# **Briefing on Financial Results for the 2Q of the Fiscal Year Ending March 2024**

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# 1. Overview of Financial Results for 2Q, the Fiscal Year Ending March 2024

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Revised full-year financial outlook, primarily revenue FY3/2024, due to the changes in the COD of Biomass Power Plants.



In August 2023, Non-FIT Solar expanded its total contracted capacity to 151 MW. New PPA<sup>\*1</sup> to be concluded soon.



In September 2023, Akita Biomass transitioned to FIP system from FIT system, with a view toward improving the profitability.



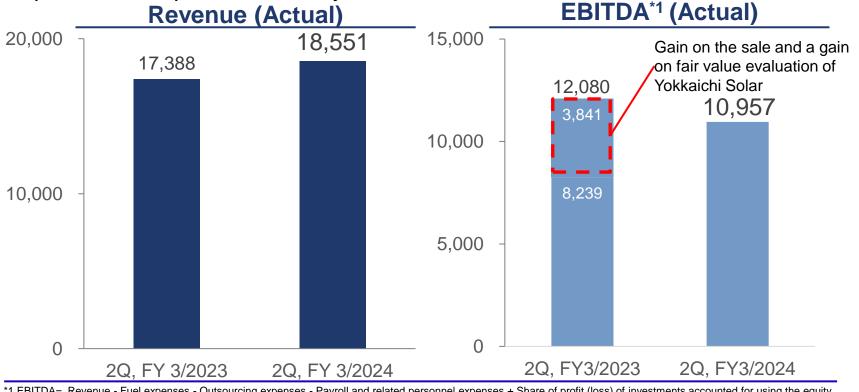
# I. Financial Results for 2Q, the Fiscal Year Ending March 2024 (IFRS)



# Trend in Revenue and EBITDA<sup>\*1</sup> (IFRS)

(Unit: Million yen)

- Revenue increased from the same period of the previous fiscal year due to revenue from sales of electricity during commissioning of Tokushima-Tsuda Biomass and COD of Hitoyoshi Solar PV.
- EBITDA of this quarter increased due to growth in revenue excluding onetime gain on the transfer of equity interest in Yokkaichi Solar in the same period of the previous fiscal year.



\*1 EBITDA= Revenue - Fuel expenses - Outsourcing expenses - Payroll and related personnel expenses + Share of profit (loss) of investments accounted for using the equity method + Other income and expenses. EBITDA is subject to neither audit nor quarterly review.



# Financial Highlights for the 2Q, FY3/2024 (IFRS) (Unit: Million yen)

EBITDA and Profits increased due to growth in revenue excluding one-time gain (appx. JPY 3.8bn) in the same period of the previous fiscal year.

	FY3/2023 2Q YTD	FY3/2024 2Q YTD	FY3/2024 (Revised)	Change
Revenue	17,338	18,551	45,000	41.2%
EBITDA*1	12,080	10,957	14,900	73.5%
EBITDA Margin	69.7%	59.1%	33.1%	-
Operating Profit	7,426	6,233	2,500	249.3%
Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Parent	4,820	2,818	12,200	23.1%

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# 2. Progress of Projects

Kanda Biomass (75.0MW, Kanda-machi, Miyako-gun, Fukuoka Prefecture)



**Project Overview** 

## COD project : Hitoyoshi Solar PV (20.8MW, Kumamoto Prefecture, Hitoyoshi-shi)

Secured the grid through the power source interconnection project offering process.

Capacity	20.8MW
FIT Price	¥36/kWh
Expected Revenue <sup>*1</sup>	Appx. ¥0.8 billion/year
Total Project Cost <sup>*2</sup>	Appx. ¥9 billion
Equity Interest after COD	RENOVA:100.0%

# COD in June 2023

\*1 This is the current plan and is subject to change.

