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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# Form 20-F

(Mark One)	
" REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUAN	TT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 OR
x ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTI For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013	ION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
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For the transition period from to	
	Commission file number 1-13368
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(Exact i	name of Registrant as specified in its charter)
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Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act.

#### **Title of Each Class**

#### Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered

American Depositary Shares, each representing

New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

one-fourth of one share of common stock

Common Stock, par value Won 5,000 per share \* New York Stock Exchange, Inc. \* Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act.

#### None

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act.

#### None

As of December 31, 2013, there were 79,783,624 shares of common stock, par value Won 5,000 per share, outstanding

(not including 7,403,211 shares of common stock held by the company as treasury shares)

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes x No "

If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Yes "No x

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes "No"

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

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Indicate by check mark which basis of accounting the registrant has used to prepare the financial statements included in this filing. U.S. GAAP " IFRS x Other "

If Other has been checked in response to the previous question, indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow. Item 17 " Item 18 "

If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes "No x

<sup>\*</sup>Not for trading, but only in connection with the registration of the American Depositary Shares.

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#### GLOSSARY

ADR American Depositary Receipt evidencing ADSs.

ADR depositary Citibank, N.A.

ADS American Depositary Share representing one-fourth of one share of

Common Stock.

Australian Dollar or A\$ The currency of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Commercial Code Commercial Code of the Republic of Korea.

common stock Common stock, par value Won 5,000 per share, of POSCO.

deposit agreement, dated as of July 19, 2013, among POSCO, the

ADR Depositary and all holders and beneficial owners from time to

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time of ADRs issued thereunder.

Dollars, \$ or US\$ The currency of the United States of America.

FSCMA Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act of the

Republic of Korea.

Government The government of the Republic of Korea.

IASB International Accounting Standards Board.

IFRS International Financial Reporting Standards.

Yen or JPY The currency of Japan.

Korea The Republic of Korea.

Korean GAAP Generally accepted accounting principles in the Republic of Korea.

Gwangyang Works Gwangyang Steel Works.

We POSCO and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Pohang Works Pohang Steel Works.

POSCO Group POSCO and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Renminbi The currency of the People s Republic of China.

Securities Act The United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Securities Exchange Act The United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

SEC The United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

tons Metric tons (1,000 kilograms), equal to 2,204.6 pounds.

U.S. GAAP Generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of

America.

Won or The currency of the Republic of Korea.

Any discrepancies in any table between totals and the sums of the amounts listed are due to rounding.

#### PART I

Item 1. Identity of Directors, Senior Managers and Advisers

Item 1.A. Directors and Senior Management

Not applicable

Item 1.B. Advisers

Not applicable

Item 1.C. Auditors

Not applicable

Item 2. Offer Statistics and Expected Timetable

Not applicable

Item 2.A. Offer Statistics

Not applicable

Item 2.B. Method and Expected Timetable

Not applicable

Item 3. Key Information

#### Item 3.A. Selected Financial Data

The selected financial data presented below should be read in conjunction with our Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes thereto and Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects included elsewhere in this annual report. The selected financial data in Won as of December 31, 2012 and 2013 and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2013 were derived from our Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this annual report. Our Consolidated Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB.

In addition to preparing financial statements in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB included in this annual report, we also prepare financial statements in accordance with Korean International Financial Reporting Standards (K-IFRS) as adopted by the Korean Accounting Standards Board (the KASB), which we are required to file with the Financial Services Commission and the Korea Exchange under the Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act of Korea. English translations of such financial statements are furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission under Form 6-K. Beginning with our financial statements prepared in accordance with K-IFRS as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012, we are required to adopt certain amendments to K-IFRS No. 1001, Presentation of Financial Statements, as adopted by the KASB in 2012, pursuant to which we present operating profit or loss as an amount of revenue less cost of sales and selling and administrative expenses. In our consolidated statements of comprehensive income prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB included in this annual report, such changes in presentation were not adopted. See Item 5.a. Operating Results Explanatory Note Regarding Presentation of Certain Financial Information under K-IFRS.

The information set forth below is not necessarily indicative of the results of future operations and should be read in conjunction with 
Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects 
and our consolidated financial statements and related notes included in this annual report.

# Selected consolidated statement of comprehensive income data

Selected consolidated statements of financial position data

Total equity

	For the Year Ended December 31,				
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2013
	(I	n billions of Won and	millions of Dollars, e	except per share data)	
Revenue (1)	47,887	68,939	63,604	61,865	US\$ 58,623
Cost of sales (2)	39,722	59,824	56,143	55,005	52,123
Gross profit	8,165	9,115	7,461	6,860	6,501
Administrative expenses	1,492	2,035	2,129	2,232	2,115
Selling expenses	1,120	1,612	1,679	1,632	1,546
Other operating income	223	307	448	229	217
Other operating expenses	342	367	809	651	617
Operating profit	5,434	5,408	3,292	2,574	2,439
Share of profit (loss) of equity-accounted investees	183	51	(23)	(180)	(171)
Finance income	1,739	3,190	2,897	2,381	2,256
Finance costs	2,088	3,867	2,798	2,829	2,681
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Profit before income tax	5,267	4,782	3,368	1,946	1,844
Income tax expense	1,081	1,068	983	591	560
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Profit for the period	4,186	3,714	2,386	1,355	1,284
Total comprehensive income for the period	4,765	2,442	1,748	1,369	1,297
Profit (loss) for the period attributable to:	1,1.00	_,	2,7.10	2,2 07	-,-,
Owners of the controlling company	4,106	3,648	2,462	1.376	1,304
Non-controlling interests	80	66	(76)	(21)	(20)
Total comprehensive income (loss) attributable to:			` /	` '	` ′
Owners of the controlling company	4,640	2,530	1,912	1,444	1,368
Non-controlling interests	126	(88)	(164)	(75)	(71)
Basic and diluted earnings per share (3)	53,297	47,224	31,874	17,409	16,497
Dividends per share of common stock	10,000	10,000	8,000	8,000	
Dividends per share of common stock (in Dollars) (4)	US\$ 8.78	US\$ 8.67	US\$ 7.47	US\$ 7.58	

		I	As of December 3	1,		
	2010	2011	2012	2013	20	013
		(In billions of Won and millions of Dollars)				
Working capital (5)	9,395	13,952	11,791	11,425	US\$	10,826
Total current assets	27,672	33,557	31,566	31,666		30,007
Property, plant and equipment, net	25,438	28,453	32,276	35,760		33,886
Total non-current assets	41,746	44,852	47,700	52,789		50,023
Total assets	69,418	78,409	79,266	84,455		80,029
Short-term borrowings and current installments of long-term						
borrowings	10,476	10,792	10,509	10,714		10,153
Long-term borrowings, excluding current installments	10,664	16,020	14,412	15,533		14,719
Total liabilities	30,881	37,679	36,836	38,633		36,609
Share capital	482	482	482	482		457

38,537

40,730

42,429

45,822

43,421

#### Selected consolidated statements of cash flows data

		For the Y	ear Ended De	cember 31,			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	20	)13	
		(In billions of Won and millions of Dollars)					
Net cash provided by operating activities	3,582	1,692	7,319	4,858	US\$	4,603	
Net cash used in investing activities	(6,915)	(5,517)	(6,169)	(8,752)		(8,293)	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	4,588	4,900	(908)	3,532		3,347	
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,248	1,078	82	(472)		(447)	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	2,273	3,521	4,599	4,681		4,436	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	3,521	4,599	4,681	4,209		3,988	

- (1) Includes sales by our consolidated subsidiaries of steel products purchased by such subsidiaries from third parties, including trading companies to which we sell steel products.
- (2) Includes purchases of steel products by our consolidated subsidiaries from third parties, including trading companies to which we sell steel products.
- (3) See Note 36 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for method of calculation. The weighted average number of common shares outstanding used to calculate basic and diluted earnings per share was 77,032,878 shares as of December 31, 2010, 77,251,818 shares as of December 31, 2011, 77,244,444 shares as of December 31, 2012 and 78,009,654 shares as of December 31, 2013.
- (4) Translated into Dollars by applying the exchange rate at the end of the applicable year as announced by Seoul Money Brokerage Services, Ltd.
- (5) Working capital means current assets minus current liabilities.

## **EXCHANGE RATE INFORMATION**

The following table sets out information concerning the market average exchange rate for the periods and dates indicated.

Period	At End of Period	Average Rate (1) (Per US\$1.0	High 0)	Low
2009	1,167.6	1,276.4	1,573.6	1,152.8
2010	1,138.9	1,156.3	1,261.5	1,104.0
2011	1,153.3	1,108.1	1,199.5	1,049.5
2012	1,071.1	1,126.9	1,181.8	1,071.1
2013	1,055.3	1,095.0	1,159.1	1,051.5
October	1,061.4	1,066.8	1,075.7	1,056.5
November	1,062.1	1,062.8	1,072.9	1,055.8
December	1,055.3	1,056.7	1,061.9	1,051.5
2014 (through May 9)	1,023.5	1,061.0	1,086.1	1,023.5
January	1,079.2	1,064.8	1,084.1	1,050.4
February	1,067.7	1,071.3	1,086.1	1,060.5
March	1,068.8	1,070.9	1,080.3	1,062.6
April	1,031.7	1,044.6	1,066.1	1,031.7
May (through May 9)	1,023.5	1,061.0	1,086.1	1,023.5

Source: Seoul Money Brokerage Services, Ltd.

(1) The average rate for each year is calculated as the average of the market average exchange rates on the last business day of each month during the relevant year (or portion thereof). The average rate for a month is calculated as the average of the market average exchange rates on each business day during the relevant month (or portion thereof).

Item 3.B. Capitalization and Indebtedness

Not applicable

Item 3.C. Reasons for Offer and Use of Proceeds

Not applicable

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#### Item 3.D. Risk Factors

You should carefully consider the risks described below.

The global economic downturn may adversely affect our business and performance. While there have been mixed signs of recovery from the prolonged global economic downturn that began in the second half of 2008, the global economic outlook for the near future continues to remain uncertain.

Our business is affected by highly cyclical market demand for our steel products from a number of industries, including the construction, automotive, shipbuilding and electrical appliances industries as well as downstream steel processors, which are sensitive to general conditions in the global economy. Macroeconomic factors, such as the economic growth rate, employment levels, interest rates, inflation rates, exchange rates, commodity prices, demographic trends and fiscal policies of governments can have a significant effect on such industries. From time to time, these industries have experienced significant and sometimes prolonged downturns, which, in turn, have negatively impacted our steel business. While there have been mixed signs of recovery from the prolonged global economic downturn that began in the second half of 2008, the global economic outlook for the near future continues to remain uncertain, particularly in light of concerns regarding the timing and potential economic impact of a future scale-down by the U.S. Federal Reserve of its quantitative easing stimulus program, as well as the recent slowdown of economic growth in China and continuing financial difficulties affecting several European countries, including Cyprus, Greece, Spain, Portugal and Italy.

An actual or anticipated further deterioration of global economic conditions may result in a decline in demand for our products that could have a negative impact on the prices at which they can be sold. In such a case, we will likely face pressure to reduce prices and we may need to rationalize our production capacity and reduce fixed costs. In response to sluggish demand from our customers in industries adversely impacted by the deteriorating global economic conditions in the second half of 2008, such as the automotive and construction industries, we reduced our crude steel production and sales prices in December 2008 and the first quarter of 2009. Signs that the pace of deterioration in market conditions had slowed began to appear in the second quarter of 2009, however, and demand from certain segments of our customer base, including the domestic automotive and construction industries, showed signs of recovery starting in the second quarter of 2009. In response, we began to incrementally increase our crude steel production starting in April 2009 and our production level normalized in the second half of 2009. Our crude steel production decreased from 34.7 million tons in 2008 to 31.1 million tons in 2009, but rebounded to 35.4 million tons in 2010, 39.1 million tons in 2011 and 39.7 million tons in 2012. However, in 2013, we reduced our production to 38.3 million tons in response to slowdown in global demand for steel products. Prices of our steel products gradually recovered starting in the third quarter of 2009, but our export prices fell substantially in the second half of 2011 and decreased further in 2012 and the first half of 2013. Our domestic sales prices remained relatively stable in the second half of 2011 but decreased in 2012 and the first half of 2013.

We expect that fluctuation in demand for our steel products and trading services to continue to prevail at least in the near future. We may decide to further adjust our future crude steel production or our sales prices on an on-going basis subject to market demand for our products, the production outlook of the global steel industry and global economic conditions in general. In addition, economic downturns in the Korean and global economies could result in market conditions characterized by weaker demand for steel products from a number of industries as well as falling prices for export and import products and reduced trade levels. Deterioration of market conditions may result in changes in assumptions underlying the carrying value of certain assets, which in turn could result in impairment of such assets, including intangible assets such as goodwill. In addition, our ability to reduce expenditures for production facilities and research and development during an industry downturn is limited because of the need to maintain our competitive position. If we are unable to reduce our expenses sufficiently to offset reductions in price and sales volume, our margins will suffer and our business, financial condition and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected.

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Korea is our most important market, and our current business and future growth could be materially and adversely affected if economic conditions in Korea deteriorate.

We are incorporated in Korea, and a substantial portion of our operations and assets are located in Korea. Korea is our most important market, accounting for 48.8% of our total revenue from steel products produced and sold by us in 2013. Domestic demand for our products is affected by the condition of major steel consuming industries, such as construction, shipbuilding, automotive, electrical appliances and downstream steel processors, and the Korean economy in general. In addition, the trading operations of Daewoo International Corporation ( Daewoo International ), our consolidated subsidiary in which we hold a 60.3% interest, are affected by the general level of trade between Korea and other countries, which in turn tends to fluctuate based on general conditions in the Korean and global economies. As a result, we are subject to political, economic, legal and regulatory risks specific to Korea. The economic indicators in Korea in recent years have shown mixed signs, and future growth of the Korean economy is subject to many factors beyond our control, including developments in the global economy.

Due to recent liquidity and credit concerns and volatility in the global financial markets, the value of the Won relative to the Dollar and other foreign currencies and the stock prices of Korean companies have fluctuated significantly in recent years. In particular, there has been increased volatility in light of concerns regarding the timing and potential economic impact of a future scale-down by the U.S. Federal Reserve of its quantitative easing stimulus program, as well as the recent slowdown of economic growth in China and continuing financial difficulties affecting several European countries, including Cyprus, Greece, Spain, Portugal and Italy. In addition, economic and political instability in certain emerging economies, such as Argentina and Ukraine, have resulted in an increase in volatility in the global financial markets. Accordingly, the overall prospects for the Korean and global economies in the remainder of 2014 and beyond remain uncertain. Any future deterioration of the Korean or global economy could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Developments that could have an adverse impact on Korea s economy include:

difficulties in the financial sectors in Europe and elsewhere and increased sovereign default risks in select countries and the resulting adverse effects on the global financial markets;

declines in consumer confidence and a slowdown in consumer spending;

adverse changes or volatility in foreign currency reserve levels, commodity prices (including oil prices), exchange rates (including fluctuation of the Dollar, the Euro or the Yen exchange rates or revaluation of the Renminbi), interest rates, inflation rates or stock markets;

continuing adverse conditions in the economies of countries and regions that are important export markets for Korea, such as the United States, Europe, Japan and China, or in emerging market economies in Asia or elsewhere;

increasing delinquencies and credit defaults by retail and small- and medium-sized enterprise borrowers;

the continued emergence of the Chinese economy, to the extent its benefits (such as increased exports to China) are outweighed by its costs (such as competition in export markets or for foreign investment and the relocation of the manufacturing base from Korea to China), as well as a slowdown in the growth of China s economy;

the economic impact of any pending or future free trade agreements;

social and labor unrest:

substantial decreases in the market prices of Korean real estate;

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a decrease in tax revenues and a substantial increase in the Government s expenditures for fiscal stimulus measures, unemployment compensation and other economic and social programs that, together, would lead to an increased government budget deficit;

financial problems or lack of progress in the restructuring of Korean conglomerates, other large troubled companies, their suppliers or the financial sector;

loss of investor confidence arising from corporate accounting irregularities and corporate governance issues concerning certain Korean conglomerates;

increases in social expenditures to support an aging population in Korea or decreases in economic productivity due to the declining population size in Korea;

geo-political uncertainty and risk of further attacks by terrorist groups around the world;

the occurrence of severe health epidemics in Korea and other parts of the world;

deterioration in economic or diplomatic relations between Korea and its trading partners or allies, including deterioration resulting from trade disputes or disagreements in foreign policy;

political uncertainty or increasing strife among or within political parties in Korea;

hostilities or political or social tensions involving oil producing countries in the Middle East and North Africa and any material disruption in the global supply of oil or increase in the price of oil;

the occurrence of severe earthquakes, tsunamis and other natural disasters in Korea and other parts of the world, particularly in trading partners (such as the March 2011 earthquake in Japan, which also resulted in the release of radioactive materials from a nuclear plant that had been damaged by the earthquake); and

an increase in the level of tensions or an outbreak of hostilities between North Korea and Korea or the United States. We rely on export sales for a significant portion of our total sales. Adverse economic and financial developments in Asia in the future may have an adverse effect on demand for our products in Asia and increase our foreign exchange risks.

Our export sales and overseas sales to customers abroad accounted for 51.2% of our total revenue from steel products produced and sold by us in 2013. Our export sales volume to customers in Asia, including China, Japan, Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia, accounted for 70.4% of our total export sales revenue from steel products produced and exported by us in 2013, and we expect our sales to these countries, especially to China, to remain important in the future. Accordingly, adverse economic and financial developments in these countries may have an adverse effect on demand for our products. Economic weakness in Asia may also adversely affect our sales to the Korean companies that export to the region, especially companies in the construction, shipbuilding, automotive, electrical appliances and downstream steel processing industries. Weaker demand in these countries, combined with addition of new steel production capacity, particularly in China, may also reduce export prices in Dollar terms of our principal products. We attempt to maintain and expand our export sales to generate foreign currency receipts to cover our foreign currency purchases and debt service requirements. Consequently, any decrease in our export sales could also increase our foreign exchange risks.

Depreciation of the value of the Won against the Dollar and other major foreign currencies may have a material adverse effect on the results of our operations and on the price of the ADSs.

Our consolidated financial statements are prepared from our local currency denominated financial results, assets and liabilities and our subsidiaries around the world, which are then translated

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into Won. A substantial proportion of our consolidated financial results is accounted for in currencies other than the Won. Accordingly, our consolidated financial results and assets and liabilities may be materially affected by changes in the exchange rates of foreign currencies. In 2013, 51.2% of our total revenue from steel products produced and sold by us was in overseas markets outside of Korea. To the extent that we incur costs in one currency and make sales in another, our profit margins may be affected by changes in the exchange rates between the two currencies. Since the currency in which sales are recorded may not be the same as the currency in which expenses are incurred, foreign exchange rate fluctuations may materially affect our results of operations. Depreciation of the Won may materially affect the results of our operations because, among other things, it causes:

an increase in the amount of Won required for us to make interest and principal payments on our foreign currency-denominated debt:

an increase in Won terms in the costs of raw materials and equipment that we purchase from overseas sources and a substantial portion of our freight costs, which are denominated primarily in Dollars; and

foreign exchange translation losses on liabilities, which lower our earnings for accounting purposes. Appreciation of the Won against major currencies, on the other hand, causes:

our export products to be less competitive by raising our prices in Dollar, Yen and Renminbi terms; and

a reduction in net sales and accounts receivables in Won from export sales, which are primarily denominated in Dollars and to a lesser extent in Yen and Renminbi.

We strive to naturally offset our foreign exchange risk by matching foreign currency receivables with our foreign currency payables and our overseas subsidiaries have sought to further mitigate the adverse impact of exchange rate fluctuations by conducting business transactions in the local currency of the respective market in which the transactions occur. In particular, Daewoo International s exposure to fluctuations in exchange rates, including the Won/Dollar exchange rate, is limited because trading transactions typically involve matched purchase and sale contracts, which result in limited settlement exposure, and because Daewoo International s contracts with domestic suppliers of products for export and with domestic purchasers of imported products are generally denominated in Dollars. Although the impact of exchange rate fluctuations is partially mitigated by such strategies, we and our subsidiaries, particularly Daewoo International and POSCO Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd. (POSCO E&C), also periodically enter into derivative contracts, primarily foreign currency swaps and forward exchange contracts, to further hedge our foreign exchange risks. However, our results of operations have historically been affected by exchange rate fluctuations and there can be no assurance that such strategies will be sufficient to reduce or eliminate the adverse impact of such fluctuations in the future. Because of the larger positive effects of the appreciation of the Won (i.e., the reverse of the negative effects caused by the depreciation of the Won, as discussed above), depreciation of the Won generally has a negative impact on our results of operations.

Fluctuations in the exchange rate between the Won and the Dollar will also affect the Dollar equivalent of the Won price of the shares of our common stock on the KRX KOSPI Market and, as a result, will likely affect the market price of the ADSs. These fluctuations will also affect the Dollar conversion by the depositary for the ADRs of cash dividends, if any, paid in Won on shares of common stock represented by the ADSs.

We are dependent on imported raw materials, and significant increases in market prices of essential raw materials could adversely affect our margins and profits.

We purchase substantially all of the principal raw materials we use from sources outside Korea, including iron ore and coal. POSCO imported approximately 48.9 million dry metric tons of iron ore and

26.6 million wet metric tons of coal in 2013. Iron ore is imported primarily from Australia, Brazil and South Africa. Coal is imported primarily from Australia, Canada and the United States. Although we have not experienced significant unanticipated supply disruptions in the past, supply disruptions, which could be caused by political or other events in the countries from which we import these materials, could adversely affect our operations. In addition, we are particularly exposed to increases in the prices of coal, iron ore and nickel, which represent the largest components of our cost of goods sold. The prices of our key raw materials have fluctuated significantly in recent years. For example, the average market price of coal per wet metric ton (benchmark free on board price of Australian premium hard coking coal) was US\$289 in 2011, US\$209 in 2012 and US\$159 in 2013. The average market price of iron ore per dry metric ton (free on board price of Platts Iron Ore index with iron (Fe) 62% content) was US\$160 in 2011, US\$122 in 2012 and US\$126 in 2013.

Our long-term supply contracts generally have terms of three to ten years and provide for periodic price adjustments to the then-market prices. We typically adjust the prices on a quarterly basis and maintain approximately one month of inventory of raw materials. Such price negotiations are driven by various factors, including the global economic outlook, global market prices of raw materials and steel products, supply and demand outlook of raw materials and production costs of raw materials. Typically, globally influenced buyers and sellers of raw materials determine benchmark prices of raw materials, based on which other buyers and sellers negotiate their prices after taking into consideration the quality of raw materials and other factors. In the case of iron ore, if we fail to agree on the quarterly price adjustment within a predetermined deadline, the supplier and we typically agree on the purchase price based on the price formula that reflects the spot market price as well as the quality of iron ore and transportation expense. As of December 31, 2013, 193 million tons of iron ore and 14 million tons of coal remained to be purchased under long-term supply contracts. Future increases in prices of our key raw materials and our inability to pass along such increases to our customers could adversely affect our margins and profits. Increased prices may also cause potential customers to defer purchase of steel products, which would have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We operate in the highly competitive steel, trading and constructing industries, and our failure to successfully compete would adversely affect our market position and business.

Steel. The markets for our steel products are highly competitive and we face intense global competition. In recent years, driven in part by strong growth in steel consumption in the developing world, particularly in China, the global steel industry has experienced renewed interest in expansion of steel production capacity. China is the largest steel producing country in the world by a significant margin, with the balance between its domestic production and demand being an important factor in the determination of global steel prices. In addition, the global steel industry has experienced consolidation in the past decade, including through the merger of Mittal and Arcelor in 2006 that created a company with approximately 10% of global steel production capacity. Competition from global steel manufacturers with expanded production capacity such as ArcelorMittal S.A. and new market entrants, especially from China and India, have resulted in significant price competition and may result in declining margins and reductions in revenue. Our larger competitors may use their resources, which may be greater than ours, against us in a variety of ways, including by making additional acquisitions, investing more aggressively in product development and capacity and displacing demand for our export products.

The increased production capacity, combined with a decrease in demand due to the recent slowdown of the global economy, has resulted in production over-capacity in the global steel industry. Production over-capacity in the global steel industry may intensify if the slowdown of the global economy is prolonged or demand from developing countries, particularly from China, does not meet the recent growth in production capacity. Production over-capacity in the global steel industry is likely to:

reduce export prices in Dollar terms of our principal products, which in turn may reduce our sales prices in Korea;

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increase competition in the Korean market as foreign producers seek to export steel products to Korea as other markets experience a slowdown:

negatively affect demand for our products abroad and our ability to expand export sales; and

affect our ability to increase steel production in general.

Steel also competes with other natural and synthetic materials that may be used as steel substitutes, such as aluminum, cement, composites, glass, plastic and wood. Government regulatory initiatives mandating the use of such materials instead of steel, whether for environmental or other reasons, as well as the development of attractive alternative substitutes for steel products, may reduce demand for steel products and increase competition in the global steel industry.

As part of our strategy to compete in this challenging landscape, we will continue to invest in developing innovative products that offer the greatest potential returns and enhance the overall quality of our products, as well as make additional investments in the development of new manufacturing technologies. However, there is no assurance that we will be able to continue to compete successfully in this economic environment or that the prolonged slowdown of the global economy or production over-capacity will not have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

*Trading.* Daewoo International competes principally with six other Korean general trading companies, each of which is affiliated with a major domestic business group, as well as global trading companies based in other countries. In the domestic market, competition for export transactions on behalf of domestic suppliers and import transactions on behalf of domestic purchasers was limited, as most affiliated general trading companies of large Korean business groups generally relied on affiliate transactions for the bulk of their trading business. However, in recent years, many of these Korean general trading companies have reduced their reliance on their affiliated business group and transactions carried out on behalf of their member companies and instead have generally evolved to focus on segments of the import and export markets in which they have a competitive advantage. As a result, competition among Korean general trading companies in the area of traditional trade has become more intense.

The overseas trading markets in which Daewoo International operates are also highly competitive. Daewoo International s principal competitors in the overseas trading markets include Korean trading companies that operate in various international markets, as well as foreign trading companies, particularly those based in Japan. As Daewoo International diversifies into businesses other than traditional trading such as natural resources development, it also increasingly competes with other Korean and international companies involved in these businesses. Some of Daewoo International s competitors may be more experienced and have greater financial resources and pricing flexibility than Daewoo International, as well as more extensive global networks and wider access to customers. There is no assurance that Daewoo International will be able to continue to compete successfully in this economic environment or that the prolonged slowdown of the global economy will not have a material adverse effect on its business, results of operations or financial condition.

Construction. POSCO E&C, our consolidated subsidiary in which we hold an 89.5% interest, operates in the highly competitive construction industry. Competition is based primarily on price, reputation for quality, reliability, punctuality and financial strength of contractors. Intense competition among construction companies may result in, among other things, a decrease in the price POSCO E&C can charge for its services, difficulty in winning bids for construction projects, an increase in construction costs and difficulty in obtaining high-quality contractors and qualified employees.

In Korea, POSCO E&C s main competition in the construction of residential and non-residential buildings, EPC (or engineering, procurement and construction) projects, urban planning and development projects and civil works projects consists of approximately ten major domestic construction companies, all of which are member companies of other large business groups in Korea

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and are capable of undertaking larger-scale, higher-value-added projects that offer greater potential returns. A series of measures introduced by the Government over the past few years to regulate housing prices in Korea, as well as increasing popularity of low-bid contracts in civil works project mandates, have contributed to increased competition in the Korean construction industry in recent years.

Competition for new project awards in overseas markets is also intense. In these markets, POSCO E&C faces competition from local construction companies, as well as international construction companies from other countries, including other major Korean construction companies with overseas operations. Construction companies from other developed countries may be more experienced, have greater financial resources and possess more sophisticated technology than POSCO E&C, while construction companies from developing countries often have the advantage of lower wage costs. Some of these competitors have achieved higher market penetration than POSCO E&C has in specific markets in which it competes, and POSCO E&C may need to accept lower margins in order for it to compete successfully against them. POSCO E&C s failure to successfully compete in the domestic or overseas construction markets could adversely affect its market position and its results of operations and financial condition.

