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## **Recognizing Social Issues**

The average global temperature has already risen by about 1.0°C from pre-industrial levels. The Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) states that if global warming continues to increase at the current rate and the rise in temperature far exceeds 1.5°C, there will be a significant impact on nature and human activities. The Special Report therefore points out the need to achieve net zero global carbon emissions by around 2050 in order to limit the temperature rise to 1.5°C. In response to the above forecast, 145 countries (including Japan)\*1 have declared their intention to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, with nations around the globe stepping up their measures to design carbon pricing and other mechanisms and invest in the development of energy technologies. In the industrial world, initiatives have been accelerated to change the energy and industrial structures, promote decarbonization throughout the supply chain based on a life cycle assessment (LCA), and encourage the effective use of decarbonization/ low-carbonization technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

## Mazda's Approach to Resolving Issues

## Reasons for Addressing Social Issues

As for the trends regarding vehicles around 2030, Mazda predicts that the fuel economy of vehicles as a whole will be further improved though the combination of highly efficient combustion engines, electric device technologies, highly efficient transmission systems and reduced body weight. Mazda also foresees technological innovation accelerating in accordance with fuel diversification. In addition, electric vehicles will be selected more often in regions where electricity can be generated with renewable energy or other cleaner sources. Energy decarbonization/low-carbonization and related technologies will be further promoted, which will intensify society-wide efforts to reduce environmental impact toward the achievement of carbon neutrality by 2050. As a proportion of Japan's total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, the entire transport sector contributes approximately 20%, with the automotive industry accounting for about 90% of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the sector. Mazda understands that, as a company belonging to the automotive industry, it has a duty to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions with

Mazda's perspective: "Well-to-Wheel" and "LCA"

the aim of curbing global warming. In order to preserve our beautiful earth for future generations, the Company will advance its initiatives toward the realization of a sustainable mobility society.

## Approach to Resolving Social Issues

Mazda announced that it will endeavor to achieve carbon neutrality for its entire supply chain by 2050. To accomplish this objective, the Company recognizes the importance of reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions throughout a vehicle's life cycle. For this reason, Mazda considers it necessary to provide its multi-solution, which enables the Company to offer various power unit choices that adapt to each region's energy sources and power generation methods, from both the perspective of well-to-wheel and the perspective of life cycle assessment (LCA). In manufacturing and logistics, the Mazda Group strives for energy value maximization and energy diversification, aiming to achieve reductions in the global total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from plants/offices and logistics operations. The Group will continue these efforts, which must be made throughout the entire supply chain, with the cooperation of local governments and other industries.



\*1 Compiled at the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry by counting countries participating in the Climate Ambition Alliance, countries that have expressed their commitment to achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 by submitting long-term strategies to the United Nations, and countries that expressed their commitment to achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 at the Climate Summit in April 2021, COP 26, and other events. (As of October 2022)

Average anthropogenic temperature increase since the industrialization



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# Efforts Regarding Product and Technology Development

## Approach to Product Environmental Performance

As vehicle ownership continues to expand around the world, automobile manufacturers must redouble their efforts to achieve cleaner exhaust emissions, and improve fuel economy in order to cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and help reduce the world's dependence on increasingly scarce fossil fuels. Mazda considers it necessary to develop a multiple-solution approach to automobile-related environmental issues that takes into account various factors such as regional characteristics, vehicle characteristics and types of fuel.

## Addressing Global Warming

Mazda sees reducing emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases over the vehicle's entire lifecycle—including manufacturing, use and disposal—as one of its top priorities and a duty of automotive industry. The Company wants to maximize its contribution by considering not only "tank-to-wheel" emissions that occur while driving but also "well-to-wheel" emissions, including fuel extraction, refining and power generation (well-to-tank). Offering a number of powertrain options in consideration of each region's energy sources and power generation methods will allow Mazda to make the optimum contribution to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reductions by region.

#### The "Well-to-Wheel" Perspective

Make efforts to reduce  $CO_2$  emissions from the perspective of "well-to-wheel," with the aim of reducing emissions over a vehicle's entire lifecycle.

Conceptual diagram of Well-to-Wheel\*



\* Where fossil fuel is extracted and used to drive a vehicle.

## | Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) is a method for calculating and evaluating the environmental influence of vehicles across their entire life cycle through the purchase of materials, manufacture, use, recycling, and final disposal. Since 2009, Mazda has adopted LCA as a means of determining the time required to reduce the environmental impact of vehicles in their life cycle, and has been actively working to reduce the environmental impact at each stage of the life cycle. The Company is also promoting evaluation of the practicability and reliability of new technologies for environmental performance in compliance with the methods specified in the international standards (ISO 14040 and ISO 14044).

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### Building Block Concept

To realize its goal of reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and raising the average fuel economy of Mazda vehicles, Mazda is rolling out multi-solutions through effective development and production via measures such as bundled planning and common architecture, based on the Building Block concept that enables the Company to efficiently deliver superior technologies by layering fundamental technologies atop one another in stages. Through this Building Block concept and advances in process innovations, such as Model Based Development (IP 84), and *Monotsukuri* Innovation (IP 83), Mazda will, despite limited management resources, offer products and technologies that exceed customers' expectations.

