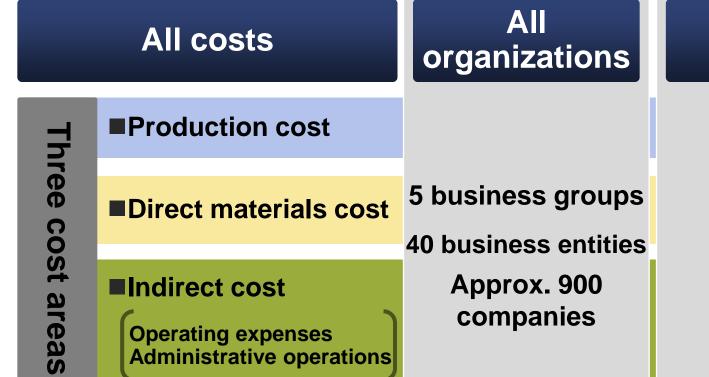
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2-1 Scope of Project



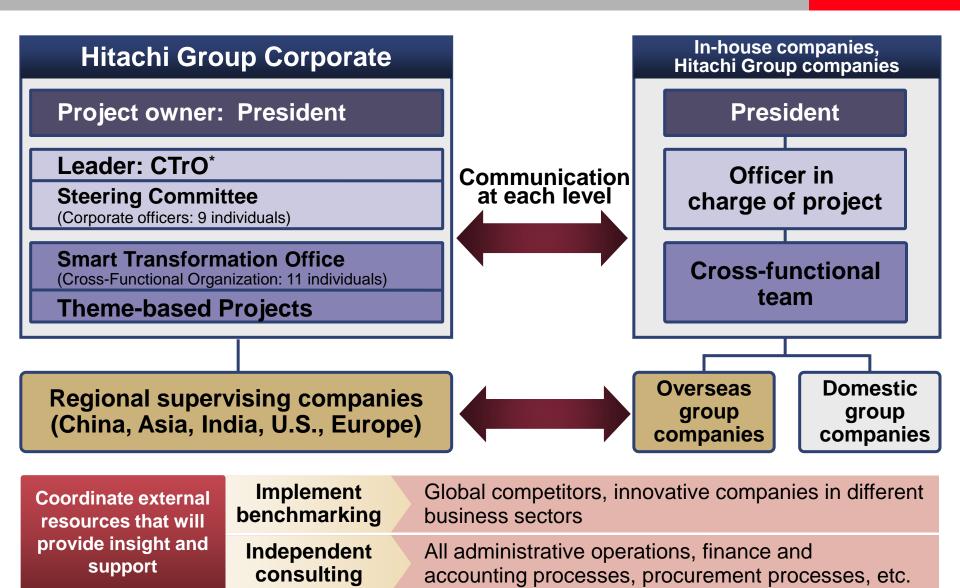


All areas Japan China Asia India **Americas** Europe

- Global business strategy ■IT strategy Human capital strategy

2-2 Project Structure and External Coordination

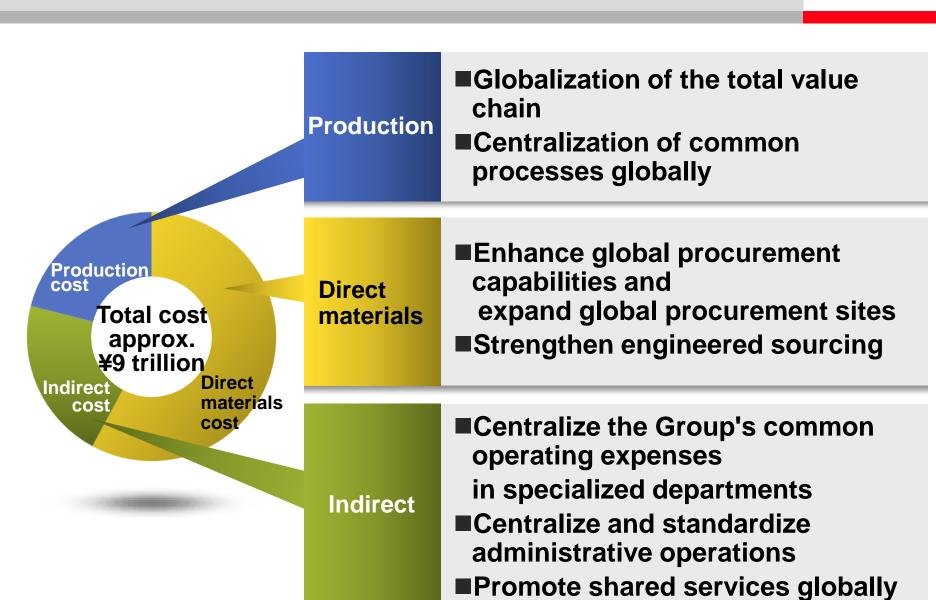




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2-3 Three Cost Areas and Initiatives





2-4 Corporate Functions and Roles of In-House Companies and Hitachi Group Companies



Hitachi Group Corporate

- **■**Establish KPIs for entire Group
- **■**Establish global benchmarks

- **■** Centralize common processes
- Support global productivity reforms
- Develop global procurement infrastructure
- Cultivate common suppliers overseas
- Promote pool purchasing
- Centralize the Group's common operating expenses through specialized departments
- Centralize and standardize common operations
- Promote shared services globally

Strategy

Production costs

Direct materials costs