#### We may not be able to successfully execute our diversification strategy.

In part to prepare for the eventual maturation of the Korean steel market, our overall strategy includes securing new growth engines by diversifying into new businesses related to our steel operations that we believe will offer greater potential returns, such as participation in EPC projects in the steel sector and natural resources development, as well as entering into new businesses not related to our steel operations such as power generation and alternative energy solutions, production of comprehensive materials such as lithium, silicon, carbon and magnesium, information and technology consulting services, and automation and system integration engineering services. From time to time, we may selectively acquire or invest in companies to pursue such diversification strategy. For example, on September 20, 2010, we acquired a controlling interest in Daewoo International for Won 3.37 trillion. Daewoo International is a global trading company that primarily engages in trading of steel and raw materials as well as investing in energy and mineral development projects.

The success of the overall diversification strategy will depend, in part, on our ability to realize the growth opportunities and anticipated synergies. The realization of the anticipated benefits depends on numerous factors, some of which are outside our control, including the availability of qualified personnel, establishment of new relationships and expansion of existing relationships with various customers and suppliers, procurement of necessary technology and know-how to engage in such businesses and access to investment capital at reasonable costs. The realization of the anticipated benefits may be impeded, delayed or reduced as a result of numerous factors, some of which are outside our control. These factors include:

difficulties in integrating the operations of the acquired business, including information and accounting systems, personnel, policies and procedures, and in reorganizing or reducing overlapping operations, marketing networks and administrative functions, which may require significant amounts of time, financial resources and management attention;

unforeseen contingent risks or latent liabilities relating to the acquisition that may become apparent in the future;

difficulties in managing a larger business; and

loss of key management personnel or customers.

Accordingly, we cannot assure you that our diversification strategy can be completed profitably or that the diversification efforts will not adversely affect our combined business, financial condition and results of operations.

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Expansion of our production operations abroad is important to our long-term success, and our limited experience in the operation of our business outside Korea increases the risk that our international expansion efforts will not be successful.

We conduct international trading and construction operations abroad, and our business relies on a global trading network comprised of overseas subsidiaries, branches and representative offices. Although many of our subsidiaries and overseas branches are located in developed countries, we also operate in numerous countries with developing economies. In addition, we intend to continue to expand our steel production operations internationally by carefully seeking out promising investment opportunities, particularly in China, India, Southeast Asia and Latin America, in part to prepare for the eventual maturation of the Korean steel market. We may enter into joint ventures with foreign steel producers that would enable us to rely on these businesses to conduct our operations, establish local networks and coordinate our sales and marketing efforts abroad. To the extent that we enter into these arrangements, our success will depend in part on the willingness of our partner companies to dedicate sufficient resources to their partnership with us.

In other situations, we may decide to establish manufacturing facilities by ourselves instead of relying on partners. The demand and market acceptance for our products produced abroad are subject to a high level of uncertainty and are substantially dependent upon the market condition of the global steel industry. We cannot assure you that our international expansion plan will be profitable or that we can recoup the costs related to such investments.

Expansion of our trading, construction and production operations abroad requires management attention and resources. In addition, we face additional risks associated with our expansion outside Korea, including:

challenges caused by distance, language and cultural differences;
higher costs associated with doing business internationally;
legal and regulatory restrictions, including foreign exchange controls that might prevent us from repatriating cash earned in countries outside Korea;
longer payment cycles in some countries;
credit risk and higher levels of payment fraud;
currency exchange risks;
potentially adverse tax consequences;
political and economic instability; and

seasonal reductions in business activity during the summer months in some countries.

We have limited insurance coverage and may incur significant losses resulting from operating hazards, product liability claims from customers or business interruptions.

The normal operation of our manufacturing facilities may be interrupted by accidents caused by operating hazards, power supply disruptions and equipment failures, as well as natural disasters. As with other industrial companies, our operations involve the use, handling, generation,

processing, storage, transportation and disposal of hazardous materials, which may result in fires, explosions, spills and other unexpected or dangerous accidents causing property damage as well as personal injuries or death. We are also exposed to risks associated with product liability claims in the event that the use of the products we sell results in injury. We maintain property insurance for our property, plant and equipment that we believe to be consistent with market practice in Korea. However, we may not have adequate resources to satisfy a judgment in excess of our insurance coverage in the event of a successful claim against us. Any occurrence of accidents or other events affecting our operations could result in potentially significant monetary damages, diversion of resources, production disruption and delay in delivery of our products, which may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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We may from time to time engage in acquisitions for which we may be required to seek additional sources of capital.

From time to time, we may selectively acquire or invest in companies or businesses that may complement our business. In order to finance these acquisitions, we intend to use cash on hand, funds from operations, issuances of equity and debt securities, and, if necessary, financings from banks and other sources as well as entering into consortiums with financial investors. However, no assurance can be given that we will be able to obtain sufficient financing for such acquisitions or investments on terms commercially acceptable to us or at all. We also cannot assure you that such financings and related debt payment obligations will not have a material adverse impact on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flow.

Further increases in, or new impositions of, anti-dumping or countervailing duty proceedings may have an adverse impact on our export sales

In recent years, we have become subject to a number of anti-dumping duties in India, Indonesia, Australia, Thailand, Brazil, Taiwan and Malaysia and a number of anti-dumping and countervailing duty investigations in several other countries, including the U.S., India and Canada. In addition, the Mexican government initiated an anti-dumping investigation in October 2012 relating to our exports of cold rolled steel products, and the investigation was suspended until 2018 on condition that we comply with supply undertakings. Our products that are subject to anti-dumping or countervailing duty proceedings in the aggregate currently do not account for a material portion of our total sales, and such proceedings have not had a material adverse impact on our business and operations in recent years. However, there can be no assurance that increases in, or new impositions of, anti-dumping duties, countervailing duties, quotas or tariffs on our exports of products abroad may not have a material adverse impact on our exports in the future. See Item 4. Information on the Company Item 4.B. Business Overview Markets Exports.

We participate in overseas natural resources exploration, development and production projects abroad, which expose us to various risks.

As part of consortia or through acquisitions of minority interests, we engage in overseas natural resources exploration, development and production projects in various locations, including a gas field exploration project in Myanmar, in which Daewoo International had invested approximately US\$ 1,103 million as of December 31, 2013 and plans to make further investments in the future. Daewoo International began recognizing revenue from the Myanmar gas field project starting in November 2013. We may also selectively acquire or invest in companies or businesses that engage in such activities. As part of our efforts to diversify our operations, we intend to continue to expand our operations by carefully seeking out promising exploration, development and production opportunities abroad. To the extent that we enter into these arrangements, our success in these endeavors will depend in part on the willingness of our partner companies to dedicate sufficient resources to their partnership with us.

The demand and market acceptance for such activities abroad are subject to a substantially higher level of uncertainty than our traditional steel business and are substantially dependent upon the market condition of the global natural resources industry as well as the political and social environment of the target countries. The performance of projects in which we participate may be adversely affected by the occurrence of military hostility, political unrest or acts of terrorism. In addition, some of our current exploration, development and production projects involve drilling exploratory wells on properties with no proven amount of natural resource reserves. Although all drilling, whether developmental or exploratory, involves risks, exploratory drilling involves greater risks of dry holes or failure to find commercial quantities of natural resources. We have limited experience in this business, and we cannot assure you that our overseas natural resources exploration, development and production projects will be profitable, that we will be able to meet the financing requirements for such projects, or that we can recoup the costs related to such investments, which in turn could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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We may encounter problems with joint overseas natural resources exploration, development and production projects and large-scale infrastructure projects, which may materially and adversely affect our business.

In recent years, we have begun to focus increasingly on overseas natural resources exploration, development and production projects. We typically pursue these natural resources exploration, development and production projects jointly with consortium partners or through acquisition of minority interests in such projects, and we expect to be involved in other joint projects in the future. We sometimes hold a majority interest in the projects among the consortium partners, but we often lack a controlling interest in the joint projects. Therefore, we may not be able to require that our joint ventures sell assets or return invested capital, make additional capital contributions or take any other action without the vote of at least a majority of our consortium partners. If there are disagreements between our consortium partners and us regarding the business and operations of the joint projects, we cannot assure you that we will be able to resolve them in a manner that will be in our best interests. Certain major decisions, such as selling a stake in the joint project, may require the consent of all other partners. These limitations may adversely affect our ability to obtain the economic and other benefits we seek from participating in these projects.

In addition, our consortium partners may:

have economic or business interests or goals that are inconsistent with us;

take actions contrary to our instructions, requests, policies or objectives;

be unable or unwilling to fulfill their obligations;

have financial difficulties; or

have disputes with us as to their rights, responsibilities and obligations.

Any of these and other factors may have a material adverse effect on the performance of our joint projects and expose us to a number of risks, including the risk that the partners may be incapable of providing the required financial support to the partnerships and the risk that the partners may not be able to fulfill their other obligations, resulting in disputes not only between our partners and us, but also between the joint ventures and their customers. Such a material adverse effect on the performance of our joint projects may in turn materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Cyclical fluctuations based on macroeconomic factors may adversely affect POSCO E&C s business and performance.

In order to complement our steel operations, we engage in engineering and construction activities through POSCO E&C, an 89.5%-owned subsidiary. The construction segment, which accounted for approximately 11.1% of our consolidated sales in 2013 after adjusting for inter-company sales, is highly cyclical and tends to fluctuate based on macroeconomic factors, such as consumer confidence and income, employment levels, interest rates, inflation rates, demographic trends and policies of the Government. Although we believe that POSCO E&C s strategy of focusing on high-value-added plant construction and urban planning and development projects such as Songdo New City has enabled it to be exposed to a lesser degree to general economic conditions in Korea in comparison to some of its domestic competitors, our construction revenues have fluctuated in the past depending on the level of domestic construction activity including new construction orders. POSCO E&C s construction operations could suffer in the future in the event of a general downturn in the construction market resulting in weaker demand, which could adversely affect POSCO E&C s business, results of operations or financial condition.

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Many of POSCO E&C s domestic and overseas construction projects are on a fixed-price basis, which could result in losses for us in the event that unforeseen additional expenses arise with respect to the project.

Many of POSCO E&C s domestic and overseas construction projects are carried out on a fixed-price basis according to a predetermined timetable, pursuant to the terms of a fixed-price contract. Under such fixed-price contracts, POSCO E&C retains all cost savings on completed contracts but is also liable for the full amount of all cost overruns and may be required to pay damages for late delivery. The pricing of fixed-price contracts is crucial to POSCO E&C s profitability, as is its ability to quantify risks to be borne by it and to provide for contingencies in the contract accordingly.

POSCO E&C attempts to anticipate costs of labor, raw materials, parts and components in its bids on fixed-price contracts. However, the costs incurred and gross profits realized on a fixed-price contract may vary from its estimates due to factors such as:

unanticipated variations in labor and equipment productivity over the term of a contract;

unanticipated increases in labor, raw material, parts and components, subcontracting and overhead costs, including as a result of bad weather;

delivery delays and corrective measures for poor workmanship; and

errors in estimates and bidding.

If unforeseen additional expenses arise over the course of a construction project, such expenses are usually borne by POSCO E&C, and its profit from the project will be correspondingly reduced or eliminated. If POSCO E&C experiences significant unforeseen additional expenses with respect to its fixed price projects, it may incur losses on such projects, which could have a material adverse effect on its financial condition and results of operations.

### POSCO E&C s domestic residential property business is highly dependent on the real estate market in Korea.

The performance of POSCO E&C s domestic residential property business is highly dependent on the general condition of the real estate market in Korea. The construction industry in Korea is experiencing a downturn due to excessive investment in recent years in residential property development projects, stagnation of real property prices and reduced demand for residential property, especially in areas outside of Seoul. In addition, as liquidity and credit concerns and volatility in the global financial markets increased significantly starting in September 2008, there has been a general decline in the willingness by banks and other financial institutions in Korea to engage in project financing and other lending activities to construction companies, which may adversely impact POSCO E&C s ability to meet its desired funding needs. The Government has taken measures to support the Korean construction industry, including easing of regulations imposed on redevelopment of apartment buildings and resale restrictions in the metropolitan areas, as well as reductions in property taxes. Although the Korean real estate market temporarily recovered in the second half of 2009 and into 2010, declines in demand and price took place in the Korean real estate market in recent years due to the downturn of the domestic economic cycle and financial risk in Europe, and the overall prospects for the Korean real estate market in 2014 and beyond remain uncertain.

We are subject to environmental regulations, and our operations could expose us to substantial liabilities.

We are subject to national and local environmental laws and regulations, including increasing pressure to reduce emission of carbon dioxide relating to our manufacturing process, and our steel manufacturing and construction operations could expose us to risk of substantial liability relating to

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environmental or health and safety issues, such as those resulting from discharge of pollutants and carbon dioxide into the environment, the handling, storage and disposal of solid or hazardous materials or wastes and the investigation and remediation of contaminated sites. We may be responsible for the investigation and remediation of environmental conditions at currently and formerly operated manufacturing or construction sites. We may also be subject to associated liabilities, including liabilities for natural resource damage, third party property damage or personal injury resulting from lawsuits brought by the Government or private litigants. In the course of our operations, hazardous wastes may be generated at third party-owned or operated sites, and hazardous wastes may be disposed of or treated at third party-owned or operated disposal sites. If those sites become contaminated, we could also be held responsible for the cost of investigation and remediation of such sites, for any associated natural resource damage, and for civil or criminal fines or penalties.

Failure to protect our intellectual property rights could impair our competitiveness and harm our business and future prospects.

We believe that developing new steel manufacturing technologies that can be differentiated from those of our competitors, such as FINEX, strip casting and silicon steel manufacturing technologies, is critical to the success of our business. We take active measures to obtain protection of our intellectual property by obtaining patents and undertaking monitoring activities in our major markets. However, we cannot assure you that the measures we are taking will effectively deter competitors from improper use of our proprietary technologies. Our competitors may misappropriate our intellectual property, disputes as to ownership of intellectual property may arise and our intellectual property may otherwise become known or independently developed by our competitors. Any failure to protect our intellectual property could impair our competitiveness and harm our business and future prospects.

We rely on trade secrets and other unpatented proprietary know-how to maintain our competitive position, and unauthorized disclosure of our trade secrets or other unpatented proprietary know-how could negatively affect our business.

We rely on trade secrets and unpatented proprietary know-how and information. We enter into confidentiality agreements with each of our employees and consultants upon the commencement of an employment or consulting relationship. These agreements generally provide that all inventions, ideas, discoveries, improvements and patentable material made or conceived by the individual arising out of the employment or consulting relationship and all confidential information developed or made known to the individual during the term of the relationship is our exclusive property. We cannot assure the enforceability of these types of agreements, or that they will not be breached. We also cannot be certain that we will have adequate remedies for any breach. The disclosure of our trade secrets or other know-how as a result of such a breach could adversely affect our business.

We face the risk of litigation proceedings relating to infringement of intellectual property rights of third parties, which, if determined adversely to us, could cause us to lose significant rights, pay significant damage awards or suspend the sale of certain products.

Our success depends largely on our ability to develop and use our technology and know-how in a proprietary manner without infringing the intellectual property rights of third parties. The validity and scope of claims relating to technology and patents involve complex scientific, legal and factual questions and analysis and, therefore, may be highly uncertain. In addition, because patent applications in many jurisdictions are kept confidential for an extended period before they are published, we may be unaware of other persons pending patent applications that relate to our products or manufacturing processes. Accordingly, we face the risk of litigation proceedings relating to infringement of intellectual property rights of third parties. See Item 8.A. Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information Legal Proceedings.

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The plaintiffs in actions relating to infringement of intellectual property rights typically seek injunctions and substantial damages. Although patent and other intellectual property disputes are often settled through licensing or similar arrangements, there can be no assurance that such licenses can be obtained on acceptable terms or at all. Accordingly, regardless of the scope or validity of disputed patents or the merits of any patent infringement claims by potential or actual litigants, we may have to engage in protracted litigation. The defense and prosecution of intellectual property suits, patent opposition proceedings and related legal and administrative proceedings can be both costly and time consuming and may significantly divert the efforts and resources of our technical and management personnel. An adverse determination in any such litigation or proceedings could subject us to pay substantial damages to third parties, require us to seek licenses from third parties and pay ongoing royalties or redesign certain products, or subject us to injunctions prohibiting the manufacture and sale of our products or the use of technologies in certain jurisdictions. The occurrence of any of the foregoing could have a material adverse effect on our reputation, business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may be exposed to potential claims for unpaid wages and become subject to additional labor costs arising from the Supreme Court of Korea s interpretation of ordinary wages.

Under the Labor Standards Act, an employee is legally entitled to ordinary wages. Under the guidelines previously issued by the Ministry of Employment and Labor (formerly the Ministry of Labor), ordinary wages include base salary and certain fixed monthly allowances for overtime work performed during night shifts and holidays. Prior to the Supreme Court of Korea s decision described below, we and other companies in Korea had interpreted these guidelines as excluding fixed bonuses that are paid other than on a monthly basis (such as bi-monthly, quarterly or biannually paid bonuses) from the scope of ordinary wages.

On December 18, 2013, the Supreme Court of Korea ruled that regularly paid bonuses, including those that are paid other than on a monthly basis, shall be deemed ordinary wages if these bonuses are paid regularly and uniformly on a fixed basis notwithstanding differential amounts based on seniority. Under this decision, any collective bargaining agreement or labor-management agreement that attempts to exclude such regular bonuses from ordinary wage will be deemed void for violation of the mandatory provisions of Korean law. However, the Supreme Court of Korea further ruled that an employee s claim for underpayments under the expanded scope of ordinary wages for the past three years within the statute of limitations may be denied based on principles of good faith if (i) there is an agreement between the employer and employees that the regular bonus shall be excluded from ordinary wage in determining the total amount of wage, (ii) such claim results in further wage payments that far exceed the level of total amount of wage agreed between the employer and employees, and (iii) such claim would cause an unexpected financial burden to the employer leading to material managerial difficulty or a threat to the employer s existence. The principles of good faith, however, do not apply to an agreement on wages entered into between the employer and employees after December 18, 2013, the date of the above decision of the Supreme Court of Korea.

The Supreme Court decision may result in additional labor costs to us in the form of additional payments under the expanded scope of ordinary wages applicable in the past three years as well as to be incurred in the future, which may have an adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Escalations in tensions with North Korea could have an adverse effect on us and the market value of our common shares and ADSs.

Relations between Korea and North Korea have been tense throughout Korea s modern history. The level of tension between the two Koreas has fluctuated and may increase abruptly as a result of future events. In particular, since the death of Kim Jong-il in December 2011, there has been increased uncertainty with respect to the future of North Korea s political leadership and concern regarding its

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implications for political and economic stability in the region. Although Kim Jong-il s third son, Kim Jong-eun, has assumed power as his father s designated successor, the long-term outcome of such leadership transition remains uncertain.

In addition, there have been heightened security concerns in recent years stemming from North Korea s nuclear weapon and long-range missile programs as well as its hostile military actions against Korea. Some of the significant incidents in recent years include the following:

In April 2013, North Korea blocked access to the inter-Korean industrial complex in its border city of Gaeseong to South Koreans, while the U.S. deployed nuclear-capable stealth bombers and destroyers to Korean air and sea space.

In March 2013, North Korea stated that it had entered a state of war with Korea, declaring the 1953 armistice invalid, and put its artillery at the highest level of combat readiness to protest the Korea-United States allies military drills and additional sanctions imposed on North Korea for its missile and nuclear tests.

North Korea renounced its obligations under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in January 2003 and conducted three rounds of nuclear tests between October 2006 to February 2013, which increased tensions in the region and elicited strong objections worldwide. In response, the United Nations Security Council unanimously passed resolutions that condemned North Korea for the nuclear tests and expanded sanctions against North Korea, most recently in March 2013.

In December 2012, North Korea launched a satellite into orbit using a long-range rocket, despite concerns in the international community that such a launch would be in violation of the agreement with the United States as well as the United Nations Security Council resolutions that prohibit North Korea from conducting launches that use ballistic missile technology.

In March 2010, a Korean naval vessel was destroyed by an underwater explosion, killing many of the crewmen on board. The Government formally accused North Korea of causing the sinking, while North Korea denied responsibility. Moreover, in November 2010, North Korea fired more than one hundred artillery shells that hit Korea s Yeonpyeong Island near the Northern Limit Line, which acts as the defacto maritime boundary between Korea and North Korea on the west coast of the Korean peninsula, causing casualties and significant property damage. The Government condemned North Korea for the attack and vowed stern retaliation should there be further provocation.

North Korea s economy also faces severe challenges. For example, in November 2009, the North Korean government redenominated its currency at a ratio of 100 to 1 as part of a currency reform undertaken in an attempt to control inflation and reduce income gaps. In tandem with the currency redenomination, the North Korean government banned the use or possession of foreign currency by its residents and closed down privately run markets, which led to severe inflation and food shortages. Such developments may further aggravate social and political tensions within North Korea.

There can be no assurance that the level of tension on the Korean peninsula will not escalate in the future. Any further increase in tensions, which may occur, for example, if North Korea experiences a leadership crisis, high-level contacts between Korea and North Korea break down or military hostilities occur, could have a material adverse effect on the Korean economy and on our business, results of operations and financial condition and the market value of our common shares and ADSs.

If you surrender your ADRs to withdraw shares of our common stock, you may not be allowed to deposit the shares again to obtain ADRs.

Under the deposit agreement, holders of shares of our common stock may deposit those shares with the ADR depositary s custodian in Korea and obtain ADRs, and holders of ADRs may surrender ADRs to the ADR depositary and receive shares of our common stock. However, under current Korean

laws and regulations, the depositary bank is required to obtain our prior consent for the number of shares to be deposited in any given proposed deposit that exceeds the difference between (i) the aggregate number of shares deposited by us for the issuance of ADSs (including deposits in connection with the initial and all subsequent offerings of ADSs and stock dividends or other distributions related to these ADSs) and (ii) the number of shares on deposit with the depositary bank at the time of such proposed deposit. It is possible that we may not give the consent. As a result, if you surrender ADRs and withdraw shares of common stock, you may not be able to deposit the shares again to obtain ADRs. See Item 10. Additional Information Item 10.D. Exchange Controls.

You may not be able to exercise preemptive rights for additional shares of common stock and may suffer dilution of your equity interest in us.

The Commercial Code and our articles of incorporation require us, with some exceptions, to offer shareholders the right to subscribe for new shares in proportion to their existing ownership percentage whenever new shares are issued. If we issue new shares to persons other than our shareholders (See Item 10.B. Memorandum and Articles of Association Preemptive Rights and Issuance of Additional Shares ), a holder of our ADSs will experience dilution of such holding. If none of these exceptions is available, we will be required to grant preemptive rights when issuing additional common shares under Korean law. Under the deposit agreement governing the ADSs, if we offer any rights to subscribe for additional shares of our common stock or any rights of any other nature, the ADR depositary, after consultation with us, may make the rights available to you or use reasonable efforts to dispose of the rights on your behalf and make the net proceeds available to you. The ADR depositary, however, is not required to make available to you any rights to purchase any additional shares unless it deems that doing so is lawful and feasible and:

a registration statement filed by us under the Securities Act is in effect with respect to those shares; or

the offering and sale of those shares is exempt from or is not subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

We are under no obligation to file any registration statement under the Securities Act to enable you to exercise preemptive rights in respect of the common shares underlying the ADSs, and we cannot assure you that any registration statement would be filed or that an exemption from the registration requirement under the Securities Act would be available. Accordingly, if a registration statement is required for you to exercise preemptive rights but is not filed by us, you will not be able to exercise your preemptive rights for additional shares and may suffer dilution of your equity interest in us.

#### U.S. investors may have difficulty enforcing civil liabilities against us and our directors and senior management.

We are incorporated in Korea with our principal executive offices located in Seoul. The majority of our directors and senior management are residents of jurisdictions outside the United States, and the majority of our assets and the assets of such persons are located outside the United States. As a result, U.S. investors may find it difficult to effect service of process within the United States upon us or such persons or to enforce outside the United States judgments obtained against us or such persons in U.S. courts, including actions predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws. It may also be difficult for an investor to enforce in U.S. courts judgments obtained against us or such persons in courts in jurisdictions outside the United States, including actions predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws. It may also be difficult for a U.S. investor to bring an action in a Korean court predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws against our directors and senior management and non-U.S. experts named in this annual report.

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We could be adversely affected if the U.S. government were to determine that our affiliate s Iran-related business activities are sanctionable under the U.S. Iranian sanction laws and regulations.

We acquired a controlling interest in Sungjin Geotec Co., Ltd. ( Sungjin Geotec ), a manufacturer of specialized equipment used in the power and energy industries in May 2010. Sungjin Geotec merged with POSCO Plantec Co., Ltd. ( POSCO Plantec ) in July 2013, and we currently hold a 36.2% interest in POSCO Plantec. Prior to the merger, Sungjin Geotec entered into contracts with various suppliers to supply equipment for the development of natural gas fields in Iran, including natural gas fields located in South Pars that is led by Pars Oil and Gas Company, a subsidiary of National Iranian Oil Company. Sungjin Geotec recognized revenues of approximately Won 27 billion in 2010, Won 240 billion in 2011 and Won 134 billion in 2012, and net profits of approximately Won 1 billion in 2010, Won 15 billion in 2011 and Won 25 billion in 2012 related to such activities. Sungjin Geotec has completed or terminated all of its remaining outstanding supply contracts to sell equipment for the development of natural gas fields in Iran, and neither Sungjin Geotec nor POSCO Plantec (subsequent to the merger with Sungjin Geotec in July 2013) recognized any revenues nor profits from such activities in 2013. POSCO Plantec does not plan to engage in any sale of equipment in Iran related to the country's development of petroleum resources.

In July 2010, the United States adopted legislation that expands U.S. economic sanctions against foreign companies doing business with Iran in certain sectors. The Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010 (the CISADA) expands the scope of sanctionable activities by, among other things, broadening the definition of investment under the Iran Sanctions Act (the ISA) arguably to include the supply of goods for use in petroleum and gas production. The CISADA also expands the severity of potential sanctions available under the ISA and imposes mandatory investigation and reporting requirements designed to increase the likelihood of enforcement. The CISADA requires the imposition of sanctions against parties found by the U.S. administration, following an investigation, to have engaged in conduct sanctionable under the ISA, subject to certain waiver provisions and exceptions.

Under the ISA, as amended, sanctions can also be imposed against a company that has actual knowledge of, or should have known of, sanctionable conduct engaged in by another company that it owns or controls. A range of sanctions may be imposed on companies that engage in sanctionable activities, including among other things the blocking of any property subject to U.S. jurisdiction in which the sanctioned company has an interest, which could include a prohibition on transactions or dealings involving securities of the sanctioned company. By its terms, the CISADA is applicable to certain investments in Iran that commenced on or after July 1, 2010.

There can be no assurance that Sungjin Geotec s Iran-related business activities did not constitute sanctionable activities or that we will not be subjected to sanctions under the ISA as amended by the CISADA. Our business and reputation could be adversely affected if the U.S. government were to determine that Sungjin Geotec s Iran-related business activities constituted sanctionable activity attributable to us. Investors in our securities may also be adversely affected if we are sanctioned under the CISADA or if their investment in our securities is restricted under any sanctions regimes with which the investors are required to comply. As noted above, sanctions under the ISA could include the blocking of any property in which we have an interest, which would effectively prohibit all U.S. persons from receiving any payments from us, or otherwise acquiring, holding, withholding, using, transferring, withdrawing, transporting, importing, or exporting any property in which we have any interest.

We expect to continue operations and investments relating to countries targeted by United States and European Union economic sanctions.

The U.S. Department of the Treasury s Office of Foreign Assets Control, or OFAC, enforces certain laws and regulations (OFAC Sanctions) that impose restrictions upon U.S. persons and, in

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some instances, foreign entities owned or controlled by U.S. persons, with respect to activities or transactions with certain countries, governments, entities and individuals that are the subject of OFAC Sanctions ( U.S. Sanctions Targets ). U.S. persons are also generally strictly prohibited from facilitating such activities or transactions. Similarly, the European Union enforces certain laws and regulations ( E.U. Sanctions ) that impose restrictions upon nationals of E.U. member states, persons located within E.U. member states, entities incorporated or constituted under the law of an E.U. member state, or business conducted in whole or in part in E.U. member states with respect to activities or transactions with certain countries, governments, entities and individuals that are the subject of E.U. Sanctions ( E.U. Sanctions Targets ). E.U. persons are also generally prohibited from activities that promote such activities or transactions.

