

# **INTER ACTION Corporation**

# **Medium-Term Business Plan**

2024-2028

# **Agenda**

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  - 3. Al Image Processing Business
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## Where Inter Action Stands (2008-2023)



- ➤ We began restructuring in 2008 and grew in leaps and bounds until 2019. (FY 5/2019 → Sales: Y7.99bn; profits Y1.98bn)
- ➤ Since 2020, we have been up against a growth ceiling → We aim to move our focus from solely seeking sales and OP as we enter a stage of company evolution and growth

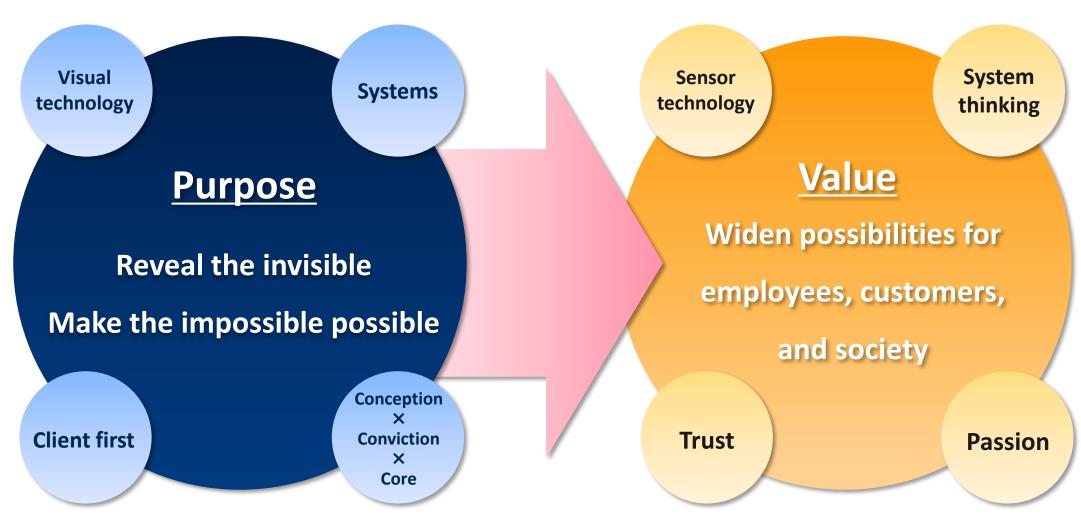


# **Inter Action's Purpose**



Inter Action's purpose → reveal the invisible; make the impossible possible.

As part of that process, we will widen the field of possibility for our employees, customers, and society.



# **Break out of the Rut: Challenge Without Fear**



By implementing our MTP we will break through the growth ceiling We will build "KAKUSHIN" to create future industry

INTER ACTION has taken three meanings of the word 'kakushin' to characterise its growth: conviction, conception, core

# Building

# KAKUSHIN

# to create future industry

Conviction in a future for society, for all of us

**Conception** – conceiving the future

**Core** in supporting industry

Firm faith in our stakeholders

Firm trust from society and our clients



# 1. IoT Related Business



# We will grow our company value even further with existing business growth + initiatives in new fields



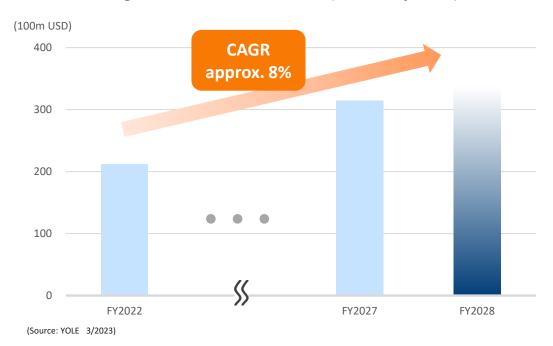


## **Image Sensor Market Moves**



# **Temporary image sensor market stagnation** → **But trending toward mid- to long-term expansion**

#### **Image Sensor Market Outlook (monetary basis)**



The expansion of image sensor applications and added value are set to lead stable monetary market growth

Market expansion to continue long-term

#### **Smartphone Production Trends (forecast)**



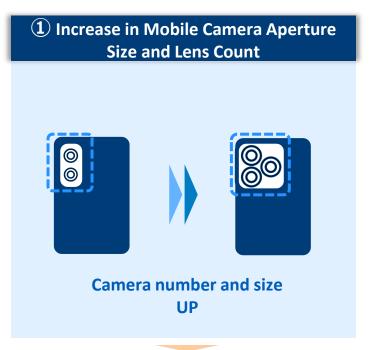
Smartphone production is set to stagnate in the coming years