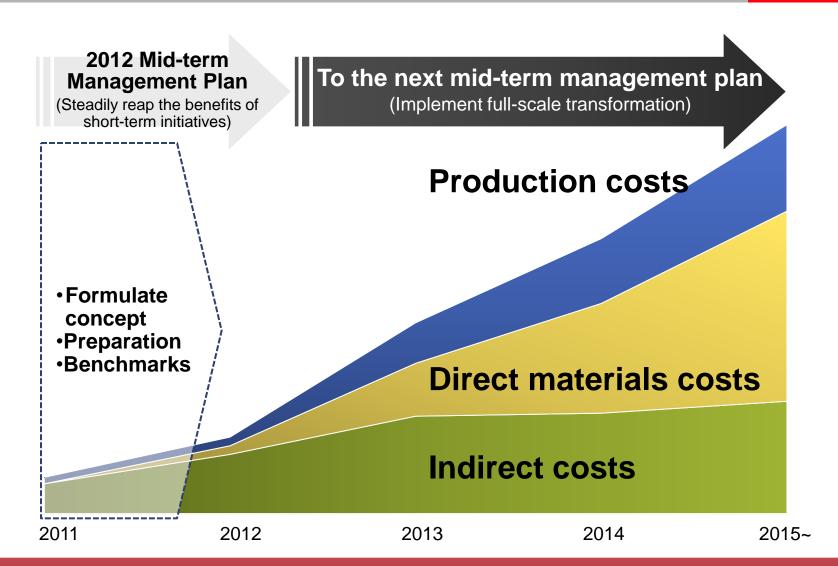
Indirect costs

In-house companies, Hitachi Group companies

- Formulate and promote global growth strategy
- Benchmarking by individual company
- Globalization of total value chain
- Expand production at optimal sites globally
- Review internal and external production
- Strengthen engineered sourcing
- Refine cost planning for each machinery model
- Expand global procurement of specialized purchased items
- Instill corporate policies at in-house companies and Hitachi Group companies
- Review Group company structure

2-5 Project Period and Targeted Cost Savings





Achieve a total cost reduction of 5%



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3-1 Production Cost Reforms (1) Globalization of Value Chains

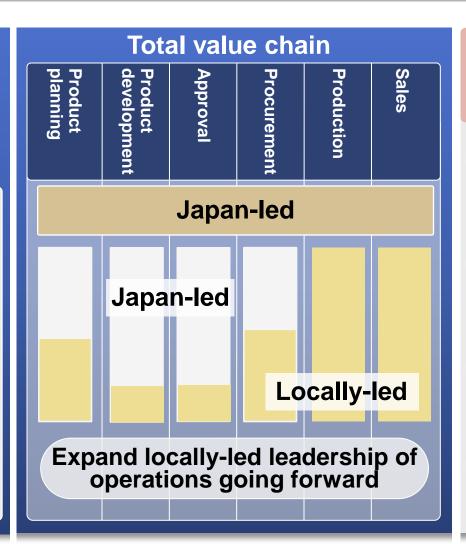




Export model

Local production model

"Locally produced, locally consumed" model; "Optimal site-selection" model



Steps for Future Reform

(Using initiatives at in-house companies and Hitachi Group companies as examples)