We engage in limited business activities in countries that are deemed Sanctions Targets, including Iran, Syria and Sudan. We produce and export, typically through our sales subsidiaries, steel products to such countries, including automotive steel sheets and other steel materials to Iranian entities. Our subsidiaries also engage in limited business activities in countries that are deemed Sanctions Targets. In particular, Daewoo International, a global trading company in which we hold a 60.3% interest, engages in the trading of steel, raw materials and other items with entities in countries that are deemed Sanctions Targets, including Iran and Sudan. We believe that such activities and investments do not involve any U.S. goods or services. Our activities and investments in Iran, Syria and Sudan accounted for approximately 3.4% of our consolidated revenues in 2011, 1.4% in 2012 and 0.2% in 2013.

We expect to continue to engage in business activities and make investments in countries that are deemed Sanctions Targets over the foreseeable future. Although we believe that OFAC Sanctions under their current terms are not applicable to our current activities, our reputation may be adversely affected, some of our U.S. investors may be required to divest their investments in us under the laws of certain U.S. states or under internal investment policies or may decide for reputational reasons to divest such investments. We are aware of initiatives by U.S. governmental entities and U.S. institutional investors, such as pension funds, to adopt or consider adopting laws, regulations, or policies prohibiting transactions with or investment in, or requiring divestment from, entities doing business with countries identified as state sponsors of terrorism. We cannot assure you that the foregoing will not occur or that such occurrence will not have a material adverse effect on the value of our securities.

#### This annual report contains forward-looking statements that are subject to various risks and uncertainties.

This annual report contains forward-looking statements that are based on our current expectations, assumptions, estimates and projections about our company and our industry. The forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties. Generally, these forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, intend, project, similar expressions. Those statements include, among other things, the discussions of our business strategy and expectations concerning our market position, future operations, margins, profitability, liquidity and capital resources. We caution you that reliance on any forward-looking statement involves risks and uncertainties, and that although we believe that the assumptions on which our forward-looking statements are based are reasonable, any of those assumptions could prove to be inaccurate, and, as a result, the forward-looking statements based on those assumptions could be incorrect. The uncertainties in this regard include, but are not limited to, those identified in the risk factors discussed above. In light of these and other uncertainties, you should not conclude that we will necessarily achieve any plans and objectives or projected financial results referred to in any of the forward-looking statements. We do not undertake to release the results of any revisions of these forward-looking statements to reflect future events or circumstances.

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#### Item 4. Information on the Company

#### Item 4.A. History and Development of the Company

We were established by the Government on April 1, 1968, under the Commercial Code, to manufacture and distribute steel rolled products and plates in the domestic and overseas markets. The Government owned more than 70% of our equity until 1988, when the Government reduced its ownership of our common stock to 35% through a public offering and listing our shares on the KRX KOSPI Market. In December 1998, the Government sold all of our common stock it owned directly, and The Korea Development Bank completed the sale of our shares that it owned in September 2000. The Government no longer holds any direct interest in us, and our outstanding common stock is currently held by individuals and institutions. See Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions Item 7A. Major Stockholders.

Our legal and commercial name is POSCO. Our principal executive offices are located at POSCO Center, 440 Teheran-ro, Gangnam-gu, Seoul, Korea 135-777, and our telephone number is (822) 3457-0114.

#### Item 4.B. Business Overview

#### The Company

We are the largest fully integrated steel producer in Korea, and one of the largest steel producers in the world, based on annual crude steel production. We produced approximately 38.3 million tons of crude steel in 2013 and approximately 39.7 million tons in 2012, a substantial portion of which was produced at Pohang Works and Gwangyang Works. As of December 31, 2013, Pohang Works had 17.3 million tons of annual crude steel and stainless steel production capacity, and Gwangyang Works had an annual crude steel production capacity of 20.8 million tons. We believe Pohang Works and Gwangyang Works are two of the most technologically advanced integrated steel facilities in the world. We manufacture and sell a diversified line of steel products, including cold rolled and hot rolled products, stainless steel products, plates, wire rods and silicon steel sheets, and we are able to meet a broad range of customer needs from manufacturing industries that consume steel, including automotive, shipbuilding, home appliance, engineering and machinery industries.

We sell primarily to the Korean market. Domestic sales accounted for 48.8% of our total revenue from steel products produced and sold by us in 2013 and 52.0% in 2012. On a non-consolidated basis, we believe that we had an overall market share of approximately 43% of the total sales volume of steel products sold in Korea in 2013 and approximately 42% in 2012. Our export sales and overseas sales to customers abroad accounted for 51.2% of our total revenue from steel products produced and sold by us in 2013 and 48.0% in 2012. Our major export market is Asia, with China accounting for 30.2%, Asia other than China and Japan accounting for 27.7%, and Japan accounting for 12.5% of our total steel export revenue from steel products produced and exported by us in 2013 and Asia other than China and Japan accounting for 26.7%, China 28.9% and Japan 14.1% of our total steel export revenue from steel products produced and exported by us in 2012.

We also engage in businesses that complement our steel manufacturing operations as well as carefully seek out promising investment opportunities to diversify our businesses both vertically and horizontally, in part to prepare for the eventual maturation of the Korean steel market. POSCO E&C, our consolidated subsidiary in which we hold an 89.5% interest, is one of the leading engineering and construction companies in Korea that primarily engages in the planning, design and construction of industrial plants and architectural works and civil engineering. Daewoo International, our consolidated subsidiary in which we hold a 60.3% interest, is a global trading company that primarily engages in trading of steel and raw materials as well as investing in energy and mineral development projects throughout the world. POSCO Energy Corporation, our wholly-owned consolidated subsidiary in which we hold an 89.0% interest, is the largest private power generation company in Korea.

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We generated revenue of Won 61,865 billion and profit for the period of Won 1,355 billion in 2013, compared to revenue of Won 63,604 billion and profit for the period of Won 2,386 billion in 2012. We had total assets of Won 84,455 billion and total equity of Won 45,822 billion as of December 31, 2013, compared to total assets of Won 79,266 billion and total equity of Won 42,429 billion as of December 31, 2012.

#### **Business Strategy**

Leveraging on our success during the past four decades, our goal is to strengthen our position as one of the leading steel producers in the world through focusing on core technologies, further solidifying our market leading position in Korea, and pursuing operational efficiencies to increase our margins in markets abroad. In order to compete effectively in the dynamic global market environment driven by emerging economies and increasing demand for more environmentally friendly products, we are committed to leveraging our competitive advantages and further enhancing our leadership positions. We believe that our proprietary technologies and expertise in developing environmentally-friendly steel production facilities, ability to independently construct such facilities, and know-how in their efficient operation and management enables us to develop differentiated steel products at a highly competitive cost structure. We also plan to selectively explore opportunities in growth industries that are integral to our overall business model, and we have identified steel, comprehensive materials, energy and new businesses as our key areas of focus.

We seek to strengthen our competitiveness and pursue growth through the following core business strategies:

# Seek Opportunities to Further Strengthen Our Position in Global Markets as well as Selectively Expand Our Production Infrastructure Abroad

We plan to pursue higher margin businesses in various key markets abroad as well as further strengthen our competitiveness in new markets that we have entered in recent years. In China, which is showing signs of slowdown in economic growth and oversupply of steel products, we plan to focus on higher-margin products and pursue strategic entry or exit of various segments and regions. In Southeast Asia, we plan to pursue stabilization of our production operations in Indonesia as well as focus on increasing our market share of key products in Thailand, particularly for the automotive industry. We also plan to pursue differentiated strategies in each of our other key regions.

Drawing on our expertise in steel production, we also plan to carefully seek out promising business opportunities abroad to expand our production infrastructure. We seek out promising investment opportunities abroad, primarily in India and Southeast Asia. We believe that India and Southeast Asia continue to offer substantial growth opportunities, and we plan to selectively seek investment opportunities to construct steel production facilities. For example, we entered into a memorandum of understanding with Orissa State Government of India in June 2005 for the construction of an integrated steel mill and the development of iron ore mines in Orissa State. The Government of India reissued clearance for the construction of the steel mill in January 2014 and is currently in the process of preparing the land on which the integrated steel mill will be constructed. With respect to development of iron ore mines in Orissa State, we obtained a final ruling from the Indian Supreme Court in May 2013 with respect to authority of the central government to issue permission, and we are waiting for approval from the Government of India to start our exploration and development activities.

#### Maintain Technology Leadership in Steel Manufacturing

As part of our strategy, we have identified core products that we plan to further develop, such as premium automotive steel sheets, silicon steel and API-grade steel, and we will continue to invest in developing innovative products that offer the greatest potential returns and enhance the overall quality of our products. In order to increase our competitiveness and the proportion of our sales of higher margin, higher value-added products, we plan to make additional investments in the development of new manufacturing technologies and upgrade our facilities through continued modernization and rationalization.

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We will continue to refine FINEX, a low cost, environmentally friendly steel manufacturing process that optimizes our production capacity by utilizing non-agglomerated iron ore fines and using non-coking coal as an energy source and a reducing agent. We believe that FINEX offers considerable environmental and economic advantages through elimination of major sources of pollution such as sintering and coking plants, as well as reducing operating and raw material costs. In recent years, we have developed proprietary manufacturing technology using a compact endless cast rolling mill that combines the FINEX process with an advanced basic oxygen steelmaking process that uses more scrap in place of pig iron, which enables us to manufacture products at a highly competitive cost structure with lower carbon dioxide emission. Our compact endless cast rolling mill directly casts coils from liquid steel and uses a rolling process that rolls hot rolled coils up to 40 slabs at a time.

#### Diversify into Production of Comprehensive Materials, including Lithium, Nickel, Carbon and Magnesium

We plan to leverage our expertise in production of various steel-applied materials and venture into the fast-growing and high value-added business of producing environmentally friendly comprehensive materials. We have identified lithium and nickel as our main investment areas. Demand for lithium, which is used as an anode material in lithium ion batteries, has been increasing in recent years, and we have developed proprietary technology to extract lithium from its brine in approximately one month compared to twelve months through conventional production processes. We believe we are also able to leverage our expertise in production of crude steel to cost-effective production of carbon and magnesium, which have wide application of industrial use.

#### Further Develop Our Capabilities to become an Integrated Provider of Energy Solutions

We plan to pursue strategic synergies with our member companies of the POSCO Group to further strengthen our capabilities in the energy industry. POSCO Energy Corporation is the largest private power generation company in Korea. POSCO E&C is one of the leading engineering and construction companies in Korea with expertise in the design and construction of power plants. Daewoo International engages in various natural resources procurement and energy development projects around the world. In order to secure adequate procurement of principal raw materials, we have also invested in and will continue to explore additional investment opportunities in various raw material development projects abroad, as well as enter into long-term contracts with leading suppliers of iron ore, coal and nickel, principally in Australia and Brazil. We believe that the energy industry is a sustainable business area that offers us attractive opportunities. We will continue to seek opportunities in natural resources development and further expand our power generation and alternative energy solutions businesses, as well as pursue participation in additional power plant projects abroad.

## Pursue Cost-Cutting through Operational and Process Innovations

We seek to achieve cost reductions in this era of increasing raw material costs through our company wide process for innovation and enhancing efficiency of operations. We believe that strategic cost cutting measures through utilization of efficient production methods and management discipline will strengthen our corporate competitiveness. We will also strive to invest more in human resources development to nurture employees who are capable of working in the global environment.

### Selectively Seek Opportunities in Growth Industries

We will continue to selectively seek opportunities in growth industries to diversify our business both vertically and horizontally. Through POSCO ICT Co., Ltd., a 65.4%-owned subsidiary, we engage in information and technology consulting services as well as automation and system integration engineering services. POSCO E&C is one of the leading engineering and construction companies in Korea that primarily engages in the planning, design and construction of industrial plants and architectural works and civil engineering. On September 20, 2010, we acquired a controlling interest in Daewoo International Corporation for Won 3.37 trillion. Daewoo International is a global trading

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company that primarily engages in trading of steel and raw materials as well as investing in energy development projects. We will continue to selectively seek opportunities to identify new growth engines and diversify our operations.

## **Major Products**

We manufacture and sell a broad line of steel products, including the following:

cold rolled products;
hot rolled products;
stainless steel products;
plates;
wire rods; and

silicon steel sheets.

The table below sets out our revenue of steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers, which are recognized as external revenue of the Steel Segment, by major steel product categories for the periods indicated. Such amounts do not include steel products produced by us and sold to our consolidated subsidiaries.

		I	For the Year Ende	d December 31,		
	2011		2012	2	2013	3
	Billions of		Billions of		Billions of	
Steel Products	Won	%	Won	%	Won	%
Cold rolled products	11,583	29.6%	11,421	32.4%	9,879	31.1%
Hot rolled products	7,752	19.8	6,291	17.8	5,134	16.1
Stainless steel products	7,453	19.0	7,305	20.7	7,425	23.4
Plates	4,560	11.6	3,620	10.3	3,266	10.3
Wire rods	2,240	5.7	1,906	5.4	1,867	5.9
Silicon steel sheets	1,782	4.6	1,556	4.4	1,476	4.6
Sub-total	35,369	90.3	32,099	91.0	29,047	91.4
Others	3,782	9.7	3,160	9.0	2,748	8.6
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Total	39,152	100.0%	35,259	100.0%	31,795	100.0%

The table below sets out our sales volume of the principal categories of steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers, which are recognized as external sales volume of the Steel Segment, by major steel product categories for the periods indicated. Such amounts do not include steel products produced by us and sold to our consolidated subsidiaries.

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2011 2012 2013 **Thousands** Thousands Thousands **Steel Products** of Tons % of Tons % of Tons % Cold rolled products 11,023 37.3% 39.6% 11,915 40.9% 11,863 8,540 28.5 7,589 Hot rolled products 8,902 30.1 26.1 Stainless steel products 2,414 8.2 2,760 9.2 2,883 9.9 Plates 4,373 14.8 4,145 13.8 3,849 13.2 Wire rods 1,686 1,735 1,531 5.1 6.0 5.7 Silicon steel sheets 1,134 3.8 1,143 3.8 1,134 3.9 Total (1) 100.0% 29,532 100.0% 29,983 100.0% 29,104

<sup>(1)</sup> Not including sales volume of steel products categorized under others.

In addition to steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers, we engage our consolidated sales subsidiaries (including Daewoo International) to sell our steel products produced by us. Our revenue from steel products produced by us and sold to our consolidated sales subsidiaries that in turn sold them to their external customers amounted to Won 10,415 billion in 2011, Won 10,344 billion in 2012 and Won 8,391 billion in 2013. Sales of such steel products by our consolidated sales subsidiaries to external customers are recognized as external revenue of the Trading Segment.

#### **Cold Rolled Products**

Cold rolled coils and further refined galvanized cold rolled products are used mainly in the automotive industry to produce car body panels. Other users include the household goods, electrical appliances, engineering and metal goods industries.

Our deliveries of cold rolled products produced by us and directly sold to external customers amounted to 11.9 million tons in 2013, representing 40.9% of our total sales volume of principal steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers.

Cold rolled products constitute our largest product category in terms of sales volume and revenue from steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers. In 2013, our sales volume of cold rolled products produced by us and directly sold to external customers increased by 0.4% compared to our sales volume in 2012 due to an increase in sales to automotive companies.

Including sales of cold rolled products produced by us and sold through our consolidated sales subsidiaries in addition to cold rolled products produced by us and directly sold to external customers, we had a domestic market share for cold rolled products of approximately 46% on a non-consolidated basis.

#### **Hot Rolled Products**

Hot rolled coils and sheets have many different industrial applications. They are used to manufacture structural steel used in the construction of buildings, industrial pipes and tanks, and automobile chassis. Hot rolled coil is also manufactured in a wide range of widths and thickness as the feedstock for higher value-added products such as cold rolled products and silicon steel sheets.

Our deliveries of hot rolled products produced by us and directly sold to external customers amounted to 7.6 million tons in 2013, representing 26.1% of our total sales volume of principal steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers. The largest customers of our hot rolled products are downstream steelmakers in Korea which use the products to manufacture pipes and cold rolled products.

Hot rolled products constitute our second largest product category in terms of sales volume and third largest product category in terms of revenue from steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers. In 2013, our sales volume of hot rolled products produced by us and directly sold to external customers decreased by 11.1% compared to 2012 primarily due to a decrease in demand from downstream steelmakers in Korea and abroad.

Including sales of hot rolled products produced by us and sold through our consolidated sales subsidiaries in addition to hot rolled products produced by us and directly sold to external customers, we had a domestic market share for hot rolled products of approximately 42% on a non-consolidated basis.

#### Stainless Steel Products

Stainless steel products are used to manufacture household goods and are also used by the chemical industry, paper mills, the aviation industry, the automotive industry, the construction industry and the food processing industry.

Our deliveries of stainless steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers amounted to 2.9 million tons in 2013, representing 9.9% of our total sales volume of principal steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers.

Stainless steel products constitute our second largest product category in terms of revenue from steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers. Although sales of stainless steel products accounted for only 9.9% of total sales volume of the principal steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers in 2013, they represented 23.4% of our total revenue from such steel products in 2013. Our sales volume of stainless steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers increased by 4.4% in 2013 compared to 2012 due to an increase in demand from manufacturers of automotive exhaust systems.

Including sales of stainless steel products produced by us and sold through our consolidated sales subsidiaries in addition to stainless steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers, we had a domestic market share for stainless steel products of approximately 48% on a non-consolidated basis.

#### Plates

Plates are used in shipbuilding, structural steelwork, offshore oil and gas production, power generation, mining, and the manufacture of earth-moving and mechanical handling equipment, boiler and pressure vessels and other industrial machinery.

Our deliveries of plates produced by us and directly sold to external customers amounted to 3.8 million tons in 2013, representing 13.2% of our total sales volume of principal steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers. The Korean shipbuilding industry, which uses plates to manufacture chemical tankers, rigs, bulk carriers and containers, and the construction industry are our largest customers of plates.

In 2013, our sales volume of plates produced by us and directly sold to external customers decreased by 7.1% compared to 2012, reflecting a decrease in demand from the shipbuilding industry.

Including sales of plates produced by us and sold through our consolidated sales subsidiaries in addition to plates produced by us and directly sold to external customers, we had a domestic market share for plates of approximately 41% on a non-consolidated basis.

## Wire Rods

Wire rods are used mainly by manufacturers of wire, fasteners, nails, bolts, nuts and welding rods. Wire rods are also used in the manufacture of coil springs, tension bars and tire cords in the automotive industry.

Our deliveries of wire rods produced by us and directly sold to external customers amounted to 1.7 million tons in 2013, representing 6.0% of our total sales volume of principal steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers. The largest customers for our wire rods are manufacturers of wire ropes and fasteners.

In 2013, our sales volume of wire rods produced by us and directly sold to external customers increased by 13.3% compared to 2012, primarily reflecting an increase in demand from the domestic automotive industry, which we were able to meet following commencement of commercial operation of our fourth wire rod manufacturing plant.

Including sales of wire rods produced by us and sold through our consolidated sales subsidiaries in addition to wire rods produced by us and directly sold to external customers, we had a domestic market share for wire rods of approximately 50% on a non-consolidated basis.

#### Silicon Steel Sheets

Silicon steel sheets are used mainly in the manufacture of power transformers and generators and rotating machines.

Our deliveries of silicon steel sheets produced by us and directly sold to external customers amounted to 1.1 million tons in 2013, representing 3.9% of our total sales volume of principal steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers.

In 2013, our sales volume of silicon steel sheets produced by us and directly sold to external customers decreased by 0.8% compared to 2012 due to a decrease in demand from manufacturers of power transformers and generators.

Including sales of silicon steel sheets produced by us and sold through our consolidated sales subsidiaries in addition to silicon steel sheets produced by us and directly sold to external customers, we had a domestic market share for silicon steel sheets of approximately 87% on a non-consolidated basis.

## Others

Other products include lower value-added semi-finished products such as pig iron, billets, blooms and slab.

#### Markets

Korea is our most important market. Domestic sales represented 48.8% of our total revenue from steel products produced and sold by us in 2013. Our export sales and overseas sales to customers abroad represented 51.2% of our total revenue from steel products in 2013. Our sales strategy has been to devote our production primarily to satisfy domestic demand, while seeking export sales to utilize capacity to the fullest extent and to expand our international market presence.

#### Domestic Market

We primarily sell in Korea higher value-added and other finished products to end-users and semi-finished products to other steel manufacturers for further processing. Local distribution companies and sales affiliates sell finished steel products to low-volume customers. We provide service technicians for large customers and distributors in each important product area.

The table below sets out our estimate of the market share of steel products sold in Korea for the periods indicated based on sales volume.

	For the	For the Year Ended December 31,			
Source	2011	2012	2013		
POSCO s saleś <sup>1)</sup>	41.4%	41.9%	43.4%		
Other domestic steel companies sales	24.6	23.4	23.6		
Imports	34.0	34.8	33.0		
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		

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<sup>(1)</sup> POSCO s sales volume includes steel products produced by us (but not by our subsidiaries) and sold through our consolidated sales subsidiaries in addition to steel products produced by us (but not by our subsidiaries) and directly sold to external customers.

## **Exports**

Our export sales and overseas sales to customers abroad represented 51.2% of our total revenue from steel products produced and sold by us in 2013, 70.4% of which was generated from exports sales and overseas sales to customers in Asian countries. Our export sales and overseas sales to customers abroad in terms of revenue from such products decreased by 5.9% from Won 21,888 billion in 2012 to Won 20,587 billion in 2013, primarily reflecting a decrease in our export prices resulting from production over-capacity in the global steel industry.

The tables below set out our export sales and overseas sales to customers abroad in terms of revenue from steel products produced and sold by us, by geographical market and by product for the periods indicated.

	For the Year Ended December 31,					
	2011	l	2012	2012		3
	Billions of		Billions of		Billions of	
Region	Won	%	Won	%	Won	%
Asia (other than China and Japan)	5,733	23.2%	5,834	26.7%	5,707	27.7%
China	6,984	28.3	6,328	28.9	6,220	30.2
Japan	3,415	13.8	3,084	14.1	2,583	12.5
Europe	1,609	6.5	942	4.3	999	4.9
Middle East	690	2.8	528	2.4	381	1.8
North America	2,387	9.7	1,288	5.9	1,145	5.6
Others	3,846	15.6	3,884	17.7	3,552	17.3
Total	24,665	100.0%	21,888	100.0%	20,587	100.0%

			For the Year Ende	,		
	2011	=	2012	2	2013	}
	Billions of		Billions of		Billions of	
Steel Products	Won	%	Won	%	Won	%
Cold rolled products	7,975	32.3%	7,245	33.1%	6,653	32.3%
Hot rolled products	4,210	17.1	3,783	17.3	3,300	16.0
Stainless steel products	6,295	25.5	5,302	24.2	5,125	24.9
Plates	1,487	6.0	1,573	7.2	1,238	6.0
Wire rods	689	2.8	598	2.7	569	2.8
Silicon steel sheets	996	4.0	840	3.8	837	4.1
Others	3,012	12.2	2,546	11.6	2,863	13.9
Total	24,665	100.0%	21,888	100.0%	20,587	100.0%

The table below sets out the world s apparent steel use for the periods indicated.

		For the Year Ended December 31,			
	2011	2012	2013		
Apparent steel use (million metric tons)	1,404	1,430	1,481		
Percentage of annual increase	7.8%	1.9%	3.6%		

Source: World Steel Association.

Recent difficulties affecting the European Union and global financial sectors, adverse conditions and volatility in the European Union and worldwide credit and financial markets, fluctuations in oil and commodity prices, the general weakness of the global economy and the slowdown in growth of the Chinese economy have increased the uncertainty of global economic prospects in general and have adversely affected the global and Korean economies. The World Steel Association forecasts that global apparent steel use is expected to increase by 3.1% to 1,527 million

metric tons in 2014.

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In recent years, driven in part by strong growth in steel consumption in emerging economies, the global steel industry has experienced renewed interest in expansion of steel production capacity. World Steel Dynamics estimated the global crude steel production capacity to be 2,168 million tons in 2013. The increased production capacity, combined with weakening demand due primarily to the recent slowdown of the global economy, has resulted in production over-capacity in the global steel industry. Production over-capacity in the global steel industry may intensify if the slowdown of the global economy continues or demand from developing countries that have experienced significant growth in recent years does not meet the growth in production capacity.

We distribute our export products mostly through Korean trading companies, including Daewoo International, and our overseas sales subsidiaries. Our largest export market in 2013 was China, which accounted for 30.2% of our export revenue from steel products produced and sold by us. The principal products exported to China were cold rolled products and plates. Our exports to China amounted to Won 6,328 billion in 2012 and Won 6,220 billion in 2013. Our exports to China decreased by 1.7% in 2013 primarily due to a decrease in our export prices to China as well as our decision to allocate more products to European countries where we could obtain better export prices. Our export sales in terms of revenue from European countries increased by 6.1% from Won 942 billion in 2012 to Won 999 billion in 2013.

## Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings

From time to time, our exporting activities have become subject to anti-dumping and countervailing duty proceedings. In recent years, we have become subject to a number of anti-dumping duties in India, Indonesia, Australia, Thailand, Brazil, Taiwan and Malaysia and a number of anti-dumping and countervailing duty investigations in several other countries, including the U.S., India and Canada. In addition, the Mexican government initiated an anti-dumping investigation in October 2012 relating to our exports of cold rolled steel products, and the investigation was suspended until 2018 on condition that we comply with supply undertakings. Our products that are subject to anti-dumping or countervailing duty proceedings in the aggregate currently do not account for a material portion of our total sales, and such proceedings have not had a material adverse impact on our business and operations in recent years.

## **Pricing Policy**

We determine the sales price of our products based on market conditions. In setting prices, we take into account our costs, including those of raw materials, supply and demand in the Korean market, exchange rates, and conditions in the international steel market. Our prices can fluctuate considerably over time, depending on market conditions and other factors. The prices of our higher value-added steel products in the largest markets are determined considering the prices of similar products charged by our competitors.

We gradually increased our export prices in Dollar terms in the first half of 2011. However, our export prices fell substantially in the second half of 2011 and decreased further in 2012 and the first half of 2013. Our domestic sales prices remained relatively stable in the second half of 2011 but decreased in 2012 and the first half of 2013. We may decide to adjust our future sales prices on an on-going basis subject to market demand for our products, prices of raw materials, the production outlook of the global steel industry and global economic conditions in general.

## **Raw Materials**

#### Steel Production

The principal raw materials used in producing steel through the basic oxygen steelmaking method are iron ore and coal. We require approximately 1.7 tons of iron ore and 0.8 tons of coal to

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produce one ton of steel. We import all of the coal and virtually all of the iron ore that we use. In 2013, POSCO imported approximately 48.9 million dry metric tons of iron ore and 26.6 million wet metric tons of coal. Iron ore is imported primarily from Australia, Brazil and South Africa. Coal is imported primarily from Australia, Canada and the United States. In 2013, we purchased a substantial portion of our iron ore and coal imports pursuant to long-term contracts. The supply contracts have terms of one to ten years and the long-term contracts generally provide for periodic price adjustments to the then-market prices. The long-term contracts to purchase iron ore and coal generally provide for quarterly adjustments to the purchase prices to be determined through negotiation between the supplier and us. Such price negotiations are driven by various factors, including the global economic outlook, global market prices of raw materials and steel products, supply and demand outlook of raw materials and production costs of raw materials. Typically, globally influenced buyers and sellers of raw materials determine benchmark prices of raw materials, based on which other buyers and sellers negotiate their prices after taking into consideration the quality of raw materials and other factors. We or the suppliers may cancel the long-term contracts only if performance under the contracts is prevented by causes beyond our or their control and these causes continue for a specified period.

