CRESCO LTD. (4674 TSE 1st Section)

Based on the data as of Nov. 2018 Dec.6, 2018 Spring Capital Co., Ltd.

Overall Management Indicator

(All 29 sectors)	Score	From the Top	Ranking	Score (50 as average in all companies) 30 40 50 60 70
Overall Management Indicator (OMI)	62.4	9.8 %	329 among 3372	********
Major 4 Categories Compos	sing "Ove	erall Manageme	nt Indicator"	30 40 50 60 70
Growth Potential	53.2	30.8 %	1040 among 3372	*********
Asset & Capital Profitability	62.5	9.6 %	324 among 3372	********
Sales Profitability	54.9	22.8 %	768 among 3372	******
Sound Dividend Payout Ratio	64.8	7.5 %	254 among 3372	******

(In the Sector)	Score	From the Top	Ranking
Overall Management Indicator	62.4	20.6 %	82 among 398
Growth Potential	53.2	40.2 %	160 among 398
Asset & Capital Profitability	62.5	20.9 %	83 among 398
Sales Profitability	54.9	36.2 %	144 among 398
Sound Dividend Payout Ratio	64.8	15.6 %	62 among 398

OMI **Sound Dividend** Growth 60 **Potential Payout Ratio** 80 100 Asset & Capital Sales **Profitability Profitability**

· · · Within the Top 30%

Overall Management Indicator 3372 Companies in 29 Sectors Distribution Chart (Orange: the Company)

(right axis: no. of companies)

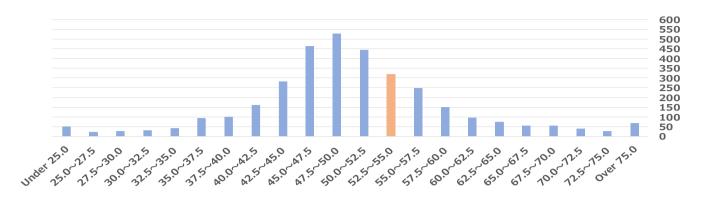


Overall Management Indicator Historical Ranking / Percentage from the Top

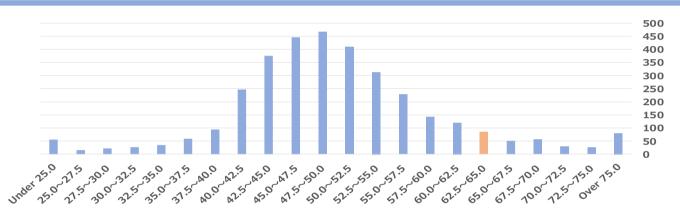
Accounting Period	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
Reference Date	May 2013	May 2014	May 2015	May 2016	May 2017	May 2018
No. of companies	3292	3279	3220	3238	3326	3372
Ranking	368	477	314	255	308	335
From the Top	11.2 %	14.5 %	9.8 %	7.9 %	9.3 %	9.9 %



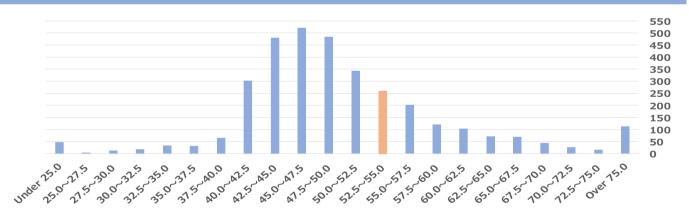
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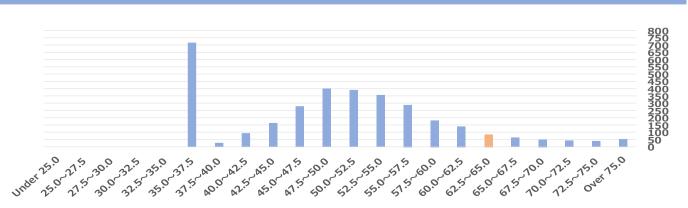
Asset & Capital Profitability 3372 Companies in 29 Sectors Distribution Chart (Orange: the Company) (right: no. of companies)



Sales Profitability 3372 Companies in 29 Sectors Distribution Chart (Orange: the Company) (right: no. of companies)



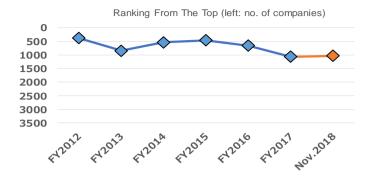
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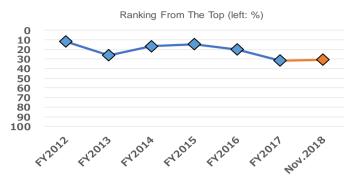