## Continuous Evolution of Skyactiv Technology

The term Skyactiv Technology covers all Mazda's innovative technologies. Mazda redesigned these technologies from scratch, enhancing the efficiency of powertrain components and its electrification, such as the engine and transmission, reducing vehicle body weight, and improving aerodynamics. The number of models featuring Skyactiv Technology has steadily increased globally since the Skyactiv-G engine was introduced in 2011 in the Demio (known as Mazda2 overseas). Mazda is continuously evolving Skyactiv Technology by actively introducing new technologies.





#### The Latest Skyactiv Technology

- 2019: Introduced new-generation technologies, including the Skyactiv-X engine, set to become the world's first commercial gasoline engine to use compression ignition.\*1 This engine is a new internal combustion engine unique to Mazda, which combines the advantages of gasoline and diesel engines to achieve outstanding environmental performance and uncompromised power and acceleration performance.
- 2020: Introduced vehicles newly equipped with its electrification technology, e-Skyactiv. Continued development of Skyactiv Multi-Solution Scalable Architecture, a platform that supports electrification technology.
- 2021: Newly developed e-Skyactiv D equipped with a new straight-six-cylinder engine with large displacement and powerful torque characteristics, as well as a small motor for effective environmental performance, and e-Skyactiv PHEV, Mazda's first plug-in hybrid system.
- 2022: Introduced the Mazda MX-30 e-Skyactiv R-EV, a series-type plug-in hybrid model which can also be used as a battery EV, while keeping the basic value provided by the conventional MX-30. The rotary engine is adopted as a generator, and enables further long-distance driving with the electricity it generates.

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## Energy Transition up to 2030

During a period of transition to EVs up to around 2030, Mazda sees its Multi-Solution approach as an effective one. Mazda offers a variety of solutions, including internal combustion engines, electrification technologies and alternative fuels, so that it can provide appropriate combinations that suit power generation conditions in each region. On the other hand, Mazda estimates that the EV ratio of its global sales in 2030 will be between 25 and 40%, depending on each country's or region's electrification policies or more stringent regulations. Since the end of 2021, various variable factors became apparent, such as regulatory tendencies, energy crises, and power shortages. Furthermore, it is extremely uncertain how each of these will develop in the future. Mazda must be flexible and adaptive to coming changes, such as changes in regulations, consumer needs and acceptance levels, and infrastructure development. To this end, the Company will steadily work on the transition to electrification in three phases, proceeding with electrification step by step with the cooperation of its partner companies.

- Phase 1 (2022–2024): By fully using its technology assets of multiple electrification technology, Mazda will launch attractive products while also meeting market regulations. In this phase, Mazda will improve profitability with the introduction of large products, offering plug-in hybrids (PHEV) and diesel engines with a mild hybrid system (MHEV) that achieve both environmental and driving performance. In addition, Mazda will develop technologies for battery EV (BEV) in a full-fledged manner.
- Phase 2 (2025–2027): In order to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> by improving fuel economy in the phase of transition to EVs, Mazda will introduce new hybrid systems, further refining its multi-electrification technologies. In addition, Mazda will pursue collaborations with partner companies in areas such as developing highly efficient production technologies for electric drive units and joint development of inverters for the progress of electrification.
- Phase 3 (2028–2030): Mazda moves forward in its efforts for the full-fledged launch of battery EV models, it will also consider the possibilities, including investing in battery production based on the extent of changes in the external environment and progress in strengthening our financial foundation.

Through these three phases, Mazda will steadily push forward with its electrification strategies that adapt to regional characteristics and

### | Electric Vehicles Full of the Joy of Driving

Mazda is also committed to developing electric vehicles (EVs) in line with its "Sustainable Zoom-Zoom 2030" vision. Based on the Well-to-Wheel perspective, the Company believes that its electric driving technology for EVs is the optimal solution for a region with sufficient clean energy resources or a region with air pollution control norms. Mazda is promoting the commercialization of EVs full of the joy of driving in these regions. In addition, from the perspective of a vehicle's life cycle, Mazda desires to contribute to substantive reduction of the global environmental impact by installing appropriately sized batteries. In October 2019, the Company unveiled its first mass-production EV, the MX-30, which was launched globally starting in September 2020.

MX-30 EV Model



## VPP Demonstration Experiment for EV Drive Battery Reuse Technologies

Mazda has completed a demonstration experiment<sup>\*1</sup>—jointly conducted with Chugoku Electric Power Co., Inc., and Meidensha Corporation—to ascertain whether EV batteries can be reused as a resource for virtual power plants (VPPs).<sup>\*2</sup> As part of the demonstration experiment, Mazda was able to acquire the underlying technology needed to aggregate and control multiple EV batteries. The Company also gained data on aspects such as battery responsiveness and degradation properties. Going forward, Mazda will utilize these to investigate new services derived from the fusion of vehicle elements and energy, and continue to contribute to the global environment and local communities.

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Mazda's development of vehicle motor technologies is recognized with the Chairman's Award at NEDO's Energy Conservation Technology Development Awards

Mazda has been recognized with the Chairman's Award, a prize only given to the most outstanding companies, at the NEDO 2022 Energy Conservation Technology Development Awards-which is organized by the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO)\*1-for its development of vehicle motor variable magnetic field technologies. The technology was highly praised for its ability to vary the size of magnetic fields (conventionally fixed) to respond to driving conditions, and to ensure motor performance for different driving conditions so as to increase the power generated by the motor. It is predicted to improve fuel economy for hybrid vehicles that use conventional motors by 15% (fuel economy as measured using WLTC modes)<sup>\*2</sup> by allowing combination with high-efficiency internal combustion engines, as introducing this technology improves efficiency for the motor's practical range and increases the amount of deceleration energy regeneration. In the future, Mazda will apply this technology to its plug-in hybrids and EVs to extend their operational distances via motor drives, while raising energy efficiency to lessen their environmental impact.

