

Medium to Long-Term Growth Strategies

We will grow by striking a balance between investment and trade, creating a stable earnings base, and taking advantage of new growth opportunities.

In the resource development business, we will strengthen our resistance to fluctuations in market prices through acquisition of prime projects that are cost competitive and have other superior characteristics, as well as continuous improvement in production efficiency of existing projects. Also, we will further expand and optimize our asset portfolio, including through the acquisition of non-ferrous resources and rare metal interests, where stable supply is an issue.

In the trading business, we will expand resource and fuel trading based on our equity interests. We will also create a value chain including manufactured product fields and leverage the collective strengths of the ITOCHU Group to create added value. Through these measures, we will

develop a broad and deep flow of trade spanning upstream and downstream categories.

By strengthening ties with our strategic partner, CITIC and CP Group, we will promote collaborative projects on the resource development and trading fronts by leveraging each other's strengths.

To ensure a stable supply of metals and mineral resources, we will work with our business partners to develop metals and mineral resources in a sustainable manner, taking into consideration the environment at development sites and harmony with local communities, and giving thorough consideration to safety in the workplace. Furthermore, we will aggressively take up the challenge of environmentally friendly businesses, including the megasolar, biomass-related trade, and recycling businesses.

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