From 2025 comes stable growth

# Overview of Sensor Categories 1 Mobile Sensor Trends and How to Harness Them



#### Mobile camera technology continues to advance → We will further our development of technology to capture sector trends

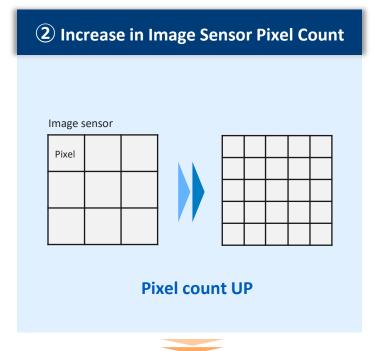


#### ➤ Increase camera number

·Image sensor production volume will increase. Improved inspection efficiency is the key.

#### ➤ Increase image sensor size

- •With current illuminators, the number of DuTs\* will go down.
- We will sell new illuminators with increased DuT and efficiency (by enlarging the illuminated area etc.)



#### ➤ Increase pixel count in image sensors

- More measurement accuracy is required as pixels are miniaturized.
- •We will improve the position measurement accuracy (focal accuracy) of the Pupil Lens Module<sup>™</sup> (PLM<sup>™</sup>)

#### **③** ToF Sensor Technology Improvement



Accuracy of distance measurement UP



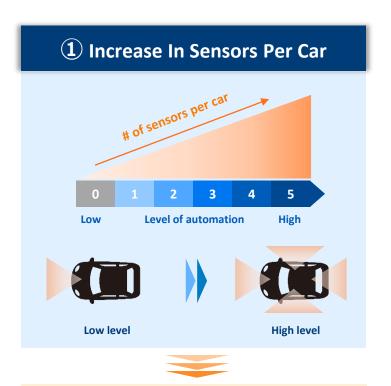
# ➤ Increase accuracy of distance measurement in ToF sensors

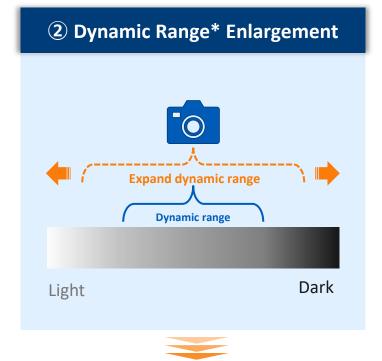
- More advanced technology makes higher accuracy distance measurement possible. We will improve the accuracy of our illuminators to join the trend.
- •This is pioneering technology, so the key is in pioneering development.

# Overview of Sensor Categories 2 Auto Sensor Trends and How to Harness Them



Fresh image sensor demand will follow developments in self-driving car tech > Demand for technology different to mobile image sensors









- •Auto sensors are likely to be used in environments with starker light/dark contrast than mobile sensors, so the range of brightness a sensor can sense will increase.
- •Illuminators that emit large amounts of light will be necessary at inspection.



#### **➤ Product reliability improvements**

- •To avoid accidents, there will be a heavy focus on the infallibility of quality tests. More accurate and reliable measurements will be required.
- •Testing equipment that works even in extreme temperatures will be required.
- ·We aim to develop highly stable illuminators and PLMs™

#### ➤Increase in sensors per car

- •The number of necessary sensors per car will trend upward with the level of automation in self-driving cars.
- •Sensors will be needed at the front, side, rear, etc., each type requiring different technology.