#### Being recognized at the NEDO Energy Conservation Technology Development Awards

- \*1 In order to promote economic growth as well as sustainable energy conservation, NEDO welcomes applications from private companies and others working on technical development themes that can contribute to energy conservation, and subsidizes some of their research costs through its Strategic Innovation Program for Energy Conservation Technologies, which runs from FY March 2013 to FY March 2025. The Energy Conservation Technology Development Awards are presented to companies whose results have made an excellent contribution to energy conservation.
- <sup>\*</sup>2 Worldwide Harmonized Light Vehicles Test Cycle: an international testing method for emissions and fuel economy that consists of different running modes (simulating urban, suburban, and highway driving) with average usage times for each.

<sup>\*1</sup> https://newsroom.mazda.com/ja/publicity/release/2019/201910/191017a.pdf (Japanese only)

<sup>\*2</sup> A VPP gathers the numerous dispersed power sources owned by general households or factories, such as renewable energy, EVs, and batteries, and integrates and controls them as if they were a single generation plant.

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### Promoting Technologies for Carbon-neutral Fuels

Toward the achievement of carbon neutrality (hereinafter "CN") through its products, Mazda addresses environmental issues based on a multiple-solution approach, by endeavoring to spread carbon-neutral fuels (hydrogen, next-generation biofuel, synthetic fuel, etc.) required to vehicles equipped with internal combustion engines, such as hybrids (HEV) and plug-in hybrids (PHEV), in addition to developing electrification technology for HEV, PHEV and battery electric vehicles (BEV). The Company believes that liquid fuel is valued as a useful energy source for automobiles and other movable bodies for its excellent storability and high energy density, contributing to energy security of the entire society promoted by energy diversification. However, the use of petroleum-based fuels mined from underground increases CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere and contributes to global warming. Next-generation biofuels and synthetic fuels can be used to produce gasoline and diesel substitutes with materials that absorb or recover CO<sub>2</sub> from the environment. Therefore, Mazda believes that the use of these fuels is one of the effective and realistic methods to address environmental issues that can significantly contribute to reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from vehicles including those already sold, without requiring additional infrastructure.

#### Compatibility with Bioethanol and Biodiesel Mixed Fuel

Mixed fuels, which include bioethanol or biodiesel (fatty acid methyl ester [FAME]) made from plant materials, are used in some regions for their effectiveness in reducing  $CO_2$  emissions. Mazda sells vehicles that are compatible with these fuels.

## Efforts for the Spread of Next-generation Automotive Liquid Fuel

Mazda aims to expand the use of next-generation biofuels made from microalgae oil and used edible oil with excellent sustainability since they do not compete with food production and do not cause deforestation, unlike conventional biofuels made from food crops such as corn. Unlike conventional biofuels such as bioethanol and FAME, the next-generation fuels are hydrocarbon fuels equivalent to gasoline and light oil. For this reason, the Company expects them to be able to completely replace petroleum-based fuels.

#### R&D for Microalgae

In order to achieve mass production of next-generation biofuels in the future, Mazda considers it necessary to promote the mass cultivation of microalgae with a high production capacity per unit area compared to vegetable resources which are the raw materials for edible oils. Toward this goal, the Company is currently promoting R&D for microalgae through industry-academia-government collaboration. In 2017, Mazda opened a joint research course called the "Next-generation Automotive Technology Joint Research Course-Algae Energy Creation Laboratory" at a graduate school of Hiroshima University. Since 2021, with support from the "Program on open innovation platform for industry academia co-creation (COI NEXT)," sponsored by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), research continues into improving algae performance using genome editing technology in collaboration with Hiroshima University and Tokyo Institute of Technology. Alongside these efforts, in 2020, Mazda became a member of the Institute of Microalgae Technology, Japan (IMAT)-which has a site on Osakikamijima-cho in Hiroshima Prefecture, in 2022 it also joined MATSURI (Microalgae Towards Sustainable & Resilient Industry), a consortium whose projects have been selected by the NEDO Green Innovation Fund for support. Mazda continues to work with researchers and other companies to develop industrial uses for microalgae and related technologies.

#### Demonstration Tests of Next-generation Biodiesel Fuels

Mazda also aims to expand the use of next-generation biofuels by conducting demonstration tests. In 2018, the Hiroshima Council of Automotive Industry-Academia-Government, in which the Company participates, and Euglena Co., Ltd. jointly launched a "Your Green Fuel" project, which established an entire biofuel value chain – from material manufacture and supply to the use of next-generation biodiesel fuels – as a "local production for local consumption model" within the Hiroshima area. Since 2020, Mazda has continued demonstration tests with its companyowned vehicles running on next-generation biodiesel fuels. The Company is increasing such tests of next-generation biodiesel fuels through various activities, including participation in the Super Endurance Race, one of the motorsports in Japan, since 2021, and operation of buses to transport Sanfrecce Hiroshima players in home games since 2022. In cooperation with our partners throughout the entire biofuel value chain, from material purchasing, fuel manufacture, and supply to the use of next-generation biofuels, Mazda will continue its efforts to expand the use of such fuels and other CN fuels.