We also make investments in exploration and production projects abroad to enhance our ability to meet the requirements for high-quality raw materials, either as part of a consortium or through an acquisition of a minority interest. We purchased approximately 23% of our iron ore and coal imports in 2013 from foreign mines in which we have made investments. Our major investments to procure supplies of coal, iron ore and nickel are located in Australia, Brazil, New Caledonia and Canada, and our significant investments are as follows:

We made an investment of US\$500 million in December 2008 to acquire a 6.48% interest in Nacional Minérios S.A., an iron ore mining company in Brazil, in a consortium with Japanese steel manufacturers and trading companies. We secured approximately 3.7 million tons of iron ore in 2013, and we have the right to secure up to 3.7 million tons of iron ore per year.

We made an initial investment of A\$249 million in 2010 to acquire a 3.75% interest in Roy Hill Holdings Pty., Ltd., an iron ore mining company in Australia. We subsequently entered into a contract in March 2012 to invest an additional A\$1,495 million to increase our interest to 15% but sold a 2.5% interest in April 2012 to China Steel Corporation for A\$305 million. In November 2013, we invested an additional A\$47 million in order to maintain our interest of 12.5% in Roy Hill Holdings Pty. Ltd. Through our ownership interest, we expect to secure up to approximately 15.1 million tons of iron ore per year starting in 2015.

In July 2010, we acquired a 24.5% interest in the Australian Premium Iron (API) iron ore joint venture in Pilbara, Australia for A\$184 million, which expects to supply 7.4 million tons of iron ore per year starting in 2018.

As part of a consortium including China Steel Corporation and domestic financial investors, we made an investment of US\$277 million in March 2013 to acquire a minority interest of 3.78% in an iron ore mining asset of ArcelorMittal Mines Canada Inc. in Quebec. We expect to secure additional iron ore through our investment in the mining company.

We will continue to selectively seek opportunities to enter into additional strategic relationships that would enhance our ability to meet the requirements for principal raw materials.

The average market price of coal per wet metric ton (benchmark free on board price of Australian premium hard coking coal) was US\$289 in 2011, US\$209 in 2012 and US\$159 in 2013. The average market price of iron ore per dry metric ton (free on board price of Platts Iron Ore index with iron (Fe) 62% content) was US\$160 in 2011, US\$122 in 2012 and US\$126 in 2013. We currently do not depend on any single country or supplier for our coal or iron ore.

#### Stainless Steel Production

The principal raw materials for the production of stainless steel are ferronickel, ferrochrome and stainless steel scrap. We purchase a majority of our requirements for ferronickel primarily from suppliers in Korea that procure nickel ore from New Caledonia, and the remainder primarily from leading suppliers in Japan that procure nickel ore from New Caledonia and the Philippines, as well as suppliers in Indonesia. Our primary suppliers of ferrochrome are located in South Africa, India and Kazakhstan. Our stainless steel scraps are primarily supplied by domestic and overseas suppliers in Japan and the European Union. Revert scraps from the Pohang Steelworks are also used for our stainless steel production. The average market price of nickel per ton was US\$22,894 in 2011, US\$17,537 in 2012 and US\$15,022 in 2013.

## **Transportation**

In order to meet our transportation needs for iron ore and coal, we have entered into long-term contracts with shipping companies in Korea to retain a fleet of dedicated vessels. These dedicated vessels transported approximately 84% of the total requirements in 2013, and the remaining approximately 16% was transported by vessels retained through short to medium term contracts, depending on market conditions. Australia and Brazil are the main countries where the vessels are loaded, and they accounted for 66% and 14%, respectively, of our total requirements in 2013. We plan to continue to optimize the fleet of dedicated vessels that we use by 2020 in order to cope with changes in the global shipping environment, as well as upgrade some of the existing vessels with others that utilize more energy-efficient technologies.

## The Steelmaking Process

Our major production facilities, Pohang Works and Gwangyang Works, produce steel by the basic oxygen steelmaking method. The stainless steel plant at Pohang Works produces stainless steel by the electric arc furnace method. Continuous casting improves product quality by imparting a homogenous structure to the steel. Pohang Works and Gwangyang Works produce all of their products through the continuous casting.

#### Steel Basic Oxygen Steelmaking Method

First, molten pig iron is produced in a blast furnace from iron ore, which is the basic raw material used in steelmaking. Molten pig iron is then refined into molten steel in converters by blowing pure oxygen at high pressure to remove impurities. Different desired steel properties may also be obtained by regulating the chemical contents.

At this point, molten steel is made into semi-finished products such as slabs, blooms or billets at the continuous casting machine. Slabs, blooms and billets are produced at different standardized sizes and shapes. Slabs, blooms and billets are semi-finished lower margin products that we either use to produce our further processed products or sell to other steelmakers that produce further processed steel products.

Slabs are processed to produce hot rolled coil products at hot strip mills or to produce plates at plate mills. Hot rolled coils are an intermediate stage product that may either be sold to our customers as various finished products or be further processed by us or our customers into higher value-added products, such as cold rolled sheets and silicon steel sheets. Blooms and billets are processed into wire rods at wire rod mills.

#### Stainless Steel Electric Arc Furnace Method

Stainless steel is produced from stainless steel scrap, chrome, nickel and steel scrap using an electric arc furnace. Stainless steel is then processed into higher value-added products by methods similar to those used for steel production. Stainless steel slabs are produced at a continuous casting mill. The slabs are processed at hot rolling mills into stainless steel hot coil, which can be further processed at cold strip mills to produce stainless cold rolled steel products.

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## Competition

#### Domestic Market

We are the largest fully integrated steel producer in Korea. In hot rolled products, where we had a market share of approximately 43% on a non-consolidated basis in 2013, we face competition from a Korean steel producer that operates mini-mills and produces hot rolled coil products from slabs and from various foreign producers, primarily from China and Japan. In cold rolled products and stainless steel products, where we had a market share of approximately 46% and 48%, respectively, on a non-consolidated basis in 2013, we compete with smaller specialized domestic manufacturers and various foreign producers, primarily from China and Japan. For a discussion of domestic market shares, see Markets Domestic Market.

We may face increased competition in the future from new specialized or integrated domestic manufacturers of steel products in the Korean market. Our biggest competitors in Korea are Hyundai Steel Co., Ltd. with an annual crude steel production of approximately 17.2 million tons and Dongbu Steel Co., Ltd. with an annual crude steel production of approximately 2.0 million tons. Hyundai Steel completed construction of an integrated steel mill with an annual capacity of 4 million tons in January 2010 and added a second furnace with the same capacity in November 2010 and a third furnace with the same capacity in April 2011.

The Korean Government does not impose quotas on or provide subsidies to local steel producers. As a World Trade Organization signatory, Korea has also removed all steel tariffs.

#### **Export Markets**

The competitors in our export markets include all the leading steel manufacturers of the world. In recent years, there has been a trend toward industry consolidation among our competitors, and smaller competitors in the global steel market today may become larger competitors in the future. For example, Mittal Steel s takeover of Arcelor in 2006 created a company with approximately 10% of global steel production capacity. Competition from global steel manufacturers with expanded production capacity such as ArcelorMittal S.A., and new market entrants, especially from China and India, could result in a significant increase in competition. Major competitive factors include range of products offered, quality, price, delivery performance and customer service. Our larger competitors may use their resources, which may be greater than ours, against us in a variety of ways, including by making additional acquisitions, investing more aggressively in product development and capacity and displacing demand for our export products.

Various export markets currently impose tariffs on different types of steel products. However, we do not believe that tariffs significantly affect our ability to compete in these markets.

#### **Subsidiaries and Global Joint Ventures**

#### Steel Production

In order to effectively implement our strategic initiatives and to solidify our leadership position in the global steel industry, we have established various subsidiaries and joint ventures around the world that engage in steel production activities.

*Korea.* POSCO Specialty Steel produces high-quality steel products for the automotive, machinery, nuclear power plant, shipbuilding, aeronautics and electronics industries. We currently hold a 72.1% interest in the company. Production facilities operated by POSCO Specialty Steel have an aggregate annual production capacity of 840 thousand tons of wire rods, round bars, steel pipes and semi-finished products. POSCO Specialty Steel Co., Ltd. produced 635 thousand tons of such products in 2013.

In order to expand our sale of value-added products, we established POSCO Coated and Color Sheet Co., Ltd. by merging a coated steel manufacturer and a color sheet manufacturer in March 1999. POSCO Coated and Color Sheet has an aggregate annual production capacity of 600 thousand tons of galvanized and aluminized steel sheets widely used in the construction, automotive parts and home appliances industries. POSCO Coated and Color Sheet also has an aggregate annual production capacity of 350 thousand tons of color sheets that are mainly used for interior and exterior materials and home appliances. In 2013, POSCO Coated and Color Sheet produced 561 thousand tons of galvanized and aluminized steel sheets and 343 thousand tons of color sheets.

China. We entered into an agreement with Sagang Group Co. to establish Zhangjiagang Pohang Stainless Steel Co., Ltd., a joint venture company in China for the manufacture and sale of stainless cold rolled steel products. We have an 82.5% interest in the joint venture (including 23.9% interest held by POSCO China Holding Corporation). The plant commenced production of stainless cold rolled steel products in December 1998. The joint venture also completed the construction of new mills in July 2006 with additional annual production capacity of approximately 800 thousand tons of stainless hot rolled products. Zhangjiagang Pohang Stainless Steel produced 1,120 thousand tons of stainless steel products in 2013.

We established Qingdao Pohang Stainless Steel Co., Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary set up to manufacture and sell stainless cold rolled steel products in China. The plant became operational in December 2004, with an annual production capacity of 180 thousand tons of stainless cold rolled steel products. Qingdao Pohang Steel produced 170 thousand tons of such products in 2013.

In August 2003, we entered into a joint venture agreement with Benxi Iron and Steel Group in China to establish Benxi Steel POSCO Cold Rolled Sheet Co., Ltd. The cold rolling mill with an annual production capacity of 1.9 million tons became operational in March 2006 and the company produced 1.9 million tons of such products in 2013. We currently hold a 25% interest in this joint venture.

*Vietnam.* We entered into an agreement with Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation to establish POSCO Vietnam Co., Ltd., a joint venture company in Vietnam for the manufacture and sale of cold rolled steel products. We have an 85% interest in the joint venture. We completed the construction of a plant in September 2009 with an annual production capacity of 1.2 million tons of cold rolled products and commenced commercial production. POSCO Vietnam produced 906 thousand tons of such products in 2013.

*Thailand.* In order to secure an alternative sales source for stainless cold rolled steel products and an export base for expanding into the Southeast Asia stainless steel markets, we acquired a controlling interest in Thainox Stainless Public Company Limited, a major stainless steel manufacturer in Thailand, in September 2011. We renamed the company as POSCO Thainox Public Company Limited in October 2011 and currently hold a 84.9% interest in the company. The company produced 160 thousand tons of stainless cold rolled products in 2013.

*United States.* We entered into a joint venture in March 2007 with US Steel and SeAH to establish United Spiral Pipe LLC to produce American Petroleum Institute-compliant pipes ( API Pipes ) and non-API pipes. We hold a 35% interest in the company. United Spiral Pipe started commercial production in May 2010 and produced 8 thousand tons of pipes in 2013.

We also entered into 50-50 joint venture between U.S. Steel Corporation and us called USS-POSCO Industries Corporation. We sell hot rolled products to USS-POSCO Industries, which uses such products to manufacture cold rolled and galvanized steel products and tin-plate products for sale in the United States. USS-POSCO Industries produced 872 thousand tons of such products in 2013.

*Mexico*. In Mexico, POSCO Mexico S.A. de C.V. completed the construction of a plant in August 2009 with an annual production capacity of 0.4 million tons of cold rolled products and commenced commercial production to supply automotive manufacturers in Mexico, Southeastern United States and South America. POSCO Mexico expanded its annual production capacity to 0.9 million tons of gavalvanized steel products in December 2013, and produced 323 thousand tons of cold rolled products in 2013.

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*Indonesia.* We entered into an agreement with PT. Krakatau Steel (Persero) Tbk. to establish PT. Krakatau POSCO Co., Ltd., a joint venture company in Indonesia for the manufacture and sale of plates and slabs. We have a 70% interest in the joint venture. We completed the construction of a plant in December 2013 with an annual production capacity of 3.0 million tons of plates and slabs.

Others. In addition to the above investments, we are carefully seeking out additional promising investment opportunities abroad. In June 2005, we entered into a memorandum of understanding with Orissa State Government of India for the construction of an integrated steel mill and the development of iron ore mines in Orissa State. We estimate the aggregate costs of the initial phase of construction and mine development to be approximately \$3.7 billion and an additional cost of approximately \$8.3 billion in order to increase the annual production capacity to 12 million tons of plates and hot rolled products. The Government of India reissued clearance for the construction of the steel mill in January 2014 and is currently in the process of preparing the land on which the integrated steel mill will be constructed. With respect to development of iron ore mines in Orissa State, we obtained a final ruling from the Indian Supreme Court in May 2013 with respect to authority of the central government to issue permission, and we are waiting for approval from the Government of India to start our exploration and development activities.

We have also established supply chain management centers around the world to provide processing and logistics services such as cutting flat steel products to smaller sizes to meet customers needs. In 2013, our 39 supply chain management centers recorded aggregate sales of 5.1 million tons of steel products.

#### **Trading**

Our trading activities consist primarily of trading activities of Daewoo International. We acquired a controlling interest in Daewoo International for Won 3.37 trillion on September 20, 2010, and we currently hold a 60.3% interest in Daewoo International. Our consolidated subsidiaries that also engage in trading activities include POSCO Processing & Service Co., Ltd. that primarily focuses in the domestic market, and POSCO Asia Company Limited located in Hong Kong, POSCO Japan Co., Ltd. located in Tokyo, Japan, POSCO America Corporation located in New Jersey, U.S.A. and POSCO South Asia Co., Ltd. located in Bangkok, Thailand.

Daewoo International is a global trading company that primarily engages in trading of steel and raw materials as well as investing in energy and mineral development projects. It also manufactures and sells textiles and operates a department store in Korea. Daewoo International was established in December 2000 when the international trading and construction businesses of Daewoo Corporation were spun off into three separate companies as part of a debt workout program of Daewoo Corporation.

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The following table sets forth a breakdown of Daewoo International s total sales by export sales, domestic sales and third-party trades as well as product category for the periods indicated:

Product Category	2011		he Year Ended 2012	ŕ	2013	
T 0.1		(In billio	ons of Won, exc	ept percentages)		
Export Sales						
Trading sales:	6.070	21.69	6.000	25.00	5 207	21.50
Steel and metal	6,070	31.6%	6,203	35.8%	5,397	31.5%
Chemical and commodities	1,654	8.6	1,686	9.7	1,535	9.0
Automobile and machinery parts	1,527 93	8.0	1,469	8.5	1,625 72	9.5
Electronics and miscellaneous items	93	0.5	120	0.7	12	0.4
Natural resources development			2	0.0		
Sub-total	9.344	48.7	9,480	54.7	8,630	50.4
Manufactured product sales	72	0.4	13	0.1	13	0.1
Miscellaneous	70	0.4	25	0.1	14	0.1
Total export sales	9,485	49.5	9,517	54.9	8,657	50.6
Domestic Sales						
Trading sales:						
Steel and metal	688	3.6%	609	3.5%	686	3.9%
Chemical and commodities	70	0.4	69	0.4	71	0.4
Automobile and machinery parts	8	0.4	3	0.0	34	0.4
Electronics and miscellaneous items	o	0.0	7	0.0	4	0.2
Other goods	56	0.3	58	0.3	54	0.0
Office goods	30	0.3	50	0.5	34	0.3
Sub-total	822	4.3	746	4.3	849	5.0
Miscellaneous	7	0.0	8	0.0	12	0.1
Total domestic sales	830	4.3	754	4.3	861	5.1
Third-Country Trades						
Trading	12,151	63.3%	10,220	59.0%	10,598	61.9
Natural resources development	58	0.3	78	0.5	132	0.8
Manufactured product trading	474	2.5	312	1.8	261	1.5
Total third-country trades	12,682	66.1	10,610	61.3	10,991	64.2
Consolidation adjustments	(3,810)	(19.9)	(3,561)	(20.5)	(3,399)	(19.9)
Total sales	19,188	100.0%	17,320	100.0%	17,109	100.0%

Trading Activities. Daewoo International s trading activities consist of exporting and importing a wide variety of products and commodities, including iron and steel, raw materials for steel production, non-ferrous metals, chemicals, automotive parts, machinery and plant equipment, electronics products, agricultural commodities and textiles. Daewoo International is also engaged in third-country trade that does not involve exports from or imports to Korea. The products are obtained from and supplied to numerous suppliers and purchasers in Korea and overseas, which are procured through a global trading network comprised of overseas trading subsidiaries, branches and representative offices. Such subsidiaries and offices support Daewoo International s trading activities by locating suitable local suppliers and purchasers on behalf of customers, identifying business opportunities and providing information regarding local market conditions.

In most cases, Daewoo International enters into trading transactions after the underlying sale and purchase contracts have been matched, which mitigates inventory and price risks to Daewoo International. Daewoo International has not experienced material losses related to such risks.

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Daewoo International typically enters into trading transactions as a principal, and in limited cases as an import or export agent. When acting as a principal or an agent, Daewoo International derives its gross trading profit from the margin between the selling price of the products and the purchase price it pays for such products. In the case of principal transactions, the selling price is recorded as sales and the purchase price is recorded as cost of sales, while only the margin is recorded as sales in the case of agency transactions in which Daewoo International does not assume the risks and rewards of ownership of the

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goods. In the case of principal transactions, it takes an average of approximately 80 days between Daewoo International s payment of goods and its receipt of payment from its customers. In the instances in which it acts as an arranger for a third country transaction, Daewoo International derives its gross trading profit from, and records as sales, the commission paid to it by the customer. The sizes of margins and commissions for Daewoo International s trading activities vary depending on a number of factors, including prevailing supply and demand conditions for the product involved, the cost of financing, insurance, storage and transport and the creditworthiness of the customer, and tends to decline as the product or market matures.

In connection with its export and import transactions, Daewoo International has accounts receivable and payable in a number of currencies, but principally in Dollars. Daewoo International s exposure to fluctuations in exchange rates, including the Won/Dollar exchange rate, is limited because trading transactions typically involve matched purchase and sale contracts, which result in limited settlement exposure, and because Daewoo International s contracts with domestic suppliers of products for export and with domestic purchasers of imported products are generally denominated in Dollars. Although the impact of exchange rate fluctuations is substantially mitigated by such strategies, Daewoo International also periodically enters into derivative contracts, primarily currency forward contracts, to further hedge its foreign exchange risks.

In connection with its trading activities, Daewoo International arranges insurance and product transport at the request of customers, the costs of which generally become reflected in the sales price of the relevant products, and also provides financing services to its purchasers and suppliers as necessary. In the case of trading transactions involving large-scale industrial or construction projects, Daewoo International also provides necessary project planning and organizing services to its customers.

Natural Resources Development Activities. Daewoo International also invests in energy and mineral development projects throughout the world. In particular, Daewoo International joined a consortium with Korea Gas Corporation, ONGC Videsh Ltd. and the Gas Authority of India Ltd. in November 2002, which made a successful bid in the gas exploration, development and production project in the Myanmar A-1 gas field. In October 2005, the consortium made a successful bid in the gas exploration, development and production project in the Myanmar A-3 gas field, located adjacent to the Myanmar A-1 gas field. In December 2008, the consortium entered into a sales agreement with China National United Oil Corporation to sell the gas produced from the A-1 and A-3 gas fields for a period of 30 years after the commencement of production. In August 2010, Myanmar Oil & Gas Enterprise, the national oil and gas company of Myanmar, acquired a 15% interest in each of the projects. As of December 31, 2013, Daewoo International had invested approximately US\$1,103 million in the A-1 and A-3 gas field projects, approximately US\$214 million in a related off-shore pipeline project and approximately US\$354 million in a related on-shore pipeline project. Daewoo International plans to make further investments in these gas fields in the future. Daewoo International held a 51% interest in each of the A-1, A-3 and off-shore pipeline projects and a 25% interest in the on-shore pipeline project. Production of gas from these gas fields commenced in July 2013 and Daewoo International recognized revenue from the Myanmar gas field project starting in November 2013.

Such natural resources development projects, while entailing higher risks than the traditional trading business, offer higher potential returns. Daewoo International intends to continue to expand its operations by carefully seeking out promising energy development projects abroad. Daewoo International mitigates the risks associated with such investments through subsidies from the Special Account for Energy Related Funds that is administered, among others, by Korea National Oil Corporation and Korea Resources Corporation, government agencies that promote natural resources development activities of the fund. The fund subsidizes a portion of the investment amount in the event the investor fails to develop viable deposits. If the natural resources development activities are successful, the investor must reimburse the Fund for the subsidy amount, together with accrued interest. In most instances, Daewoo International is required to obtain consent from the Ministry of Trade, Industry & Energy prior to investing in natural resources development projects.

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Competition. Daewoo International competes principally with six other Korean general trading companies, each of which is affiliated with a major domestic business group, as well as global trading companies based in other countries. In the domestic market, competition for export transactions on behalf of domestic suppliers and import transactions on behalf of domestic purchasers was limited, as most affiliated general trading companies of large Korean business groups generally relied on affiliate transactions for the bulk of their trading business. However, in recent years, many of these Korean general trading companies have reduced their reliance on their affiliated business group and transactions carried out on behalf of their member companies and instead have generally evolved to focus on segments of the import and export markets in which they have a competitive advantage. As a result, competition among Korean general trading companies in the area of traditional trade has become more intense. Daewoo International s principal competitors in the overseas trading markets include Korean trading companies that operate in various international markets, as well as foreign trading companies, particularly those based in Japan. As Daewoo International diversifies into businesses other than traditional trading such as natural resources development, it also increasingly competes with other Korean and international companies involved in these businesses.

#### Construction

POSCO E&C, our consolidated subsidiary in which we hold an 89.5% interest, is one of the leading engineering and construction companies in Korea, primarily engaged in the planning, design and construction of industrial plants and architectural works and civil engineering projects. In particular, POSCO E&C has established itself as one of the premier engineering and construction companies in Korea through:

its strong and stable customer base; and

its cutting-edge technological expertise obtained from construction of advanced integrated steel plants, as well as participation in numerous modernization and rationalization projects at our Pohang Works and Gwangyang Works.

\*Construction Services Offered.\*\* The following table sets forth a breakdown of POSCO E&C s total sales by product category for the periods indicated:

	For the Year Ended December 31,					
Product Category	2011		2012	}	2013	
		(In billi	ons of Won, e	xcept percenta	ges)	
Plant works	1,797	23.9%	3,223	37.3%	3,073	30.3%
Architectural works	1,728	23.0	2,026	23.5	2,935	28.9
Energy works	1,465	19.5	1,411	16.3	2,128	21.0
Civil works	1,458	19.4	1,220	14.1	999	9.8
Real estate services	94	1.3	40	0.5	108	1.1
Engineering services	1,137	15.1	1,118	12.9	1,219	12.0
Consolidation adjustments	(171)	(2.3)	(401)	(4.6)	(305)	(3.0)
Total sales	7,508	100.0%	8,637	100.0%	10,155	100.0%

The tables below set out POSCO E&C s total sales for the periods indicated by geographical area of customers that ordered the projects.

	Fo	For the Year Ended December 31,			
Region	201	2012			
	(In b	oillions of Won, ex	cept percentages	)	
Korea	7,946	92.0%	9,148	90.1%	
Southeast Asia	475	5.5	649	6.4	
India	56	0.6	77	0.8	
China	170	2.0	239	2.4	
Central and South America	261	3.0	284	2.8	
Others	131	1.5	63	0.6	
Consolidation adjustments	(401)	(4.6)	(306)	(3.0)	

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Total sales 8,637 100.0% 10,155 100.0%

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Leveraging its technical know-how and track record of building some of the leading industrial complexes in Korea, POSCO E&C has also focused on diversifying its operations into construction of high-end apartment complexes and participating in a wider range of architectural works and civil engineering projects, as well as engaging in urban planning and development projects and expanding its operations abroad. One of its landmark urban planning and development projects includes the development of a 5.7 million-square meter area of Songdo International City in Incheon, which POSCO E&C is co-developing with Gale International, a respected real estate developer based in the United States. POSCO E&C also has substantial experience in the energy field obtained from the construction of various power plants for member companies of the POSCO Group, specializing primarily in engineering and construction of liquefied natural gas ( LNG ) and coal-fired thermal power plants. In recent years, POSCO E&C has obtained various orders for such power plants, including LNG-fired power plants in Incheon, Korea and coal-fired thermal power plants in Ventanas and Angamos, Chile. In response to increasing demand from the energy industry, POSCO E&C plans to continue to target opportunities in power plant construction, which it believes offers significant growth potential, and thereby enhance its know-how and profitability.

Competition. Competition in the construction industry is based primarily on price, reputation for quality, reliability, punctuality and financial strength of contractors. In Korea, POSCO E&C s main competition in the construction of residential and non-residential buildings, EPC projects, urban planning and development projects and civil works projects consists of approximately ten major domestic construction companies, all of which are member companies of other large business groups in Korea and are capable of undertaking larger-scale, higher-value-added projects that offer greater potential returns. A series of measures introduced by the Government over the past few years to regulate housing prices in Korea, as well as an increasing popularity of low-bid contracts in civil works project mandates, have contributed to increased competition in the Korean construction industry in recent years. In the overseas markets, POSCO E&C faces competition from local construction companies, as well as international construction companies from other countries, including other major Korean construction companies with overseas operations. Construction companies from developed countries may be more experienced, have greater financial resources and possess more sophisticated technology than POSCO E&C, while construction companies from developing countries often have the advantage of lower wage costs.

#### Others

As part of our diversification efforts, we strive to identify business opportunities that supplement our steel, trading and construction segments, including power generation, LNG logistics and network and system integration.

**POSCO Energy Corporation**. In 2006, we acquired the largest domestic private power utility company that operates LNG combined cycle power generation facilities with total power generation capacity of 1,800 megawatts and renamed it POSCO Energy Corporation. Since our acquisition, POSCO Energy Corporation has expanded its power generation capacity by constructing additional power plants in Korea. As part of its efforts to geographically diversify its power generation facilities, POSCO Energy Corporation is constructing a 1,200 megawatts class coal power plant in Vietnam with Applied Energy Services Corporation. In Indonesia, POSCO Energy Corporation has partnered with PT. Krakatau Daya Listrik to build a 200 megawatts by-product gas power plant, which will be used to power our integrated mill. POSCO Energy Corporation s total power generation capacity was approximately 3,481 megawatts as of December 31, 2013, and it plans to further increase its power generation capacity with the construction of additional power plants in Korea.

POSCO Energy Corporation is also selectively seeking opportunities to expand into solar, wind and other renewable energy businesses in order to become an integrated provider of energy solutions. In order to meet the increasing demand and regulatory requirements for clean energy, POSCO Energy Corporation signed a strategic partnership agreement in February 2007 with FuelCell Energy, a global

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leader in the field of molten carbonate fuel cell technology, pursuant to which POSCO Energy Corporation is exploring opportunities to expand its business into the stationary fuel cell market. In consultation with FuelCell Energy, POSCO Energy Corporation completed construction of a fuel cell stack manufacturing plant with an annual production capacity of 34 megawatts in 2011 with the objective of enhancing POSCO Energy Corporation s capability to meet the growing domestic demand for fuel cell energy.

LNG Logistics. In an effort to reduce our dependency on oil, we became the first private company in Korea to import LNG in 2005, and we have steadily increased the use of natural gas for energy generation at our steel production facilities. We operate an LNG receiving terminal that is equipped with two 100,000 kiloliters storage tanks, two 165,000 kiloliters storage tanks and additional facilities with an aggregate capacity to process up to 2.4 million tons of LNG annually in Gwangyang. In order to achieve maximum operational efficiency of our LNG terminal, we participate in the LNG trading and LNG ship gas trial businesses. We are also building a synthetic natural gas production plant with an annual capacity of 500,000 tons in Gwangyang that is scheduled for completion by the end of 2014. We believe that the synthetic natural gas production plant will provide us with a stable supply of LNG substitutes that we can utilize to meet our growing needs for energy generation.