# **OPT Business Department: Sales Forecast**

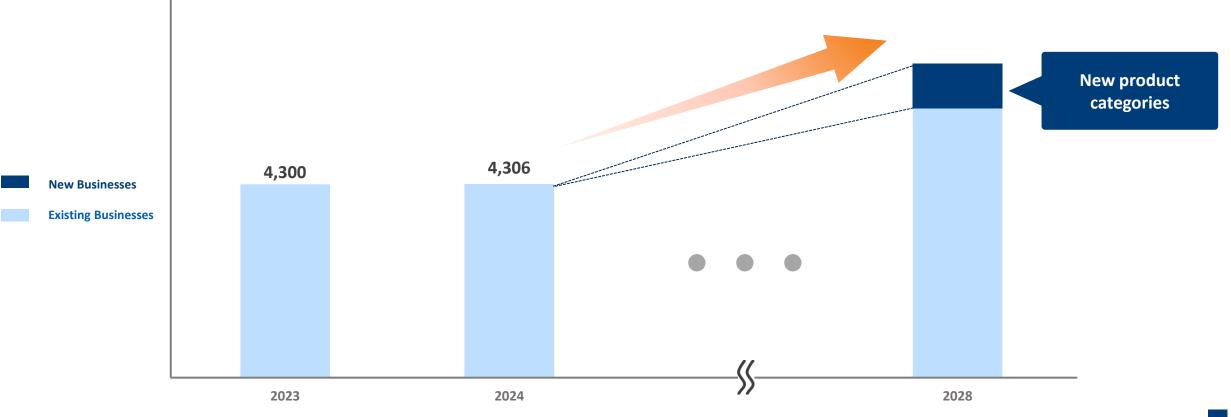


#### **[Existing Businesses]**

- We expect the image sensor market to grow medium- to long-term, an outlook shared by image sensor manufacturers
- > We forecast an accompanying medium- to long-term increase in our customers' image sensor test process capex
- Conversely, we expect the next 2-3 years to see caution in capex due to the slump in smartphone production largely driven by a Chinese economic downturn

#### [New Businesses]

New product categories likely to take 2-3 years for preparation and development. We aim to begin sales in the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> year



# **Nagasaki Development Center Operations**



## We foresee stronger relationships with customers thanks to our new center

**→** We will speed up the development and order fulfillment processes

# Nagasaki Development Center



**Opened April 2023** 





## **Strengthening Customer Relationships**

**PLM**<sup>TM</sup>



Strengthening our development process

+

**Shortening lead-times** 



We will consolidate all kinds of tech that can reveal the invisible We aim to leverage the synergies to create product categories new to our line-up



"Advanced optical technology"

Illuminators + PLM<sup>™</sup>



New Product Categories

Vibration Isolation (Monitoring) Tech

Al Image Processing Tech







# 2. Laser Processing Business



# As we exit the initial verification stage, we enter the product creation and expansion stage

05/12/2020

08/02/2022

11/08/2022

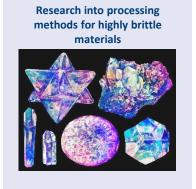
03/02/2023

03/28/2023

Announcement of Lastech as a subsidiary



Joint research started with Nagasaki University



Planned to establish new office in Nagasaki



Announcement of Nagasaki Center opening



Nagasaki Center signing ceremony

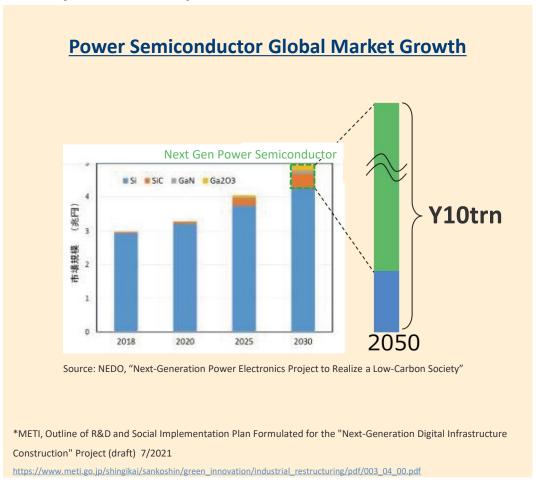


# 2 Laser Processing Equipment: Market Growth and Developments in Materials



# We will pay close attention to industry trends, including costs, and respond to trends and technological innovations by keeping ahead of the curve with next level processing technology

#### **Industry Trend Backdrop 1**



#### **Industry Trend Backdrop 2**



# 3 Laser Processing Business: Themes in Equipment Development



We will create equipment that can handle various materials, prioritizing user convenience  $\Rightarrow$  3 themes

#### Theme 1

#### "Cover many materials"

- We will expand our target from wafers to allow the processing of a variety of materials
- We will increase the types, wavelength, optical systems and other laser specifications we cover

#### Theme 2

#### "Turn processing recipes into data"

- We will accelerate research into expanding processing data and our accumulated know-how
- We will build a database of processing conditions and optimal process recipes

