

PLASTICS BUSINESS

Performance Overview

Revenue

52.2 billion yen
↑ **+13.3%**

Operating Profit

5.6 billion yen
↑ **+44.8%**

- The sales volume of the Plastics Business increased year on year owing mainly to higher demand among overseas customers for such products as automobiles, one of the segment's main customer industries.
- Segment revenue also increased due to a revision of sales prices to reflect the surge in raw materials costs, as well as the higher sales volume.
- Operating profit jumped significantly thanks to the greater sales volume and improved profitability stemming from the sales price revision.

Merger of Plastics Business

On April 1, 2018, we established a new company, Techno-UMG Co., Ltd., through the merger of two companies: Techno Polymer Co., Ltd. (a wholly owned subsidiary of JSR) and UMG ABS, Ltd. (equally owned by Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation and Ube Industries, Ltd.).

Thanks to this integration of two leading domestic manufacturers of ABS and other styrene-based resins, we have expanded the scale of our Plastics Business in terms of revenue, production capacity, sales operations, and the like. Specifically, the former Techno Polymer has strengths in automotive interior material applications, while the former UMG ABS specializes in automotive exterior material applications. Both companies have accumulated impressive manufacturing, product development, and sales capabilities. We will use these assets to further enhance manufacturing efficiency and cost-competitiveness and thus enjoy stable domestic supply, while increasing the number of differentiated products to expand sales in high-end overseas markets.

Overview of New Company