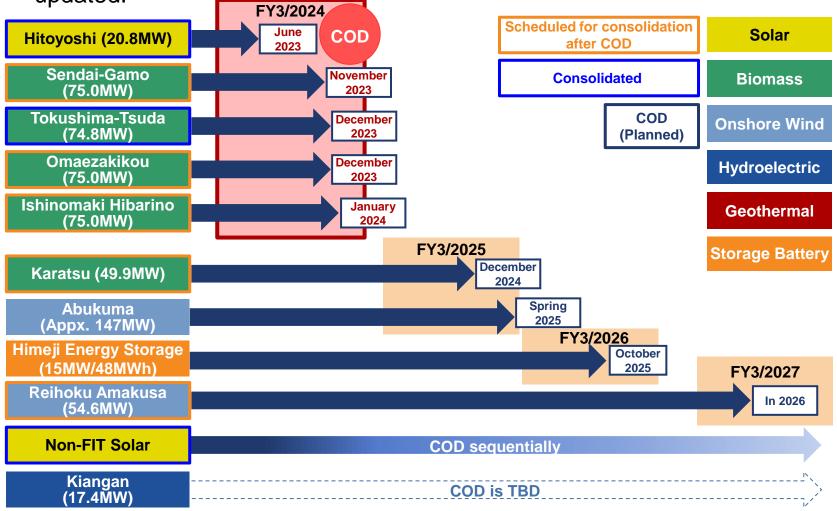
<sup>\*2</sup> Amount includes all costs and expenses required to start operation, such as power generation facilities, buildings, land, civil engineering development, finance related expenses (including reserves), and start-up related expenses.



# COD Schedule for Projects Under Construction\*1\*2

#### As of November 2023

# COD schedules of Tokushima-Tsuda and Ishinomaki Hibarino has been updated.



\*1 Projects under construction may be altered, delayed or cancelled. Projects for which work has commenced in accordance with the EPC contract are shown as "under construction".

\*2 The COD of Kiangan hydroelectric (17.4MW), which started construction in August 2021, has not been publicly disclosed.



#### Progress of Projects Under Construction<sup>\*1</sup> (1/4) As of November 2023

- As of November 2023
- In the process of commissioning towards long-term stable operations.
- Currently, in final adjustment phase of the boiler and turbine facilities.



COD in November 2023 (Planned) \*2



COD in December 2023 (Planned)\*2

\*1 The generation capacity for biomass power plants is based upon the generator output.

\*2 Figures are as currently planned and may be subject to change.



# Progress of Projects Under Construction<sup>\*1</sup> (2/4)

#### As of November 2023

- In the process of commissioning towards long-term stable operations.
- Currently, Ishinomaki-Hibarino Biomass is in final adjustment phase of the boiler and turbine facilities.



COD in December 2023 (Planned)\*2



COD in January 2024 (Planned)\*2

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#### Progress of Projects Under Construction<sup>\*1</sup> (3/4) As of November 2023

- The construction of the boiler building and fuel conveying facilities is progressing at Karatsu biomass.
- Reihoku Amakusa is progressing with the preparatory construction work.



COD in December 2024 (Planned)\*2



COD in 2026 (Planned)\*2

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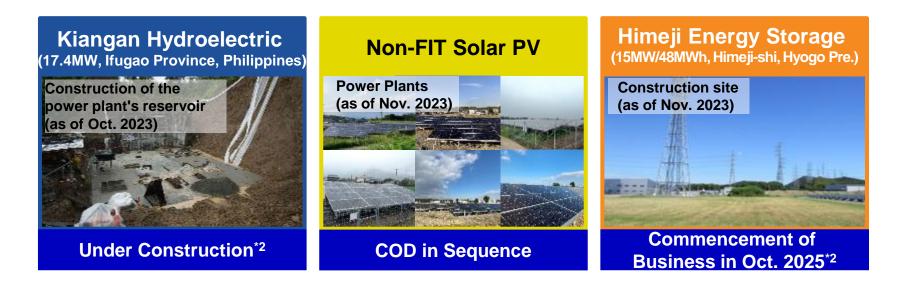
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# Progress of Projects Under Construction<sup>\*1</sup> (4/4)

