

Ferrotec Holdings Corporation

Business Strategy for the Second Quarter of FY3/21

Monday, November 30, 2020

Recognition of semiconductor market trends and domestic production in China







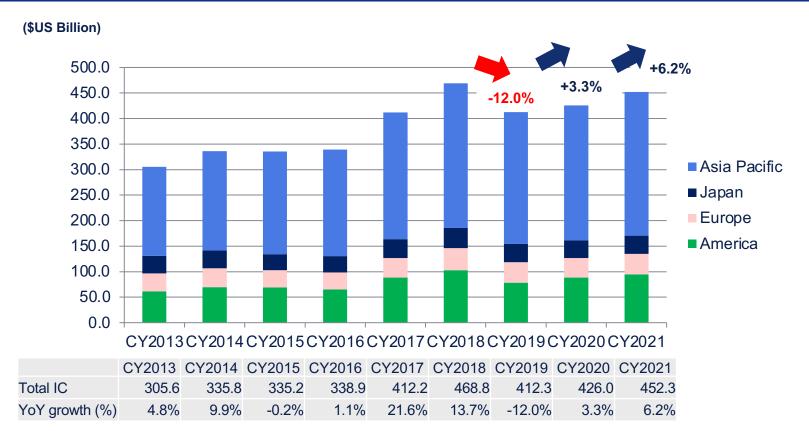








Semiconductor market forecast by region: Robust with 3.3% YoY increase in 2020 and 6.2% YoY increase in 2021



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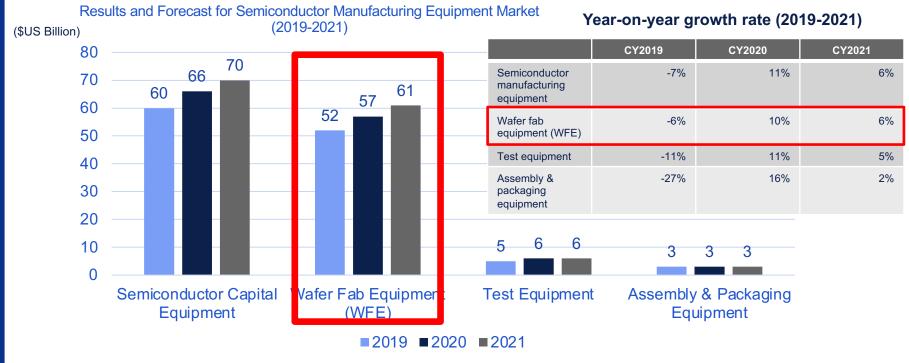
*Prepared by us based on data published by the WSTS Japan Council (June 9, 2008).

*CY = calendar year (CY2013 = 2013)

Semiconductor manufacturing equipment market: The scale of the WFE market is estimated to grow 10% in 2020 and 6% in 2021



The growth rate of the WFE (Wafer Fab Equipment) market is forecast to be positive in 2020 and 2021 against the backdrop of strong semiconductor market conditions.



Prepared by our company based on the data released by SEMI (September 2020) *CY = calendar vear (CY2019 = 2019)

Domestic production in the high-tech field will accelerate further in China



Etc.

♦ Main items determined by the 5th Plenary Session of the 19th Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party: Held on October 2020

●14th 5-year plan

•Independent development of science and technology serves as a national growth strategy with technological innovation playing the pivotal role in modernizing the country.

•Focus on strengthening production capability, improving quality, enhancing Internet literacy and building digital-oriented country.

•Achieve exponential progress in economy, science and technology, and comprehensive national power to become the most advanced innovation-oriented country.

•Elevate the level of per capita GDP to the one of mid-level advanced countries.

Domains emphasized in the construction of new infrastructure in China



Future business strategies

















Business Results

Results for the first half of FY3/21 were higher than expected. The plan for the full year is unchanged.

Due to strong demand for semiconductors, the performance in the first half was higher than expected. The fullyear plan remains unchanged (US-China friction, scrutiny of the impact of subsidiary restructuring, etc.)