Cost planning with respect to "optimal cost" through global benchmarking



Globalization of design



Establish global procurement engineering center



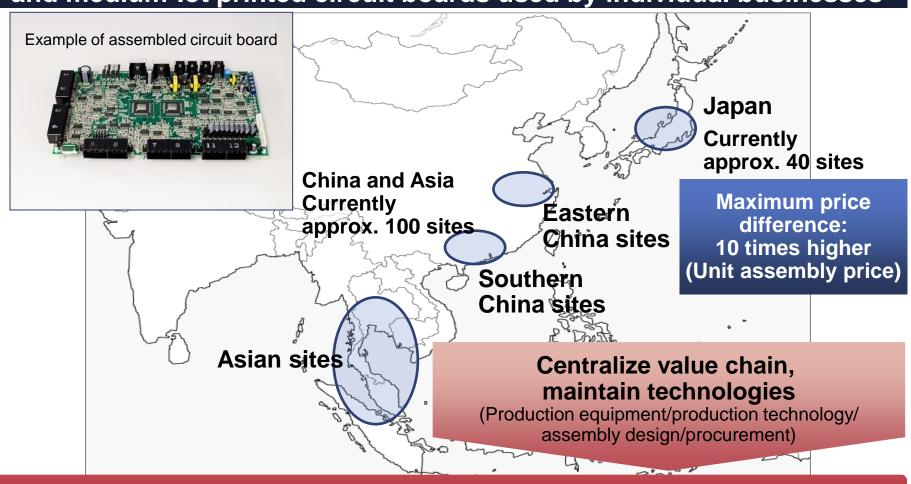
Develop low-cost production lines targeting emerging markets

Globalization of total value chain

3-2 Production Cost Reforms (2) Centralization of Common Processes Globally



Integrate assembly and procurement of parts and materials for small and medium-lot printed circuit boards used by individual businesses

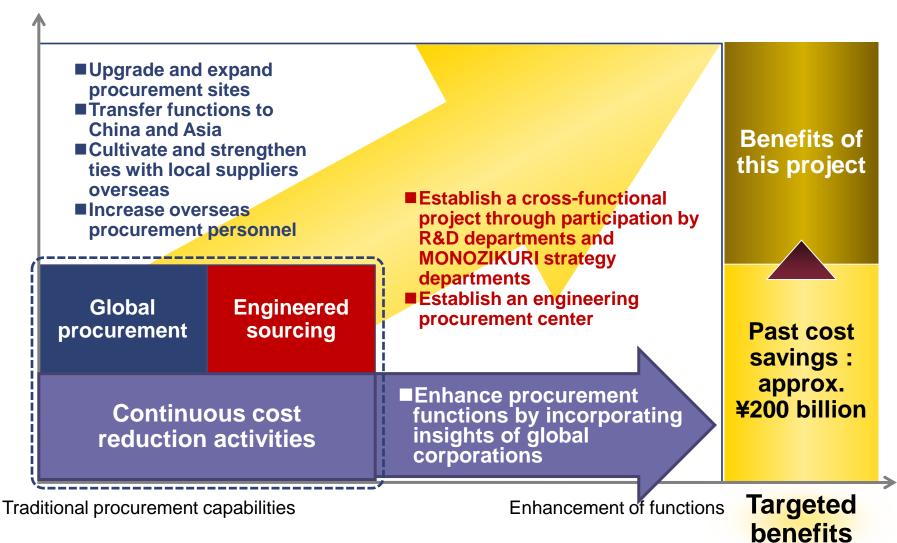


Establish EMS for small and medium-lot production

3-3 Direct Materials Cost Reforms (1) Fundamentally Enhance Procurement Capabilities