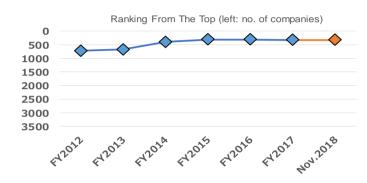
Management Indicators Ranking Report Historical Ranking of Major 4 Categories

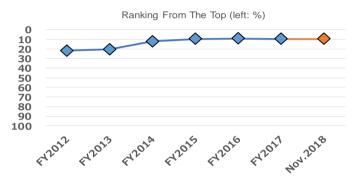
Growth Potential Historical Chart



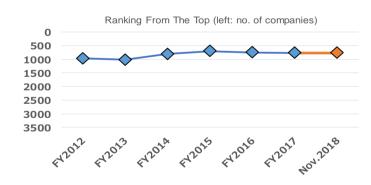


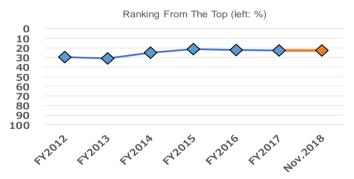
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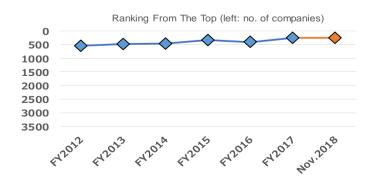


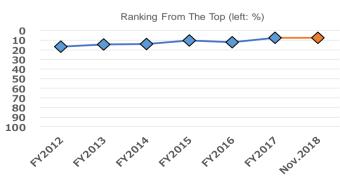
Sales Profitability Historical Chart





Sound Dividend Payout Ratio Historical Chart







Management Indicators Ranking Quintile Chart (All Categories)

	From the Top 80% ~ 100%	From the Top 60% ~ 80%	From the Top 40% ~ 60%	From the Top 20% ~ 40%	From the Top within 20%
【 Overall Management Indicator】★					*

[Major 4 Categories] ···☆	From the Top 80% ~ 100%	From the Top 60% ~ 80%	From the Top 40% ~ 60%	From the Top 20% ~ 40%	From the Top within 20%
[Growth Potential]				☆	
[Asset & Capital Profitability]					$\stackrel{\leftrightarrow}{\sim}$
[Sales Profitability]				☆	
[Sound Dividend Payout Ratio]					☆

Growth Potential - Intermediate Categories ···●	From the Top 80% ~ 100%	From the Top 60% ~ 80%	From the Top 40% ~ 60%	From the Top 20% ~ 40%	From the Top within 20%
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Management Indicators Ranking Quintile Chart (All Categories) Continued

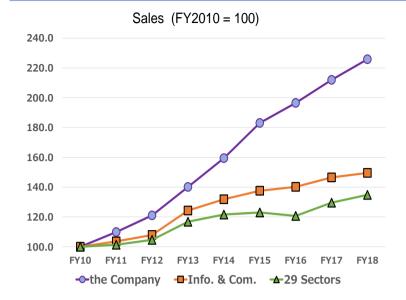
Asset & Capital Profitability - Intermediate Categories · · · ● < Minor Categories > · · · ◎	From the Top 80% ~ 100%	From the Top 60% ~ 80%	From the Top 40% ~ 60%	From the Top 20% ~ 40%	From the Top within 20%
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(ROE)					•
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Sales Profitability - Intermediate Categories · · · ● < Minor Categories > · · · ◎	From the Top 80% ~ 100%	From the Top 60% ~ 80%	From the Top 40% ~ 60%	From the Top 20% ~ 40%	From the Top within 20%
(Previous Term)				•	
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Sound Dividend Payout Ratio - Intermediate Categories ··· ● < Minor Categories > ··· ◎	From the Top 80% ~ 100%	From the Top 60% ~ 80%	From the Top 40% ~ 60%	From the Top 20% ~ 40%	From the Top within 20%
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Management Indicators Ranking report Average of Management Indicator Scores by Sector