Restructuring

Restructuring of Chinese subsidiaries and listing of subsidiaries

Promoting the establishment of joint ventures with Chinese government and private funds. Preparation for listing parts cleaning and semiconductor wafer subsidiaries in China

Capital Policy

Improving the Group's financial position and utilizing Chinese capital

Reducing the Group's interest-bearing debt and promoting capital procurement in China

Capital Investment

Examination of priorities for capital investment from FY3/22

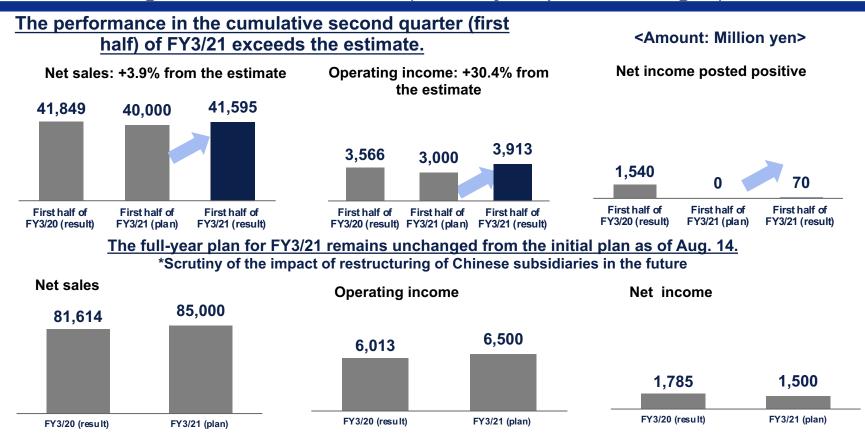
Continue to increase production capacity for material products, cleaning, power substrates, etc., which are in strong demand

Examining semiconductor wafers, recycled wafers, and SiC single crystals based on market trends and the status of capital procurement in China

Earnings forecast for FY3/21: Higher than expected in the first half

due to strong semiconductor market (the full-year plan unchanged)





Items on which the Group puts importance in the business in China



Intensive points



What is "Made in China 2025?" This is a national project announced by the Chinese government in May 2015, and corresponds to the 1st stage of the project for strengthening domestic manufacturing, which is scheduled to end in 2049. →The Chinese manufacturing industry aims to shift from the advantage in quantity to the advantage in quality, by overcoming the shortage of innovation capacity.

- 1. Participation in national projects in the semiconductor field
- ★Utilization of national and provincial technological centers and preferential measures based on national projects
- ★Pursuit of the cutting-edge technologies and products that cannot be imitated by Chinese enterprises

2. Planning for restructuring the group of Chinese subsidiaries and procurement of funds for growth
 ★Discussion on the establishment of a holding company that manages multiple Chinese subsidiaries and its functions
 ★Clarification of cutting-edge technologies and businesses to grow and to be strengthened and diversification of schemes for procurement of funds for growth



To further engage in the growing business, by actively utilizing Chinese external capital



Promoting capital procurement in China for growth funds by accepting investments by the Chinese government and private funds (joint ventures)



Semiconductor silicon wafer subsidiary (Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province)
Group's shareholding ratio: 29.5% (as of the end of October 2020: after a third-party allotment)
We plan to consider investing for increasing production of 12-inch wafers. We are planning to list it on the Shanghai or Shenzhen market in the future.



Equipment parts cleaning subsidiary (Tongling City, Anhui Province) •Group's shareholding ratio: 67.0% (as of the end of October 2020) * We have secured a majority of shares.

•In response to China's domestic production policy, we will continue increasing the production capacity of this business. We are preparing to list it on the STAR Market.



Semiconductor wafer recycling subsidiary (Tongling City, Anhui Province)
Group's shareholding ratio: 41.3% (as of the end of October 2020: after a third-party allotment)
We plan to start mass production in 2Q (April-June) of 2021. We are discussing monthly production of 120,000 wafers in Phase 1 and then 200,000 wafers.