## TOPICS Technical research into manufacturing bioethanol fuel for vehicles

In March 2023, Mazda announced that it would be joining the Research Association of Biomass Innovation for Next-Generation Automobile Fuels (raBit), an organization formed by ENEOS Corporation, Suzuki Motor Corporation, Subaru Corporation, Daihatsu Motor Co., Ltd., Toyota Motor Corporation, and Toyota Tsusho Corporation. The research on improving production technology for bioethanol fuel and using CO<sub>2</sub> generated during bioethanol fuel production, which the Research Association has been promoting as part of a range of diverse options for achieving carbon neutrality, coincide with the idea promoted by Mazda of providing more options with its multi-solution strategy, and this synchronicity led Mazda to take the step of joining the Research Association.

Mazda joins Research Association of Biomass Innovation for Next Generation Automobile Fuels

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## Participation in Motor Sports with Carbon-neutral Fuels

Toward the achievement of a carbon-neutral society, Mazda uses 100% biomass-derived, next-generation biodiesel fuel made from used edible oil and microalgae oil for racing vehicles equipped with diesel engines, with the aim of spreading the use of next-generation biodiesel fuels. Since 2022, the Company has entered its MAZDA SPIRIT RACING MAZDA2 Bio concept in Super Taikyu Series and in November 2022 participated in the final race at the Suzuka Circuit with a car based on the Mazda3 for the first time. Unlike conventional biodiesel fuels, next-generation biodiesel fuels, which are made from sustainable materials such as used edible oil and microalgae oil, do not compete with food production. Furthermore, they can be used as fuels replacing light oil for exiting vehicles and equipment, without requiring additional infrastructure related to fuel supply, and are expected to be excellent liquid fuels that contribute to CN.

From the summer of 2023 onward, the MAZDA SPIRIT RACING ROADSTER/MX-5 participated in the ST-Q class, and the Company will continue to take on the challenge of successfully trialing carbon-neutral fuels as a replacement for gasoline. Mazda aims to conduct demonstration tests by participating in races with its vehicles running on carbon-neutral fuels, and to contribute to the maintenance and revitalization of motorsports in Japan in addition to the increased use of such fuels.



MAZDA SPIRIT RACING MAZDA2 Bio concept

## Development of Resin Material for Auto Parts for Weight Reduction

In addition to Skyactiv Technology, which is developed with the whole concept of weight reduction, Mazda actively adopt new technologies for reducing weights in detailed parts. Mazda will continue to pursue weight reduction by using resin, aluminum, ultra-high-tensile steel and other materials having both lightness and strength.

#### One of the Lightest Bumpers in Its Class Uses Resin Materials

Mazda has developed a new resin material for auto parts that can maintain the same level of rigidity as conventional materials while trimming vehicle weight. Because the new resin enables the manufacture of thinner parts and thus a significant reduction in the amount of material used, when used for front and rear bumpers, this resulted in the reduction of weight by around 20%. In the manufacturing process, thinner parts have enabled the shortening of cooling time upon shaping and halved the shaping time of bumpers partly due to the utilization of CAE analysis techniques. This resulted in a drastic reduction of the amount of energy used in manufacturing. Mazda further reduced the specific gravity of this new resin bumper by around 4%. The resultant bumper, one of the lightest in its class,\*1 has been mounted on a series of new generation models. The new bumper was attached to the CX-30 in FY March 2020, to the MX-30 in FY March 2021, to the CX-5 in FY March 2022, and to the CX-60 and Mazda2 in FY March 2023.

## Development of Lightweight Wiring Harness Using Aluminum Electric Wire

Mazda has developed a lightweight wiring harness using aluminum electric wire, which enables the Company to achieve vehicle weight reduction while maintaining connection reliability (quality). Since equipping the Roadster/MX-5, launched in 2015, with this lightweight wiring harness, the Company has been increasing the number of models<sup>\*2</sup> that incorporate the material. In FY March 2023, the lightweight wiring harness was adopted in the CX-60.

Aluminum electric wire of the Roadster/MX-5 Connection between capacitor and DC-DC converter Connection between DC-DC converter and battery



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### Taking on the Challenge of Achieving CN at Our Factories around the Globe by 2035

As a milestone on its road to achieving carbon neutrality (hereinafter "CN") throughout the entire supply chain by 2050, Mazda will endeavor to achieve carbon neutrality in its global factories by 2035.

To achieve CN, the Company will promote the following three pillars of its efforts, in collaboration with partner companies. In addition, the Company will promote an optimum approach in overseas factories modeled on initiatives in Japan.

#### Three Pillars to Achieve CN

- (1) Energy Saving
- (2) Shift to Renewable Energies
- (3) Introduction of Carbon-neutral Fuels for In-house Transportation

#### Road Map for CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Reduction



\*1 1,500 to 2,000 cc class, as of March 2017, according to Mazda data

\*2 Models adopting the lightweight wiring harness (as of September 2023): Roadster/MX-5, Mazda3, CX-30, Mazda6, CX-5, CX-8, CX-9, CX-60, CX-90 and MX-30

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## Efforts Regarding Manufacturing and Logistics

Mazda promotes the efficient use of energy while aiming to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the areas of manufacturing and logistics.