Others. We acquired or established several subsidiaries that address specific services to support the operations of Pohang Works and Gwangyang Works. POSCO ICT Co., Ltd., founded in 1989, provides information and technology consulting and system network integration and outsourcing services. POSCO Plantec, created from the merger of POSCO Machinery & Engineering Co., Ltd. and POSCO Machinery Co., Ltd. in January 2010, provides engineering services related to plant construction and operations. Sungjin Geotec, a manufacturer of specialized equipment used in the power and energy industries, merged with POSCO Plantec in July 2013. POSCO Chemtech Company Ltd., formerly POSCO Refractories and Environment Company, Ltd., specializes in the manufacturing of refractories and lime used in steel manufacturing processes as well as a wide range of chemical products.

#### Insurance

We maintain property insurance for our property, plant and equipment that we believe to be consistent with market practice in Korea. As of December 31, 2013, our property, plant and equipment are insured against losses up to approximately Won 36,711 billion.

## Item 4.C. Organizational Structure

The following table sets out the jurisdiction of incorporation and our ownership interests of our significant subsidiaries:

Name	Jurisdiction of Incorporation	Percentage of Ownership
Daewoo International Corporation	Korea	60.3%
POSCO Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd	Korea	89.5%
POSCO Energy Corporation	Korea	89.0%
Zhangjiagang Pohang Stainless Steel Co., Ltd.	China	82.5%
POSCO Specialty Steel Co., Ltd.	Korea	72.1%
POSCO Processing & Service Co., Ltd.	Korea	95.3%
POSCO ICT Co., Ltd.	Korea	65.4%

Item 4.D. Property, Plants and Equipment

Our principal properties are Pohang Works, which is located at Youngil Bay on the southeastern coast of Korea, and Gwangyang Works, which is located in Gwangyang City in the southwestern region of Korea. We expect to increase our production capacity in the future when we increase our

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capacity as part of our facilities expansion or as a result of continued modernization and rationalization of our existing facilities. For a discussion of major items of our capital expenditures currently in progress, see Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects Item 5.B. Liquidity and Capital Resources Liquidity Capital Expenditures and Capital Expansion.

## **Pohang Works**

Construction of Pohang Works began in 1970 and ended in 1983. Pohang Works currently has an annual crude steel and stainless steel production capacity of 16.7 million tons. Pohang Works produces a wide variety of steel products. Products produced at Pohang Works include hot rolled sheets, plates, wire rods and cold rolled sheets, as well as specialty steel products such as stainless steel sheets and silicon steel sheets. These products can also be customized to meet the specifications of our customers.

Situated on a site of 8.9 million square meters at Youngil Bay on the southeastern coast of Korea, Pohang Works consists of 44 plants, including iron-making, crude steelmaking and continuous casting and other rolling facilities. Pohang Works also has docking facilities capable of accommodating ships as large as 200,000 tons for unloading raw materials, storage areas for up to 34 days—supply of raw materials and separate docking facilities for ships carrying products for export. Pohang Works consumed approximately 352 thousand tons of LNG and approximately 11,336 gigawatt hours of electricity in 2013. Pohang Works is equipped with a highly advanced computerized production-management system allowing constant monitoring and control of the production process.

The following table sets out Pohang Works capacity utilization rates for the periods indicated.

	As of or for the Year Ended December 31,			
	2011	2012	2013	
Crude steel and stainless steel production capacity as of end of the year (million tons per				
year)	16.65	16.65	17.30	
Actual crude steel and stainless steel output (million tons)	16.38	16.54	16.18	
Capacity utilization rate (%) (1)	98.4	99.3	93.5	

(1) Calculated by dividing actual crude steel and stainless steel output by the actual crude steel and stainless steel production capacity for the relevant period as determined by us.

## **Gwangyang Works**

Construction of Gwangyang Works began in 1985 on a site of 13.7 million square meters reclaimed from the sea in Gwangyang City in the southwestern region of Korea. Gwangyang Works currently has an annual crude steel production capacity of 20.8 million tons. Gwangyang Works specializes in high volume production of a limited number of steel products. Products manufactured at Gwangyang Works include both hot and cold rolled types.

Gwangyang Works is comprised of 46 plants, including iron-making plants, steelmaking plants, continuous casting plants, hot strip mills and thin-slab hot rolling plants. The site also features docking and unloading facilities for raw materials capable of accommodating ships of as large as 300,000 tons for unloading raw materials, storage areas for 38 days supply of raw materials and separate docking facilities for ships carrying products for export. Gwangyang Works consumed approximately 252 thousand tons of LNG and approximately 13,524 gigawatt hours of electricity in 2013.

We believe Gwangyang Works is one of the most technologically advanced integrated steel facilities in the world. Gwangyang Works has a completely automated, linear production system that enables the whole production process, from iron-making to finished products, to take place without interruption. This advanced system reduces the production time for hot rolled products to only four hours. Like Pohang Works, Gwangyang Works is equipped with a highly advanced computerized production-management system allowing constant monitoring and control of the production process.

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Capacity utilization has kept pace with increases in capacity. The following table sets out Gwangyang Works capacity utilization rates for the periods indicated.

	As of or for the			
	Year 1	Ended December 31,		
	2011	2012	2013	
Crude steel production capacity as of end of the year (million tons per year)	20.80	20.80	20.80	
Actual crude steel output (million tons)	20.94	21.45	20.23	
Capacity utilization rate (%) (1)	100.7	103.1	97.3	

(1) Calculated by dividing actual crude steel output by the actual crude steel production capacity for the relevant period as determined by us.

#### The Environment

We believe we are in compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations in all material respects. Our levels of pollution control are higher than those mandated by Government standards. We established an on-line environmental monitoring system with real-time feedback on pollutant levels and a forecast system of pollutant concentration in surrounding areas. We also undergo periodic environmental inspection by both internal and external inspectors in accordance with ISO 14001 standards to monitor execution and maintenance of our environmental management plan. As we continue to diversify our production operations abroad and the importance of comprehensive environmental management continues to grow, we announced an integrated environmental management system in December 2010, pursuant to which all of our subsidiaries located in Korea as well as abroad acquired the ISO 14001 certification. We also operate a certification program targeting our suppliers and outsourcing partners, pursuant to which they are encouraged to establish environmental management systems of their own.

We have taken additional measures to ensure that we are appropriately addressing environmental issues. We recycle most of the by-products from the steelmaking process. A vital part of our production process requires consumption of water, and many of our operations are located on coastal sites or adjacent to major lakes and rivers. Recognizing the importance of water resources, we established mid-to-long-term water management strategies to more effectively utilize water resources, including increasing water recycling, reducing usage volume, developing substitute sources and reducing manufacturing discharge harmful to the environment. As part of our efforts to preserve biological diversity, we supply steel slag that is used in the construction of underwater facilities designed to restore marine ecosystems damaged by rising seawater temperatures. In addition, we have been developing environmentally friendly products such as chrome-free steel sheets in an effort to compete with products from the European Union, the United States and Japan and to meet strengthened environmental regulations. Anticipating the trend toward increasing regulation of chrome in various steel products, we introduced chrome-free steel products meeting international environmental standards in 2006 that are used to manufacture automotive oil tanks.

We plan to continue to invest in developing more environmentally friendly steel manufacturing processes. We commenced research and development for a new steel manufacturing technology called FINEX in 1992 jointly with the Research Institute of Industrial Science and Technology and VOEST Alpine, an Austrian company, and we completed the construction of our first FINEX plant in May 2003 with an annual steel production capacity of 0.6 million tons, a second FINEX plant in May 2007 with an annual steel production capacity of 1.5 million tons, and a third FINEX plant in January 2014 with an annual steel production capacity of 2.0 million tons. The total annual steel production capacity of our FINEX plants is 4.2 million tons. We will continue to refine FINEX, a low cost, environmentally friendly steel manufacturing process that we believe optimizes our production capacity by utilizing non-agglomerated iron ore fines and using non-coking coal as an energy source and a reducing agent. We believe that FINEX offers considerable environmental and economic advantages by eliminating major sources of pollution such as sinter and coke plants, as well as decreasing operating and raw material costs.

Our climate change response program seeks to minimize the risks from changes in climate as well as to maximize the opportunities available in such environment by enhancing the energy efficiency of our production process. We are also involved in a forestation project in Uruguay, which was registered as the world s first Clean Development Mechanism project sponsored by a steel producer. Clean Development Mechanism is one of the Kyoto Protocol s project-based mechanisms designed to promote projects that reduce emissions. We have disclosed our carbon dioxide emission levels and efforts to deal with climate changes through various channels, including participating in the Carbon Disclosure Project. The Carbon Disclosure Project is an organization based in the United Kingdom that works with major corporations around the world to disclose their greenhouse gas emission levels.

POSCO spent Won 493 billion in 2011, Won 634 billion in 2012 and Won 295 billion in 2013 on anti-pollution facilities.

## Item 4A. Unresolved Staff Comments

We do not have any unresolved comments from the Securities and Exchange Commission staff regarding our periodic reports under the Exchange Act of 1934.

## Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects

#### Item 5.A. Operating Results

The following discussion and analysis is based on our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with IFRS, as issued by the IASB. Unless otherwise noted, the amounts included in Item 5.A. are presented on a consolidated basis.

#### Overview

We are the largest fully integrated steel producer in Korea. We have four reportable operating segments a steel segment, a trading segment, an engineering and construction segment and a segment that contains operations of all other entities which fall below the reporting thresholds. The steel segment includes production of steel products and sale of such products. The trading segment consists of global trading activities of Daewoo International, exporting and importing a wide range of steel products that are both obtained from and supplied to POSCO, as well as between other suppliers and purchasers in Korea and overseas. The construction segment includes planning, designing and construction of industrial plants, civil engineering projects and commercial and residential buildings, both in Korea and overseas. The others segment includes power generation, LNG logistics, and network and system integration. See Note 41 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

One of the major factors contributing to our historical performance has been the growth of the Korean economy, and our future performance will depend at least in part on Korea s general economic growth and prospects. For a description of recent developments that have had and may continue to have an adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition, see Item 3. Key Information Item 3.D. Risk Factors Korea is our most important market, and our current business and future growth could be materially and adversely affected if economic conditions in Korea deteriorate. A number of other factors have had or are expected to have a material impact on our results of operations, financial condition and capital expenditures. These factors include:

our sales volume, unit prices and product mix;

costs and production efficiency; and

exchange rate fluctuations

As a result of these factors, our financial results in the past may not be indicative of future results or trends in those results.

## Sales Volume, Prices and Product Mix

In recent years, our net sales have been affected by the following factors:

the demand for our products in the Korean market and our capacity to meet that demand;

our ability to compete for sales in the export market;

price levels; and

our ability to improve our product mix.

Domestic demand for our products is affected by the condition of major steel consuming industries, such as construction, shipbuilding, automotive, electrical appliances and downstream steel processors, and the Korean economy in general.

In 2012, unit sales prices in Won for all of our principal product lines of steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers decreased. The weighted average unit price for such products decreased by 10.6% from 2011 to 2012, despite a depreciation in the average value of the Won against the Dollar in 2012 that increased our export prices in Won terms. The average exchange rate of the Won against the Dollar depreciated from Won 1,108.1 to US\$1.00 in 2011 to Won 1,126.9 to US\$1.00 in 2012.

The unit sales price of plates, which accounted for 13.8% of total sales volume of the principal steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers, decreased by 16.2% in 2012. The unit sales price of hot rolled products, which accounted for 28.5% of total sales volume of such products, decreased by 15.4% in 2012. The unit sales price of stainless steel products, which accounted for 9.2% of total sales volume of such products, decreased by 14.3% in 2012. The unit sales price of silicon steel sheets, which accounted for 3.8% of total sales volume of such products, decreased by 13.4% in 2012. The unit sales price of cold rolled products, which accounted for 39.6% of total sales volume of such products, decreased by 8.4% in 2012. The unit sales price of wire rods, which accounted for 5.1% of total sales volume of such products, decreased by 6.3% in 2012.

In 2013, unit sales prices in Won for all of our principal product lines of steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers decreased. The weighted average unit price for such products decreased by 6.8% from 2012 to 2013, in part due to an appreciation in the average value of the Won against the Dollar in 2013 that decreased our export prices in Won terms. The average exchange rate of the Won against the Dollar appreciated from Won 1,126.9 to US\$1.00 in 2012 to Won 1,095.0 to US\$1.00 in 2013.

The unit sales price of cold rolled products, which accounted for 40.9% of total sales volume of such products, decreased by 13.9% in 2013. The unit sales price of wire rods, which accounted for 6.0% of total sales volume of the principal steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers, decreased by 13.5% in 2013. The unit sales price of hot rolled products, which accounted for 26.1% of total sales volume of such products, decreased by 8.2% in 2013. The unit sales price of silicon steel sheets, which accounted for 3.9% of total sales volume of such products, decreased by 4.4% in 2013. The unit sales price of plates, which accounted for 13.2% of total sales volume of such products, decreased by 2.8% in 2013. The unit sales price of stainless steel products, which accounted for 9.9% of total sales volume of such products, decreased by 2.7% in 2013.

We gradually increased our export prices in the first half of 2011, but our export prices fell substantially in the second half of 2011 and decreased further in 2012 and the first half of 2013. We may decide to adjust our future export sales prices on an on-going basis subject to market demand for our products, the production outlook of the global steel industry and global economic conditions in general. See Item 4. Information on the Company Item 4.B. Business Overview Markets Exports.

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The table below sets out the average unit sales prices for our semi-finished and finished steel products for the periods indicated.

	For the Year Ended December 31,			
Products	2011	2012	2013	
	(In th	ousands of Won per	ton)	
Cold rolled products	1,051	963	829	
Hot rolled products	871	737	677	
Stainless steel products	3,087	2,646	2,576	
Plates	1,043	873	849	
Wire rods	1,328	1,245	1,076	
Silicon steel sheets	1,571	1,362	1,302	
Average (1)	1,198	1,071	998	

(1) Average prices are based on the weighted average, by sales volume, of our sales for the listed principal products produced by us and directly sold to external customers. See Item 4. Information on the Company Item 4.B. Business Overview Major Products. The average unit sales price calculation does not include sales results of steel products categorized as others.

## Costs and Production Efficiency

Our major costs and operating expenses are raw material purchases, depreciation, labor and other purchases. The table below sets out our cost of sales and selling and administrative expenses as a percentage of our revenue as well as gross profit margin and operating profit margin for the periods indicated.

	For th	For the Year Ended December 31,				
	2011	2012	2013			
	(	(Percentage of net sales)				
Cost of sales	86.8%	88.3%	88.9%			
Selling and administrative expenses	5.3	6.0	6.2			
Gross margin	13.2	11.7	11.1			
Operating profit margin	7.8	5.2	4.2			

Our operating profit margin decreased from 7.8% in 2011 to 5.2% in 2012 and further decreased to 4.2% in 2013, reflecting the current challenging business environment as discussed below.

We are closely monitoring changes in market conditions and we implemented the following measures in recent years to address challenges posed by the global economic downturn:

pursuing cost reduction through enhancing product designs, improving productivity and reducing transportation costs;

focusing on marketing activities to increase our domestic market share and export sales; and

establishing a special sales committee to more effectively respond to changes in market trends and preparing responses to various scenarios of future sales.

Production capacity represents our maximum production capacity that can be achieved with an optimal level of operations of our facilities. The table below sets out certain information regarding our production capacity and efficiency in the production of steel products for the periods indicated.

	For the Year Ended		
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	2011	2012	2013
Crude steel and stainless steel production capacity (million tons per year) (1)	39.5	39.6	40.4
POSCO	37.5	37.5	38.1
POSCO Specialty Steel Co., Ltd.	1.0	1.1	1.2
Zhangjiagang Pohang Stainless Steel Co., Ltd.	1.0	1.0	1.1
Actual crude steel and stainless steel output (million tons) (1)	39.0	39.7	38.3
POSCO	37.3	38.0	36.4
POSCO Specialty Steel Co., Ltd.	0.8	0.7	0.7
Zhangjiagang Pohang Stainless Steel Co., Ltd.	0.9	1.0	1.1
Capacity utilization rate (%) <sup>(1)</sup>	98.7%	100.3%	94.6%
POSCO	99.7%	101.4%	95.5%
POSCO Specialty Steel Co., Ltd.	86.4%	63.3%	61.8%
Zhangjiagang Pohang Stainless Steel Co., Ltd.	99.1%	103.3%	100.3%

# (1) Reflects production capacity of POSCO, POSCO Specialty Steel Co., Ltd. and Zhangjiagang Pohang Stainless Steel Co., Ltd. *Exchange Rate Fluctuations*

Our consolidated financial statements are prepared from our local currency denominated financial results, assets and liabilities and our subsidiaries around the world, which are then translated into Won. A substantial proportion of our consolidated financial results is accounted for in currencies other than the Won. Accordingly, our consolidated financial results and assets and liabilities may be materially affected by changes in the exchange rates of foreign currencies. In 2013, 51.2% of our total revenue from steel products produced and sold by us was in overseas markets outside of Korea. To the extent that we incur costs in one currency and make sales in another, our profit margins may be affected by changes in the exchange rates between the two currencies. Since the currency in which sales are recorded may not be the same as the currency in which expenses are incurred, foreign exchange rate fluctuations may materially affect our results of operations. Depreciation of the Won may materially affect the results of our operations because, among other things, it causes:

an increase in the amount of Won required for us to make interest and principal payments on our foreign currency-denominated debt:

an increase in Won terms in the costs of raw materials and equipment that we purchase from overseas sources and a substantial portion of our freight costs, which are denominated primarily in Dollars; and

foreign exchange translation losses on liabilities, which lower our earnings for accounting purposes. Appreciation of the Won against major currencies, on the other hand, causes:

our export products to be less competitive by raising our prices in Dollar terms; and

a reduction in net sales and accounts receivables in Won from export sales, which are primarily denominated in Dollars. We strive to naturally offset our foreign exchange risk by matching foreign currency receivables with our foreign currency payables and our overseas subsidiaries have sought to further mitigate the adverse impact of exchange rate fluctuations by conducting business transactions in the local currency of the respective market in which the transactions occur. In particular, Daewoo International s exposure to fluctuations in exchange rates, including the Won/Dollar exchange rate, is limited because trading transactions typically involve matched purchase and sale contracts, which result in limited settlement exposure, and because Daewoo International s contracts with domestic suppliers of products for export and with domestic purchasers of imported products are generally denominated in Dollars. Although the impact of exchange rate

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fluctuations is partially mitigated by such strategies, we and our subsidiaries,

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particularly Daewoo International and POSCO E&C, also periodically enter into derivative contracts, primarily foreign currency swaps and forward exchange contracts, to further hedge our foreign exchange risks. However, our results of operations have historically been affected by exchange rate fluctuations and there can be no assurance that such strategies will be sufficient to reduce or eliminate the adverse impact of such fluctuations in the future. Because of the larger positive effects of the appreciation of the Won (i.e., the reverse of the negative effects caused by the depreciation of the Won, as discussed above), depreciation of the Won generally has a negative impact on our results of operations.

## Inflation

Inflation in Korea, which was 4.0% in 2011, 2.2% in 2012 and 1.3% in 2013, has not had a material impact on our results of operations in recent years.

## **Critical Accounting Estimates**

We have prepared our consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB. These accounting principles require us to make certain estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts in our consolidated financial statements. Our estimates and judgments are based on historical experience, forecasted future events and various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Estimates and judgments may differ under different assumptions or conditions. We evaluate our estimates and judgments on an ongoing basis. We believe the critical accounting policies discussed below are the most important to the portrayal of our financial condition and results of operations. Each of them is dependent on projections of future market conditions, and they require us to make the most difficult, subjective or complex judgments.

#### Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

We maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts for exposures in our receivable balances that represent our estimate of probable losses in our short-term and long-term receivable balances from the inability of our customers to make required payments. If the financial condition of our customers were to deteriorate and negatively impact their ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required. Determining the allowance for doubtful accounts requires significant management judgment and estimates including, among others, the credit worthiness of our customers, experience of historical collection patterns, potential events and circumstances affecting future collections and the ongoing risk assessment of our customer s ability to pay.

Trade account receivables are analyzed on a regular basis and, upon our becoming aware of a customer s inability to meet its financial commitments to us, the value of the receivable is reduced through a charge to the allowance for doubtful accounts. In addition, we record a charge to the allowance for doubtful accounts upon receipt of customer claims in connection with sales that management estimates are unlikely to be collected in full. As of December 31, 2013, the percentage of allowance for doubtful accounts to gross account receivables was 4.43%. Our allowance for doubtful accounts increased by 39.4%, or Won 187 billion, from Won 475 billion as of December 31, 2012 to Won 662 billion as of December 31, 2013 primarily due to recognition of bad debt expense related to project financing incurred by POSCO E&C. See Note 23 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. Assumptions and judgments related to the allowance for doubtful accounts did not change in 2013.

Specifically, allowances for doubtful accounts are recorded when any of the following loss events occur: (i) there is objective evidence as to the uncollectibility of the account observed through bankruptcy, default or involuntary dissolution of the customer; (ii) we lose a lawsuit against the customer or our right of claim gets extinguished; (iii) our costs to collect the account exceed the payments to be received; or (iv) a dispute with the customer over the collection of the account persists for more than three years.

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The actual average annual uncollected percentage rate of accounts receivables resulting in write-offs for the three years in the period ended December 31, 2013 was 0.13%. These historical results, as well as current known conditions impacting the collectability of our accounts receivable balances, are significant factors for us when we estimate the amount of the necessary allowance for doubtful accounts. Historically, losses from uncollectible accounts receivables have been within expectations and in line with the allowances established. However, unforeseen circumstances such as adverse market conditions that deviate significantly from our estimates may require us to change the timing of, and make additional allowances to, our receivable balances. In this case, our results of operations, financial condition and net worth could be materially and adversely affected.

## Valuation of Financial Instruments including Debt and Equity Securities and Derivatives

We invest in various financial instruments including debt and equity securities and derivatives. Depending on the accounting treatment specific to each type of financial instrument, an estimate of fair value is required to determine the instrument seffect on our consolidated financial statements.

If available, quoted market prices provide the best indication of fair value. We determine the fair value of our financial instruments using quoted market prices when available, including quotes from dealers trading those securities. If quoted market prices are not available, we determine the fair value based on pricing or valuation models, quoted prices of instruments with similar characteristics, or discounted cash flows. Determining the fair value of unlisted financial instruments involves a significant degree of management resources and judgment as no quoted prices exist and such securities are generally very thinly traded. Derivatives for which quoted market prices are not available are valued using valuation models such as the discounted cash flow method. The key inputs used in the valuation of such derivatives depend upon the type of derivative and the nature of the underlying instrument and include interest rate yield curves, foreign exchange rates, the spot price of the underlying instrument, volatility and correlation. The fair values based on pricing and valuation models and discounted cash flow analysis are subject to various assumptions used that, if changed, could significantly affect the fair value of the investments.

We assess at the end of each reporting period whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired. In the case of equity investments classified as available-for-sale, a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of the security below its cost is also evidence that the asset is impaired. As part of this impairment review, the investee s operating results, net asset value and future performance forecasts as well as general market conditions are taken into consideration in order to assess whether there is any objective evidence such as significant financial difficulty of the issuer.

We have estimated fair values of material non-marketable securities. We estimated these fair values based on pricing or valuation models, quoted prices of instruments with similar characteristics, or discounted cash flow models. The discounted cash flow model valuation technique is based on the estimated cash flow projections of the underlying investee. Key assumptions and estimates include market conditions, revenue growth rates, operating margin rates, income tax rates, depreciation and amortization rates, the level of capital expenditures, working capital amounts and the discount rates. These estimates are based on historical results of the investee and other market data. In these cash flows projections, the two most significant estimates are the discount rates and revenue growth rates. If the discount rates used in these valuations were increased by 1%, then the estimated fair values would have decreased by 7% in total. In addition, if the revenue growth rate assumptions were decreased by 1% in the cash flow models, then the estimated fair values would have decreased by 5% in total.

We recognized impairment losses on available-for-sale investments of Won 224 billion in 2012 and Won 280 billion in 2013. Losses on impairment of investments increased in 2013 primarily due to a significant decline in the fair value of shares of KB Financial Group and others for a prolonged period, which was considered as objective evidence of impairment.

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Historically, our estimates and assumptions used to evaluate impairment of investments have been within expectations. However, unforeseen circumstances such as adverse market conditions that deviate significantly from our estimates may require us to recognize additional losses on impairment of investments. We base our fair value estimates on assumptions we believe to be reasonable, but which are unpredictable and inherently uncertain. The use of alternative estimates and assumptions could increase or decrease the estimated fair values of our investments and potentially result in different impacts on our results of operations.

## Long-lived Assets

At each reporting date, we review the carrying amounts of our tangible and intangible assets (excluding goodwill) to determine whether there is any indication that the carrying amount of those assets may not be recoverable through continuing use. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset (or cash generating unit) is reviewed in order to determine the amount of the impairment, if any. The recoverable amount is the higher of the asset s net selling price (fair value reduced by selling costs) and its value in use. When the book value of long-lived asset exceeds the recoverable value of the asset due to obsolescence, physical damage or a decline in market value and such amount is material, the impairment of the asset is recognized and the asset s carrying value is reduced to its recoverable value and the resulting impairment loss is charged to current operations. Such recoverable value is based on our estimates of the future use of assets and is subject to changes in market conditions.

The depreciable lives and salvage values of our long-lived assets are estimated and reviewed each year based on industry practices and prior experience to reflect economic lives of long-lived assets. Effective January 1, 2011, we changed our estimated useful lives for certain machinery and equipment in our steel operating segment from the previous eight years to fifteen years based on an asset life study. Our depreciation expense decreased by Won 1,227 billion in 2011 as a result of such changes in our estimated useful lives.

Our estimates of the useful lives and recoverable values of long-lived assets are based on historical trends adjusted to reflect our best estimate of future market and operating conditions. Also, our estimates include the expected future period in which the future cash flows are expected to be generated from continuing use of the assets that we review for impairment and cash outflows to prepare the assets for use that can be directly attributed or allocated on a reasonable and consistent basis. If applicable, estimates also include net cash flows to be received or paid for the disposal of the assets at the end of their useful lives. As a result of the impairment review, when the sum of the discounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the assets is less than the book value of the assets, we recognize impairment losses based on the recoverable value of those assets. We make a number of significant assumptions and estimates in the application of the discounted cash flow model to forecast cash flows, including business prospects, market conditions, selling prices and sales volume of products, costs of production and funding sources. The estimated cash flow forecast amounts are derived from the most recent financial budgets for the next five years. For periods beyond the five year forecast period, we use a terminal value approach to estimate the cash flows for the remaining years based on an expected estimated growth rate. This estimated growth rate is based on actual historical results. As of December 31, 2013, we estimated an average discount rate of 7.0% and an average rate of revenue growth of 1.36%. However, given the current economic environment, it is likely that the estimates and assumptions will be more volatile than they have been in the past. Further impairment charges may be required if triggering events occur, such as adverse market conditions, that suggest deterioration in an asset s recoverability or fair value. Assessment of the timing of when such declines become other than temporary and the amount of such impairment is a matter of significant judgment. Results in actual transactions could differ from those estimates used to evaluate the impairment of such long-lived assets. If our future cash flow projections are not realized, either because of an extended recessionary period or other unforeseen events, impairment charges may be required in future periods.

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If the estimated average discount rates used in these valuations were increased by 1%, then the estimated fair values would have decreased by 15% in total. If the estimated average rate of revenue growth rate were decreased by 1%, then the estimated fair values would have decreased by 13% in total. These sensitivity analyses do not affect the impairment loss due to the absence of an impairment loss indicator for our long-lived assets.

#### Goodwill

Goodwill is tested for impairment annually at the level of the groups of cash generating units or whenever changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. The recoverable amounts of the groups of cash-generating units are determined from the higher of their fair value less cost to sell or their value-in-use calculations. The key assumptions for the value in use calculations are those regarding the discount rates, growth rates and expected changes to selling prices and direct costs during the period.

