

Company Profile

Since its establishment more than a century ago, Furukawa Electric has kept pace with the progress in technology which has shaped the foundations of Japanese industry. Originally fostered by electric cables and non-ferrous metals, the Company's advanced technologies have steadily expanded in response to the needs of the times and still continue to challenge new possibilities with innovation and creativity.

- Head Office** 6-1, Marunouchi 2-Chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8322 Japan
- Founded** 1884
- Changed firm name** 1920
- Paid-in Capital** 59.2 billion yen
- Number of employees** 5,777

Head office

Works : Chiba Works, Nikko Works, Hiratsuka Works, Mie Works, Osaka Works, Kambara Works, Shinagawa Works, Yokohama R&D Laboratories

Sales Offices : Kansai Branch Office, Chubu Branch Office, Kyushu Branch Office, Chugoku Branch Office, Tohoku Branch Office, Hokkaido Branch Office

Research Laboratories : Yokohama R&D Laboratories, Metal Research Center, Ecology & Energy Laboratory, FITEL Network Laboratory, FITEL Photonics Laboratory, Automotive Technology Center

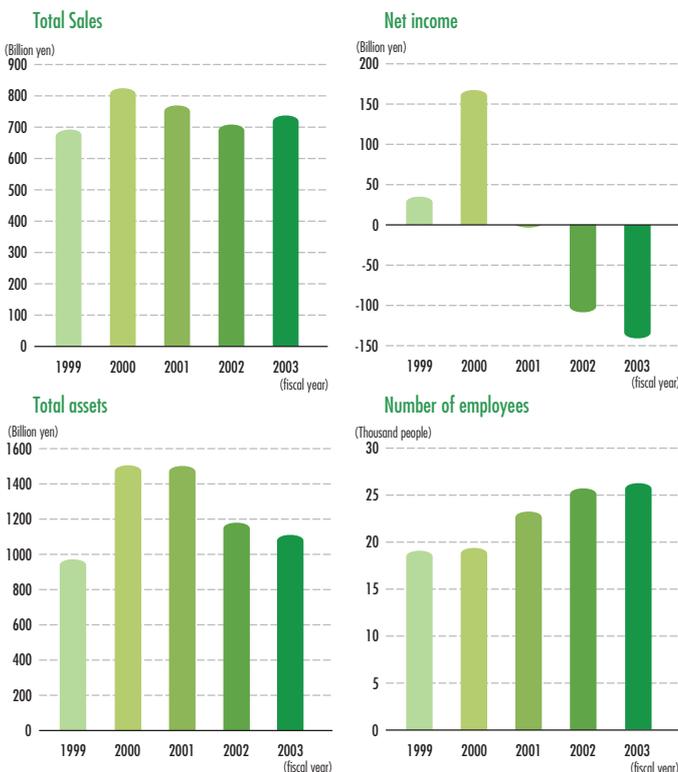
(As of March 31, 2004)



We have split the light metals division in October 2003 to begin operations of Furukawa-Sky. Fukui, Oyama and Nikko works (Nikko Sheet Plant) and Shiga works, in this report, are now part of the manufacturing base of Furukawa-Sky.

Consolidated Business Performance

Consolidated sales increased to 789,867 million yen (up 4.1% year on year) due to expansion in sales in all divisions except the Telecommunications division and the expanded scope of consolidation, as a result of enhancing group management. However we incurred net losses of 140,128 million yen due to asset disposal reduction of the US subsidiary OFS and assets disposal losses for business restructuring.



Summary of Business

Major market products, ranging from raw materials to various systems in the four business areas supported by the advanced technology of Furukawa Electric are summarized here together with their environmental aspects.

	Telecommunications	Plastic, Cables and Wires	Nonferrous Products	Electronics-related Products and Others
Major Products	Optical fibers and cables, Optical components, Optical fiber cable accessories and installations, and Network equipment	Bare wires, Aluminum wires, Coated wire, Winding wire, Power cables, Power transmission cable accessories and installations, Plastic products such as power cable conduit material and foam sheets, and Thermoelectric products	Copper pipes and rods, Electrolytic copper foils, Shape memory alloys, Aluminum sheets, Extruded aluminum products, and Cast and forged products	Automotive components and electric wirings, Heat pipes, Aluminum circuit boards for memory discs and Electronic component materials
Sales Composition Ratio	18%	25%	37%	20%
Production Bases	Chiba			
	Nikko (Kyotaki District)			
	Nikko (Sheet Plant)			
	Hiratsuka			
	Oyama			
	Mie			
	Osaka			
	Fukui			
	Shiga			
	Kambara			
Shinagawa				
Yokohama R&D				
Environmental Aspects	Laboratories			
	Energy conservation			
	Global warming			
	Resource saving			
	Recycling			
Hazardous substance elimination				