## [Manufacturing] Energy-Saving / Measures to Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions

#### <FY March 2023 Results (compared with FY March 2014)>

- Total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from Mazda's four principal domestic sites\*1 reduced by 33.4% compared with FY March 2014 (371 thousand t-CO<sub>2</sub>)\*2
- Emissions per unit of sales revenue reduced by 54.3% (12.3  $t-CO_2/100$  million yen)

Production sites in Japan and abroad promote activities to improve the facility operation rate and shorten the cycle time, and take measures to cut losses at each step from production to consumption of energy. Under Monotsukuri Innovation, Mazda strives to reduce per-unit energy consumption. The Monotsukuri Innovation is the initiative to achieve a breakthrough in "sharing a completely new concept beyond the boundaries of models," in order to improve quality and brand value, as well as to increase profit margins, while flexibly responding to the requirements for the manufacture of several models and changes in production volume. (EP83)

- Material: Reduced material weight by using thinner casted and forged parts, and reduced energy consumption by shortening the forging cycle time and downsizing the capacity of melting and heat treatment equipment.
- Processing and assembly: Evolved conventional flexible manufacturing lines to realize higher-efficiency, mixed flow production. Also pursued more efficient manufacturing by ensuring a smooth flow of lines and by consolidating and integrating lines.
- Press: Reduced the amount of scraps generated in manufacturing of press parts, and retrieved parts from scraps to reduce the amount of use of steel sheets. Also achieved multi-pressing, which performs molding of several parts using a single die, resulting in both integration of processes and reduction of energy consumption.
- Paint: Completed the introduction of the Aqua-Tech Paint System, a new water-based painting technology realized through the integration of painting functions and highly efficient painting technologies, into the Hofu Plant No. 2. Also introduced the Aqua-Tech Paint System to global production sites, resulting in reduced energy use and a substantial reduction of VOC (volatile organic compound) emissions.

## Use of Renewable Energy

Mazda promotes the use of renewable energy<sup>\*3</sup> for in-house power.

- Solar panels were installed at the Hiroshima Plant, and operation of the solar power generation system was started in July 2021. The system generated 1.86 GWh in FY March 2023. Electricity generated by this system is used to charge the batteries of MX-30 EV models produced at the plant and for other manufacturing processes there.
- At the Hofu Plant, solar-powered units have been introduced in some corridor lighting.
- A solar power system is installed on the roof of the radio wave experiment building of the Miyoshi Office. The amount of electricity generated by this system in FY March 2023 was 28.3 MWh. Electricity generated by this system is used to provide power and lighting for the building, thereby continuously contributing to the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
- Mazda de Mexico Vehicle Operation (MMVO) in Mexico installed outdoor solar lighting, thereby promoting effective use of renewable energy using solar power and LEDs.

Amount of electricity generated from renewable energy (P112)



Hiroshima Plant (Head Office) building with solar panels installed



MX-30 EV model being charged

on the rooftop

#### Photovoltaic Generation Report (Japanese only)

\*1 Head office (Hiroshima); Miyoshi Plant; Hofu Plant, Nishinoura District; Hofu Plant, Nakanoseki District (including non-manufacturing areas such as product development) \*2 Calculated on a location-based. The emission coefficient used is based on criteria in the

Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association's Carbon Neutral Action Plan. \*3 Refers to natural energy sources that can be used continuously without being depleted, such as electricity generation using solar, wind, geothermal, hydroelectric or biomass power, or direct solar heating. These types of energy generate zero or negligible CO2 emissions

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#### Conclusion of offsite corporate PPA on solar power generation with local companies

In March 2023, with an eye to bringing about a carbon-neutral society, Mazda concluded an offsite corporate PPA\*1 to procure electricity from renewable sources with a number of local companies: Toyo Seat Co., Ltd. (hereinafter "Toyo Seat"); Choshu Industry Co., Ltd. (hereinafter "Choshu Industry"); and The Chugoku Electric Power Co., Ltd. (hereinafter "Chugoku Electric Power").\*2 Under the PPA, Choshu Industry will serve as the electric power producer, with Choshu Industry and Mazda installing new solar power generation facilities on unused land in the Chugoku region, using those facilities to generate electricity, which will then be sold to Chugoku Electric Power. Chugoku Electric Power will then supply this electricity to Toyo Seat and Mazda as a source of renewable energy. This agreement represents the Chugoku region's first offsite corporate PPA involving more than one electric power consumer. From April this year, under the PPA, Chugoku Electric Power will commence, in stages, the supply of approximately 4,900 kW in renewable energy generated by solar panels to plants and other places of business belonging to Toyo Seat and Mazda. These arrangements are expected to reduce annual carbon dioxide emissions by approximately 2,610 tons. The four parties to this agreement, as businesses involved in supplying and consuming electric power, remain committed to encouraging the further use of renewable energy in the Chugoku region, aiming through such activities to make further contributions to the sustainable development of the local economy and the achievement of a carbon-neutral society.