SiC (Silicon Carbide) single crystal ingot wafer subsidiary (Tongling City, Anhui Province)

•Group's shareholding ratio: 31.5% (when the subsidiary was established in October 2020)

•The company established a joint venture with the Shanghai Institute of Ceramics, Chinese Academy of Sciences and government and private funds. We will work on joint development and manufacturing of SiC single crystals as a new business.

Outline of the Chinese stock market and Science and Technology Innovation Board (STAR Market)

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Science and Technology Innovation Board (STAR Market)

*Preparations are ongoing to list the subsidiary in Tongling City, Anhui Province, which engages in equipment parts cleaning, on the STAR Market. The subsidiary in Dongtai City, Jiangsu Province, which produces power semiconductor substrates, will also be listed on the same stock exchange.

Science and Technology Innovation Board (STAR Market) is a new stock market in Shanghai, China and is called as Chinese NASDAQ. STAR Market is for start-up companies, mainly for ones engaging in high technology, and transaction started on July 22, 2019. At the first initial public offering, 25 companies were listed. As of September 30, 2020, 183 companies are listed and its aggregate market price is 2,875.3 billion yuan.

Outline of the Chinese stock market Stock Exchange and Shenzhen Stock Exchange The following contents are as of September 30, 2020.

No. of listed Market Aggregate market price companies Hona 2.143 41.327 billion HKD Main board Kong Stock GEM 375 108 billion HKD Exchange Main board 1.374 35.547.7 billion vuan Shanghai A-Share Stock STAR Market 183 2,875.3 billion yuan Exchange **B-Share** Main board 49 75 billion vuan 8,594.4 billion yuan Main board 460 Shenzhen A-Share 12,674.7 billion yuan SME Board 976 Stock Exchange ChiNext 865 9,478.6 billion yuan **B-Share** Main board 45 47.9 billion yuan



Wafer recycling: To expand production capacity in Phase 1 and increase capital through third-party allotment



To use the resources of the wafer business and the know-how of the cleaning business. Technical tie-up with partners for the film removal process

Future schedule (tentative): Construction is scheduled to be completed in November 2020, start trial operation in 1Q (January-March) of 2021 and proceed to mass production in 2Q (April-June) of 2021

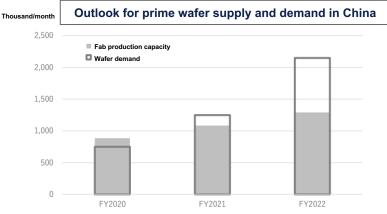
◆Due to the acceleration of domestic production of semiconductors in China, the demand for wafer recycling rose sharply. We increased monthly production capacity from 65,000 to <u>120,000 wafers</u> in Phase 1 (investment: 7.85 billion yen to <u>14.02 billion yen</u>) to meet strong customer demand for mainly 12-inch wafers.

♦Capital increase through third-party allotment: At the end of October 2020, a capital increase of 6.3 billion yen (410 million yuan) was implemented, and the capital (after the capital increase) of the wafer recycling subsidiary "Ferrotec (Anhui) Changjiang Semiconductor Material Co., Ltd." rose to 19 billion yen (1.23 billion yuan)

<The shareholding ratio of the Group has decreased from 70.0% to 41.3%. *The investment ratio of multiple government funds has risen.>



Wafer recycling factory built in Tongling City, Anhui Province



*The company's estimate based on various market surveys



♦We established a joint venture with the Shanghai Institute of Ceramics, Chinese Academy of Sciences (SICCAS) and government and private funds in Tongling City, Anhui Province in October 2020 (Group's investment ratio: 31.5%). We will develop and manufacture SiC (silicon carbide) single crystal ingots and wafers, whose market is expected to grow as they will be used for the most advanced semiconductors (* third generation semiconductors) in China.

