

## Summary of Questions and Answers at a Briefing on Resonac Holdings, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2024 Financial Results

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### [General]

**Q. In relation to the issuance of convertible bond, is there a possibility of another dilutive financing in time horizon of 1 to 2 years?**

A. It is not expected under the business environment we currently anticipate.

### [Semiconductor and Electronic Materials segment]

**Q. Why did the sales of Back-end Semiconductor Materials mildly decrease from 2023 4Q to 2024 1Q?**

A. It is due to the seasonal factors including Chinese New Year. The recovery trend continues.

**Q. 2024 2Q forecast shows segment sales increased by 5 billion yen compared to 1Q. What is the sub-segment breakdown?**

A. The largest increase will be from Back-end Semiconductor Materials, followed by Device Solutions and then Front-end Semiconductor Materials.

**Q. Why is 2024 2Q forecast, compared to 1Q results, shows limited increase of 0.4 billion yen in operating income despite larger improvement in sales?**

A. It is mainly because of increased fixed cost. Depreciation and maintenance cost are expected to increase as we prepare for recovery in semiconductor market and some cost has been shifted from 1Q to 2Q.

**Q. Will you give us an update on products that were highlighted on 2023 4Q CEO presentation material?**

A. There are strong demand for Non-conductive Films for generative AIs and Thermal Interface Materials. Also products that have been prominent in high-end MPU field, such as Copper Clad Laminates and Photosensitive Solder Resist, also expanded their sales.

**Q. What is a current state of hard disk media business?**

A. Sales volume of hard disk media has been recovered since 2023 4Q. In terms of volume, 2024 1Q has been largely unchanged from 2023 4Q. Operating income in 2024 1Q was still negative as inventory with higher fixed cost has materialized. 2Q expects a gradual increase from 1Q.

### [Mobility segment]

**Q. Why does the segment expect negative operating income in 2024 2Q?**

A. It is mainly because we expect sales slowdown in Thailand and China. Also fixed cost will likely increase, partly due to a shift from 1Q.

### [Chemicals segment]

**Q. Why does the segment expect negative operating income in 2024 2Q?**

A. Olefins & Derivatives and Basic Chemicals expect positive operating income, while Graphite Electrodes, facing tough competition, expects negative operating income.

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