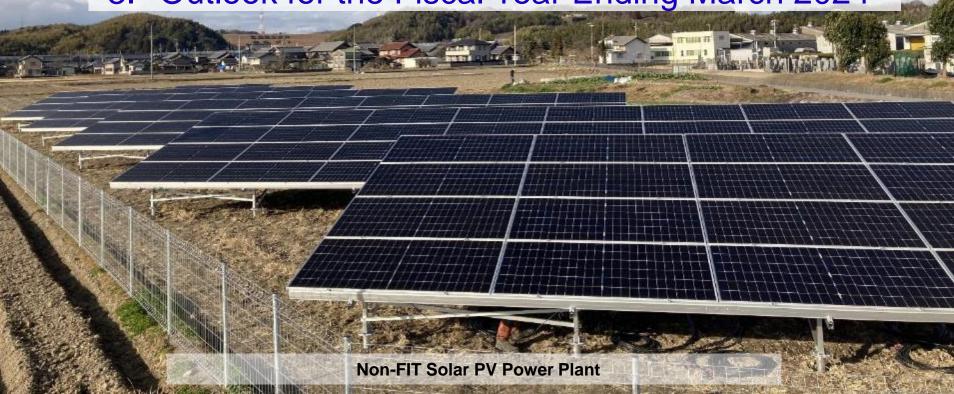
As of November 2023

- Non-FIT Solar are advancing the construction of power plants nationwide to meet the demand for PPA.
- Himeji Energy Storage Facility began construction in August 2023.



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# 3. Outlook for the Fiscal Year Ending March 2024





# Revised Full-year Outlook for FY3/2024 (IFRS)

(Unit: Million yen / %)

- Revenue was revised due to changes in the COD of Tokushima-Tsuda Biomass and Ishinomaki Hibarino Biomass.
- In addition to the above, the associated recognition of Liquidated Damages as other income and the changes in the start timing of depreciation were reflected in profits.

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reflected in pro	FY3/2023 (Forcast)	FY3/2024 (Revised)	Change
Revenue	59,000	45,000	-23.7%
EBITDA <sup>*1</sup>	17,700	14,900	-15.8%
EBITDA margin	30.0%	33.1%	-
Operating Profit	2,200	2,500	13.6%
Profit attributable to owners of the parent	12,000	12,200	1.7%
EPS (yen) <sup>*2</sup>	151.68	154.85	-
ROE <sup>*3</sup>	32.1%	32.6%	-

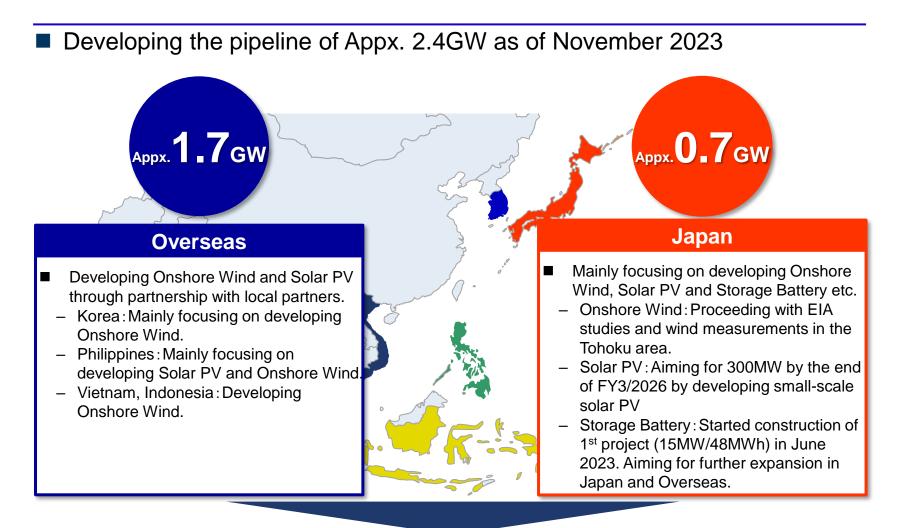
- Change in COD of Tokushima Tsuda.
- Change in COD and timing of consolidation of Ishinomaki.
- Associated recognition of Liquidated Damages as other income and the change in start timing of depreciation.
- Decrease in profits of the Quang Tri Onshore Wind project calculated by equity method
- A gain on the step acquisitions is expected to be recorded, associated with consolidations of biomass SPCs.