*We plan to complete construction, deliver equipment, and start trial production by the end of 2021.

Technical issues of SiC (silicon carbide) single crystal

-High technical difficulty in crystal growth (larger diameter), substrate production, electrical characteristic control, and crystal defect control. Hence, some companies in Europe, the United States, and Japan have achieved mass production. In China, it is a strategic technology in order to achieve domestic production amid increasing domestic demand for electric vehicles.

Main applications of SiC (silicon carbide) single crystals

-SiC is increasingly used in in-vehicle applications for chargers and DC converters for electric vehicles because of its "low switching loss and electric loss" and "resistance to temperature changes."

Backgrounds for working on the business as a joint venture

 (1) Our group: Defect control technology and equipment manufacturing technology cultivated in the semiconductor Si single crystal business.
 Possession of knowledge and the customer base for SiC through the CVD-SiC (jig for semiconductor manufacturing equipment) business.

(2) SICCAS: China's top SiC research institute. Possession of intellectual property and human resources

(3) Financing: Government and private funds and government subsidy support

• What is a third generation semiconductor?

•It refers to semiconductors composed of new materials, such as silicon carbide (SiC), gallium nitride (GaN), zinc oxide (ZnO), and graphite (C). It can be operated at a higher voltage, frequency, and temperature than first-generation semiconductors (such as silicon) and second-generation semiconductors (such as gallium arsenide).

•It is expected to be a semiconductor used for RF (radio frequency) parts used in 5G (fifth generation mobile communication system), highefficiency diodes, LEDs (light emitting diodes), etc. It is predicted to be used in new energy vehicles, white goods, railroad transportation, medical equipment, etc.

Map of production bases of Ferrotec Group in China

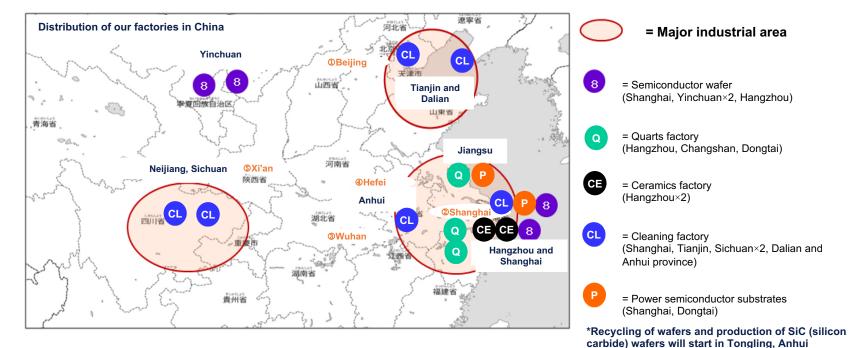
We will contribute to the growth of the market assuming domestic production and expand business by establishing production bases in the vicinity of major footholds of Chinese semiconductor enterprises and improving customer satisfaction.

★Major footholds of Chinese semiconductor enterprises

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DBeijing @Shanghai @Wuhan @Hefei \$Xi'an

Province in 2021.



Semiconductor equipment-related business: Recent situation of main products

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Our lineup of semiconductor-related products

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Vacuum feedthroughs

*Semiconductor and FPD production equipment parts (Market share: 65% (largest))

*****Strategic product



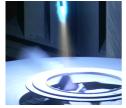
*Monthly production capacity- 6-inch: 400 thousand, 8-inch: 100

thousand

Plan to increase production of 8 inches by 350 thousand sheets

and 12 inches by 30 thousand sheets over the medium term

*****Strategic product



Equipment parts cleaning *Focus on the Chinese market (Market share in China: 60% (largest))



Metal precision machining

*Growth forecast due to increase in future customers (factories) in China

Jigs and consumables for semiconductor manufacturing equipment (our mainstay material products) ***Strategic product**



Quartz



Silicon parts



Ceramics



CVD-SiC

Our strengths: Not only capital investment-linked products (vacuum feedthroughs), but also a lineup of repeat consumables (materials) and services (equipment parts cleaning) linked to the production and operation of semiconductor device manufacturers

