



Acetate Fibers & Membranes and Others

Sales of the Company's Acetate Fibers & Membranes and Others segment for the reporting term came to ¥103,050 million (US\$1,049 million), a decrease of ¥7,982 million, or 7.1%, from the previous business term.



SOALON triacetate filaments are used in high-class ladies fashions.

Acetate fibers

As a result of the sluggish sales of clothing worldwide amid the business downturn, as well as the rapid appreciation of the yen in the second half of the term, Mitsubishi Rayon Textile Co., Ltd. recorded a major deterioration in profitability. Sales of SOALON triacetate filaments posted growth in both Europe and East Asia, but demand from the United States, which is the main earnings generator for this business, continued to decline. Sales of LYNDA diacetate filaments increased in the Japanese market, but overseas sales for use in apparel linings posted a decline.

Membranes and Others

Sales of home-use water purifiers were impacted by the sluggish state of the

housing market, but we focused greater marketing efforts on our pitcher-type purifiers, and consequently managed to keep sales at the same level as the previous year. We received an order for large water-purification units utilizing our hollow-fiber membranes for a sewage treatment plant in China, but the overall level of sales was low in spite of this, owing to weaker demand for public works in Japan.

In the Group's engineering operations, the business environment was very difficult due to constraints on capital investments amid the business downturn. Nevertheless, we posted sales surpassing the previous year, thanks especially to our performance in the field of plant engineering, which is one of our strengths.



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Our water treatment products and technologies are being employed in an upgrading project for one of the world's largest wastewater treatment plants, located in China's Hebei Province. We are aggressively investing resources in the development of our operations in the field of wastewater treatment, which is expected to grow strongly. Mitsubishi Rayon has delivered hollow-fiber membrane elements to over 2,000 wastewater treatment plants around the world, and is the leading company in the field of membrane bioreactor processes for secondary treatment.