

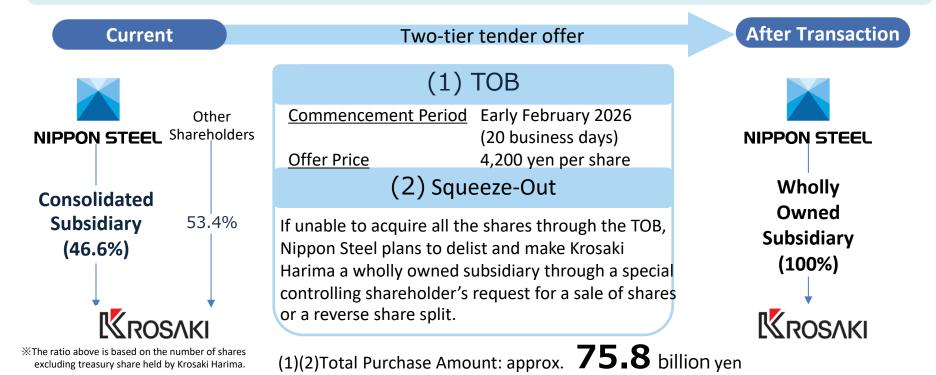
Planned Commencement of Tender Offer Aiming to Make Krosaki Harima Corporation a Wholly Owned Subsidiary

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#### NIPPON STEEL CORPORATION

### **Overview of the Transaction**

Full acquisition of a group subsidiary, Krosaki Harima Corporation, through a two-tier tender offer (TOB and squeeze-out)



Cf. Chronology of making Krosaki Harima Corporation a consolidated subsidiary

Oct. 1956: Yawata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. made a capital investment in Krosaki Refractories CO., LTD.

Apr. 2000: Krosaki Refractories CO., LTD changed its name to Krosaki Harima Corporation as a result of its merger with Harima Ceramic Co., Ltd.

Mar. 2019: Krosaki Harima Corporation became a consolidated subsidiary of Nippon Steel Corporation as a result of our adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

## **Overview of TOB**

Offeror	Nippon Steel Corporation (Securities Code: 5401 TSE Prime)				
Target Group	Krosaki Harima Corporation (Securities Code: 5352 TSE Prime)				
Commencement Period	Early February 2026 (20 business days)				
Offer Price	Common Share: 4,200 yen per share				
Number of Shares to Be Purchased	18,044,731 shares 【Minimum】 6,819,196 shares 【Maximum】 None				
Total Purchase Amount	Approximately 75.8 billion yen				
Other	Krosaki Harima, at its board of directors' meeting held on August 1, 2025, adopted a resolution to support the Tender Offer and to recommend that its shareholders tender their shares in the Tender Offer.				

### **Objective of the Transaction**

#### **Currently recognized issues**

Given the severe business environment, further integration and optimization of both companies' management resources are essential.



#### **Current constraints**

Both companies are listed companies and operate independently.

- ⇒ Certain constraints exist regarding:
  - · Sharing technical information
  - Supplementation and mutual use of management resources, etc.

#### Maximizing overseas business profits across the entire group

- Cooperation with Nippon Steel's overseas business operations
- Expansion of the use of Nippon Steel Group's resources, etc.



Krosaki Harima has developed business in **India**, **Europe**, and **Brazil**, etc.



Targeting
North
America

# Objective of full acquisition

#### Strengthening the competitiveness of iron sources throughout the entire group

#### **◆** Refractory products

- Improvement of competitiveness by strengthening cooperation between both companies
- Acceleration of the development of refractories, such as electric furnaces, while understanding changes in manufacturing processes, for achieving carbon neutrality.

#### **◆** Refractory maintenance work

Issues such as reduced workload and labor shortages are becoming more serious and apparent.

⇒In the future, Krosaki Harima, which is competitive in the industry, is expected to expand its business and ensure the sustainability of Nippon Steel's refractory maintenance work.

# Appendix

## **Overview of Krosaki Harima Corporation**

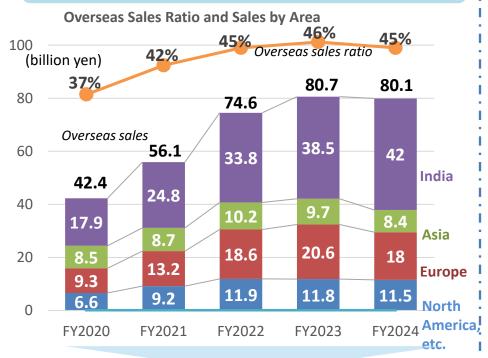
## **Krosaki Harima Company Profile**

Company Name	Krosaki Harima Corporation			
Head Office	1-1, Higashihamamachi, Yahatanishi-ku, Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka, Japan			
President	EGAWA Kazuhiro			
Business Segment	<ul> <li>Refractories         Manufacture and sales of refractories used by various kinds of industrial furnaces.         Furnace             Designing, construction, installation and repair of various kinds of furnaces.         </li> <li>Ceramics             Manufacture and sales of ceramics for various industries, and the sales of landscape materials.         </li> <li>Real Estate         Renting out stores and warehouses, etc.     </li> </ul>			
Capital	5,537,960,000 yen			
Employees	5,013 (as of the end of March 2025, consolidated)			
Established	October 14, 1918			
Shareholder Composition* (As of the end of March 2025)	NIPPON STEEL CORPORATION: 46.6% Other Corporations: 1.9% Financial Institutions: 23.1% Individuals, etc.: 16.2% Overseas Corporations: 12.2%			

<sup>\*</sup>The above percentages are ratios to the number of shares excluding treasury share held by Krosaki Harima (voting rights ratio).

#### **Consolidated Sales and Profits of Krosaki Harima Corporation**





## Evolving into a global refractories manufacturer through active overseas expansion

(FY2023 sales results)

1st	RHI Magnesite(Austria)	543 billion yen	
2nd	VESUVIUS (UK)	337.3 billion yen	
2"4	Vyosaki Havima	177 billion yen	
3rd	Krosaki Harima	177 billion yen	

Ordinary profit and ROS have achieved the objectives set in the Medium- to Long-term management plan ahead of schedule for two consecutive years

# Progress of FY2025 Revised Medium-Term Management Plan

	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY25 Revised Medium- Term
Net sales	133.7	165.2	177	177.9	180 billion yen
Ordinary profit	8.6	12	16.3	15.3	15 billion yen
ROS	6.5%	7.3%	9.3%	8.6%	8.3% or more
ROIC	6.3%	8.5%	9.7%	7.6%	9.0% or more

FY2025 Medium-Term Capital Investment Plan was increased due to incremental cash (including asset reduction).



The increase in investment will be allocated to investments in capacity enhancement and quality improvement in growth areas, both in Japan and overseas.

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