Fiscal 2012 Review and Fiscal 2013 Outlook

In the commercial aircraft market, increases in the global volume of air passenger transportation, the rapid advances being made by low-cost carriers (LCC), and replacement orders by major airlines for airplanes with better fuel efficiency have meant that orders have remained strong, and aircraft manufacturers are faced with long backlogs of orders. In the area of defense too, although there was an increase in the defense budget for the first time in 11 years amid a security environment marked by rising tensions, any significant increase would likely be difficult in a tight fiscal situation.

In such a market environment, there was increased demand both for Mitsubishi Regional Jet (MRJ) and other commercial aircraft as well as for defense equipment, and so consolidated orders received increased from the previous year to ¥803.3 billion. Despite an increase in the delivery of commercial aircraft and space systems, consolidated net sales decreased from the previous year to ¥485.8 billion due to a decrease in the delivery of defense equipment. In terms of the number of commercial aircraft delivered, 90 Boeing 777 and 52 Boeing 787 airplanes were delivered, seven and 25 more, respectively, than fiscal 2012. Operating income turned positive, increasing significantly from the previous year to ¥29.1 billion, due mainly to improved profitability in the commercial aircraft business.

Targets for fiscal 2013 are ¥590.0 billion in consolidated orders received, ¥640.0 billion in consolidated net sales, and ¥44.0 billion in operating income.

Initiatives for Growth in the Medium to Long Term

In commercial aircraft, production systems are being developed in preparation for increased production, and efforts are being made to construct a global supply chain system and to improve profitability through efficient production systems. Furthermore, in addition to focusing effort on developing MRJ, a next-generation
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regional jet, MHI will also aim to increase orders received and establish a mass production system.

In defense-related products, in addition to responding to requests from the government, such as for jet fighters, helicopters, various types of guided missiles and ballistic missile defense, which are MHI’s areas of strength, MHI will also propose integrated defense systems by coordinating its businesses for land, sea and air defense.

In space systems, in addition to focusing on the continuation of successful H-II A/B rocket launches, by enhancing its response such as to the development of next-generation primary launch vehicles, MHI will gain recognition for its achievements in launches, and will provide launch services suited to market needs.

Based on the above basic policy, we project that consolidated orders received in fiscal 2014 will be ¥530.0 billion, consolidated net sales will be ¥630.0 billion, and operating income will be ¥14.0 billion.

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