Our management estimates discount rates using post-tax rates that reflect current market rates for investments of similar risk. Growth rates are based on industry growth forecasts, and changes in selling prices and direct costs are based on historical experience and expectations of future changes in the market. Cash flow forecasts are derived from the most recent financial budgets for the next five years. Beyond the specifically forecasted period, we extrapolate cash flows for the remaining years based on an estimated growth rate. This rate does not exceed the average long-term growth rate for the relevant markets. Once recognized, impairment losses recognized for goodwill are not reversed.

In validating the value in use determined for the cash generating units, the sensitivity of key assumptions used in the discounted cash-flow model such as discount rates and the terminal growth rate was evaluated. If the estimated average discount rates used in these valuations were increased by 0.25%, the estimated value-in-use would have decreased by 4.12% in total. If the estimated terminal growth rates were decreased by 0.25%, the estimated value-in-use would have decreased by 3.44% in total. If the discount rate assumptions were increased by 0.25% or the terminal growth rate assumptions were decreased by 0.25%, there would be no impact on goodwill impairment. Based on an impairment test as of December 31, 2013, we recognized impairment loss of goodwill of Won 97 billion in POSCO Thainox Public Company Limited and Won 6 billion in EPC Equities LLP. We believe that determining the existence and impairment of goodwill is a critical accounting estimate because significant management judgment is involved in the evaluation of the value of goodwill, and any reasonably possible changes in the key assumptions on which the recoverable amount is based would cause a change in impairment loss of goodwill. See Note 15 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Costs of inventories are determined using the moving-weighted average or weighted average method. Materials-in-transit are determined using the specific identification method. Amounts of inventory are written down to net realizable value due to losses occurring in the normal course of business and the allowance is reported as a contra inventory account, while the related charge is recognized in cost of goods sold.

The net realizable value is determined based on the latest selling price available at the end of each quarter taking into account the directly attributable selling costs. The latest selling price is the base price which is the negotiated selling price based upon the recent transactions entered into with major customers. Considering that our inventory turnover is approximately two months and inventories at the balance sheet date would be sold during the following two months, we perform valuation of inventories using the base price as of the balance sheet date and adjust for significant changes in selling price occurring subsequent to the reporting date. The selling price range used for determining the net realizable value of our inventories ranged from the inventory cost amount less 17.8% of gross

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profit margin to the inventory cost amount plus 25.1% of gross profit margin. For inventories in which expected selling prices are less than the cost amount, the necessary adjustment to write-down the inventories to net realizable value is made. There was no recovery in 2011, 2012 and 2013. The valuation losses of inventories recognized within cost of goods sold were Won 140 billion in 2011, Won 76 billion in 2012 and Won 49 billion in 2013.

## Employee Benefits

Our accounting of employee benefits for defined benefit plans involves judgments about uncertain events including, but not limited to, discount rates, life expectancy, future pay inflation and expected rate of return on plan assets. The discount rates are determined by reference to the yield at the reporting date on high quality corporate bonds that have maturity dates approximating the terms of our benefits obligations and that are denominated in the same currency in which the benefits are expected to be paid. We determine the net interest expense (income) on the net defined benefit liability (asset) for the period by applying the discount rate used to measure the defined benefit obligation at the beginning of the annual period to the then-net defined benefit liability (asset), taking into account any changes in the net defined benefit liability (asset) during the period as a result of contributions and benefit payments, net interest expense, and other expenses related to defined benefit plans that are recognized in profit or loss. Due to changing market and economic conditions, the underlying key assumptions may differ from actual developments and may lead to significant changes in our defined benefit plan. We immediately recognize all actuarial gains and losses arising from defined benefit plans in retained earnings. If the estimated average discount rates by actuarial assumptions used in these valuations were increased by 1%, then the estimated provision for severance benefits would have decreased by Won 103 billion, or 6.8% in total. If the estimated future pay inflation rates were decreased by 1%, then the estimated provision for severance benefits would have decreased by Won 102 billion, or 6.7% in total.

#### **Explanatory Note Regarding Presentation of Certain Financial Information under K-IFRS**

In addition to preparing financial statements in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB included in this annual report, we also prepare financial statements in accordance with K-IFRS as adopted by the KASB, which we are required to file with the Financial Services Commission and the Korea Exchange under the Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act of Korea.

Beginning with our financial statements prepared in accordance with K-IFRS as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012, we are required to adopt certain amendments to K-IFRS No. 1001, Presentation of Financial Statements, as adopted by the KASB in 2012. Accordingly, beginning with our consolidated statements of comprehensive income prepared in accordance with K-IFRS for the year ended December 31, 2012, we present operating profit or loss as an amount of revenue less cost of sales and selling and administrative expenses. The amendments were applied retroactively to our consolidated statements of comprehensive income prepared in accordance with K-IFRS for the year ended December 31, 2011 and certain of the items in such consolidated statements of comprehensive income were reclassified to conform to the presentation of operating profit or loss in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income prepared in accordance with K-IFRS for the year ended December 31, 2012. Prior to the adoption of the amendments to K-IFRS No. 1001, Presentation of Financial Statements, we had presented operating profit or loss in our consolidated statements of comprehensive income prepared in accordance with K-IFRS as an amount of revenue plus other income less cost of sales, selling and administrative expenses, and other expenses.

In our consolidated statements of comprehensive income prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB included in this annual report, such changes in presentation were not adopted. As a result, the presentation of results from operating activities in our consolidated statements of comprehensive income prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB included in this

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annual report differs from the presentation of operating profit or loss in the our consolidated statements of comprehensive income prepared in accordance with K-IFRS. The table below sets forth a reconciliation of our results from operating activities as presented in our consolidated statements of comprehensive income prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB for each of the years ended December 31, 2011, 2012 and 2013 to the operating profit or loss as presented in our consolidated statements of comprehensive income prepared in accordance with K-IFRS after giving effect to the amendments to K-IFRS No. 1001, Presentation of Financial Statements, for each of the corresponding years.

	For t 2011	the Year Ended December 3 2012	31, 2013		
		(In millions of Won)			
Operating profit under IFRS as issued by the IASB	5,408,102	3,291,763	2,574,401		
Additions:					
Loss on disposals of property, plant and equipment	60,550	65,486	121,133		
Loss on disposal of investment property	8,826	3,197	522		
Loss on disposals of assets held for sale		9,510	26,498		
Idle tangible assets expenses	16,881	31,297	17,624		
Impairment loss on other long-term assets	34,544	36,453	9,000		
Impairment loss on assets held for sale		258,451	1,814		
Impairment loss of property, plant and equipment	26,171	12,977	9,742		
Impairment loss of investment property	23,397	1,053	22,943		
Other bad debt expenses	11,155	44,115	111,065		
Donations	66,558	73,963	60,940		
Impairment losses on intangible assets	14,959	21,776	125,316		
Penalty and default losses	39,551	149,437	19,340		
Loss on disposal of wastes	30,585	45,480	15,231		
Loss on disposal of investments in associates		15,119	19,404		
Other provision expenses			65,896		
Others	33,356	41,151	24,338		
	366,533	809,465	650,806		
Deductions:					
Gain on disposals of property, plant and equipment	(13,812)	(42,290)	(14,177)		
Rental revenues	(6,510)	(1,898)	(1,588)		
Gain on disposals of intangible assets	(953)	(906)	(801)		
Gain on disposals of investment in associates	(2,247)	(39,441)	(7,668)		
Gain on disposal of assets held for sale		(193,333)	(101,611)		
Grant income	(1,228)	(3,198)	(2,287)		
Reversal of other bad debt allowance	(57,875)				
Reversal of other provisions	(35,629)	(16,037)			
Outsourcing income	(42,136)	(29,136)	(25,428)		
Gain on disposal of wastes	(11,348)	(38,597)	(16,541)		
Gain from claim compensation	(68,853)	(31,613)	(14,525)		
Penalty income from early termination of contracts	(38,570)	(15,054)	(16,477)		
Others	(27,780)	(36,617)	(27,970)		
	(306,941)	(448,120)	(229,073)		
Operating profit under K-IFRS after adoption of the amendments	5,467,694	3,653,108	2,996,134		

## Operating Results 2012 Compared to 2013

The following table presents our income statement information and changes therein for 2012 and 2013.

Revenue   63,604   61,865   (1,740)   (2.7)%		For the Year Ended December 31,		Changes 2012 versus 2013	
Revenue         63,604         61,865         (1,740)         (2.7)%           Cost of sales         56,143         55,005         (1,138)         (2.0)           Gross profit         7,461         6,860         (601)         (8.1)           Administrative expenses         2,129         2,232         102         4.8           Selling expenses         1,679         1,632         (47)         (2.8)           Other operating income         448         229         (219)         (48.9)           Other operating expenses         809         651         (159)         (19.6)           Operating profit         3,292         2,574         (717)         (21.8)           Share of loss of equity-accounted investees         23         180         157         692.0           Finance income         2,897         2,381         (516)         (17.8)				2012 versus 2013	
Revenue       63,604       61,865       (1,740)       (2.7)%         Cost of sales       56,143       55,005       (1,138)       (2.0)         Gross profit       7,461       6,860       (601)       (8.1)         Administrative expenses       2,129       2,232       102       4.8         Selling expenses       1,679       1,632       (47)       (2.8)         Other operating income       448       229       (219)       (48.9)         Other operating expenses       809       651       (159)       (19.6)         Operating profit       3,292       2,574       (717)       (21.8)         Share of loss of equity-accounted investees       23       180       157       692.0         Finance income       2,897       2,381       (516)       (17.8)		2012	2013	Amount	%
Cost of sales       56,143       55,005       (1,138)       (2.0)         Gross profit       7,461       6,860       (601)       (8.1)         Administrative expenses       2,129       2,232       102       4.8         Selling expenses       1,679       1,632       (47)       (2.8)         Other operating income       448       229       (219)       (48.9)         Other operating expenses       809       651       (159)       (19.6)         Operating profit       3,292       2,574       (717)       (21.8)         Share of loss of equity-accounted investees       23       180       157       692.0         Finance income       2,897       2,381       (516)       (17.8)			(In billions of V		
Gross profit         7,461         6,860         (601)         (8.1)           Administrative expenses         2,129         2,232         102         4.8           Selling expenses         1,679         1,632         (47)         (2.8)           Other operating income         448         229         (219)         (48.9)           Other operating expenses         809         651         (159)         (19.6)           Operating profit         3,292         2,574         (717)         (21.8)           Share of loss of equity-accounted investees         23         180         157         692.0           Finance income         2,897         2,381         (516)         (17.8)	Revenue	63,604	61,865	(1,740)	(2.7)%
Administrative expenses       2,129       2,232       102       4.8         Selling expenses       1,679       1,632       (47)       (2.8)         Other operating income       448       229       (219)       (48.9)         Other operating expenses       809       651       (159)       (19.6)         Operating profit       3,292       2,574       (717)       (21.8)         Share of loss of equity-accounted investees       23       180       157       692.0         Finance income       2,897       2,381       (516)       (17.8)	Cost of sales	56,143	55,005	(1,138)	(2.0)
Administrative expenses       2,129       2,232       102       4.8         Selling expenses       1,679       1,632       (47)       (2.8)         Other operating income       448       229       (219)       (48.9)         Other operating expenses       809       651       (159)       (19.6)         Operating profit       3,292       2,574       (717)       (21.8)         Share of loss of equity-accounted investees       23       180       157       692.0         Finance income       2,897       2,381       (516)       (17.8)					
Administrative expenses       2,129       2,232       102       4.8         Selling expenses       1,679       1,632       (47)       (2.8)         Other operating income       448       229       (219)       (48.9)         Other operating expenses       809       651       (159)       (19.6)         Operating profit       3,292       2,574       (717)       (21.8)         Share of loss of equity-accounted investees       23       180       157       692.0         Finance income       2,897       2,381       (516)       (17.8)	Gross profit	7,461	6,860	(601)	(8.1)
Selling expenses     1,679     1,632     (47)     (2.8)       Other operating income     448     229     (219)     (48.9)       Other operating expenses     809     651     (159)     (19.6)       Operating profit     3,292     2,574     (717)     (21.8)       Share of loss of equity-accounted investees     23     180     157     692.0       Finance income     2,897     2,381     (516)     (17.8)		2,129	2,232	102	4.8
Other operating income       448       229       (219)       (48.9)         Other operating expenses       809       651       (159)       (19.6)         Operating profit       3,292       2,574       (717)       (21.8)         Share of loss of equity-accounted investees       23       180       157       692.0         Finance income       2,897       2,381       (516)       (17.8)		1,679	1,632	(47)	(2.8)
Operating profit         3,292         2,574         (717)         (21.8)           Share of loss of equity-accounted investees         23         180         157         692.0           Finance income         2,897         2,381         (516)         (17.8)		448	229	(219)	(48.9)
Share of loss of equity-accounted investees         23         180         157         692.0           Finance income         2,897         2,381         (516)         (17.8)	Other operating expenses	809	651	(159)	(19.6)
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Share of loss of equity-accounted investees         23         180         157         692.0           Finance income         2,897         2,381         (516)         (17.8)	Operating profit	3,292	2,574	(717)	(21.8)
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1 mance costs 2,770 2,027 32 1.1	Finance costs	2,798	2,829	32	1.1
Profit before income tax 3,368 1,946 (1,422) (42.2)	Profit before income tax	3,368	1,946	(1,422)	(42.2)
Income tax expense 983 591 (392) (39.9)	Income tax expense		591		
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Profit for the period 2,386 1,355 (1,030) (43.2)	Profit for the period	2.386	1.355	(1.030)	(43.2)
Profit for the period attributable to owners of the controlling		_,,,,,,	-,	(-,)	(1012)
company 2,462 1,376 (1,086) (44.1)		2,462	1,376	(1,086)	(44.1)
Loss for the period attributable to non-controlling interests (76) (21) 55 (72.3)	Loss for the period attributable to non-controlling interests	(76)	(21)	55	(72.3)
Revenue					

The following table presents our revenue by segment and changes therein for 2012 and 2013.

	For the Year Ended 2012	For the Year Ended December 31, 2012 2013		Changes 2012 versus 2013	
			Amount	%	
		(In billions of W	on)		
Steel Segment:					
External revenue	35,259	31,795	(3,464)	(9.8)%	
Internal revenue	17,610	16,229	(1,381)	(7.8)	
Total revenue from Steel Segment	52,869	48,024	(4,845)	(9.2)	
Trading Segment:					
External revenue	18,946	18,308	(638)	(3.4)	
Internal revenue	7,468	7,611	144	1.9	
Total revenue from Trading Segment	26,414	25,919	(494)	(1.9)	
Construction Segment:					
External revenue	4,676	6,897	2,221	47.5	
Internal revenue	5,050	3,885	(1,165)	(23.1)	

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Total revenue from Construction Segment	9,726	10,782	1,056	10.9
Others Segment:				
External revenue	4,724	4,865	141	3.0
Internal revenue	2,857	3,019	162	5.7
Total revenue from Others Segment	7,581	7,885	304	4.0
Total revenue prior to consolidation adjustments	96,589	92,609	(3,980)	(4.1)
Consolidation adjustments	(32,985)	(30,745)	(2,240)	(6.8)
Revenue	63,604	61,865	(1,740)	(2.7)

Our revenue decreased by 2.7%, or Won 1,740 billion, from Won 63,604 billion in 2012 to Won 61,865 billion in 2013 due to decreases in external revenues from the Steel Segment and the Trading Segment, which were offset in part by increases in external revenues from the Construction Segment and the Others Segment. Specifically:

Steel Segment. External revenue from the Steel Segment, which does not include internal revenue from inter-company transactions that are eliminated during consolidation, decreased by 9.8%, or Won 3,464 billion, from Won 35,259 billion in 2012 to Won 31,795 billion in 2013 primarily due to a decrease in the average unit sales price per ton of the principal steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers, as well as a decrease in our sales volume of the principal steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers. The weighted average unit sales price per ton of the principal steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers decreased by 6.8% from Won 1,070,565 per ton in 2012 to Won 998,012 per ton in 2013, while the overall sales volume of the principal steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers decreased by 2.9% from 30.0 million tons in 2012 to 29.1 million tons in 2013. Such factors were principally attributable to the following:

The unit sales prices in Won for all of our principal product lines of steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers decreased from 2012 to 2013, ranging from a decrease of 2.7% for stainless steel products to a decrease of 13.9% for cold rolled products. For a discussion of changes in the unit sales prices of each of our principal product lines, see Overview Sales Volume, Prices and Product Mix above.

The sales volume of hot rolled products, plates and silicon steel sheets produced by us and directly sold to external customers decreased by 11.1%, 7.1% and 0.8%, respectively, from 2012 to 2013. On the other hand, our sales volume of wire rods, stainless steel and cold rolled products produced by us and directly sold to external customers increased by 13.3%, 4.4% and 0.4%, respectively, from 2012 to 2013. For a discussion of changes in sales volume of each of our principal product lines, see Item 4.B. Business Overview Major Products.

Total revenue from the Steel Segment, which includes internal revenue from inter-company transactions, decreased by 9.2%, or Won 4,845 billion, from Won 52,869 billion in 2012 to Won 48,024 billion in 2013, as internal revenue from inter-company transactions decreased from 2012 to 2013 due to a decrease in reliance on sales subsidiaries for the sale of our steel products.

*Trading Segment.* External revenue from the Trading Segment, which does not include internal revenue from inter-company transactions that are eliminated during consolidation, decreased by 3.4%, or Won 638 billion, from Won 18,946 billion in 2012 to Won 18,308 billion in 2013 primarily due to a decrease in external revenues of Daewoo International and our other trading subsidiaries from 2012 to 2013, reflecting market conditions related to the prolonged slowdown of the global economy that has been characterized by weaker demand and falling prices for export and import products and reduced trading volume.

Total revenue from the Trading Segment, which includes internal revenue from inter-company transactions, decreased by 1.9%, or Won 494 billion, from Won 26,414 billion in 2012 to Won 25,919 billion in 2013, primarily due to the reasons stated above, which was partially offset by an increase in reliance on sales subsidiaries by us on our steel trading activities.

*Construction Segment.* External revenue from the Construction Segment, which does not include internal revenue from inter-company transactions that are eliminated during consolidation, increased by 47.5%, or Won 2,221 billion, from Won 4,676 billion in 2012 to Won 6,897 billion in 2013 primarily due to increases in POSCO E&C s construction activities of architectural works.

Total revenue from the Construction Segment, which includes internal revenue from inter-company transactions, increased by 10.9%, or Won 1,056 billion, from Won 9,726 billion in 2012 to

Won 10,782 billion in 2013 primarily due to an increase in revenue of POSCO E&C by 17.6%, or Won 1,520 billion, from Won 8,637 billion in 2012 to Won 10,155 billion in 2013. POSCO E&C s revenue increased primarily due to the reasons stated above, which was partially offset by a decrease in internal revenue from inter-company transactions by 23.1%, or Won 1,165 billion, from Won 5,050 billion in 2012 to Won 3,885 billion in 2013 primarily due to a decrease in the amount of construction activities for POSCO.

*Others Segment.* The Others Segment includes power generation, LNG production, network and system integration, logistics and magnesium coil and sheet production. External revenue from the Others Segment, which does not include internal revenue from inter-company transactions that are eliminated during consolidation, increased by 3.0%, or Won 141 billion, from Won 4,724 billion in 2012 to Won 4,865 billion in 2013 primarily due to an increase in revenue of POSCO Energy Corporation as it increased its power generation capacity in the second half of 2012.

Total revenue from the Others Segment, which includes internal revenue from inter-company transactions, increased by 4.0%, or Won 304 billion, from Won 7,581 billion in 2012 to Won 7,885 billion in 2013, primarily due to an increase in revenue of POSCO Energy Corporation by 3.4%, or Won 92 billion, from Won 2,809 billion in 2012 to Won 2,901 billion in 2013.

#### Cost of Sales

Our cost of sales decreased by 2.0%, or Won 1,138 billion, from Won 56,143 billion in 2012 to Won 55,005 billion in 2013. The decrease in cost of sales was primarily due to decreases in our sales volume of steel products and trading activities as discussed above, as well as decreases in the average price in Won terms of key raw materials that were used to manufacture our finished steel products sold, which were partially offset by increases in our construction activities and sales volume of non-steel products.

The following table presents a breakdown of our cost of sales by segment, prior to adjusting for inter-company transactions that are eliminated during consolidation, and changes therein for 2012 and 2013.

	For the Year End	For the Year Ended December 31,		Changes 2012 versus 2013		
	2012	2013				
			Amount	%		
		(In billions of Won)				
Steel Segment	47,616	43,274	(4,342)	(9.1)%		
Trading Segment	25,287	24,816	(471)	(1.9)		
Construction Segment	8,937	9,848	911	10.2		
Others Segment	6,771	7,123	353	5.2		
Consolidation adjustments	(32,468)	(30,057)	2,411	(7.4)		
Cost of sales	56,143	55,005	(1,138)	(2.0)		

Steel Segment. The cost of sales of our Steel Segment, prior to consolidation adjustments, decreased by 9.1%, or Won 4,342 billion, from Won 47,616 billion in 2012 to Won 43,274 billion in 2013, primarily due to decreases in the average price in Won terms of coal and other key raw materials (other than iron ore) that were used to manufacture our finished goods sold as well as in our sales volume of the principal steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers. For a discussion of fluctuations in prices of our key raw materials, see Item 4.B. Business Overview Raw Materials.

*Trading Segment*. The cost of sales of our Trading Segment, prior to consolidation adjustments, decreased by 1.9%, or Won 471 billion, from Won 25,287 billion in 2012 to Won 24,816 billion in 2013, primarily due to a decrease in our trading volumes.

Construction Segment. The cost of sales of our Construction Segment, prior to consolidation adjustments, increased by 10.2%, or Won 911 billion, from Won 8,937 billion in 2012 to Won 9,848 billion in 2013, primarily due to an increase in the construction activities of POSCO E&C.

*Others Segment*. The cost of sales of our Others Segment, prior to consolidation adjustments, increased by 5.2%, or Won 353 billion, from Won 6,771 billion in 2012 to Won 7,123 billion in 2013, primarily due to costs related to an increase in POSCO Energy Corporation s power generation activities in 2013 resulting from an increase in its power generation capacity in the second half of 2012.

#### Gross Profit

Our gross profit decreased by 8.1%, or Won 601 billion, from Won 7,461 billion in 2012 to Won 6,860 billion in 2013 primarily due to a decrease in gross profit of our Steel Segment. Our gross margin decreased from 11.7% in 2012 to 11.1% in 2013.

The following table presents our gross profit by segment, prior to adjusting for inter-company transactions that are eliminated during consolidation, and changes therein for 2012 and 2013.

	For the Year End	ed December 31,	Change 2012 versus	
	2012	2013	Amount	%
		(In billions of	Won)	
Steel Segment	5,253	4,749	(504)	(9.6)%
Trading Segment	1,127	1,103	(24)	(2.1)
Construction Segment	789	934	145	18.4
Others Segment	810	761	(49)	(6.1)
Consolidation adjustments	(518)	(688)	(170)	32.9
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Gross profit	7,461	6,860	(601)	(8.1)

Steel Segment. The gross profit of our Steel Segment, prior to consolidation adjustments, decreased by 9.6%, or Won 504 billion, from Won 5,253 billion in 2012 to Won 4,749 billion in 2013 primarily due to a decrease in the average unit sales price per ton of our principal steel products as well as a decrease in the overall sales volume of our principal steel products, as discussed above, which were partially offset by a decrease in the average price in Won terms of coal and other key raw materials (other than iron ore) that were used to manufacture our finished steel product sold. The gross margin of our Steel Segment, which is gross profit as a percentage of total revenue prior to consolidation adjustments, remained constant at 9.9% in 2012 and 2013.

*Trading Segment.* The gross profit of our Trading Segment, prior to consolidation adjustments, decreased by 2.1%, or Won 24 billion, from Won 1,127 billion in 2012 to Won 1,103 billion in 2013, reflecting market conditions related to the prolonged slowdown of the global economy as discussed above. The gross margin of our Trading Segment, prior to consolidation adjustments, remained constant at 4.3% in 2012 and 2013.

**Construction Segment.** The gross profit of our Construction Segment, prior to consolidation adjustments, increased by 18.4%, or Won 145 billion, from Won 789 billion in 2012 to Won 934 billion in 2013, and the gross margin increased from 8.1% in 2012 to 8.7% in 2013 primarily due to POSCO E&C s participation in construction projects with higher margins in 2013.

Others Segment. The gross profit of our Others Segment, prior to consolidation adjustments, decreased by 6.1%, or Won 49 billion, from Won 810 billion in 2012 to Won 761 billion in 2013, and the gross margin decreased from 10.7% in 2012 to 9.7% in 2013 as POSCO Energy Corporation s gross margin was negatively impacted in 2013 from an increase in its power generation capacity in the second half of 2012 and the ramp-up of the capacity utilization rate.

## Selling and Administrative Expenses

The following table presents a breakdown of our selling and administrative expenses and changes therein for 2012 and 2013.

	For the Year End 2012	For the Year Ended December 31, 2012 2013		ges us 2013
			Amount	%
		(In billions of V	Von)	
Freight	1,473	1,433	(40)	(2.7)%
Sales commissions	74	74	(0)	(0.5)
Sales promotion	18	27	10	54.8
Sales insurance premium	32	27	(5)	(15.7)
Contract cost	52	37	(15)	(28.5)
Others	30	34	4	13.4
Total selling expenses	1,679	1,632	(47)	(2.8)
Wages and salaries	695	755	60	8.7%
Expenses related to defined benefit plan	61	67	6	10.2
Other employee benefits	171	166	(5)	(2.9)
Depreciation	219	228	10	4.5
Rental	93	110	17	18.1
Repairs	12	6	(6)	(51.5)
Advertising	56	106	50	89.4
Research and development	192	193	0	0.3
Service fees	264	240	(24)	(9.2)
Vehicle maintenance	22	12	(10)	(46.0)
Training	18	12	(6)	(32.2)
Warranty expense	13	19	6	45.1
Bad debt allowance	79	90	11	13.7
Others	234	227	(6)	(2.7)
Total administrative expenses	2,129	2,232	102	4.8
Total selling and administrative expenses	3,808	3,864	56	1.5

Our selling and administrative expenses increased by 1.5%, or Won 56 billion, from Won 3,808 billion in 2012 to Won 3,864 billion in 2013 primarily due to increases in labor-related expenses and advertising expense, which was partially offset by a decrease in freight expense and service fees. Such factors were principally attributable to the following:

Our labor-related expenses included in selling and administrative expenses, which consist of wages and salaries, expenses related to defined benefit plans and other employee benefits, increased by 6.6%, or Won 61 billion, from Won 927 billion in 2012 to Won 988 billion in 2013 primarily due to an increase in the number of employees and a rise in their wages.

Our advertising expense increased by 89.4%, or Won 50 billion, from Won 56 billion in 2012 to Won 106 billion in 2013 primarily due to diversification of our advertising channels.

Our freight expense decreased by 2.7%, or Won 40 billion, from Won 1,473 billion in 2012 to Won 1,433 billion in 2013 primarily due to decreases in freight rates as well as a decrease in our export volume.

Our service fees decreased by 9.2%, or Won 24 billion, from Won 264 billion in 2012 to Won 240 billion in 2013 primarily due to a decrease in professional advisory services provided to us resulting from our reduction in investment activities.

## Other Operating Income and Expenses

The following table presents a breakdown of our other operating income and expenses and changes therein for 2012 and 2013.