#### Offsite corporate PPA concept



#### Conclusion of offsite corporate PPA on solar power generation

- \*1. An Offsite Corporate PPA (Power Purchase Agreement) is a long-term contract for the purchase of electric power under which a company producing electric power through solar power generation facilities agrees to provide power generated using those facilities to a designated user or users based in a location separate from the solar power generation facilities, supplying that power to them via an electric power transmission network operated by an electric power retailer.
- \*2. In 2022, Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry provided subsidies to cover a portion of the expense of installing solar power generation facilities in cases where consumers of electric power coordinated with an electric power producer to establish such facilities. These subsidies are intended to promote such collaborations and encourage wider adoption of independent initiatives to establish renewable energy sources. contributing to a reliable, long-term supply-demand balance in energy use during the period up until 2030, thereby supporting the achievement of ambitious targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

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#### Establishment of the Council for Utilizing Namikata Terminal as a Hub for Introducing Fuel Ammonia

In April 2023, Mazda agreed to establish the "Council for Utilizing Namikata Terminal as a Hub for Introducing Fuel Ammonia" (hereinafter referred to as the "Council") with Shikoku Electric Power Company, Taiyo Oil Company, Taiyo Nippon Sanso Company, Mitsubishi Corporation, Namikata Terminal Company, and Mitsubishi Corporation Clean Energy,<sup>\*1</sup> in order to study the possibility of turning Namikata Terminal,\*2 located in Imabari City, Ehime Prefecture, into a hub for clean energies. The Council will be served as joint secretariats by Mitsubishi Corporation and Shikoku Electric Power Company. The Council's agenda will include scheduling, legal and regulatory issues, efficient use of the terminal, measures to grow demand for fuel ammonia in the area and other issues, based on the assumption that the existing LPG tanks owned by Mitsubishi Corporation at the terminal will be converted to ammonia tanks and that the terminal will become a hub handling approximately 1 million tons of ammonia per year by 2030. The Council will work to unite public and private interests to reestablish Namikata Terminal as a clean energy hub, create new clean energy industries in the region, and help the sustainable development of the local economy.



#### Namikata Terminal

#### Establishment of the Council for Utilizing Namikata Terminal as a Hub for Introducing Fuel Ammonia

- \*1 Ehime Prefecture, Imabari City, Saijo City, Niihama City, and Shikokuchuo City also participate as observers.
- \*2 Some petroleum-related facilities of the terminal are owned by Taiyo Oil Company and the others are owned by Mitsubishi Corporation. The terminal is operated by Namikata Terminal Company.

## [Logistics] Initiatives for Reducing CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions during Product Shipment

Mazda is working with logistics companies, dealerships, and other automakers throughout Japan to provide customers with the volume they require, with the precise timing they expect, while reducing  $CO_2$  emissions during product shipment through highly efficient logistics across the entire supply chain.

#### <FY March 2023 Results>

Total domestic transportation volume was approximately 460 million ton-kilometers.

In FY March 2023, CO $_2$  emission per ton-kilometer was re-

duced by 10.7% compared with FY March 2014 levels.





#### <Specific Initiatives>

In logistics, Mazda continued its efforts to reduce  $CO_2$  emission in the following three fields by visualizing in detail hidden logistics in each process on a global level.

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(Thousands

of tons)

80.0

70.0

60.0

50.0

40.0

30.0

20.0

10.0

100.0

71.2

2014

Total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions and Reductions for Logistics: Japan

92.4

73.7

2019

92.1

69.

2020

897

59.3

2021

89.3

607

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2023 (Years ended March 31)

88.4

58.6

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#### 1. Delivering completed vehicles

#### <Japan/Overseas>

For its domestic marine transport of its vehicles, Mazda is promoting shared transport with other companies to improve transport efficiency and reduce environmental impact. In the case of international marine transport, ensuring ships are fully loaded allows the Company to load more vehicles, but it has also started using new, more environmentally friendly LNG tankers. By actively using these to transport vehicles, Mazda is reducing its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Elsewhere, with the aim of further decarbonization going forward, Mazda is moving forward with deliberations and studies with a range of partners—including shipping companies, logistics companies, energy-related companies, and local public organizations—and is continuing in-depth investigations into the technologies, fuels, equipment, and other elements needed to achieve carbon neutrality in the medium or long term.

#### 2. Transport of service parts

#### <Japan>

Mazda is striving to improve the rate of modal shift regarding the transportation of service parts. The Company has also used large returnable containers, originally introduced to transport parts overseas, for domestic transportation to improve the loading efficiency of JR containers, thereby contributing to the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. In FY March 2023, Mazda's railway transportation rate was 25%, reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by around 159 tons. In addition, the Company switched production of replacement bumpers and some sheet metal parts to the Tokai region and eliminated internal transportation, instead sending these directly overseas, without needing to be taken to the Hiroshima Plant first, via Nagoya Port. These measures have reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by around 260 tons.

#### <Overseas>

The Company shifted the production of replacement bumpers from its Mexican plant to North American plants, where transport volumes are higher, in 2021. This reduced  $CO_2$  emissions by around 150 tons in FY March 2023.