Wafer business: Partially transferred shares of a subsidiary in Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China, and increased capital



- Partial transfer of shares of the semiconductor wafer subsidiary (FTHW): Raised 1.97 billion yuan (about 30.3 billion yen) <Our company holds 40% of shares>
- FTHW's capital increase through third-party allotment: Raised 1.6 billion yuan (approximately 24.6 billion yen) *Implemented in October 2020 <Our company holds 29.5% of shares>

Background and purpose of partial transfer of shares

- ✓ China's capital market has become more active against the backdrop of expanding domestic production in the Chinese high-tech field. We raised capital through transfer of the company's shares and third-party allotment as the acquisition of certification for the company's 12-inch wafer progressed.
- ✓ Although the company is making progress with the acquisition of the 12-inch semiconductor wafer certification, we are at the stage of upfront investment.
- ✓ Large-scale investment in the wafer business has expanded assets and interest-bearing debt.
- The company decided to partially transfer the shares in order to secure a balance between business/investment opportunities and finance.

Semiconductor wafer processing factory in Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province





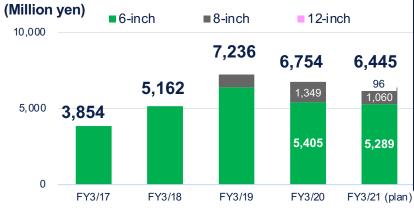
Recent situation of product: Semiconductor wafer



Semiconductor wafers



Variations in sales from FY3/17 to FY3/21 (plan for FY3/21)



In 2020, annual sales are expected to decline due to the softening of demand for consumer power devices and automobiles in the first half of the year.

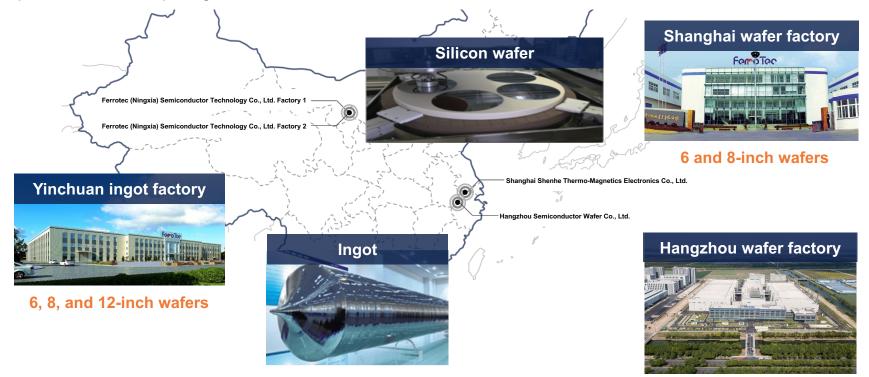
Demand for <u>6-inch wafers</u> is currently strong, and <u>monthly production of 420,000 wafers is maintained.</u>

We are strengthening the direct sales system of 8-inch wafers and promoting customer accreditation at the new Hangzhou factory. At the end of this fiscal year, we will have a monthly production of 100,000 wafers. We will <u>build a</u> production increase system to meet the demand from 2021.

Mass production of 12-inch wafers is forecasted to start in 4Q (October-December) (monthly production of 30,000 wafers). We will consider additional capital investment in the future on the premise of raising funds in China, such as a capital increase through third-party allotment.

Map of production bases for semiconductor wafers in China FerroTec

• We are making 8-inch and 12-inch wafers of the factory in Hangzhou approved and increasing massproduction for acquiring new customers.

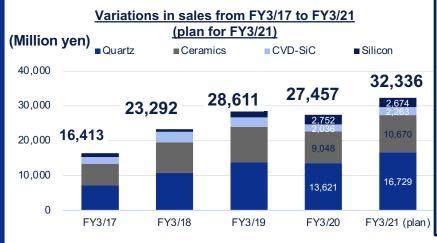


8 and 12-inch wafers



Semiconductor materials





*The target products are quartz, ceramics, CVD-SiC, and silicon.