Reference
Average of Management Indicator Scores by Sector

	Number of companies	Overall Management Indicator	Ranking	Growth Potential	Ranking	Asset & Capital Profitability	Ranking	Sales Profitability	Ranking	Sound Dividend Payout Ratio	Ranking
Fishery, Agriculture & Forestry	11	46.9	24	46.7	26	47.8	21	47.0	25	49.8	15
Mining	6	48.9	16	49.3	13	46.6	25	51.9	9	49.5	18
Construction	174	49.7	11	49.1	15	51.6	6	48.7	16	49.7	17
Foods	127	47.5	22	48.3	19	47.9	20	47.3	24	49.4	19
Textiles and Apparels	53	45.6	26	45.6	29	44.3	27	47.5	23	50.6	9
Pulp and Paper	26	44.6	28	46.1	28	45.0	26	46.0	27	47.5	27
Chemicals	210	51.6	5	50.3	9	50.5	8	52.9	4	51.4	3
Pharmaceutical	62	45.5	27	47.5	23	42.3	29	48.6	17	49.1	20
Oil and Coal Products	11	53.4	3	54.7	2	51.9	5	51.7	10	50.7	7
Rubber Products	19	51.2	7	49.1	16	51.3	7	53.2	2	50.5	10
Glass and Ceramics Products	58	50.0	9	51.5	5	48.1	17	52.0	6	48.5	23
Iron and Steel	47	48.0	18	50.1	10	46.6	24	48.4	20	49.0	21
Nonferrous Metals	35	48.9	15	50.4	8	48.9	10	48.5	19	48.6	22
Metal Products	91	48.3	17	48.6	18	48.5	13	50.0	14	48.3	25
Machinery	230	51.5	6	51.2	7	49.9	9	53.1	3	50.3	12
Electric Appliances	249	49.8	10	49.2	14	48.5	14	50.3	13	51.5	1
Transportation Equipment	94	47.7	21	47.8	21	48.0	19	47.5	22	50.1	14
Precision Instruments	50	50.8	8	51.2	6	48.5	15	52.0	8	50.6	8
Other Products	103	47.5	23	46.2	27	47.8	22	48.5	18	50.8	6
Electric Power and Gas	23	49.3	13	50.0	11	47.7	23	48.9	15	51.4	2
Land Transportation	64	47.9	20	47.3	24	48.3	16	50.6	11	48.4	24
Marine Transportation	14	43.6	29	47.0	25	42.4	28	46.9	26	45.4	29
Air Transportation	5	49.7	12	47.9	20	54.2	2	50.4	12	47.2	28
Warehousing and Harbor Transportation	38	49.0	14	49.6	12	48.8	11	48.1	21	50.3	11
Information & Communication	398	52.7	4	52.4	4	52.8	4	52.8	5	49.7	16
Wholesale Trade	310	47.9	19	49.1	17	48.0	18	45.6	29	50.8	5
Retail Trade	343	46.5	25	47.7	22	48.6	12	45.6	28	47.8	26
Real Estate	123	56.3	1	55.4	1	55.7	1	56.8	1	50.3	13
Services	398	53.4	2	52.5	3	54.2	3	52.0	7	51.0	4
All Sectors	3372	50.0		50.0		50.0		50.0		50.0	

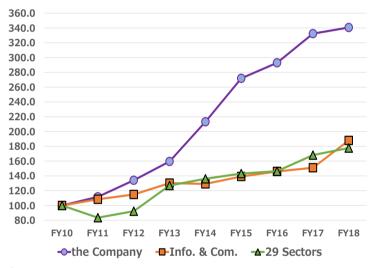
Growth Potential



Sales Change (yoy, %)

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	the Company	Info. & Com.	29 Sectors
FY2011	9.9	3.6	1.4
FY2012	10.2	4.1	3.2
FY2013	15.7	15.2	11.6
FY2014	13.8	6.1	4.1
FY2015	14.8	4.3	1.1
FY2016	7.4	1.9	-1.9
FY2017	7.9	4.5	7.4
FY2018	6.5	2.1	4.0
FY2010-FY2018			
8 Term Average	10.7	5.2	3.8
FY2013-FY2018			
5 Term Average	10.0	3.8	2.9

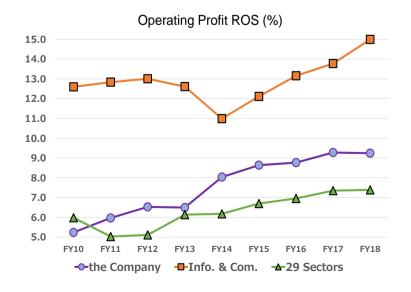
Recurring Profit (FY2010 = 100)