\*1 EBITDA= Revenue - Fuel expenses - Outsourcing expenses - Payroll and related personnel expenses + Share of profit (loss) of investments accounted for using the equity method + Other income and expenses. EBITDA is neither subject to audit nor quarterly review. \*2 EPS figures represents basic EPS. EPS for FY3/2024 has been calculated assuming that the total number of issued shares will remain unchanged from the total number of issued shares at the end of FY3/2023. \*3 For the purpose of calculating ROE, the profit figure for the most recent 12-month period is used, and the equity figure used is the simple average of the values at the beginning of the most recent 12-month period. \*4 The capacity figures represent gross generation capacity.





# Power Generation Development Progress in Japan and Overseas



#### Aim to acquire a capacity of 3GW<sup>\*1</sup>(in operation) by the end of FY3/2030.

\*1 The equipment is displayed in gross value without considering our company's equity interest.



# **Progress Status of Green Transformation**

#### As of November 2023

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Expanding

- The total contracted capacity of Non-FIT Solar with signed PPA is 151MW.
- As the first project in the storage battery business, the construction of Himeji Energy Storage Facility (for Grid/15MW • 48MWh) has commenced.
- Proceeding with research into and feasibility study toward the commercialization of new fuels.

#### **Decarbonization of Industry**

Green Hydrogen, Ammonia and Biomass-derived Fuels, etc.

# of Decarbonization

#### Decarbonization of Electric Power Systems

Off-site PPAs by Renewable Energy, Storage Batteries, etc.





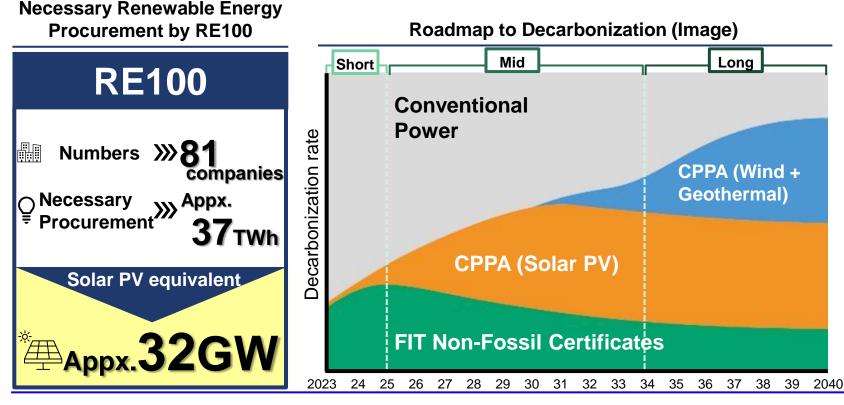
# Decarbonization of Power Generation

Development and Operation of Renewable Energy Power Plants Expanding the Areas Targeted for Decarbonization



## Increasing Decarbonization Demand by Japanese Corporates (Consumers)

- Currently, the corporations are primarily procuring FIT Non-Fossil Certificates as a part of their RE100 efforts.
- In the future, as the FIT period ends, the availability of certificates is expected to decrease, leading to an increase in demand for renewable energy and environmental value procured by CPPA.