In the FY3/21 plan, we expect to increase sales by
11.1% year on year.
*The semiconductor market remains robust due to
increased demand for 5G and data centers related to
telecommuting.
As for semiconductor materials, the demand for

linkage to the **production operation rate** of semiconductor manufacturers is high (some are **investment-linked ones**).

The WFE (Wafer Fab Equipment) semiconductor front-end manufacturing equipment market is expected to grow year on year in 2021 and 2022, so we plan to respond to increased demand for <u>material products by</u> <u>raising production capacity as needed</u>.

Products: To keep enhancing the capacity to produce quartz products

- Among materials, the sales of quartz are projected to grow steadily (as the demand for consumable materials is firm). *Semiconductor manufacturing equipment market will see year-on-year growth in 2021 and 2022.
- We established a system for increasing production output with factories in Hangzhou and Changshan, Zhejiang and Dongtai, Jiangsu, China, and Yamagata City, Japan.





Pyro-processing of quartz by veteran engineers



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Machining of quartz, whose production amount will be increased

Products: To expand business based on the capability of developing ceramics and CVD-SiC

- As for ceramics and CVD-SiC, we have the advantage in developing "materials and technologies for processing and coating" in Japan. Machinable ceramics for laser processing probe card will be strengthened (added value).
- Hangzhou Factory in Zhejiang, China plans to enhance the capacity to produce fine ceramics, which are in high demand.

Hyogo: Development and mass-production of fine ceramics



Hangzhou in China: Massproduction of fine ceramics



Fine Ceramics





expansion Ishikawa: Mass-production of



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Machinable Ceramics



•Mica-based machinable •Nitride-based machinable

Ishikawa: Development of fine and machinable ceramics



CVD-SiC



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Silicon carbide

Okayama: Development and mass-production of CVD-SiC



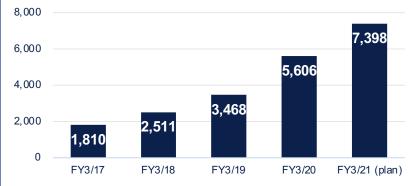


Equipment parts cleaning



Variations in sales from FY3/17 to FY3/21 (plan for FY3/21)

(Million yen)



In the FY3/21 plan, sales are projected to increase 32.0% year on year.

This business is targeted at the Chinese market. Its scale has been growing steadily year by year, in response to the expansion of production by <u>semiconductor and FPD (organic EL and liquid</u> <u>crystal) manufacturers.</u>

Since this business is <u>a recurring-revenue type that</u> <u>depends on clients' production operation</u>, like semiconductor materials, we can readily secure stable sales (<u>the business is expected to keep growing</u> <u>steadily</u>).

Since we are increasing the cleaning volume with 5 bases and 6 factories, <u>our market share in China is approaching 60%.</u>

Strategic Products: We plan to expand the equipment parts cleaning mainly in Tongling, Anhui



- The governmental fund of Tongling, Anhui will co-invest, and we aim to realize a project for expanding the business.
- Since Chinese semiconductor and FPD makers will launch new projects one after another, we plan to increase the cleaning volume in Tongling.



★To offer meticulous services in the vicinity of client facilities (5 bases and 6 factories)



Electronic device segment: Recent situation of product FerroTec













Lineup of our electronic device-related products

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Thermo-electric modules



*As temperature adjustment devices, thermoelectric modules are increasingly used in the fields of automobiles, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, communications, medical biotechnology, consumer products, etc. (Market share: 36% (largest))



DNA amplification (bio) To check the existence of pathogens that cannot be observed with a microscope <PCR method>