Recurring Profit Change (yoy, %)

	the Company	Info. & Com.	29 Sectors
FY2011	11.7	8.4	-16.5
FY2012	20.0	6.0	10.4
FY2013	18.9	13.3	37.8
FY2014	33.7	-0.8	7.1
FY2015	27.5	7.7	5.2
FY2016	7.7	4.9	2.3
FY2017	13.5	3.4	14.9
FY2018	2.5	24.5	5.7
FY2010 – FY2018			
8 Term Average	16.6	8.2	7.4
FY2013-FY2018			
5 Term Average	16.4	7.6	6.9

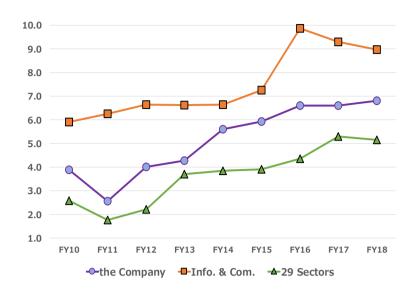
Sales Profitability



Operating Profit ROS (%)

t	he Company	Info. & Com.	29 Sectors
FY2010	5.2	12.6	6.0
FY2011	6.0	12.8	5.0
FY2012	6.5	13.0	5.1
FY2013	6.5	12.6	6.1
FY2014	8.0	11.0	6.2
FY2015	8.6	12.1	6.7
FY2016	8.8	13.2	7.0
FY2017	9.3	13.8	7.3
FY2018	9.2	15.0	7.4
FY2010 – FY2018 9 Term Average	3 7.6	12.9	6.3
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FY2014-FY2018 5 Term Average	8.8	13.0	6.9

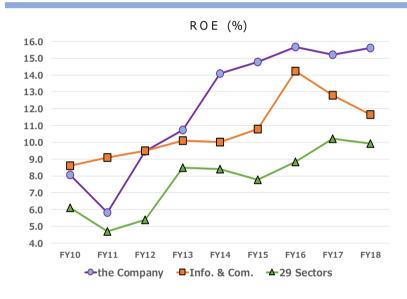
Net Profit ROS (%)



Net Profit ROS (%)

	the Company	Info. & Com.	29 Sectors
FY2010	3.9	5.9	2.6
FY2011	2.6	6.3	1.8
FY2012	4.0	6.6	2.2
FY2013	4.3	6.6	3.7
FY2014	5.6	6.7	3.9
FY2015	5.9	7.3	3.9
FY2016	6.6	9.9	4.4
FY2017	6.6	9.3	5.3
FY2018	6.8	9.0	5.2
FY2010 - FY2018	3		
9 Term Average	5.1	7.5	3.7
FY2014-FY2018			
5 Term Average	6.3	8.4	4.5

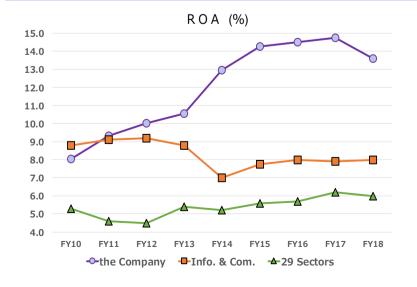
ROE



ROE (%)

	the Company	Info. & Com.	29 Sectors
FY2010	8.1	8.6	6.1
FY2011	5.8	9.1	4.7
FY2012	9.5	9.5	5.4
FY2013	10.7	10.1	8.5
FY2014	14.1	10.0	8.4
FY2015	14.8	10.8	7.8
FY2016	15.7	14.2	8.8
FY2017	15.2	12.8	10.2
FY2018	15.6	11.7	9.9
FY2010 - FY2018	3		
9 Term Average	12.2	10.8	7.8
FY2014-FY2018			
5 Term Average	15.1	11.9	9.0

ROA



ROA (%)

	the Company	Info. & Com.	29 Sectors
FY2010	8.0	8.8	5.3
FY2011	9.3	9.1	4.6
FY2012	10.0	9.2	4.5
FY2013	10.6	8.8	5.4
FY2014	13.0	7.0	5.2
FY2015	14.3	7.7	5.6
FY2016	14.5	8.0	5.7
FY2017	14.8	7.9	6.2
FY2018	13.6	8.0	6.0
FY2010 - FY2018	3		
9 Term Average	12.0	8.3	5.4
FY2014-FY2018	3		
5 Term Average	14.0	7.7	5.7