# Corporates' (Consumers) Needs for PPA

Provide Physical PPA and Virtual PPA tailored to the needs of corporations.

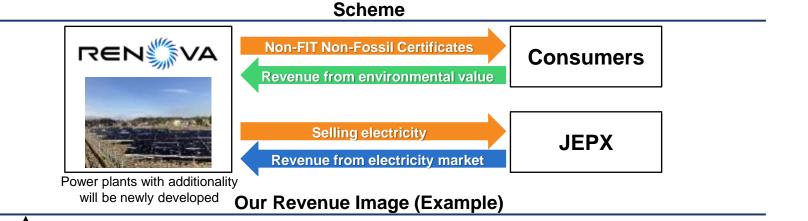
C	orporates' Needs	Onsite	Physical PPA	Virtual PPA
Long & Stable Procurement	<ul> <li>Stable procurement of renewable energy and environmental value over the long term is necessary.</li> </ul>	0	0	0
Additionality	<ul> <li>"Additionality" in the context of RE100 Technical Criteria is necessary.</li> </ul>	0	0	0
Non-Assets	Objective is to procure renewable energy and environmental value rather than owning or operating power plants.	×	0	0
Large-Scale Procurement (RE & Env. Value)	<ul> <li>Flexibility in procurement methods is essential.</li> </ul>	×	0	0
Large-Scale Procurement (Env. Value Only)	<ul> <li>Large-scale procurement of environmental value only</li> </ul>	×	×	0

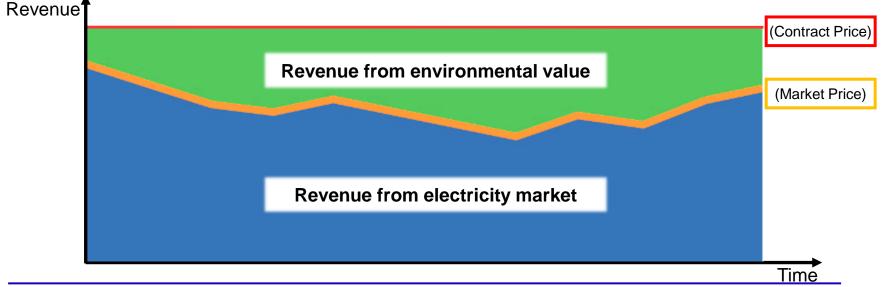
#### Matrix Table of Corporates' Needs



# **Business Model of Virtual PPA**

Developing new renewable energy power plants with additionality and providing environmental value over an extended period







## **Development Process for Non-FIT Solar PV**

- Start supplying electricity and environmental value appx. 1 year after securing the land.
- Establish relationships with multiple collaborative partners to strengthen the development capability for scale.

#### **Development Process**



Strengthening the development capability for scale towards an expansion of 300MW by the end of FY3/2026.



# Market Size of the Storage Battery Business\*1

- Storage Batteries are essential for realizing a decarbonized society and are being introduced to facilitate the expansion of renewable energy.
- A significant expansion of the market is expected by 2030, especially in the US, Australia and Japan.