Expansion in scope and scale



Hitachi Group Corporate

- Created new post of Chief Executive Officer for Asia Pacific (April 2012)
 - ■Transfer China/Asian region procurement functions to local operations
- Hold supplier meetings in 12 cities worldwide
 - ■Meetings completed in 5 cities since October 2011 (Shanghai, Seoul, Taipei, Bucharest, Warsaw)
 - ■Attended by approximately 20 Hitachi Group companies and 100 suppliers

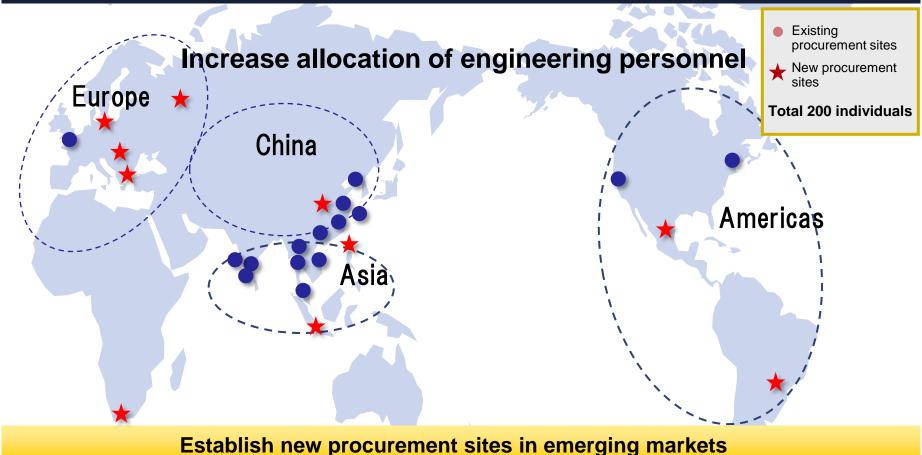
In-house companies, Hitachi Group companies

- Transfer head-office procurement functions to Asia
 - **■**Singapore, Hong Kong, Dalian

Upgrade and Expand Global 3-5 Direct Materials Costs (3) **Procurement Sites**



Upgraded and expanded corporate procurement sites: from 15 cities to 25 cities (end of the first half of FY 2012)



- Poland (Warsaw)

- Rumania (Bucharest)
- Turkey (Istanbul)
- Russia (Moscow)
- Brazil (Sao Paulo)
- Mexico (Mexico City)
- Philippines (Manila)
- Indonesia (Jakarta)
- South Africa (Johannesburg)

China (Hefei)



Hitachi Group Corporate

"Less engineering" to mitigate the risk of high resource prices

Launch cross-Group, cross-functional project

Allocate engineering resources from the Research & Development Group, MONOZUKURI Strategy Division and VEC Promotion Department

- Develop rare earth-free motors

-Standardize component specifications among different business sectors (Cast metal, die casting, pressed items, molds, sintered items)

In-house companies, Hitachi Group companies

Upgrade and expand the engineering buyer system

3-7 Indirect Costs (1) Reform In-direct Costs by Demonstrating the Group's Collective Capabilities