#### Theme 3

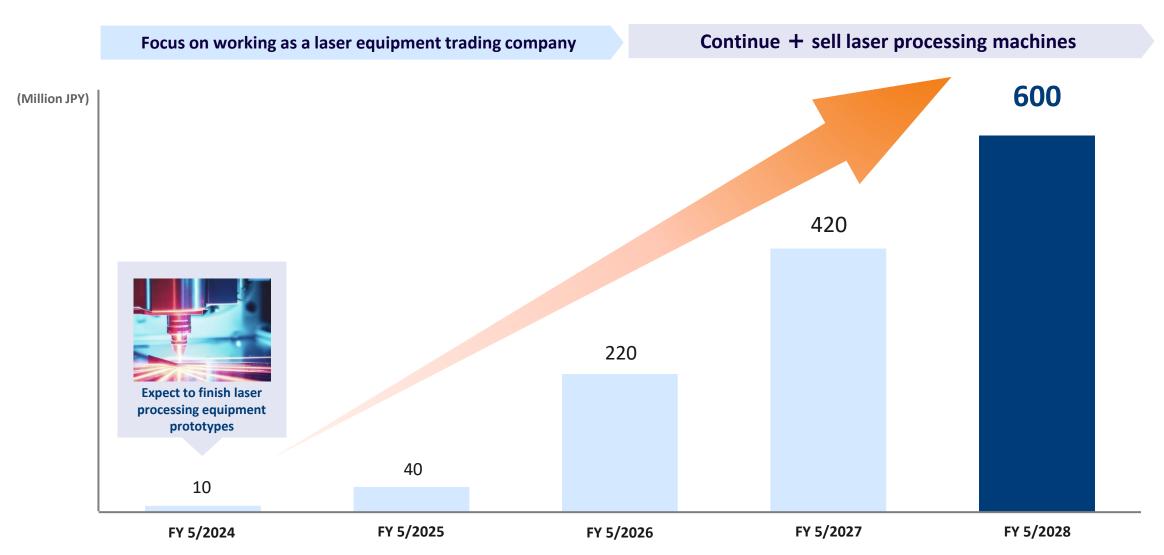
#### "Equip inspection functions"

- We will equip post-processing inspection functions using diagnostic imaging (processing width, roughness etc.)
- We will improve yield and throughput on the user side

With semiconductor-quality equipment as a base, we will develop equipment fit for general processing in future We will imbue the equipment with not just processing capabilities but tech to reveal, and with usability we will put the client first



# We will start with custom products, use customer feedback to improve processing functions, and enrich with further features



# **5** Laser Processing Business: Ripple Effect and Goals



#### The ripples spreading from progress in the Laser Processing Business, and our goals for the business

#### Internal product development and use in production

## <u>Purpose</u>

Reveal the invisible

Make the

impossible possible

#### Value

Widen possibilities for employees, customers, and society



- Reduce development time
- Improve product accuracy and quality

# Increase processing freedom with the ability to handle a variety of materials



- Solve supply chain problems
- Progress life science
- Solve societal problems like skill inheritance
- Create new tech and businesses





Contribute to developments in industry and research

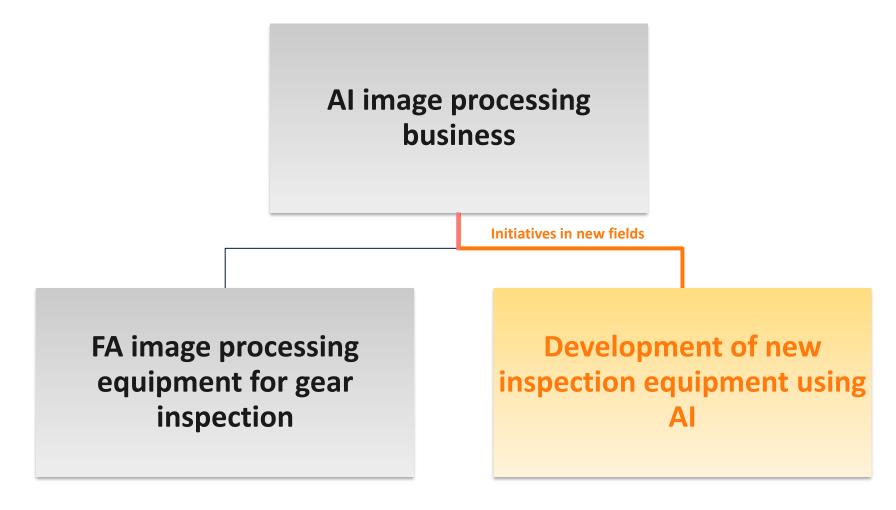


# 3. Al Image Processing Business

#### **Business Details**



- > Comprising the development, production, and sale of equipment designed to improve automation and efficiency of the product inspection process
- > FA image processing equipment for gear inspections is already a completed product at our subsidiary