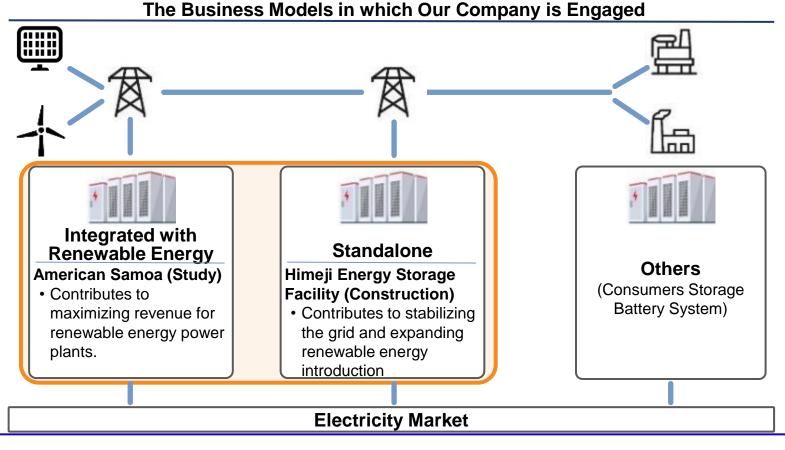
USA	🗮 🖓 Australia	Japan
IRA allows tax incentives for the production of storage battery etc.	The Capacity Investment Scheme (CIS) proposed in December 2022 supports investment into new storage battery businesses.	<ul> <li>Residential batteries currently hold mainstream support. Renewables with batteries are expected to grow.</li> <li>Market is expected to expand due to subsidies, development of a capacity market and auctions.</li> </ul>
Battery Installed Capacity (GW)	Battery Installed Capacity (GW)	Battery Installed Capacity (GW)
Appx.12.0 2022 2030 (Actual) (Forecast)	Appx. 1.8 2022 2030 (Actual) (Forecast)	Appx. 2.7 2022 2030 (Actual) (Forecast)
Share of RE introduction <b>21.5%</b> (2022) <b>81.0%</b> (2035)	Share of RE introduction           31.0%           (2022)           (2030)	Share of RE introduction 20.0% (2022) 36-38% (2030)

\*1 Bloomberg NEF



# Initiatives in the Storage Battery Business

- Already initiated our efforts in two business models.
- Aim to enhance our expertise in developing and operating storage batteries and renewable-energy-related business domestically and globally for further business expansion.



# 5. FAQs regarding Biomass Projects from Investors



## FAQs regarding Biomass Projects from Investors

**Q1** Liquidated Damages for Delay in Delivery

Q2 Impacts of and Measures Against Fuel Price Increases

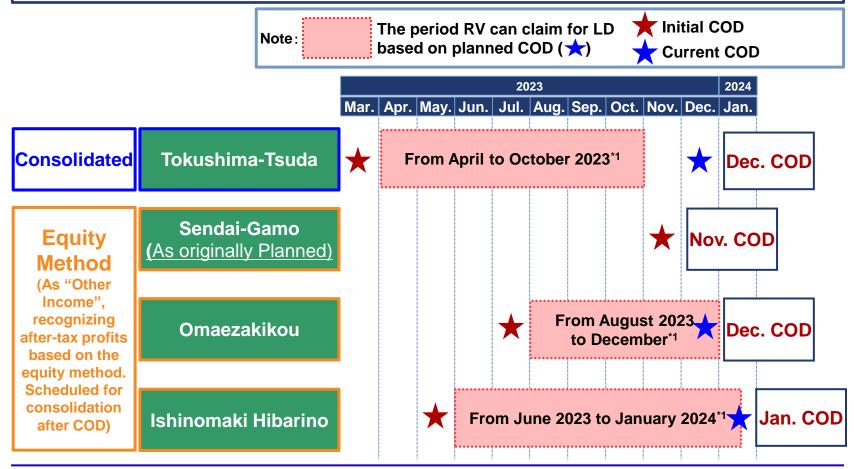
Q3 Disaster Management for Biomass Power Plants

**Q4** Impacts from Changes in the Financial Environment



# Q1 Liquidated Damages for Delay in Delivery

- Each Biomass SPC has entered into a lump-sum contract with EPC and thus has minimized the risk of incurring additional construction related costs.
- In case of delay of COD, SPC can claim for Liquidated Damages (LD) <sup>\*1</sup>.



\*1 An EPC contractor undertakes contractual obligations at a fixed amount agreed on the contract. Should cost overruns or time overruns occur, the contracting party will claim for Liquidated Damages in accordance with the contract. Generally, the compensation for delayed completion is often subject to a capped amount, and its receipt is 27 subject to conditions as per the terms of the contract.