	For the Year En	ded December 31,	Chang 2012 versi	-
	2012	2013	Amount	%
		(In billions o	f Won)	
Gain on disposals of property, plant and equipment	42	14	(28)	(66.5)%
Gain on disposals of investments in associates	39	8	(32)	(80.6)
Gain on disposals of assets held for sale	193	102	(92)	(47.4)
Reversal of other provisions	16		(16)	(100.0)
Outsourcing income	29	25	(4)	(12.7)
Gain on disposal of wastes	39	17	(22)	(57.1)
Gain from claim compensation	32	15	(17)	(54.1)
Penalty income from early termination of contracts	15	16	1	9.5
Others	43	33	(10)	(23.4)
	440	220	(210)	(40.0)
Total other operating income	448	229	(219)	(48.9)

Our other operating income decreased by 48.9%, or Won 219 billion, from Won 448 billion in 2012 to Won 229 billion in 2013 primarily due to a decrease in our gain on disposal of assets held for sale. Our gain on disposal of assets held for sale decreased by 47.4%, or Won 92 billion, from Won 193 billion in 2012 to Won 102 billion in 2013. In 2012, we recognized a gain of Won 146 billion from Daewoo International s disposal of Daewoo Cement (Shandong) Co., Ltd. to China United Cement Group Co., Ltd. in June 2012. In addition, we recognized a gain of Won 46 billion from Daewoo International s disposal of its interest in Kyobo Life Insurance Co., Ltd. (Kyobo Life Insurance), subsequent to our impairment of Won 258 billion of such asset as described below. In 2013, we recognized a gain of Won 102 billion on disposal of assets held for sale primarily from our disposition of SK Telecom shares and SeAH Steel shares.

	For the Year En	ded December 31,	Chan 2012 vers	0
	2012	2013	Amount	%
		(In billions of	(Won)	
Loss on disposals of property, plant and equipment	65	121	56	85.0%
Loss on disposals of asset held for sale	10	26	17	178.6
Idle tangible assets expenses	31	18	(14)	(43.7)
Impairment loss on other long-term assets	36	9	(27)	(75.3)
Impairment loss on assets held for sale	258	2	(257)	(99.3)
Impairment loss on investment property	1	23	22	2,078.8
Other bad debt expenses	44	111	67	151.8
Donations	74	61	(13)	(17.6)
Impairment losses on intangible assets	22	125	104	475.5
Penalty and default losses	149	19	(130)	(87.1)
Loss on disposal of wastes	45	15	(30)	(66.5)
Other provision expenses		66	66	N.A.
Others	72	54	(18)	(25.5)
Total other operating expenses	809	651	(159)	(19.6)

N.A. means not applicable.

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Our other operating expenses decreased by 19.6%, or Won 159 billion, from Won 809 billion in 2012 to Won 651 billion in 2013, primarily due to significant decreases in our impairment loss on assets held for sale and penalty and default losses, which were partially offset by increases in our impairment losses on intangible assets, other bad debt expenses, other provision expenses and loss on disposals of property, plant and equipment. Such factors were principally attributable to the following:

Our impairment loss on assets held for sale decreased significantly, by Won 257 billion, from Won 258 billion in 2012 to Won 2 billion in 2013. We recognized an impairment loss on assets held for sale of Won 258 billion in 2012 related to a decrease in the market value of Daewoo International s interest in Kyobo Life Insurance, compared to no such loss in 2013.

Our penalty and default losses decreased significantly, or Won 130 billion, from Won 149 billion in 2012 to Won 19 billion in 2013 primarily due to our payment of a fine imposed by the Korea Fair Trade Commission on us and POSCO Coated & Color Steel Co., Ltd. in 2012 for alleged antitrust violations.

Our impairment losses on intangible assets increased by more than five-fold, or Won 104 billion, from Won 22 billion in 2012 to Won 125 billion in 2013 due to impairment loss of Won 97 billion in POSCO Thainox Public Company Limited in 2013.

Our other bad debt expenses more than doubled, by Won 67 billion, from Won 44 billion in 2012 to Won 111 billion in 2013 due to increase in bad debt expenses of POSCO E&C related to some of its construction projects.

We recorded other provision expenses of Won 66 billion in 2013 compared to no such expense in 2012, as POSCO E&C recorded reserves for subrogation payments related to some of its construction projects.

Our loss on disposals of property, plant and equipment increased by 85.0%, or Won 56 billion, from Won 65 billion in 2012 to Won 121 billion in 2013 primarily due to loss resulting from the merger of Sungjin Geotec with POSCO Plantec in July 2013 as well as sale of certain assets of POSCO Energy Corporation in 2013.

#### **Operating Profit**

Due to the factors described above, our operating profit decreased by 21.8%, or Won 717 billion, from Won 3,292 billion in 2012 to Won 2,574 billion in 2013. Our operating margin decreased from 5.2% in 2012 to 4.2% in 2013.

## Share of Loss of Equity-Accounted Investees

Our share of loss of equity-accounted investees increased nearly eight-fold, or by Won 157 billion, from Won 23 billion in 2012 to Won 180 billion in 2013. In 2012, we recognized a net loss for our proportionate share of equity-accounted investees of Won 23 billion primarily due to our share of loss of AMCI (WA) Pty Ltd. and Busan-Gimhae Light Rail Transit Co., Ltd., which was partially offset by our share of profit of Kyobo Life Insurance and KOBRASCO. In 2013, we recognized a net loss for our proportionate share of equity-accounted investees of Won 180 billion primarily due to our share of loss of POSCO Plantec, Roy Hill Holdings Pty Ltd. and CSF-Compania Siderurgica do Pecem, which was partially offset by our share of profit of KOBRASCO, Korea LNG Ltd. and CAML Resources Pty Ltd. For a discussion of our share of profits or losses of equity-accounted investees, see Note 11 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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#### Finance Income and Finance Costs

The following table presents a breakdown of our finance income and costs and changes therein for 2012 and 2013.

	For the Year Ende	For the Year Ended December 31,		Changes 2012 versus 2013	
	2012	2013	Amount	%	
		(In billions of	Won)		
Interest income	279	260	(18)	(6.6)%	
Dividend income	124	59	(65)	(52.5)	
Gain on foreign currency transactions	935	998	62	6.6	
Gain on foreign currency translations	937	511	(426)	(45.4)	
Gain on transactions of derivatives	408	370	(37)	(9.2)	
Gain on valuations of derivatives	94	72	(22)	(23.5)	
Gain on disposals of available-for-sale investments	112	106	(7)	(5.8)	
Others	7	4	(3)	(40.0)	
Total finance income  Interest expenses	2,897	2,381	(516)	(17.8)	
interest expenses	871	658	(214)	(24.5)%	
Loss on foreign currency transactions	839	927	88	10.5	
Loss on foreign currency translations	243	345	102	41.9	
Loss on transactions of derivatives	309	287	(22)	(7.3)	
Loss on valuations of derivatives	160	291	132	82.6	
Impairment loss on available-for-sale investments	224	280	56	25.0	
Loss on disposals of available-for-sale investments	36	4	(33)	(89.7)	
Loss on Financial guarantee	38	6	(33)	(84.7)	
Others	76	31	(45)`	(58.9)	
Total finance costs	2,798	2,829	32	1.1	

Our net gain on foreign currency translations decreased by 76.0%, or Won 527 billion, from Won 693 billion in 2012 to Won 166 billion in 2013, and our net gain on foreign currency transactions decreased by 27.1%, or Won 26 billion, from Won 96 billion in 2012 to Won 70 billion in 2013 as the Won appreciated against the Dollar and Yen in 2012 and 2013. In terms of the market average exchange rates announced by Seoul Money Brokerage Services, Ltd., the Won appreciated from Won 1,153.3 to US\$1.00 as of December 31, 2011 to Won 1,071.1 to US\$1.00 as of December 31, 2012 and appreciated further to Won 1,055.3 to US\$1.00 as of December 31, 2013. The Won appreciated against the Yen from Won 1,485.2 per Yen 100 as of December 31, 2011 to Won 1,247.5 per Yen 100 as of December 31, 2012 and appreciated further to Won 1,004.7 as of December 31, 2013. Against such appreciation, we recognized a more than three-fold increase in net loss on valuation of derivatives, or by Won 154 billion, from Won 65 billion in 2012 to Won 219 billion in 2013, as well as a decrease of 15.1% in net gain on transactions of derivatives, or Won 15 billion, from Won 99 billion in 2012 to Won 84 billion in 2013.

Our impairment loss on available-for-sale investments increased by 25.0%, or Won 56 billion, from Won 224 billion in 2012 to Won 280 billion in 2013 primarily due to a significant decline in the fair value of shares of KB Financial Group and others for a prolonged period, which was considered as objective evidence of impairment.

Our interest expenses decreased by 24.5%, or Won 214 billion, from Won 871 billion in 2012 to Won 658 billion in 2013 primarily due to a decrease in the average balance of our payables and financial liabilities as well as a general decrease in interest rates in Korea.

## Income Tax Expense

Our income tax expense decreased by 39.9%, or Won 392 billion, from Won 983 billion in 2012 to Won 591 billion in 2013. Our effective tax rate increased from 29.2% in 2012 to 30.4% in 2013 primarily due to an increase in the amount of unrecognized deferred tax assets caused by net loss from our subsidiaries. See Note 35 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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## Profit for the Period

Due to the factors described above, our profit for the period decreased by 43.2%, or Won 1,030 billion, from Won 2,386 billion in 2012 to Won 1,355 billion in 2013. Our net profit margin decreased from 3.8% in 2012 to 2.2% in 2013.

The following table presents our profit for the period by segment, prior to adjusting for inter-company transactions that are eliminated during consolidation, and changes therein for 2012 and 2013.

			Chang	es	
	For the Year End	ed December 31,	2012 versus	s 2013	
	2012	2013	Amount	%	
	(In billions of Won)				
Steel Segment	2,246	1,449	(797)	(35.5)%	
Trading Segment	325	10	(316)	(97.1)	
Construction Segment	345	147	(198)	(57.4)	
Others Segment	301	197	(104)	(34.5)	
Consolidation adjustments	(833)	(448)	384	(46.1)	
Profit for the period	2,386	1,355	(1,030)	(43.2)	

## Operating Results 2011 Compared to 2012

The following table presents our income statement information and changes therein for 2011 and 2012.

	For the Year Ended December 31,			Changes 2011 versus 2012	
	2011	2012	Amount	8 2012 %	
		(In billions of	Won)		
Revenue	68,939	63,604	(5,335)	(7.7)%	
Cost of sales	59,824	56,143	(3,681)	(6.2)	
Gross profit	9,115	7,461	(1,654)	(18.1)	
Administrative expenses	2,035	2,129	94	4.6	
Selling expenses	1,612	1,679	67	4.1	
Other operating income	307	448	141	46.0	
Other operating expenses	367	809	443	120.8	
Operating profit	5,408	3,292	(2,116)	(39.1)	
Share of profit (loss) of equity-accounted investees	51	(23)	(73)	N.A.	
Finance income	3,190	2,897	(293)	(9.2)	
Finance costs	3,867	2,798	(1,069)	(27.6)	
Profit before income tax	4,782	3,368	(1,414)	(29.6)	
Income tax expense	1,068	983	(85)	(8.0)	
Profit for the period	3,714	2,386	(1,329)	(35.8)	
Profit for the period attributable to owners of the controlling company	3,648	2,462	(1,186)	(32.5)	
Profit (loss) for the period attributable to non-controlling interests	66	(76)	(143)	N.A.	

N.A. means not applicable.

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#### Revenue

The following table presents our revenue by segment and changes therein for 2011 and 2012.

	For the Year Ende 2011	d December 31, 2012 (In billions of V	Changes 2011 versus 2 Amount	
Steel Segment:		(In billions of V	von)	
External revenue	39,152	35,259	(3,893)	(9.9)%
Internal revenue	17,139	17,610	471	2.7
memai revenue	17,137	17,010	7/1	2.1
Total revenue from Steel Segment	56,291	52,869	(3,422)	(6.1)
Trading Segment:				
External revenue	21,097	18,946	(2,152)	(10.2)
Internal revenue	7,526	7,468	(58)	(0.8)
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Total revenue from Trading Segment	28,623	26,414	(2,209)	(7.7)
Construction Segment:				
External revenue	5,476	4.676	(801)	(14.6)
Internal revenue	2,997	5,050	2,053	68.5
Total revenue from Construction Segment	8,473	9,726	1,253	14.8
Others Segment:				
External revenue	3,213	4,724	1,511	47.0
Internal revenue	2,446	2,857	411	16.8
memai revenue	2,440	2,037	711	10.0
Total revenue from Others Segment	5,660	7,581	1,921	33.9
Total revenue prior to consolidation adjustments	99,046	96,589	(2,457)	(2.5)
Consolidation adjustments	(30,108)	(32,985)	(2,878)	9.6
Revenue	68,939	63,604	(5,335)	(7.7)

Our revenue decreased by 7.7%, or Won 5,335 billion, from Won 68,939 billion in 2011 to Won 63,604 billion in 2012 due to decreases in external revenues from the Steel Segment, the Trading Segment and the Construction Segment, which were offset in part by an increase in external revenue from the Others Segment. Specifically:

Steel Segment. External revenue from the Steel Segment, which does not include internal revenue from inter-company transactions that are eliminated during consolidation, decreased by 9.9%, or Won 3,893 billion, from Won 39,152 billion in 2011 to Won 35,259 billion in 2012 primarily due to a decrease in the average unit sales price per ton of the principal steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers, the impact of which was partially offset by an increase in our sales volume of the principal steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers. The weighted average unit sales price per ton of the principal steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers decreased by 10.6% from Won 1,197,661 per ton in 2011 to Won 1,070,565 per ton in 2012, while the overall sales volume of the principal steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers increased by 1.5% from 29.5 million tons in 2011 to 30.0 million tons in 2012. Such factors were principally attributable to the following:

The unit sales prices in Won for all of our principal product lines of steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers decreased from 2011 to 2012, ranging from a decrease of 6.3% for wire rods to a decrease of 16.2% for plates. For a

discussion of changes in the unit sales prices of each of our principal product lines, see Overview Sales Volume, Prices and Product Mix above.

The sales volume of our stainless steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers increased by 14.3% from 2011 to 2012, and the sales volume of our cold rolled products and silicon steel sheets produced by us and directly sold to external customers increased by 7.6% and 0.8%, respectively, from 2011 to 2012. On the other hand, our sales

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volume of wire rods, plates and hot rolled products produced by us and directly sold to external customers decreased by 9.2%, 5.2% and 4.1%, respectively, from 2011 to 2012. For a discussion of changes in sales volume of each of our principal product lines, see Item 4.B. Business Overview Major Products.

Total revenue from the Steel Segment, which includes internal revenue from inter-company transactions, decreased by 6.1%, or Won 3,422 billion, from Won 56,291 billion in 2011 to Won 52,869 billion in 2012, as internal revenue from inter-company transactions increased from 2011 to 2012 due to an increased reliance on Daewoo International for our sale of steel products.

**Trading Segment.** External revenue from the Trading Segment, which does not include internal revenue from inter-company transactions that are eliminated during consolidation, decreased by 10.2%, or Won 2,152 billion, from Won 21,097 billion in 2011 to Won 18,946 billion in 2012 primarily due to a decrease in external revenue of Daewoo International from 2011 to 2012, reflecting market conditions related to the prolonged slowdown of the global economy that has been characterized by weaker demand and falling prices for export and import products and reduced trading volume.

Total revenue from the Trading Segment, which includes internal revenue from inter-company transactions, decreased by 7.7%, or Won 2,209 billion, from Won 28,623 billion in 2011 to Won 26,414 billion in 2012, primarily due to the reasons stated above, which was offset in part by an increase in reliance on Daewoo International by us on our steel trading activities.

**Construction Segment.** External revenue from the Construction Segment, which does not include internal revenue from inter-company transactions that are eliminated during consolidation, decreased by 14.6%, or Won 801 billion, from Won 5,476 billion in 2011 to Won 4,676 billion in 2012 primarily due to a general slowdown in the domestic construction market resulting in weaker demand.

Total revenue from the Construction Segment, which includes internal revenue from inter-company transactions, increased by 14.8%, or Won 1,253 billion, from Won 8,473 billion in 2011 to Won 9,726 billion in 2012 primarily due to an increase in revenue of POSCO E&C by 15.0%, or Won 1,129 billion, from Won 7,508 billion in 2011 to Won 8,637 billion in 2012. POSCO E&C s revenue increased primarily due to increases in revenues from plant works and architectural works operations, the impact of which was partially offset by a decrease in revenue from civil and environmental works operations.

*Others Segment.* The Others Segment includes power generation, LNG production, network and system integration, logistics and magnesium coil and sheet production. External revenue from the Others Segment, which does not include internal revenue from inter-company transactions that are eliminated during consolidation, increased by 47%, or Won 1,511 billion, from Won 3,213 billion in 2011 to Won 4,724 billion in 2012 primarily due to an increase in revenue of POSCO Energy Corporation. Revenue of POSCO Energy Corporation increased by 49.0%, or Won 939 billion, from Won 1,918 billion in 2011 to Won 2,857 billion in 2012 as it substantially increased its power generation capacity in 2012.

Total revenue from the Others Segment, which includes internal revenue from inter-company transactions, increased by 33.9%, or Won 1,921 billion, from Won 5,660 billion in 2011 to Won 7,581 billion in 2012, primarily due to the increase in revenue of POSCO Energy Corporation discussed above as well as increases in the revenues of POSCO Chemtech and POSCO M-Tech.

#### Cost of Sales

Our cost of sales decreased by 6.2%, or Won 3,681 billion, from Won 59,824 billion in 2011 to Won 56,143 billion in 2012. The decrease in cost of sales was primarily due to decreases in our sales volume of steel and non-steel products and trading activities as discussed above, as well as decreases in the average price in Won terms of key raw materials that were used to manufacture our finished goods sold.

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The following table presents a breakdown of our cost of sales by segment, prior to adjusting for inter-company transactions that are eliminated during consolidation, and changes therein for 2011 and 2012.

	For the Year End	ed December 31,	Changes 2011 versus	
	2011	2012 (In billions of V	Amount Von)	%
Steel Segment	49,459	47,616	(1,843)	(3.7)%
Trading Segment	27,453	25,287	(2,166)	(7.9)
Construction Segment	7,706	8,937	1,231	16.0
Others Segment	5,301	6,771	1,470	27.7
Consolidation adjustments	(30,095)	(32,468)	(2,373)	7.9
Cost of sales	59,824	56,143	(3,681)	(6.2)

Steel Segment. The cost of sales of our Steel Segment, prior to consolidation adjustments, decreased by 3.7%, or Won 1,843 billion, from Won 49,459 billion in 2011 to Won 47,616 billion in 2012, primarily due to decreases in the average price in Won terms of key raw materials that were used to manufacture our finished goods sold, the impact of which was partially offset by an increase in our sales volume of the principal steel products produced by us and directly sold to external customers as well as. For a discussion of fluctuations in prices of our key raw materials, see Item 4.B. Business Overview Raw Materials.

*Trading Segment.* The cost of sales of our Trading Segment, prior to consolidation adjustments, decreased by 7.9%, or Won 2,166 billion, from Won 27,453 billion in 2011 to Won 25,287 billion in 2012, primarily due to a decrease in our trading volumes.

Construction Segment. The cost of sales of our Construction Segment, prior to consolidation adjustments, increased by 16.0%, or Won 1,231 billion, from Won 7,706 billion in 2011 to Won 8,937 billion in 2012, primarily due to an increase in the construction activities of POSCO E&C.

*Others Segment.* The cost of sales of our Others Segment, prior to consolidation adjustments, increased by 27.7%, or Won 1,470 billion, from Won 5,301 billion in 2011 to Won 6,771 billion in 2012, primarily due to costs related to substantial increase in POSCO Energy Corporation s power generation activities in 2012.

## Gross Profit

Our gross profit decreased by 18.1%, or Won 1,654 billion, from Won 9,115 billion in 2011 to Won 7,461 billion in 2012. Our gross margin decreased from 13.2% in 2011 to 11.7% in 2012 as the decrease in revenue from 2011 to 2012 more than outpaced the decrease in cost of sales from 2011 to 2012, as described above. Our gross margin was negatively affected primarily by a decrease in the gross margin of our Steel Segment as described below.

The following table presents our gross profit by segment, prior to adjusting for inter-company transactions that are eliminated during consolidation, and changes therein for 2011 and 2012.

			Change	es	
	For the Year End	For the Year Ended December 31,		011 versus 2012	
	2011	2012	Amount	%	
		(In billions of Won)			
Steel Segment	6,832	5,253	(1,579)	(23.1)%	
Trading Segment	1,170	1,127	(43)	(3.7)	
Construction Segment	767	789	22	2.8	
Others Segment	359	810	452	125.8	
Consolidation adjustments	(13)	(518)	(505)	4,025.9	
Gross profit	9,115	7,461	(1,654)	(18.1)	

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*Steel Segment.* As a result of the factors described above, the gross margin of our Steel Segment, which is gross profit as a percentage of total revenue prior to consolidation adjustments, decreased from 12.1% in 2011 to 9.9% in 2012.

*Trading Segment*. The gross margin of our Trading Segment, prior to consolidation adjustments, increased from 4.1% in 2011 to 4.3% in 2012 primarily due to Daewoo International s efforts to streamline its trading operations to focus on higher margin trades.

**Construction Segment**. The gross margin of our Construction Segment, prior to consolidation adjustments, decreased from 9.1% in 2011 to 8.1% in 2012 due to further weakening of market conditions in the domestic construction industry in 2012 that resulted in an increase in competition, which in turn increased the portion of construction contracts with lower profit margins.

*Others Segment.* The gross margin of our Others Segment, prior to consolidation adjustments, increased from 6.3% in 2011 to 10.7% in 2012 primarily due to an increase in gross margin of POSCO Energy Corporation, which initiated operations of additional power plants and substantially increased its power generation capacity in 2012.

## Selling and Administrative Expenses

The following table presents a breakdown of our selling and administrative expenses and changes therein for 2011 and 2012.

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2011 2012		Changes 2011 versus 2012 Amount %	
	2011	(In billions of Wo		70
Freight	1,406	1,473	67	4.7%
Sales commissions	85	74	(11)	(13.0)
Sales insurance premium	20	32	12	61.0
Contract cost	63	52	(11)	17.2
Others	38	47	10	26.0
Total selling expenses	1,612	1,679	67	4.1
Wages and salaries	607	695	88	14.5%
Expenses related to defined benefit plan	60	61	1	1.6
Other employee benefits	165	171	6	3.8
Depreciation	173	219	46	26.6
Taxes and public dues	51	60	9	17.9
Rental	66	93	28	42.3
Advertising	71	56	(15)	(21.4)
Research and development	212	192	(20)	(9.5)
Service fees	287	264	(22)	(7.7)
Bad debt allowance	92	79	(13)	(14.0)
Others	252	239	(13)	(5.1)
Total administrative expenses	2,035	2,129	94	4.6
Total selling and administrative expenses	3,647	3,808	161	4.4

Our selling and administrative expenses increased by 4.4%, or Won 161 billion, from Won 3,647 billion in 2011 to Won 3,808 billion in 2012 primarily due to increases in labor-related expenses and freight expense. Such factors were principally attributable to the following:

Our labor-related expenses included in selling and administrative expenses, which consist of wages and salaries, expenses related to defined benefit plans and other employee benefits, increased by 11.4%, or Won 95 billion, from Won 832 billion in 2011 to Won 927 billion in 2012 primarily due to an increase in the number of employees and a rise in their wages.

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Our freight expense increased by 4.7%, or Won 67 billion, from Won 1,406 billion in 2011 to Won 1,473 billion in 2012 primarily due to an increase in freight rates, which was offset in part by a decrease in our export volume.

## Other Operating Income and Expenses

The following table presents a breakdown of our other operating income and expenses and changes therein for 2011 and 2012.

			Chan	iges
	For the Year Ende	d December 31,	2011 versus 2012	
	2011	2012	Amount	%
		(In billions o	f Won)	
Gain on disposals of property, plant and equipment	14	42	28	206.2%
Gain on disposals of investments in associates	2	39	37	1,655.3
Gain on disposals of assets held for sale		193	193	N.A.
Reversal of other bad debt allowance	58		(58)	(100.0)
Reversal of other provisions	36	16	(20)	(55.0)
Outsourcing income	42	29	(13)	(30.9)
Gain on disposals of wastes	11	39	27	240.1
Gain from claim compensation	69	32	(37)	(54.1)
Penalty income from early termination of contracts	39	15	(23)	(61.0)
Others	36	43	6	16.9
Total other operating income	307	448	141	46.0

## N.A. means not applicable.

Our other operating income increased by 46.0%, or Won 141 billion, from Won 307 billion in 2011 to Won 448 billion in 2012 primarily due to our gain on disposals of assets held for sale of Won 193 billion in 2012. We recognized a gain of Won 146 billion from Daewoo International s disposal of Daewoo Cement (Shandong) Co., Ltd. to China United Cement Group Co., Ltd. in June 2012. In addition, we recognized a gain of Won 46 billion from Daewoo International s disposal of its interest in Kyobo Life Insurance Co., Ltd. (Kyobo Life Insurance), subsequent to our impairment of Won 258 billion of such asset as described below.

			Chang 2011 ver	
	For the Year Ende	ed December 31,	2011 Vel	
	2011	2012	Amount	%
		(In billions of	f Won)	
Loss on disposals of property, plant and equipment	61	65	5	8.2%
Idle tangible assets expenses	17	31	14	85.4
Impairment losses on other long-term assets	35	36	2	5.5
Impairment loss on assets held for sale		258	258	N.A.
Impairment loss of property, plant and equipment	26	13	(13)	(50.4)
Impairment loss of investment property	23	1	(22)	(95.5)
Other bad debt expenses	11	44	33	295.5
Donations	67	74	7	11.1
Penalty and default losses	40	149	110	277.8
Loss on disposal of wastes	31	45	15	48.7
Others	57	91	34	58.8
Total other operating expenses	367	809	443	120.8

N.A. means not applicable.

Our other operating expenses increased by Won 443 billion, from Won 367 billion in 2011 to Won 809 billion in 2012, primarily due to our impairment loss on assets held for sale in 2012 as well as an increase in our penalty and default losses. In 2012, we recorded an impairment loss on assets held

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for sale of Won 258 billion related to a decrease in market value of Daewoo International s interest in Kyobo Life Insurance. Our penalty and default losses increased by Won 110 billion, from Won 40 billion in 2011 to Won 149 billion in 2012, primarily due to a fine of Won 118 billion imposed by the Korea Fair Trade Commission for price fixing galvanized steel sheets.

## **Operating Profit**

Due to the factors described above, our operating profit decreased by 39.1%, or Won 2,116 billion, from Won 5,408 billion in 2011 to Won 3,292 billion in 2012. Our operating margin decreased from 7.8% in 2011 to 5.2% in 2012.

## Share of Profit of Equity-Accounted Investees

We recognized a net profit for our proportionate share of equity-accounted investees of Won 51 billion in 2011 primarily due to our share of profit of Kyobo Life Insurance, SNNC Co., Ltd. and KOBRASCO, which were offset in part by our share of loss of Sungjin Geotec, AMCI (WA) Pty Ltd. and USS-POSCO Industries. However, we recognized a net loss for our proportionate share of equity-accounted investees of Won 23 billion in 2012 primarily due to our share of loss of AMCI (WA) Pty Ltd. and Busan-Gimhae Light Rail Transit Co., Ltd., which were offset in part by our share of profit of Kyobo Life Insurance and KOBRASCO. For a discussion of our share of profits or losses of equity-accounted investees, see Note 11 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### Finance Income and Finance Costs

The following table presents a breakdown of our finance income and costs and changes therein for 2011 and 2012.