Valuation Data, Profitability Indicators and Ranking

Valuation and Market Data as of Dec. 6, 2018

Closing Price	3,620	Year High	4,875	1/2	5/2018
PER (estimated)	16.39	Year Low	2,530	8/13	3/2018
PER (actual)	17.99	6-Month % Change	9.3 %	(TOPIX)	-9.4 %
PBR (actual)	2.50	12-Month % Change	-19.1 %	(TOPIX)	-8.8 %
Dividend Yield (actual)	1.99 %	12-Month Historical Volatility	49.8 %	(TOPIX)	15.6 %
EV/EBITDA	9.00				
PSR (forecast)	1.12				
PSR (actual)	1.19				
Profitability Indicators and A	II-Company Ranki	nge Racad on Rusinass Results Announce	ad by the Com	nany	

Profitability Indicators and All-Company Rankings Based on Business Results Announced by the Company (29 sectors excluding financials) (calculated by Spring)

Fiscal Year		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Accounting Period		2014/03	2015/03	2016/03	2017/03	2018/03	2019/03
		Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Est.
No. of Companies		3365	3363	3443	3467	3512	3512
Sales	Y mil	22,028	25,063	28,775	30,893	33,328	35,500
Ranking		1895	1808	1742	1683	1637	1623
Operating Profit	Y mil	1,430	2,013	2,484	2,707	3,091	3,280
Ranking		1575	1383	1287	1275	1254	1229
Recurring Profit	Y mil	1,676	2,240	2,857	3,078	3,492	3,580
Ranking		1520	1355	1220	1186	1190	1189
Net Profit	Y mil	941	1,405	1,705	2,042	2,202	2,416
Ranking		1540	1324	1233	1180	1214	1176

^{*} Percentage from the Top is not calculated for this section to exclude company size effects.

%	6.5	8.0	0.0	0.0		
	0.0	0.0	8.6	8.8	9.3	9.2
%	5.5	5.7	6.2	6.7	7.3	7.4
	1120	888	906	925	892	882
%	33.3	26.4	26.3	26.7	25.4	25.1
%	7.6	8.9	9.9	10.0	10.5	10.1
%	5.8	5.9	6.2	6.7	7.4	7.5
	971	833	721	784	760	782
%	28.9	24.8	20.9	22.6	21.6	22.3
%	4.3	5.6	5.9	6.6	6.6	6.8
%	3.4	3.6	3.6	4.3	5.2	5.1
	1144	889	862	811	903	802
%	34.0	26.4	25.0	23.4	25.7	22.8
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ROE, ROA, Dividend Payout Ratio, and DOE Indicators and Rankings Based on Business Results Announced by the Company (29 sectors excluding financials) (calculated by Spring)

		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Accounting Period		2014/03	2015/03	2016/03	2017/03	2018/03	2019/03
		Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Est.
ROE	%	10.7	14.1	14.8	15.7	15.2	15.6
29 Sectors	%	8.5	8.4	7.8	8.8	10.2	9.9
Ranking		892	552	536	521	605	508
No. of Companies		3329	3340	3421	3438	3493	3507
Percentage from the Top	%	26.8	16.5	15.7	15.2	17.3	14.5

^{*} ROE is an important indicator, calculated as net profit / equity (~ shareholders' equity), that measures the final profit secured using shareholders' equity.

As the average of term-end equity of 2 terms is used as the denominator, companies posting zero or negative equity during the relevant terms are excluded.

ROE for the latest quarter is calculated using estimated net profit for this term and shareholders' equity as of the end of the previous term and of the latest quarter.

ROA	%	10.6	13.0	14.3	14.5	14.8	13.6
29 Sectors	%	5.4	5.2	5.6	5.7	6.2	6.0
Ranking		526	364	317	304	321	375
No. of Companies		3351	3355	3427	3450	3540	3512
Percentage from the Top	%	15.7	10.8	9.3	8.8	9.1	10.7

^{*} ROA is calculated as Earnings before Interest and Taxes (operating profit + interest revenue + dividend income and interest on securities) / total assets. It is justifiable for a company to expand its business by financial leverage using debt, if the company's ROA exceeds the company's financing cost (e.g. cost of issuing 10-year corporate bonds = 2%).

Interest coverage ratio shown on P11 indicates the ratio of Earnings before Interest and Taxes to financial expenses (interest and discount expenses), with 10 times regarded as ideal.

If the interest coverage ratio holds a sufficient level with a high ROA and Profit Ratio of Sales, a company has no problem in financing aggressively.

As the average of term-end equity of 2 terms is used as the denominator, companies unable to be measured with the same standard are excluded.

