



NSG Group FY2016 Quarter 1 Results (from 1 April 2015 to 30 June 2015)

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(IDV ha	,		Cum Q1 FY2016	Cum Q1 FY2015	Change from Cum Q1 FY201
(JPY br Revenu	•		162.1	155.7	4%**
Trading	profit		5.2	5.1	2%
Amortiza	•		(2.1)	(2.1)	270
Operati	ng profit		3.1	3.0	-
-	nal items		(0.6)	(1.6)	-
Finance	expenses (net)		(4.2)	(4.5)	
Share of	JVs and associates		(0.1)	(0.2)	_
Loss be	fore taxation		(1.8)	(3.3)	
	the period	_	(0.5)	(4.4)	_
Loss at	ributable to owners of the paren	it	(1.4)	(4.7)	-
EBITDA			13.7	13.3	
	ition arising from the acquisition of Pilkington placed on constant exchange rates	lc only			-

Revenues of 162bn yen are 4% higher than the previous year. At constant exchange rates, revenues would have increased by 1% from the previous year.

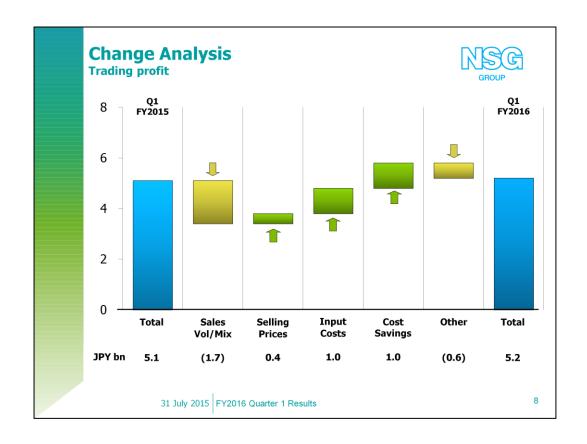
The operating result remained at the same level as last year, reflecting the mixed market conditions.

Exceptional costs were reduced by 1bn yen, mainly due to a reduction in restructuring costs.

Net financial expenses and the Group's share of joint ventures and associates' losses decreased slightly.

At the foot of the income statement, net losses have decreased from the previous year.

EBITDA improved slightly.



The 'Sales Volume-Mix' variance partly reflects a reduction in sales in thin glass for displays, due to a challenging competitive environment in this area.

Underlying prices in most markets have been stable.

Input costs were reduced by lower energy costs, although increase in batch material costs partially offset this positive effect.

Cost savings are being delivered consistently, although at a modest level compared to the previous year.

The Others bar is negative. This is mainly due to float plant repairs in Argentina and Poland.

Key Performance Indicato	GROUP		
	30-Jun-15	31-Mar-15	
Net Debt (JPY bn)	397	374	
Net Debt/EBITDA	6.8x	6.5x	
Net Debt/Equity Ratio	1.9	2.0	
	Q1 FY2016	<u>01 FY2015</u>	
EBITDA Interest Cover	3.7x	3.4x	
Operating Return* on Sales	3.2%	3.3%	
* trading profit			
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Net debt increased, mainly due to a seasonal increase in working capital. This adversely affected the Net Debt/EBITDA ratio, more than offsetting the improvement in EBITDA.

The Net debt/Equity ratio improved, as equity increased due to the translational impact of a weakened Japanese yen and a reduction in net retirement benefit obligations.

The EBITDA interest cover ratio also improved as net finance expenses decreased, while EBITDA also showed a modest improvement.

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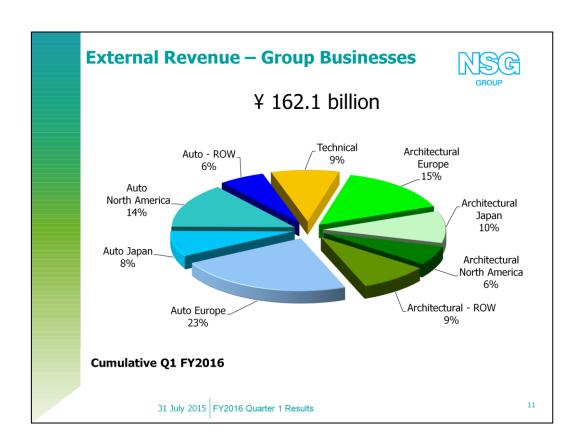
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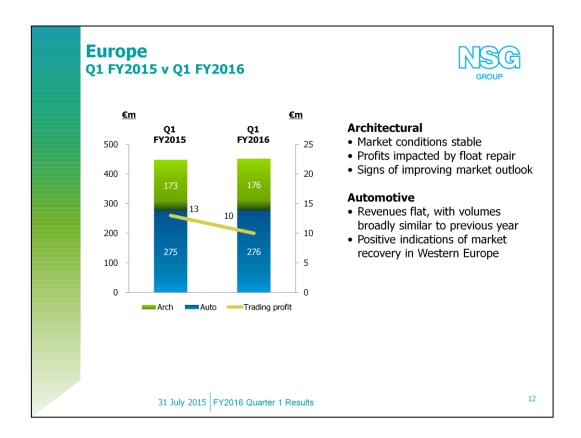
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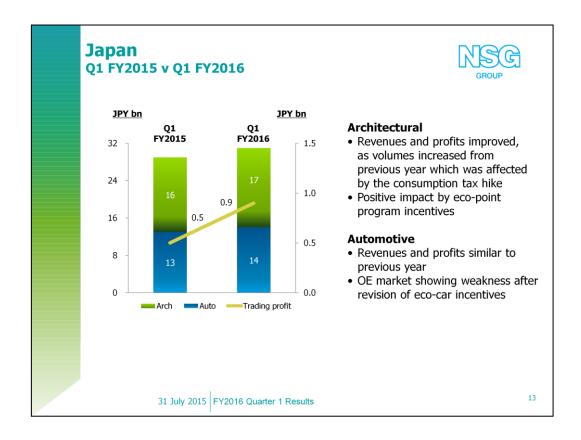


39 percent of the Group's sales are in Europe, 23 percent in Japan, 20 percent in North America and 18 percent in the rest of the world.