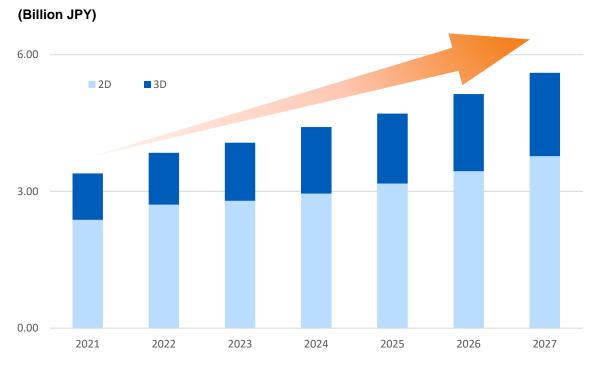




# The surface inspection and non-destructive testing markets are expected to grow

#### **Surface Inspection Market**

#### **Non-Destructive Testing Equipment Market**



2024

2025

2026

2027

(Source: Yano Research Institute 4/2023)

2022

2023

2021

(100 Billion JPY)

18

(Source: kbvresearch 11/2021)



#### Visual inspection is the standard, but carries issues with it

#### Highly individualized visual inspection

- Visual inspection performed by several inspectors (manual)
- Sensory inspection
- High levels of experience necessary





Problems related to personnel



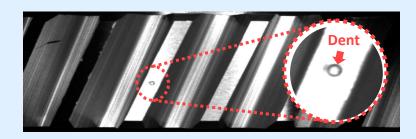


## Falling efficiency and inspection accuracy



- Varied and complex shapes → Handling is challenging
- Reliance on individual judgement → Hard to standardise quality
- Manual checking → Low inspection speed

#### Burdens on operations/health

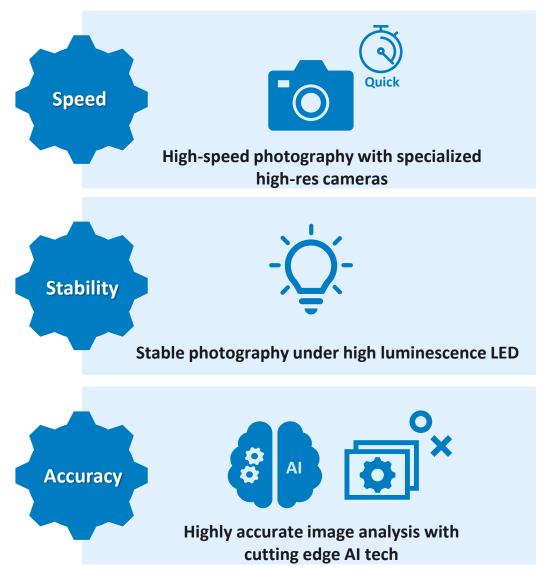


- Defects on a tiny scale → Leads to eyesight impairments
- Labor-saving is difficult → Personnel shortages mean more intense workloads
- No room for error → Mental stress

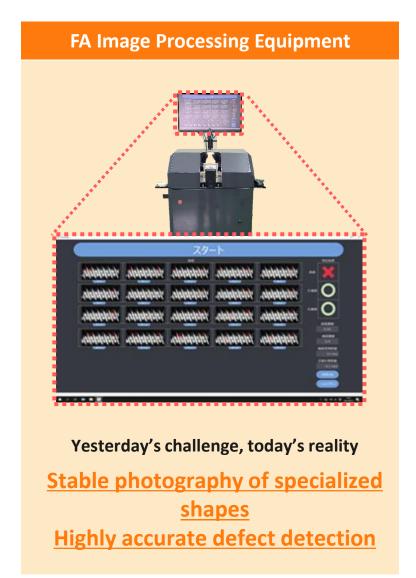
## **FA Image Processing Equipment For Gears: Problem Solving**



#### Detecting gear defects with <a href="mailto:speed"><u>stability</u></a> · <a href="mailto:accuracy"><u>accuracy</u></a>