ROA for the latest quarter is calculated using estimated operating profit for this term and total assets as of the end of the previous term and of the latest quarter.

Dividend Payout Ratio	%	34.1	29.1	33.0	30.5	35.5	
29 Sectors	%	29.2	31.2	33.8	30.1	27.4	
Ranking		764	1075	813	1032	595	
No. of Companies		3365	3220	3238	3438	3525	
Percentage from the Top	%	22.7	33.4	25.1	30.0	16.9	

^{*} Dividend Payout Ratio is calculated as total dividend / net profit. It should be noted that it may differ from the figure announced by the companies calculated from profit per share according to the accounting principle.

Data for total annual dividend exceeding net profit and dividend of unprofitable companies are excluded from the rankings.

DOE	%	3.7	4.1	4.9	4.8	5.4	
29 Sectors	%	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.9	
Ranking		352	289	214	287	212	
No. of Companies		3365	3220	3238	3438	3493	
Percentage from the Top	%	10.5	9.0	6.6	8.3	6.1	

^{*} DOE, calculated as ROE times the dividend payout ratio, can be called the "true dividend payout ratio", and is closely tracked by global investors.

Its inverse (1 / DOE) equals the period (year) to recover shareholders' equity via the dividend.

As the average of term-end equity of two terms is used as the denominator, companies posting zero or negative equity during the relevant terms are excluded.



Spring Capital Co., Ltd.

Management Indicators, Cash Flow, and Financial Indicators Calculated by Spring based on Business Results Announced by the Company (million yen, %, multiple)

Fiscal Year Accounting Period		2013 2014/03	2014 2015/03	2015 2016/03	2016 2017/03	2017 2018/03	Latest Quarter
Data Source		Securities Report	Financial Results				
Current Ratio	%	230.7	238.0	255.1	293.3	284.8	322.4
Fixed Assets Ratio	%	68.3	59.6	59.2	54.7	57.9	54.7
Equity Ratio	%	59.5	60.8	63.3	66.9	62.6	65.7
Debt Ratio	%	67.2	63.8	57.9	49.5	59.8	52.2
D/E Ratio	%	6.3	2.9	1.9	1.5	9.1	7.3
Interest Coverage Ratio	Multiple	311.0	714.3	1,323.5	2,902.0	1,104.0	Calc. only at year-end
Financial Leverage	Multiple	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.5
CF from Operating Activities	Y mil	960	1,681	1,543	1,144	2,174	
CF from Investing Activities	Y mil	-466	178	-1,287	-505	-179	
CF from Financing Activities	Y mil	-757	8	-286	-604	-606	
(Cash and Cash Equivalents)	Y mil	(3,633)	(5,504)	(5,470)	(5,503)	(6,892)	
(EBITDA)	Y mil	(1,818)	(2,378)	(3,025)	(3,265)	(3,701)	

Review of Financial Soundness as of Dec. 6, 2018

Comparison with average data of all companies in the TSE 29 industrial sectors (excluding 4 financial sectors) and with the sector

		A 29 sectors	B Sector	Standard Criterion	Standard Value	Desirable Value	The Company	Result
Current Ratio	%	147.5	137.6	Lower of A or B	137.6	Higher	322.4	Positive
Fixed Assets Ratio	%	136.2	159.7	Higher of A or B	159.7	Lower	54.7	Positive
Equity Ratio	%	41.6	41.2	Lower of A or B	41.2	Higher	65.7	Positive
Debt Ratio	%	133.6	130.9	Higher of A or B	133.6	Lower	52.2	Positive
D/E Ratio	%	141.6	139.0	Higher of A or B	141.6	Lower	7.3	Positive

Corporate Information as of Dec. 6, 2018

Ticker Code 4674

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President

Stock Listings The Tokyo Stock Exchange, First Section

362,000

11.6%

TSE Industrial Sector Information & Communication

Investment Unit 100 shares

7/23/1997 2,514 mil yen Date of Listing Paid-in Capital Market Capitalization 43,440 mil yen ranked 1,208 of 3,713 companies Date of Establishment 9/9/1948 Accounting Period March 25-Day Average Trading Value 191 mil yen ranked 1,124 of 3,713 companies Market Cap as of March-end 2018

181 mil yen ranked 1,398 of 3,713 companies Major Shareholder Ownership 78.0% Average Trading Value in FY2017



Minimum Investment

Floating Stock Ratio

Hiroyuki Nemoto

42,720 mil yen ranked 1,295 of 3,713 companies

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