*Polymerase Chain Reaction

Power semiconductor substrates



*****Strategic product

*In response to the global trend of power consumption reduction, the demand from clients needing power semiconductors is growing. (DIRECT COPPER BONDING technology for bonding a cooper circuit to an aluminum ceramics substrate)

Application of power semiconductors



Ferrofluid



*Used in a wider range of fields, including automobile speakers, high quality sound TV speakers, and smartphone vibration (Market share: 80% (largest))



Adopted for high-quality sound headphones

*To stabilize vibration, to actualize deep bass and realistic sensation

Recent situation of product: Thermo-electric module

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Thermo-electric modules



Variations in sales from FY3/17 to FY3/21 (plan for FY3/21)

(Million yen) *In the FY3/21 plan, sales are predicted to increase for the first time in 4 years.

*The main reason for the decline in sales until FY3/20 is the decrease in demand for seat temperature controllers for automobiles.

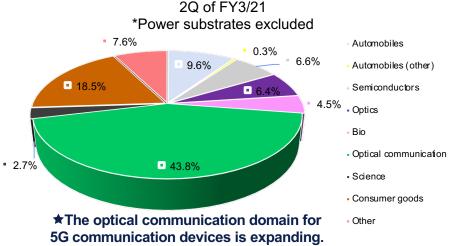


Sales for FY3/21 are expected to increase 14.2% year on year.

Applications for 5G communication devices are expanding (Estimated number of 5G communication bases in China: 650,000 in 2020, 770,000 in 2021 and 930,000 in 2022)

As digitization is progressing with consumer products (wearable devices), IoT, home appliances, etc., the purposes of use of thermo-electric modules and the demand for them are increasing.

Ratios of purposes of use of thermo-electric modules in



Acquired RMT Ltd. in Russia through M&A, which possesses expertise in micro-thermoelectric modules



Acquired the shares of RMT Ltd. in Russia. *Plan to make it our wholly-owned subsidiary by the end of 2020. RMT Ltd. possesses technological capability to produce multistage micro-thermoelectric

modules (less than 150 μ) as well as to develop high-quality bismuth telluride (Bi2Te3) material.

Thermo-electric module production bases of the Group ***RMT** Ltd. will be added.



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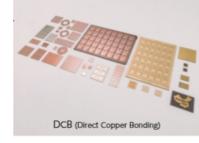
Thermo-electric modules are being adopted for controlling the temperatures of underwear and jackets. *The demand for thermo-electric modules for wearable products is expected to grow remarkably.



Jacket that can get cooler and warmer (prototype)

Recent situation of product: Power semiconductor substrate FerroTec

Power semiconductor substrates





Variations in sales from FY3/17 to FY3/21(Million ven)(plan for FY3/21)

In the FY3/21 plan, sales are forecasted to decrease 10.7% year on year due to factors such as a decline in demand for industrial equipment and in-vehicle devices.

As there is a global trend of power consumption reduction, <u>our</u> <u>business is growing steadily.</u> (The scale of the power semiconductor market is estimated to be 4.2 trillion yen in 2030.)

Due to the trade friction, etc., <u>our market share in China expanded</u>. <u>An increasing number of global makers are adopting our products</u>.

The clients are mainly in Europe, Japan, and China.

Global market of power semiconductors





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Power semiconductor substrates: To release AMB

substrates to expand our business scale

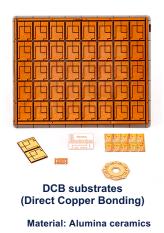


- As demand is estimated to increase also in the automobile field, we will release AMB substrates in addition to DCB substrates.
- The power semiconductor substrate factory in Dongtai, Jiangsu is expanding its production capacity, and sales are estimated to keep growing in the next and following terms.
 (Production capacity in 2020: 600,000 DCB substrates and 100,000 AMB substrates at Shanghai and Dongtai factories)
 *Considering the increase in the monthly output of DCB substrates to 1 million substrates and the monthly output of AMB substrates to 200,000 substrates in FY2021

*Plan to list the subsidiary in Dongtai City, Jiangsu Province on the STAR Market.