## **Initiatives Toward The Development Of New AI-Based Inspection Equipment**

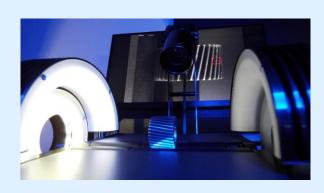


## **Application in non-destructive testing systems**

#### **Optical technology**



#### **FA** image processing equipment



Non-destructive testing systems

**New Al-based inspection equipment** 

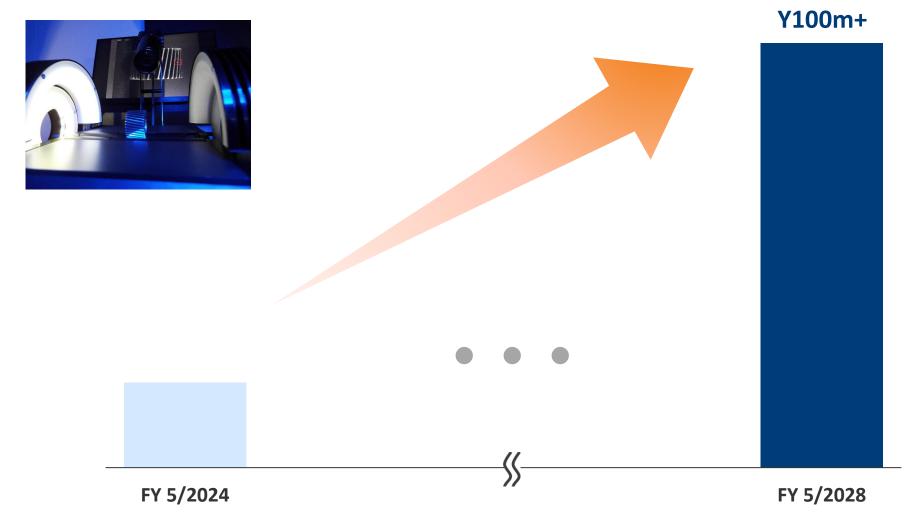
No damage to the product inspected

It can inspect both the exterior and interior make-up

# **Sales Growth Prospects**



- > Sales include only FA image processing equipment we have already created
- ➤ If development of new AI-based inspection equipment progresses well, we expect it to add sales upside



# **Basic Policy to Realize Our Business Goals**

Widen possibilities for

employees, customers, and society



# We will develop our FA image processing equipment and work with non-destructive testing systems to further grow company value







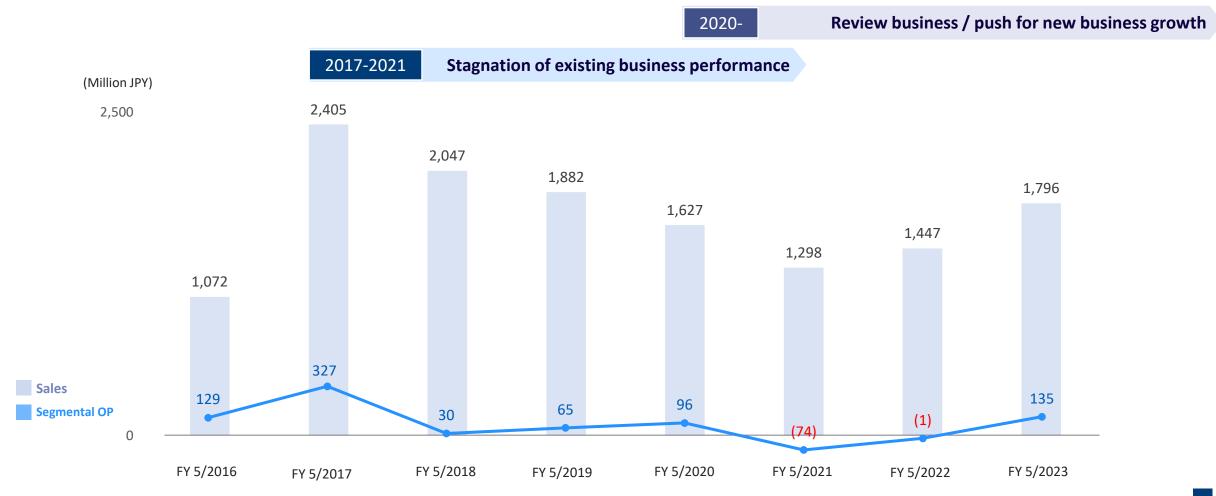


# 4. Vibration Solutions Business

# Promotion of Industry 4.0 Business Results (FY 5/2016 - FY 5/2023)



- Performance stagnated from FY 5/2017 to FY 5/2021.
- From FY 5/2020 we began to review the business and embarked on new business development. We aim to improve performance and create fields for medium- to long-term growth.