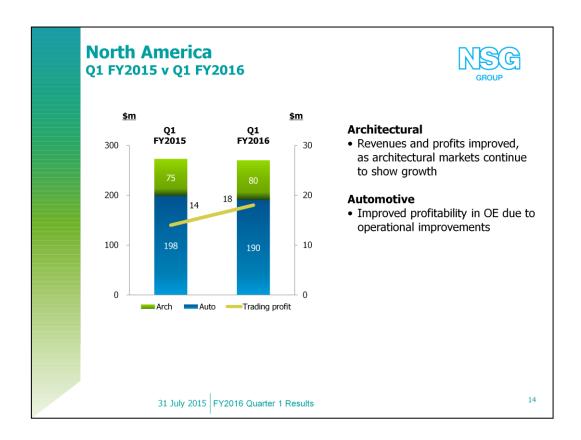
European architectural markets were fairly stable. NSG's profitability was adversely affected by a plant repair in Poland, but benefitted from energy related input costs reductions. We are seeing signs of improvements in market conditions.

In Automotive, NSG revenues were flat year on year, with volumes being broadly similar to the previous year. Indications of recovery are seen in Western European markets.



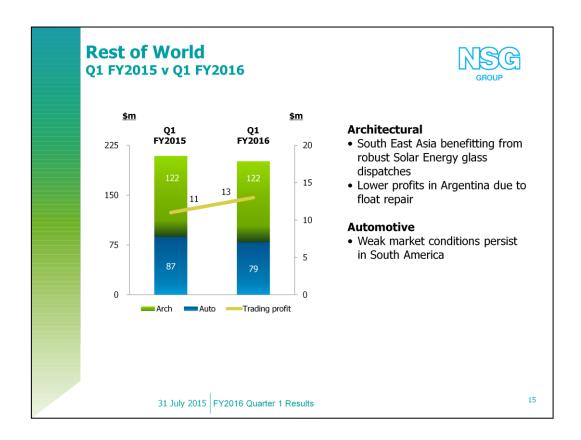
In our Architectural business, revenues and profits improved, as volumes were up compared with last year which was affected by the consumption tax increase. Our businesses have also benefitted from eco-point program incentives.

In Automotive, revenues and profits were similar to the previous year. The market is showing some weakness, as light vehicle sales decreased following the revision of eco-car tax exemption rules.



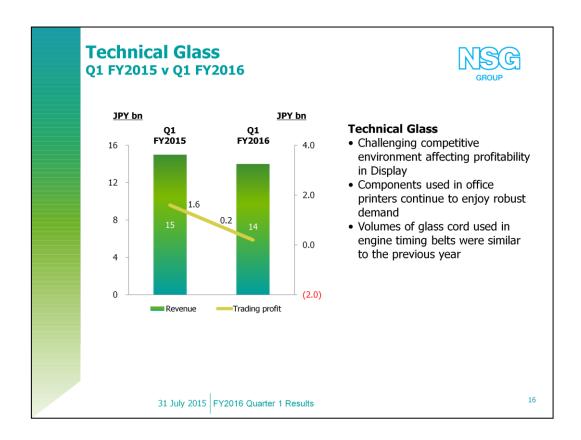
Architectural revenues and profits improved, as businesses benefitted from the continuing market growth.

In Automotive, revenues and profitability were similar to the previous year, with operational improvements in OE.



In the Architectural business for the rest of the world, South East Asia benefitted from robust Solar Energy glass dispatches, but South America was adversely affected by the float repair in Argentina.

Automotive markets in South America continue to suffer from difficult economic conditions.



Profitability in the Technical Glass business deteriorated due to a challenging competitive environment in the Display business, although we expect our results to recover from Q2.

Market conditions in the office printer segment continue to be robust, while glass cord volumes used in engine timing belts were similar to the previous year.

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The full-year forecast for FY16 remains unchanged, as we expect a steadily improving performance in the remaining quarters of this financial year.

Notice



The projections contained in this document are based on information currently available to us and certain assumptions that we consider to be reasonable. Hence the actual results may differ. The major factors that may affect the results are the economic environment in major markets (such as Europe, Japan, the U.S. and Asia), product supply/demand shifts, and currency exchange fluctuations.

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Revenue by Business Q1 FY2016



(JPY bn)	Europe	Japan	North America	Rest of World	Total
Architectural	23.5	16.6	9.7	14.9	64.7
Automotive	36.9	13.6	23.1	9.5	83.1
Technical Glass	2.1	7.0	0.3	4.8	14.2
Others	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Total	62.5	37.3	33.1	29.2	162.1

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Trading profit Q1 FY2016



(JPY bn)	Architectural	Automotive	Technical Glass	Other	Total
Trading profit	3.3	2.6	0.2	(0.9)	5.2

(JPY bn)	Europe	Japan	North America	Rest of World	Total
Trading profit	1.4	0.7	2.1	1.0	5.2

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Assumptions



			GROUP
	Q1 FY2015	Q1 FY2016	
Average rates used:			
JPY/GBP	172	186	
JPY/EUR	140	134	
JPY/USD	102	122	
Closing rates used:			
JPY/GBP	173	192	
JPY/EUR	138	136	
JPY/USD	102	122	
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