★As the demand for in-vehicle devices grew, the demand for AMB substrates increased.



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AMB substrates (Active Metal Brazing)

Material: Silicon nitride

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Business strategy for in-vehicle device-related business FerreTec













Full-scale foray into the automobile market with our core technology



Promotion of automotive project





Our products that can be used for in-vehicle devices



Thermo-electric module

• By utilizing the strengths of our products, including the heat dissipating/cooling property of thermo-electric modules and the sealing property of ferrofluid, we will expand the business of in-vehicle devices, in which the demand for semiconductors will increase.

• Our products are used for various purposes, including the temperature control of CMOS sensors and lithium ion batteries, and cup holders.

• We have already established an independent section, and started enhancing marketing. Full-scale foray into an automobile field considering M&As as necessary.



Ferrofluid



Power semiconductor substrate

Application of thermo-electric modules to in-vehicle devices (Examples of products for EV and ADAS)





Thermo Electric CMOS Cooler for ADAS

CMOS image sensors are used for cameras in ADAS. Dark current noise is produced in a CMOS image sensor if temperature rises. By using thermo-electric modules, it is possible to control the temperature of CMOS image sensors with their compact, lightweight and convenient properties and reduce the dark current noise.



Thermo Electric Battery Heater Cooler

Batteries used for EVs, HEVs, PHEVs, etc. are very sensitive to temperature. High temperatures affect the lifespan of each battery, while low temperatures affect the performance of each battery. By using thermo-electric modules, it is possible to control the temperature of the batteries with their compact, lightweight, convenient and efficient properties.



Lidar

By irradiating an object with a laser while scanning and observing the reflected laser, it measures the distance from that object and identifies the properties of that object. Heat makes it difficult to conduct accurate measurement with a laser. By using thermo-electric modules, it is possible to control the laser source and stabilize measurement precision.

In-vehicle applications we are proposing to clients (some already adopted)



In-vehicle device-related business Ferrotec Material Technologies Corporation, which is growing mainly in the semiconductor market, will promote our core technologies of thermo-electric modules (Peltier element), ferrofluid, etc. for the automobile market, which is expected to see significant changes in applications, such as EVs, PHVs, and automatic driving systems.





Thermo Electric Cup Holder

By using thermo-electric modules, it is possible to make compact, lightweight cup holders have the heatretaining/cooling function easily. They can keep cold drinks cold and warm ones warm.

- Thermo-electric module and applications
- Battery cooling
- Laser headlights
- Seat cooling system
- 🛐 ADAS GPU CPU CMOS
 - GPU cooler CMOS cooler
- Steering heater cooler
- 🔝 Cup holder
- 🕎 HUD (Head-up Display)

Magnetic fluids and applications

Engine suspension

- Seat suspension
- Suspension around the foot
- Hzero[®] high-precision DC sensors for monitoring SOCs
 Hzero[®] composite wheel in motor
- Touch panel & center
- 🔣 Audio

Power semiconductor substrates and applications

- Engine
 - Engine control
- Bodies
 - Headlamp control Room lamp control
- Powertrain
 - HEV motor control
 - Brake control
 - Transmission control
 - Steering control

Points the Group will strengthen in the future to achieve the sustainable development of the company



Basic Policy:

We aspire to be a trusted company by continuing to grow for the sake of the stakeholders such as customers, shareholders, employees, business partners, and local communities, and by following the social code of conduct such as law and regulations, social order, and international rules in corporate activities.

OPriority policies for enhancing the organizational strength of the Group and work towards sustainable development

1. Efforts to improve corporate value

•Promote management independence of all business subsidiaries

•Redistribution of management resources

2. Thorough awareness that puts quality first

•Perfect design and product quality that pleases customers

•Improvement of service quality inside and outside the company

3. Strengthening corporate governance

- •Thorough internal control and management of affiliated companies
- •Strengthening risk management and compliance

Notes on forward-looking statements

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