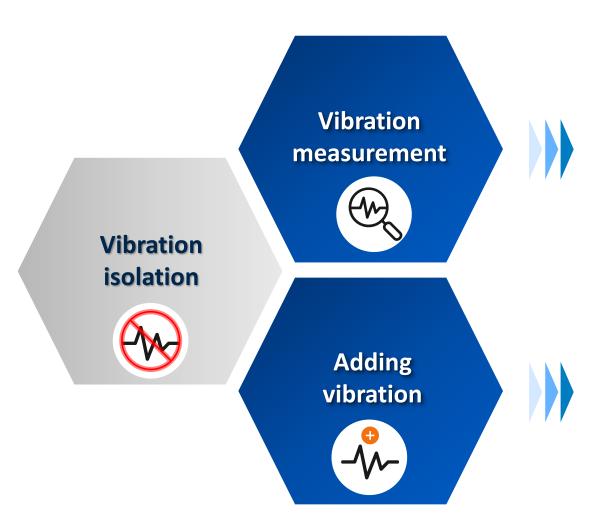




#### We will further develop vibration isolation technology and enable vibration visualization



# Our vibration solutions will contribute even more to our clients' productivity



# ➤ We will expand sales of the monitoring app that enables vibration monitoring and visualization \*\*Monitoring app\*\* We mill expand sales of the monitoring app that enables vibration monitoring and visualization \*\*Monitoring app\*\* \*\*Monitoring app\*\*



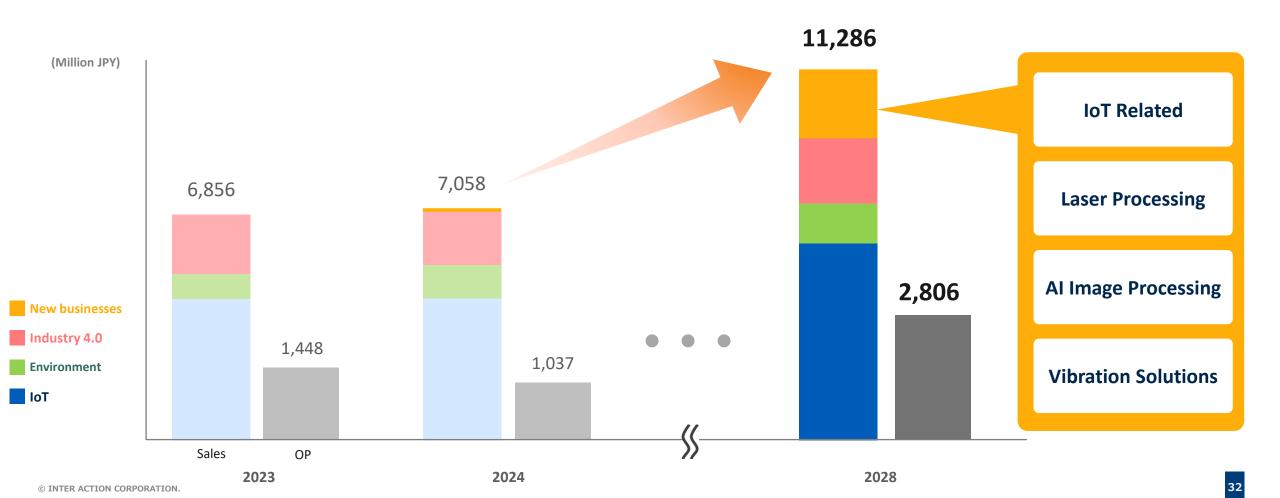


# **5-Year Financial Targets**

# **Consolidated Financial Targets**



- ➤ FY 5/2028 targets → Sales: Y11.3bn; OP: Y2.8bn
- ➤ We expect new businesses to contribute approximately Y1bn-Y2bn
- > The principal new businesses are the IoT related, laser processing, AI image processing, and vibration solutions businesses







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