#### 3. Transport of procured parts

#### <Japan>

For trucks transporting procured parts in Japan, the Company introduced the Cloud-based Transportation/Delivery Progress Management Service for Logistics Operations<sup>\*1</sup> in 2016. This has resulted in shorter delivery times during transport, lower costs, and higher quality, but also reduced the burden on drivers, alleviated traffic congestions, and reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions due to the more efficient transportation of items. By utilizing this system and reviewing cargo handling operations, Mazda is also working to improve truck turnover rates and reduce truck waiting time in the plants. The Company is working to enlarge the scope of straight logistics-i.e., after the manufacture of parts to be exported to overseas assembly plants is completed, they are packaged and loaded into containers at the same location without the need for shipment between production locations and distribution centers. Now this straight logistics system has been expanded to cover engines, transmissions and auto body parts produced at Hiroshima Plant and the Hofu Plant. In FY March 2023, by applying this system to a broader range of parts destined for the Mexico Plant, the Company reduced  $CO_2$  emissions by around 5 tons. Moreover, using JR cargo transport, introducing full trailer, and by working to investigate the viability of introducing biofuels for delivery trucks, Mazda will aim to achieve carbon neutrality.

#### <Overseas>

The Company is now introducing new standard containers for parts to be transported in containers from Japan to overseas assembly plants. This makes us possible to eliminate the empty space inside the containers. It also reduces the number of containers and the number of transportation truck services.

The Company is also working to reduce the inventory and transportation of unnecessary parts by shipping the parts to overseas plants at the timing they are needed. In addition, for the future, the Company is in discussions with shipping companies to introduce alternative fuels with lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to its container carriers. With these steps, the Company expects to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by around 1,700 tons per year.

## TOPICS

## Subscription to convertible bonds issued by Euglena Co., Ltd.

Mazda decided to subscribe to unsecured convertible bonds to be issued by Euglena Co., Ltd. ("Euglena"). Mazda will, through the subscription, support Euglena's biofuels business that aims to expand the use of next-generation biofuels. Euglena announced that it had been studying with two leading overseas energy companies the possibility of developing and operating a biorefinery in Malaysia to commercialize its biofuel business as well as increase adoption of next-generation biofuels.

Mazda has set a target of being carbon neutral across its entire supply chain by 2050. The company has been pursuing a multi-solution strategy that will provide a range of available solutions suitable to the specific circumstances of each region. One of these options is the expansion of next-generation biofuels. Mazda has decided to participate in this bond issuance because Mazda believes the project in which Euglena is engaged will promote greater use of next-generation biofuels and significantly contribute to realizing carbon neutrality. Mazda anticipates procuring the next-generation biofuels produced through this project and will give consideration to using the fuel in its internal logistics and other operations.

#### Subscription to Convertible Bonds Issued by Euglena

\*1 The Cloud-based Transportation/Delivery Progress Management Service for Logistics Operators, developed by DOCOMO Systems, Inc.

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## Response to TCFD

## Basic Approach

In May 2019, Mazda declared its support for the recommendations from the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)\*1 and joined the TCFD Consortium,\*2 showing its commitment to strengthening its efforts to address climate change. In addition, in January 2021, the Company announced that it would endeavor to achieve carbon neutrality (hereinafter "CN") throughout the entire supply chain by 2050.

## | Governance

#### **Transition Risks**

Taking on the challenge of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050, Mazda has assigned a director to oversee its decarbonization strategy and executive officers to be in charge of CN. Under the leadership of a department charged with promoting CN strategy, a specialized team made up of members from multiple departments formulates strategies and implements plans based on the strategies that have been formulated so far. In addition, in order to promote the execution of plans throughout the Company, we have started a management approach that integrates CN initiatives into the existing

### Major risks and opportunities

ISO 14001 Environmental Management System (EMS). The CN strategies are deliberated<sup>\*3</sup> at the Executive Committee Meetings and the Board of Directors attended by the representative directors and president. Also, issues concerning sustainability, including the initiative for climate change, are reported to the Board of Directors in a timely and appropriate manner.

#### **Physical Risks**

Torrential rain disaster response, which is an acute physical risk associated with climate change, has been managed as part of our Business Continuity Plan (BCP) under our emergency risk management structure.

In addition, in response to concerns about storm surges and water depletion, which are chronic physical risks, we are promoting reinforcement of seawall infrastructure and water resources conservation efforts in our operation led by specialized departments.

### | Strategy

Based on IPCC and IEA scenarios, policy and regulatory trends, and industry trends, Mazda formulated a scenario based on its own assumptions and recognized the following as the main risks and opportunities.

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	Policy and Legal	• Stricter regulations on fuel economy and exhaust gas emissions, carbon pricing, including introduction of carbon tax
Transition Risks	Technology	• Increase in resources to develop electrification technologies, including electric drive system or batteries
	Market	<ul> <li>Rise in raw material prices for electrification and weight reduction and tight procurement of semiconductor components</li> <li>Energy price spikes and supply instability due to tight fossil fuel and renewable energy supplies caused by political conditions and market forces</li> </ul>
	Reputation	Implications on investment decisions considering ESG by investors
Physical Risks	Acute	• Damage by torrential rain, production halts caused by supply chain disruptions, health hazards caused by heat waves
	Chronic	<ul> <li>Increasing impact of production halts due to severe and frequent natural disasters, higher frequency of high tide caused by rising sea levels, water resources depletion and rising water prices necessary for operations, spread of tropical diseases</li> </ul>

	Resource efficiency	Efficient use of raw materials through thorough material recycling
	Energy Resource	<ul> <li>Stable reception of carbon neutral electricity by promoting the expansion of demand and supply of electricity</li> <li>Diverse selection of renewable energy sources</li> </ul>
Opportunities	Products and Services, Markets	<ul> <li>Deployment of products that suit each region through Building-Block concept and multi-solution</li> <li>Diversification of products that adapt to next-generation automobile fuels (alternative fuels such as biofuels, synthetic fuels, etc.)</li> <li>Expansion of market opportunities through deployment of product that suit each region and diversification of products</li> </ul>

## Specific Initiatives

Mazda is implementing the following initiatives as part of its efforts to seize opportunities and avoid, or minimize the impact of, the risks it faces.

