to higher prices in coal, iron ore and crude oil. Net income increased by 125.8% or ¥32.3billion to ¥58.0 billion (US\$493 million) compared with the previous fiscal year, mainly due to good performance of a steel product-related associated company in addition to the increase in gross trading profit. Identifiable assets increased by 31.2% or ¥153.4 billion to ¥644.4 billion (US\$5,485 million) compared with the previous fiscal year, mainly due to an increase in trade receivables of energy resulting from a higher price in crude oil.

Chemicals, Forest Products & General Merchandise:

Trading transactions increased by 3.9% or ¥74.1 billion to ¥1,967.3 billion (US\$16,747 million) compared with the previous fiscal year, due to an increase resulting from continuous high market prices in chemicals, steady growth in housing material-related transactions in North America, and contributions by newly consolidated subsidiaries. Gross trading profit increased by 4.9% or ¥5.2 billion to ¥111.1 billion (US\$946 million) compared with the previous fiscal year, due to good performance in the housing material business in North America and domestic chemical-related subsidiaries in addition to contributions by newly consolidated subsidiaries. Net income decreased by 8.0% or ¥1.6 billion to ¥18.6billion (US\$159 million) compared with the previous fiscal year, mainly due to an increase in Selling, general and administrative expenses in downstream businesses despite good performance of domestic chemical related-subsidiaries and improvement in equity in earnings of associated companies. Identifiable assets increased by 8.7% or ¥50.6 billion to ¥634.3 billion (US\$5,400 million) compared with the previous fiscal year, due to increases in trade receivables and inventories due to high market prices and the yen's depreciation against U.S. dollar.

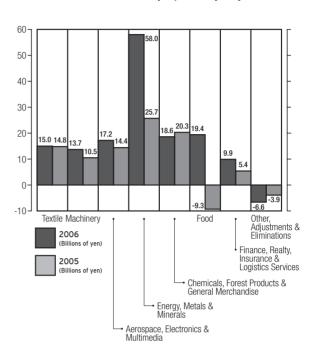
Food:

Trading transactions increased by 1.8% or ¥38.1 billion to ¥2,150.0 billion (US\$18,303 million) compared with the previous fiscal year, due to contributions by newly consolidated subsidiaries in addition to an increase in food distribution transactions. Gross trading profit increased by 4.7% or ¥6.4 billion to ¥142.6 billion (US\$1,213 million) compared with the previous fiscal year, due to contributions by newly consolidated subsidiaries in addition to an increase in food distribution transactions. Net income (loss) improved by ¥28.7 billion to a profit of ¥19.4 billion (US\$165 million) compared with the previous fiscal year, mainly due to the absence of an impairment loss on investment in FamilyMart Co., Ltd (the effect of impairment loss was ¥26.6 billion) that was taken in the previous fiscal year partially offset by an increase in Selling, general and administrative expenses and a decrease in equity in earnings of associated companies. Identifiable assets increased by 7.0% or ¥50.8 billion to ¥778.8 billion (US\$6,630 million) compared with the previous fiscal year, due to increases in trade receivables and inventories resulting from increase in transactions as well as an increase in investment securities.

Finance, Realty, Insurance & Logistics Services:

Trading transactions decreased by 4.2% or ¥10.2 billion to ¥232.8 billion (US\$1,982 million) compared with the previous fiscal year, due to a reduction of condominium sales in construction-related transactions. Gross trading profit increased by 16.9% or ¥6.6 billion to ¥46.0 billion (US\$391 million) compared with the previous fiscal year, due to contributions by construction- related and finance-related subsidiaries and a logistics subsidiary. Net income increased by 84.2% or ¥4.5 billion to a profit of ¥9.9 billion (US\$84 million) compared with the previous fiscal year, due to contribution by a new finance-related associated company and gains on sales of investment securities in addition to the increase in gross trading profit. Identifiable assets decreased by 2.3% or ¥14.5 billion to ¥600.9 billion (US\$5,115 million) compared with the previous fiscal year, due to a reduction in construction-related

Net Income (Loss) by Operating Segment



Identifiable Assets by Operating Segment