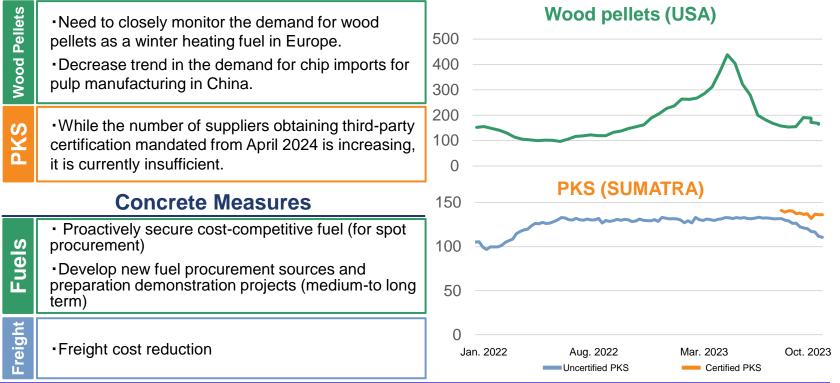


Trend of spot fuel market price<sup>\*1</sup> (USD/t)

# Q2 Impacts of and Measures Against Fuel Price Increases

- The majority of projected fuel requirement by price and by volume has already been fixed in long-term procurement contracts.
- Uncertified PKS price has decreased. However, as third-party certification is to be mandated from April 2024, actively engaging in procurement while closely monitoring the prices of certified PKS.
- The spot procurement for wood pellets has trended downward in price for the upcoming procurement period compared to the current year.

#### **Environment affecting fuel price**



\*1 \*1 The data is for reference only. Data source: Argus. Wood pellets (USA) is "Wood pellets export price USA southeast fob" Uncertified PKS is "Palm kernel shell (PKS) Index east coast Sumatra fob". Certified PKS is "Fob east coast Sumatra". Unauthorized reproduction or use of this data is strictly prohibited.



# Q3 Disaster Management for Biomass Power Plants

In accordance with the site-specific characteristics, disaster risks anticipated from the design stage are addressed

#### Earthquake and Tsunami Countermeasures

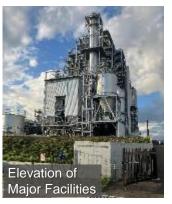
#### Earthquake

- Pile driving performed to reach the supporting layers of the ground
- Ground improvement measures, such as addressing liquefaction concerns, implemented based on ground conditions.

#### Tsunami

- Main equipment is installed at elevated heights.
- In areas expected tsunamis, the entire power plant is constructed at an elevated level.





#### **Primary Fire Prevention Measures for Fuel**

#### Pellet

- Installation of dust collectors and ventilation systems in storage rooms.
- Implementation of nitrogen filling equipment in storage rooms.
- Installation of gas detection monitors and thermometers in storage rooms, continuously monitoring as necessary.

#### PKS

- Stored items are generally kept for a minimum of three months.
- Monitoring of temperature is conducted during storage.







# Q4 Impacts from Changes in the Financial Environment

Promote development of renewable energy and GX related projects in Japan and overseas with due consideration of financial stability and soundness.



#### **Utilization of Project Finance**

- To increase return on equity investment and maximize corporate value, funds are raised through project finance or other methods.
- Interest rates are largely fixed through swap transactions, minimizing interest rate fluctuation risks

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#### The impact of changes in Japan's monetary policy

- With changes in prospect to monetary policy by the Bank of Japan, interest rates are on the rise.
- Bank borrowing for RENOVA is affected by short-term interest rate fluctuations, but the impact is minor at this moment.

The impact of changes in the foreign exchange environment due to factors such as the Japan-US interest rate differential.

The foreign exchange risk related to the procurement of biomass fuel is mostly hedged.

#### **Our Mission**

To create green and sustainable energy systems for a better world

#### **Our Vision**

## To become Asia's renewable energy leader

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