	For the Year Ende	ed December 31, 2012	Chang 2011 versu	
			Amount	%
		(In billions of	Won)	
Interest income	216	279	63	28.9%
Dividend income	144	124	(19)	(13.5)
Gain on foreign currency transactions	1,454	935	(519)	(35.7)
Gain on foreign currency translations	259	937	678	261.7
Gain on transactions of derivatives	549	408	(142)	(25.8)
Gain on valuations of derivatives	112	94	(17)	(15.4)
Gain on disposals of available-for-sale investments	455	112	(342)	(75.3)
Others	2	7	6	359.3
Total finance income	3,190	2,897	(293)	(9.2)
Interest expenses	788	871	83	10.5%
Loss on foreign currency transactions	1,620	839	(781)	(48.2)
Loss on foreign currency translations	530	243	(287)	(54.1)
Loss on transactions of derivatives	513	309	(204)	(39.7)
Loss on valuations of derivatives	189	160	(29)	(15.4)
Impairment loss on available-for-sale investments	153	224	71	46.7
Loss on disposals of available-for-sale investments	1	36	35	3,517.7
Loss on Financial guarantee	1	38	37	3,744.2
Others	72	76	5	6.5
Total finance costs	3,867	2,798	(1,069)	(27.6)

We recognized a net loss on foreign currency translations of Won 271 billion in 2011 compared to a net gain on foreign currency translations of Won 694 billion in 2012 and a net loss on foreign currency transactions of Won 166 billion in 2011 compared to a net gain on foreign currency transactions of Won 96 billion in 2012 as the Won depreciated against the Dollar and Yen in 2011 while it appreciated against the Dollar and Yen in 2012. In terms of the market average exchange rates

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announced by Seoul Money Brokerage Services, Ltd., the Won depreciated from Won 1,138.9 to US\$1.00 as of December 31, 2010 to Won 1,153.3 to US\$1.00 as of December 31, 2011 but appreciated to Won 1,071.1 to US\$1.00 as of December 31, 2012. The Won depreciated against the Yen from Won 1,397.1 per Yen 100 as of December 31, 2010 to Won 1,485.2 per Yen 100 as of December 31, 2011 but appreciated to Won 1,247.5 per Yen 100 as of December 31, 2012. Against such fluctuations, we recognized an increase of 170.1% in net gain on transactions of derivatives, or Won 62 billion, from Won 37 billion in 2011 to Won 99 billion in 2012 as well as a decrease of 15.6% in net loss on valuation of derivatives, or Won 12 billion, from Won 77 billion in 2011 to Won 65 billion in 2012.

On the other hand, our gain on disposals of available-for-sale investments decreased significantly from Won 455 billion in 2011 to Won 112 billion in 2012 primarily due to the recognition of a Won 332 billion gain in 2011 from our disposal of a minority investment in an iron ore manufacturer in Australia, compared to no comparable disposal of available-for-sale investments in 2012.

Our interest expenses increased by 10.5%, or Won 83 billion, from Won 788 billion in 2011 to Won 871 billion in 2012 primarily due to an increase in the average balance of our payables and financial liabilities, which was partially offset by a general decrease in interest rates in Korea.

Our impairment loss on available-for-sale investments increased by 46.7%, or Won 71 billion, from Won 153 billion in 2011 to Won 224 billion in 2012 primarily due to a significant decline in the fair value of shares of Jupiter Mines Ltd., SK Telecom and others for a prolonged period, which was considered as objective evidence of impairment.

## Income Tax Expense

Our income tax expense decreased by 8.0%, or Won 85 billion, from Won 1,068 billion in 2011 to Won 983 billion in 2012 primarily due to a 29.6% decrease in profit before income tax expense, which was partially offset by increases in adjustments related to difference in tax rate and unrealized deferred tax assets. See Note 35 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. Our effective tax rates increased from 22.3% in 2011 to 29.2% in 2012 primarily due to our disposition of Daewoo International s interest in Kyobo Life Insurance in September 2012.

## Profit for the Period

Due to the factors described above, our profit for the period decreased by 35.8%, or Won 1,329 billion, from Won 3,714 billion in 2011 to Won 2,386 billion in 2012. Our net profit margin decreased from 5.4% in 2011 to 3.8% in 2012.

The following table presents our profit for the period by segment, prior to adjusting for inter-company transactions that are eliminated during consolidation, and changes therein for 2011 and 2012.

			Chang	es
	For the Year End	led December 31,	2011 versu	s 2012
	2011	2012	Amount	%
		(In billions of	Won)	
Steel Segment	3,689	2,246	(1,443)	(39.1)%
Trading Segment	195	325	130	66.5
Construction Segment	155	345	191	123.3
Others Segment	155	301	146	94.3
Consolidation adjustments	(480)	(833)	(352)	73.3
Profit for the period	3,714	2,386	(1,329)	(35.8)

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## Item 5.B. Liquidity and Capital Resources

The following table sets forth the summary of our cash flows for the periods indicated.

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2011	2012	2013
		(In billions of Won)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,692	7,319	4,858
Net cash used in investing activities	(5,517)	(6,169)	(8,752)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	4,900	(908)	3,532
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash held	3	(161)	(111)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	3,521	4,599	4,681
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	4,599	4,681	4,209
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,078	82	(472)

## **Capital Requirements**

Historically, uses of cash consisted principally of purchases of property, plant and equipment and other assets and repayments of outstanding debt and payments of dividends. From time to time, we have also engaged in the acquisition of treasury shares.

Net cash used in investing activities was Won 5,517 billion in 2011, Won 6,169 billion in 2012 and Won 8,752 billion in 2013. These amounts included acquisition of property, plant and equipment of Won 5,331 billion in 2011, Won 7,055 billion in 2012 and Won 6,570 billion in 2013. We plan to spend between Won 6 trillion to Won 7 trillion in capital expenditures in 2014, which we may adjust on an on-going basis subject to market demand for our products, the production outlook of the global steel industry and global economic conditions in general. We may delay or not implement some of our current capital expenditure plans based on our assessment of such market conditions. We had net disposals of short-term financial instruments of Won 1,238 billion in 2011 and Won 232 billion in 2012, and net acquisition of short-term financial instruments of Won 548 billion in 2013. We also had net disposals of available-for-sale investments of Won 89 billion in 2011 and Won 393 billion in 2012, and net acquisition of available-for-sale investments of Won 40 billion in 2013.

In our financing activities, we used cash of Won 1,746 billion in 2011, Won 1,884 billion in 2012 and Won 2,846 billion in 2013 for repayments of borrowings. We paid dividends on common stock in the amount of Won 771 billion in 2011, Won 752 billion in 2012 and Won 649 billion in 2013.

In recent years, we have also selectively considered various opportunities to acquire or invest in companies that may complement our businesses, as well as invest in overseas resources development projects. For example, we acquired a controlling interest in Daewoo International on September 20, 2010 for Won 3.37 trillion, and we spent Won 390 billion in 2011 to acquire a controlling interest in Thainox Stainless Public Company Limited, a major stainless steel manufacturer in Thailand. We may require additional capital for such acquisitions or entering into other strategic relationships. Other than capital required for such activities, we anticipate that capital expenditures, repayments of outstanding debt and payments of cash dividends will represent the most significant uses of funds for the next several years.

Payments of contractual obligations and commitments will also require considerable resources. In our ordinary course of business, we routinely enter into commercial commitments for various aspects of our operations, as well as issue guarantees for our related companies indebtedness. The following table sets forth the amount of long-term debt, capital lease and operating lease obligations as of December 31, 2013.

		Payments Due by Period			
Contractual Obligations	Total	Less Than 1 Year	1 to 3 Years	4 to 5 Years	After 5 Years
Contractual Obligations	Total	1 Tear	(In billions of Won)		5 Tears
Long-term debt obligations (a)	18,842	3,348	3,437	2,877	9,179
Interest payments on long-term debt (b)	1,942	499	774	386	282
Capital lease obligations (c)	28	9	10	10	
Operating lease obligations (d)	33	25	8		
Purchase obligations (e)	40,622	17,735	17,122	9,143	2,894
Accrued severance benefits (f)	1,488	79	199	263	948
Total	62,956	21,696	21,549	12,680	13,303

- (a) Includes the current portion and premium on bond redemption but excludes amortization of discount on debentures and issuance costs.
- (b) As of December 31, 2013, a portion of our long-term debt carried variable interest rates. We used the interest rate in effect as of December 31, 2013 in calculating the interest payments on long-term debt for the periods indicated.
- (c) We entered into a capital lease contract with Ilshin Shipping Co., Ltd. for a vessel for transporting plates and other products.
- (d) We acquired certain tools and equipment under operating lease agreements with Orix Rentec Korea Co., Ltd. and others,
- (e) Our purchase obligations include supply contracts to purchase iron ore, coal, LNG and other raw materials. These contracts generally have terms of one to ten years and the long-term contracts provide for periodic price adjustments according to the market prices. As of December 31, 2013, 193 million tons of iron ore and 14 million tons of coal remained to be purchased under long-term contracts. In addition, we entered into an agreement with Tanggun LNG Consortium in Indonesia to purchase 550 thousand tons of LNG for 20 years commencing in August 2005. The purchase price under the agreement with Tangguh LNG Consortium is variable based on the monthly standard oil price (as represented by the Japan Customs cleared Crude Price), subject to a ceiling. We used the market price and exchange rate in effect as of December 31, 2013 in calculating the iron ore, coal and LNG purchase obligations described above for the periods indicated.
- (f) Represents, as of December 31, 2013, the expected amount of severance benefits that we will be required to pay under applicable Korean law to all of our employees when they reach their normal retirement age. The amounts were determined based on the employees—current salary rates and the number of service years that will be accumulated upon their retirement. These amounts do not include amounts that may be paid to employees who cease to work at the company before their normal retirement age.

## **Capital Resources**

We have traditionally met our working capital and other capital requirements principally from cash provided by operations, while raising the remainder of our requirements primarily through long-term debt and short-term borrowings. We expect that these sources will continue to be our principal sources of cash in the future. From time to time, we may also generate cash through sale of treasury shares and our holdings in available-for-sale securities.

Our net cash provided by operating activities increased by 332.7%, or Won 5,628 billion, from Won 1,692 billion in 2011 to Won 7,319 billion in 2012. Our gross cash inflow from our sales activities decreased as discussed above. However, our overall net cash provided by operating activities increased as a result of a decrease in our inventory and better management of outstanding trade accounts and notes receivables. Our inventory decreased primarily due to a decrease in the price of raw materials as well as our management of inventory levels in preparation for a decrease in demand due to continuing uncertainties in the global economy.

Our net cash provided by operating activities decreased by 33.6%, or Won 2,461 billion, from Won 7,319 billion in 2012 to Won 4,858 billion in 2013. Our gross cash flow from our sales activities

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decreased as discussed above. In addition, we continued to manage our inventory levels in 2013 in response to a decrease in demand resulting from continuing uncertainties in the global economy. The inventory turnover was faster in 2013 compared to 2012 as we maintained a relatively lower inventory level in 2013 compared to 2012. Our outstanding trade accounts and notes receivables also increased in 2013, as we extended payment terms for some of our key customers, which in turn negatively impacted our net cash provided by operating activities.

Net proceeds from borrowings, after deducting for repayment of borrowings, were Won 5,322 billion in 2011, Won 1,123 billion in 2012 and Won 2,253 billion in 2013. Net proceeds from short-term borrowings, after deducting for repayment of short-term borrowings, were Won 52 billion in 2011 and Won 87 billion in 2013. We had net repayments of short-term borrowings of Won 1,412 billion in 2012. We also raised Won 1,495 billion from our issuances of hybrid bonds in 2013, which are accounted for as part of our equity. Long-term borrowings, excluding current installments, were Won 16,020 billion as of December 31, 2011, Won 14,412 billion as of December 31, 2012 and Won 15,533 billion as of December 31, 2013. Total short-term borrowings and current installments of long-term borrowings were Won 10,792 billion as of December 31, 2011, Won 10,509 billion as of December 31, 2012 and Won 10,714 billion as of December 31, 2013. Outstanding hybrid bonds were Won 997 billion as of December 31, 2013. Our net borrowings-to-equity ratio, which is calculated by deducting cash and cash equivalents from total borrowings and dividing the net amount with our total equity, was 54.54% as of December 31, 2011, 47.70% as of December 31, 2012 and 48.09% as of December 31, 2013.

We periodically increase our short-term borrowings and adjust our long-term debt financing levels depending on changes in our capital requirements. We also generated cash of Won 164 billion in 2011 and Won 14 billion in 2013 from the sale of our treasury shares. We also generated cash of Won 580 billion from our disposal of a portion of our holdings of shares in SK Telecom, KB Financial Group and Hana Financial Group in 2012 and Won 128 billion from our disposal of additional shares in SK Telecom in 2013. In addition, we generated cash of Won 1,151 billion in September 2012 from Daewoo International s disposal of its interest in Kyobo Life Insurance.

We believe that we have sufficient working capital for our current requirements and that we have a variety of alternatives available to us to satisfy our liquidity requirements to the extent that they are not met by funds generated by operations, including the issuance of debt and equity securities and bank borrowings denominated in Won and various foreign currencies. However, our ability to rely on some of these alternatives could be affected by factors such as the liquidity of the Korean and the global financial markets, prevailing interest rates, our credit rating and the Government s policies regarding Won currency and foreign currency borrowings.

## Liquidity

We had working capital (current assets minus current liabilities) of Won 13,952 billion as of December 31, 2011, Won 11,791 billion as of December 31, 2012 and Won 11,425 billion as of December 31, 2013. Our holding of cash and cash equivalents were Won 4,599 billion as of December 31, 2011, Won 4,681 billion as of December 31, 2012 and Won 4,209 billion as of December 31, 2013. Our holding of other receivables and other short-term financial assets were Won 3,656 billion as of December 31, 2011, Won 3,846 billion as of December 31, 2012 and Won 4,861 billion as of December 31, 2013. As of December 31, 2013, approximately 24.4% of our cash and cash equivalents, other receivables and other short-term financial assets were held outside of Korea, which we expect to use in our operations abroad, including capital expenditure activities. In the event that such assets are needed for our operations in Korea, such amounts are typically not restricted under local laws from being used in Korea. In addition, we believe that there are no material tax implications in the event our foreign subsidiaries elect to grant cash dividends to us. POSCO had total available credit lines of Won 2,533 billion as of December 31, 2013, none of which was used as of such date. We have not had, and do not believe that we will have, difficulty gaining access to short-term financing sufficient to meet our current requirements.

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## Capital Expenditures and Capacity Expansion

Cash used for acquisitions of property, plant and equipment was Won 5,331 billion in 2011, Won 7,055 billion in 2012 and Won 6,570 billion in 2013. We plan to spend between Won 6 trillion to Won 7 trillion in capital expenditures in 2014, which we may adjust on an on-going basis subject to market demand for our products, the production outlook of the global steel industry and global economic conditions in general. We may delay or not implement some of our current capital expenditure plans based on our assessment of such market conditions.

Our current plan for capital investment in production facilities emphasizes capacity rationalization, increased production of higher value-added products and improvements in the efficiency of older facilities in order to reduce operating costs. The following table sets out the major items of our capital expenditures as of December 31, 2013:

Estimated

Project	Expected Completion Date	Total Cost of Project (In billions of Won)	Remaining Cost of Completion as of December 31, 2013
Steel Segment:			
Miscellaneous capital expenditures, including rationalization of furnace no. 2			
and construction of production infrastructure for new businesses	December 2016	3,534	173
Optimization of Pohang Works facilities	January 2014	2,212	169
Construction of no. 4 hot rolling mill at Gwangyang Works	October 2014	1,626	448
Upgrading of raw materials treatment and transportation facilities	September 2016	1,301	247
Construction of cold rolling mill by POSCO Maharashtra Steel Private Limited	June 2014	629	108
Construction of steel manufacturing plant by POSCO SS-VINA	December 2014	617	174
Construction of off-gas power plant by POSCO Energy	March 2014	292	26
Rationalization of rolling mill by POSCO Specialty Steel	May 2014	167	17
Trading Segment:			
Construction of under-sea pipeline and on-land gas terminal by Daewoo			
International	April 2014	236	11
Acquisition of Northeast Asia Trade Tower by Daewoo International	July 2014	208	187
Others Segment:			
Construction of backup power plant no. 1 and no. 2 in Incheon by POSCO			
Energy	January 2015	1,063	433
Construction of power plant in Pohang by POSCO Energy	March 2014	595	29

Item 5.C. Research and Development, Patents and Licenses, Etc.

We maintain a research and development program to carry out basic research and applied technology development activities. As of December 31, 2013, POSCO Technical Research Laboratories employed 1,049 personnel, including 462 researchers. Our technology development department also works closely with the Pohang University of Science & Technology, Korea s first research-oriented college founded by us in 1986, and the Research Institute of Industrial Science and Technology, Korea s first private comprehensive research institute founded by us in 1987. We also established POSCO Research Institute (POSRI) in 1994, which engages in research activities and consulting services.

We recorded research and development expenses of Won 380 billion as cost of sales in 2011, Won 385 billion in 2012 and Won 370 billion in 2013, as well as research and development expenses of Won 212 billion as selling and administrative expenses in 2011, Won 192 billion in 2012 and Won 193 billion in 2013.

Our research and development program has filed over thirty-two thousand industrial rights applications relating to steel-making technology, approximately one-third of which were registered as of December 31, 2013, and has successfully applied many of these to the improvement of our manufacturing process.

## Item 5.D. Trend Information

These matters are discussed under Item 5.A. and Item 5.B. above where relevant.

## Item 5.E. Off-balance Sheet Arrangements

As of December 31, 2012 and 2013, we did not have any relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities, which have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes.

## Item 5.F. Tabular Disclosure of Contractual Obligations

These matters are discussed under Item 5.B. above where relevant.

## Item 5.G. Safe Harbor

See Item 3. Key Information Item 3.D. Risk Factors This annual report contains forward-looking statements that are subject to various risks and uncertainties.

## Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees

#### Item 6.A. Directors and Senior Management

## **Board of Directors**

Our board of directors has the ultimate responsibility for the management of our business affairs. Our board consists of five directors who are our executive officers ( Inside Directors ) and seven directors who are outside directors ( Outside Directors ). Our shareholders elect both the Inside Directors and Outside Directors at a general meeting of shareholders. Candidates for Inside Directors are recommended to shareholders by the board of directors after the board reviews such candidates—qualifications, and candidates for Outside Directors are recommended to the shareholders by a separate board committee consisting of three Outside Directors and one Inside Director ( Director Candidate Recommendation Committee ) after the committee reviews such candidates—qualifications. Any shareholder holding our outstanding shares with voting rights may suggest candidates for Outside Directors to the Director Candidate Recommendation Committee.

Our board of directors maintains the following six sub-committees:

the Finance and Operation Committee;

the Director Candidate Recommendation Committee; the Evaluation and Compensation Committee;

the Executive Management Committee;

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the Audit Committee; and

the Related Party Transactions Committee.

Our board committees are described in greater detail below under 
Item 6.C. Board Practices.

Under the Commercial Code and our articles of incorporation, one Chairman should be elected among the Outside Directors and several Representative Directors may be elected among the Inside Directors by our board of directors resolution.

## **Inside Directors**

Our current Inside Directors are:

Name	Position	Responsibilities and Division	Years as Director	Years with POSCO	Age	Expiration of Term of Office
Kwon, Oh-Joon	Chief Executive Officer and Representative Director		0	25	63	March 2017
Kim, Jin-Il	President and Representative Director	Head of Steel Production Division	2	37	61	March 2015
Chang, In-Hwan	Senior Executive Vice President and Representative Director	Head of Steel Business Division	1	31	59	March 2015
Yoon, Dong-Jun	Senior Executive Vice President	Head of Corporate Infrastructure Division	0	27	55	March 2016
Lee, Young-Hoon	Senior Executive Vice President	Head of Finance and Investment Division	0	27	54	March 2015

All Inside Directors are engaged in our business on a full-time basis.

## **Outside Directors**

Our current Outside Directors are set out in the table below. Each of our Outside Directors meets the applicable independence standards set forth under the rules of the Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets of Korea (the FSCMA).

			Years		
			as		Expiration of
Name	Position	Principal Occupation	Director	Age	Term of Office
Lee, Chang-Hee	Chairman	Professor, Seoul National University	5	53	March 2015
Bemowski, James B.	Director	Vice Chairman, Doosan Co., Ltd.	2	60	March 2015
Shin, Chae-Chol	Director	Former Chairman and CEO, IBM			
		Korea Inc.	1	66	March 2015
Lee, Myoung-Woo	Director	President, Dongwon Industries	1	60	March 2016
Kim, Il-Sup	Director	President, Seoul School of	0	67	March 2017
		Integrated Sciences & Technologies			
Sunwoo, Young	Director	Representative Lawyer, Rhi &	0	58	March 2017
		Partners			
Ahn, Dong-Hyun	Director	Professor, Seoul National University	0	50	March 2017
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The term of office of the Directors elected in March 2014 is up to three (3) years. Each Director s term expires at the close of the ordinary general meeting of shareholders convened in respect of the fiscal year that is the last one to end during such Director s tenure.

## Senior Management

In addition to the Inside Directors who are also our executive officers, we have the following executive officers:

Name	Position	Responsibility and Division	Years with POSCO	Age
Baek, Sung-Kwan	Senior Executive Vice	General Superintendent, Gwangyang Works	33	58
	President			
Lee, Jung-Sik	Senior Executive Vice President	General Superintendent, Pohang Works	34	59
Park, Sung-Ho	Executive Vice President	Head of Technical Research Laboratories	31	57
Oh, In-Hwan	Executive Vice President	Department Manager of Steel Business Strategy Dept.	31	55
Yim, Chang-Hee	Executive Vice President	General Manager of Europe Office	28	57
Kim, Won-Ki	Executive Vice President	Department Manager of Global Marketing Coordination Dept.	32	57
Ko, Suk-Bum	Executive Vice President	Department Manager of Labor and Outside Services Dept.	29	56
Kim, Jhi-Yong	Executive Vice President	Center Manager of Steel Solution Center	21	52
Lee, Young-Ki	Executive Vice President	President, POSCO-Japan Co., Ltd.	28	54
Kim, Se-Hyun	Executive Vice President	Department Manager of Corporate Project Management Dept.	4	54
Chang, In-Hwa	Executive Vice President	Department Manager of New Business Development Dept.	3	58
Min, Kyung-Zoon	Senior Vice President	President, PT Krakatau POSCO Co., Ltd.	30	55
Shim, Tong-Wook	Senior Vice President	Department Manager of Corporate Audit Dept.	28	54
Kwon, Suk-Chul	Senior Vice President	President, POSCO-China Co., Ltd.	30	57
Lee, Tae-Ju	Senior Vice President	Department Manager of Steel Production Strategy Dept.	31	56
Yun, Ki-mok	Senior Vice President	Department Manager of Raw Materials Dept.	30	56
Kim, Jae-Yeol	Senior Vice President	President, Zhangjiagang Pohang Stainless Steel Co., Ltd.	28	54
Kim, Hong-Soo	Senior Vice President	Department Manager of Steel Investment & Technology Planning Dept.	31	56
Son, Chang Hwan	Senior Vice President	Department Manager of Automotive Materials Marketing Dept.	29	53
Sung, Gee-Woong	Senior Vice President	President, POSCO-India Private Ltd.	19	54
Jeong, Tak	Senior Vice President	Department Manager of Energy and Shipbuilding Materials Marketing Dept.	2	54
Chung, Chang-Hwa	Senior Vice President	Department Manager of Public Relations Dept.	18	52
Kim, Kwan Young	Senior Vice President	Deputy General Superintendent (Administration, Pohang Works)	26	52
Yi, Kyung-Jo	Senior Vice President	Deputy General Superintendent (Hot and Cold Rolling, Gwangyang Works)	28	53
Ha, Young-Sul	Senior Vice President	Department Manager of Plant, Equipment and Materials Procurement Dept.	27	55
Nam, Cheol-Soon	Senior Vice President	Department Manager of Stainless Steel Marketing Dept.	1	53
Hwangbo, Won	Senior Vice President	President, POSCO-Mexico Co., Ltd.	24	50
Kim, Byung-Hwi	Senior Vice President	President, POSCO-South Asia Co., Ltd.	24	50
Choi, Seung-Deug	Senior Vice President	Department Manager of New Business Investment & Technology Planning Dept.	6	52

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Kim, Jun-Hyung	Senior Vice President	Deputy General Superintendent (Hot and Cold Rolling, Pohang Works)	28	51
Oh, Hyoung-Soo	Senior Vice President	President, POSCO-Thainox Co., Ltd.	28	53
Park, Joo-Cheul	Senior Vice President	Deputy General Superintendent (Maintenance, Pohang Works)	27	53
Park, Young-Kwan	Senior Vice President	Deputy General Superintendent (Iron and Steel Making, Pohang Works)	28	55
Son, Geon-Jae	Senior Vice President	Deputy General Superintendent (Maintenance, Gwangyang Works)	26	52
Joo, Sang-Hoon	Senior Vice President	General Manager of Gwangyang Research Lab.	23	54
Kim, Dong-Ho	Senior Vice President	President, CSP	29	54
Yun, Han-Kuen	Senior Vice President	General Manager of Pohang Research Lab	31	55
Choi, Jong-Jin	Senior Vice President	Department Manager of Human Resources Dept.	26	50
Choi, Joo	Senior Vice President	Deputy General Superintendent (Iron and Steel Making, Gwangyang Works)	30	55
Kang, Seog-Beom	Senior Vice President	Department Manager of Wire Rod Marketing Dept.	28	53
Kwon, Woo-Taeck	Senior Vice President	Department Manager of Investment Planning & Engineering Dept.	28	54
Bang, Gil-Ho	Senior Vice President	Department Manager of Hot Rolled and Construction Steel Materials Marketing Dept.	25	52
Yun, Yang-Su	Senior Vice President	President, POSCO-Vietnam Co., Ltd	25	50
Yang, Weon-Jun	Senior Vice President	Deputy General Superintendent (Administration, Gwangyang Works)	25	48
Lee, Won-Hwi	Senior Vice President	Department Manager of Electrical and Electronic Materials Marketing Dept.	24	50
Noh, Min-Yong	Senior Vice President	Department Manager of Finance Dept.	24	50
Lee, Eun-Seok	Senior Vice President	Deputy General Superintendent (Stainless Steel Production, Pohang Works)	28	53
Song, Se-Bin	Executive Vice President	Legal Affairs Dept.	3	51
Lee, Hoo-Geun	Executive Vice President	Finance and Investment Division	31	56
An, Tong-Il	Executive Vice President	Steel Production Division	27	54
Jeong, Chul-Gyu	Executive Vice President	Steel Production Division	31	58
Yu-Seong	Executive Vice President	Finance and Investment Division	28	57
Hwang, Seok-Joo	Executive Vice President	Corporate Infrastructure Division	28	51
Cho, Chung-Myong	Executive Vice President	Value Management Department	24	53
Kim, Myoung- Kyun	Senior Vice President	Public Relations Department	35	59
Kim, Jeong-Sik	Senior Vice President	Steel Production Division	31	57
Lee, Yun-Yong	Senior Vice President	Finance and Investment Division	26	56
Chon, Jung-Son	Senior Vice President	Value Management Department	27	51
Chin, Kwang-Geun	Senior Vice President	Technical Research Laboratories	29	56
Cho, Yong-Doo	Senior Vice President	Value Management Department	4	53
Shin, Geon	Senior Vice President	Technical Research Laboratories	32	56
Kim, Jae-Seok	Senior Vice President	Finance and Investment Division	29	56
Moon, Hee-Kyung	Senior Vice President	Steel Production Division	31	56
Cho, Il-Hyun	Senior Vice President	Steel Production Division	27	52
Lee, Jong-Sub	Senior Vice President	Steel Business Division	30	57

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Park, Yong-Kyu .	Senior Vice President	Steel Production Division	29	54
Yoo, Sun-Hee	Senior Vice President	Corporate Infrastructure Division	2	52
Kwak Jeong-Shik	Senior Vice President	Value Management Department	26	56
Lee, Young-Woo	Senior Vice President	Steel Business Division	25	53
Lee, Chang-Sun	Senior Vice President	Technical Research Laboratories	26	56
Kim, Gyo-Sung	Senior Vice President	Steel Business Division	29	52
Yi, Sang-Ho	Senior Vice President	Technical Research Laboratories	29	53
Oh, Sung-Chel	Senior Vice President	Value Management Department	27	54
Hong, Moon-Hi	Senior Vice President	Steel Production Division	27	48
Yang, Seong-Sik	Senior Vice President	Steel Business Division	28	52
Yoo, Byeong-Og	Senior Vice President	Raw Materials Department	25	51
Shin, Hak Kyun	Senior Vice President	Raw Materials Department	2	51
Han Chan-Hee	Senior Vice President	Technical Research Laboratories	28	55
Lee, Ju-Tae	Senior Vice President	Secretariat Department	26	50
Bae, Jae-Tak	Senior Vice President	Steel Business Division	26	49
Ha, Kyung-Sik	Senior Vice President	Raw Materials Department	24	51
Won, Hyung-Il	Senior Vice President	Legal Affairs Department	2	