#### Acquiring Opportunities and Avoiding Transition Risks

- Enhancing development of electrification technology: Mazda is working toward electrification over three phases that take the Company to 2030 (EP16)
- Efforts to expand demand for carbon-neutral electricity in the Chugoku region: At the Carbon Neutral Electricity Promotion Subcommittee, an expert subcommittee of the Chugoku Region Carbon Neutrality Promotion Council that Mazda joined in 2021, the Company has worked with collaboration partners to formulate a roadmap to help spread supply and demand for electricity that comes from renewable energy sources. From 2023 onward, Mazda is carrying out studies to put the roadmap into practice, and is moving toward the implementation stage.

#### Avoiding or Minimizing Physical Risks

- Development of a system to rapidly respond to damage from torrential rainfall and other disasters:
  - BCP: as part of its BCP, Mazda theorizes natural disasters, and works continuously to improve its response through infrastructure and systems.
  - Supply chain: working with suppliers, Mazda has introduced SCR (Supply Chain Resiliency) Keeper, a supply chain risk management system, and endeavors to quickly gain information on its sites should something occur, and to improve the speed with which it can react.
- Logistics network: Mazda has developed an emergency communication system with transportation companies, and has ranked the impact posed by typhoons, torrential rains, etc. The Company is putting in place a system that, based on damage-avoidance responses set for each ranking, will maintain cooperation with the production system, while also minimizing the impact on operations.

\*2 An organization established in Japan, aimed at holding discussions regarding climate change on effective corporate information disclosure and efforts for leading disclosed information to appropriate decision-making on investment by financial institutes and other entities. The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, the Financial Services Agency, and the Ministry of the Environment participate in the consortium as observers. \*3 As of June 2023, reported and debated four times at the Board of Directors.

<sup>\*1</sup> TCFD: Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures A private sector organization set up by the Financial Stability Board (FSB), in response to the request from the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors.

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#### **I Risk Management** Transition Risks

## Major risks and opportunities are identified based on the review of scenarios issued by the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and International Energy Agency (IEA), policies and regulatory trends and industrial trends. A specialist team is implementing the risk identification and assessment process biweekly, sharing the progress of initiatives and toward tackling issues. Strategies reviewed are reported to, and discussed by, the Executive Committee Meeting and Board of Directors, which are attended by the president. Mazda also shares climate-related information with its suppliers periodically through a shared platform.

#### **Physical Risks**

Mazda is developing a framework to swiftly respond to damage from exceptionally heavy rainfall and other disasters, and manages such risks within an emergency risk management system that forms part of its Business Continuity Plan (BCP). In addition to these measures, given that the severity and frequency of exceptionally heavy rainfall are increasing in recent years, Mazda strives to improve its ability to gather weather forecast data, and to enable it to make decisions swiftly to respond to disaster, based on preset schedules. The Company also reviews its response to each rainy season, and works to improve its ability to respond.

## l Metrics and Targets Global Warming Response

To take on the challenge of achieving carbon neutrality throughout Mazda's entire supply chain by 2050, it will be essential to understand the GHG emissions of Scope 1, 2 and 3. In addition, it is possible that more stringent carbon pricing, including the introduction of carbon taxes, could impact finances. In order to run eco-friendly operations more effectively throughout the Mazda Group and its entire supply chain, the Company has started a management approach that integrates CN initiatives into the existing ISO 14001 Environmental Management System (EMS). In addition, Mazda asks its suppliers to provide it with CO<sub>2</sub> emission data in Scope 1 & 2 as well as logistics at the time of delivery to it (Scope 3 Category 1 for Mazda) every year, and set targets together with them to manage the results.

#### **Conservation of Water Resources**

Water is essential in automobile manufacturing processes such as cooling (e.g., cooling furnaces in casting), dilution (diluting the mother liquor used for cutting and cleaning in the machining process), and cleaning (e.g., cleaning car bodies in the painting process). In preparation for potential risks and concerns in future such as water resources depletion and rising water prices, we aim to realize initiatives for the recycling and circulation of water resources at a model plant<sup>\*1</sup> in Japan by 2030. By 2050, we aim to realize this initiative in our global production processes.

#### **Major Metrics and Targets**

#### **Global Warming**

Products	<ul> <li>Target: Achieving carbon neutrality by 2050</li> <li>Medium-term metric in 2030: EV ratio (expecting 100% of Mazda global sales vehicles will be electrified, and the EV ratio will be 25-40%)</li> </ul>
Manufacturing	<ul> <li>Target: Achieving carbon neutrality at Mazda's global factories by 2035</li> <li>Metrics: Factory decarbonization progress ratio</li> </ul>

#### Conservation of Water Resources

Manufacturing	Target: Reducing water intake by the entire Mazda Group companies in Japan by 38% in 2030 compared with 2013 Metrics: Water intake reduction ratio
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\*1 Model plant: A pilot plant where new attempts are made, ahead of other facilities.

#### Latest information on TCFD