Target areas

Operating expenses

Administrative operations

Details

Centralize the Group's common operating expenses in specialized departments

Make 100% visible

Centralize contracts

Centralize specialized departments

- Centralize and standardize common operations

Fully centralize

Standardize

Operation in low-cost regions

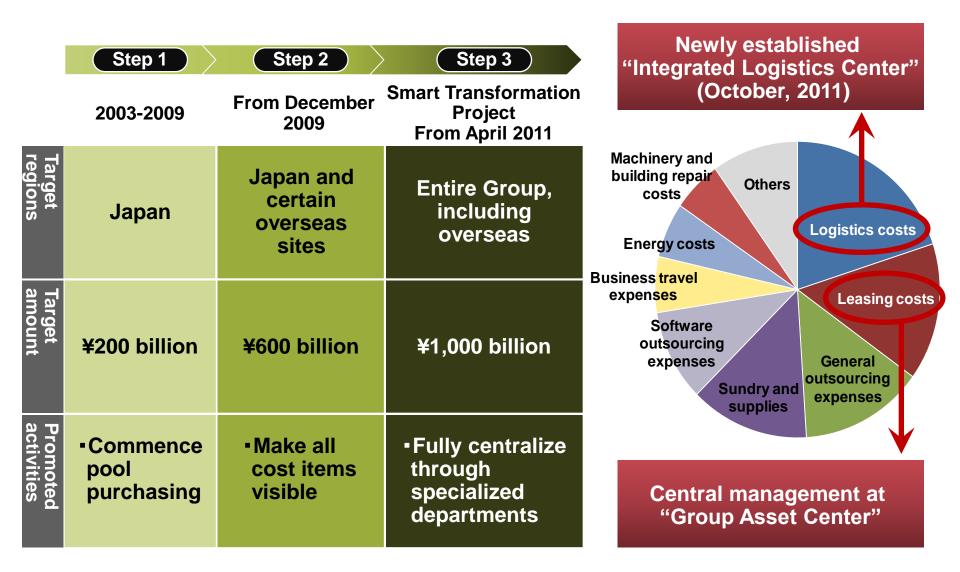
- Review Group corporate functions
- Review the structure of approx.900 Group companies

Main Projects

- Cost reduction projects by cost item
- Launch of specialized departments by cost item
- Reform of individual operations
- Promote global shared services
- Establish infrastructure in emerging markets in advance
- Reform of intra-Group transactions

3-8 Indirect Costs (2) Expand centralization target areas of Group's common operating expenses







Logistics Costs

Establish Integrated Logistics Center

Integrate activities with and utilize the expertise of Hitachi Transport System, Ltd.

Integrate management of separate logistics for each company

Maximize the use of the Group's scale (International tendering, centralized packaging materials, etc.)

Asset and leasing costs

Centralize and centrally manage at Group Asset Center

Co-locate Group companies' offices, optimize the floor space used per person

Integrated management of dormitories and housing, reduce vacancies through shared Group-wide use



Operational reform

Group centralization and establishment of global shared services

(Includes shifting operations offshore)

- ■Establish at an early stage based on examples
 (Began in fiscal 2012, successive expansion projecting completion in 2015)
- Finance & accounting, human capital, general affairs, procurement, IT, trade-related operations, sales administration

Review of operation quality

Review and standardize over-emphasis on operations quality

■ Internal costs resulting from such factors as continuation of past traditions, excessive service, and optimization at the individual company level

Review business structure and business units

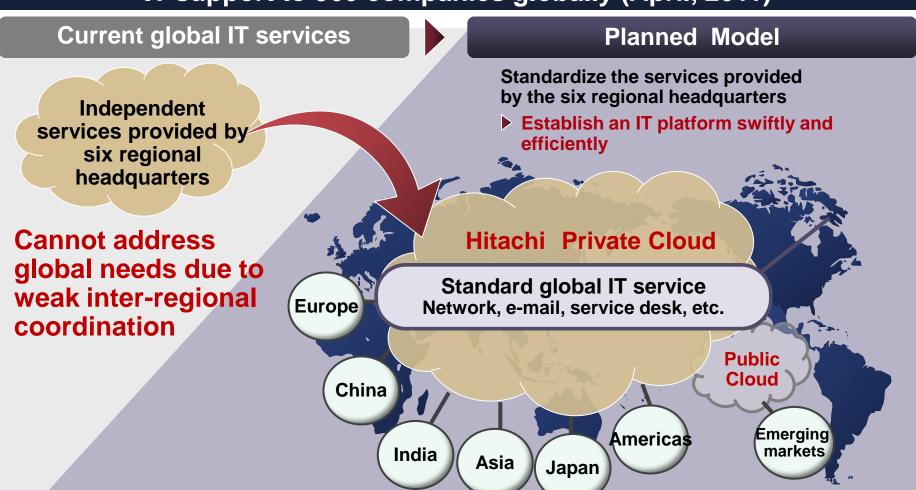
■Additional costs arising from the structure of Hitachi Group companies

Two efficiency-raising measures for administrative operations

3-11 Develop Global IT Platform



Opened Global IT Center in the U.S. to provide IT support to 560 companies globally (April, 2011)



Improve efficiency and reduce administrative costs across entire Group



Transform to a cost structure that can prevail globally

Shift the focus of technologies to creating high-quality products at low cost



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