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Consolidated Financial Results for the Six Months Ended September 30, 2024 (Japanese GAAP)

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November 12, 2024
Scheduled date to commence dividend payments:

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Preparation of supplementary material on financial results:

Holding of financial results meeting:

Yes (for institutional investors and

analysts)

(Yen amounts are rounded down to millions, unless otherwise noted.)

1. Consolidated financial results for the six months ended September 30, 2024 (from April 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024)

(1) Consolidated operating results (cumulative)

(Percentages indicate year-on-year changes.)

	Net sale	sales Operating		Operating profit Ordinary profit		Profit attributable to owners of parent		
Six months ended	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%
September 30, 2024	17,378	7.4	2,400	22.4	2,533	19.3	1,793	19.6
September 30, 2023	16,179	(13.4)	1,960	(28.1)	2,122	(26.9)	1,499	(23.4)

Note: Comprehensive income For the six months ended September 30, 2024 \$\frac{\pmathbf{\qmathbf{\pmathbf{\qmathbf{\q}\ex

	Basic earnings per share	Diluted earnings per share
Six months ended	Yen	Yen
September 30, 2024	79.74	_
September 30, 2023	65.72	_

(2) Consolidated financial position

	Total assets	Net assets	Equity-to-asset ratio
As of	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	%
September 30, 2024	58,871	48,793	81.4
March 31, 2024	59,450	47,559	78.5

Reference: Equity

As of September 30, 2024 ¥47,901 million As of March 31, 2024 ¥46,647 million

2. Status of dividends

	Annual dividends per share						
	First quarter-end Second quarter-end		Third quarter-end	Fiscal year-end	Total		
	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen		
Fiscal year ended March 31, 2024	_	35.00	_	35.00	70.00		
Fiscal year ending March 31, 2025	_	37.00					
Fiscal year ending March 31, 2025 (Forecast)			-	37.00	74.00		

Note: Revisions to the forecast of cash dividends most recently announced: None

3. Consolidated earnings forecasts for the year ending March 31, 2025 (from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025)

(Percentages indicate year-on-year changes.)

	Net sale	s	Operating profit		Ordinary profit		Profit attributable to owners of parent		Basic earnings per share
	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Yen
Full year	36,600	9.1	4,850	15.5	5,050	13.4	3,550	6.7	157.82

Note: Revisions to the earnings forecasts most recently announced: Yes

* Notes

- (1) Significant changes in the scope of consolidation during the period: None Newly included: (company name) Excluded: (company name)
- (2) Adoption of accounting treatment specific to the preparation of semi-annual consolidated financial statements: None
- (3) Changes in accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates, and restatement
 - (i) Changes in accounting policies due to revisions to accounting standards, etc.: None
 - (ii) Changes in accounting policies other than (i): None
 - (iii) Changes in accounting estimates: None
 - (iv) Restatement: None
- (4) Number of issued shares (common shares)
 - (i) Total number of issued shares at the end of the period (including treasury shares)

As of September 30, 2024	25,372,447 shares
As of March 31, 2024	25,372,447 shares

(ii) Number of treasury shares at the end of the period

As of September 30, 2024	2,873,202 shares
As of March 31, 2024	2,881,540 shares

(iii) Average number of shares outstanding during the period (cumulative from the beginning of the fiscal year)

Six months ended September 30, 2024	22,494,320 shares
Six months ended September 30, 2023	22,819,291 shares

- * Semi-annual financial results reports are exempt from review conducted by certified public accountants or an audit corporation.
- * Proper use of earnings forecasts, and other special matters

The forward-looking statements of the earnings outlook, etc. described in this document are based on the information currently obtained by the Company and certain assumptions that it deems reasonable, and are not intended to promise the achievement of such information. In addition, actual business results may differ significantly due to various factors. Please refer to page 3 of the attached materials "1. Qualitative information on financial results for the period under review (3) Explanation of consolidated earnings forecasts and other forward-looking statements" for the conditions that are the premise of the earnings forecasts and cautions when using the earnings forecasts.

The Company plans to hold a briefing session for institutional investors and analysts on Tuesday, November 12, 2024. The financial results presentation materials to be distributed at this briefing session will be posted on the Company's website on the same day.

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1. Qualitative information on financial results for the period under review

(1) Explanation of operating results

During the six months ended September 30, 2024, the Japanese economy continued its gradual recovery led by domestic demand, with a moderate recovery in consumer spending against the backdrop of an improved employment and income environment, in addition to a continuing upward trend in corporate capital investment supported by high levels of corporate earnings. At the same time, in overseas economies, although inflationary pressures have eased and the current economic conditions are picking up, the outlook remains uncertain due to such factors as the resurgence of soaring global resource and energy prices caused by the prolonged unrest in Ukraine and the Middle East, a greater-than-expected stagnant Chinese economy due to the ongoing real estate recession, and concerns over the impact of the next administration's policies following the U.S. presidential election.

In this business environment, the Group has been working to further strengthen its management base and promoted selection and concentration on products that can be expected to contribute to the expansion of earnings.

As a result, net sales for the first six months of the fiscal year under review increased to \$17,378 million (up 7.4% year-on-year). In terms of profit, operating profit was \$2,400 million (up 22.4% year-on-year), and ordinary profit was \$2,533 million (up 19.3% year-on-year). Profit attributable to owners of parent was \$1,793 million (up 19.6% year-on-year).

Operating results for each segment are as follows.

(i) Functional products

In this segment, net sales were \(\frac{\pmathbf{\text{\tilde{\text{\texi}}\text{\text{\text{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\text{\text{\tex{\text{\text{\texi}\tilin}\tint{\text{\texi}\tilint{\text{\texiti

Reference:

(Unit: Millions of yen)	Six months ended September 30, 2023	Six months ended September 30, 2024	Year-on-year difference	Year-on-year changes
Beauty care	4,031	4,479	448	11.1%
Health care	2,326	2,934	607	26.1%
Fine chemical	2,499	2,507	8	0.3%
Trading	3,732	3,926	194	5.2%
Total net sales	12,589	13,848	1,258	10.0%
Beauty care	1,174	1,246	71	6.1%
Health care	(0)	436	437	-
Fine chemical	353	217	(135)	(38.3%)
Trading	165	202	37	22.7%
Total operating profit	1,693	2,104	411	24.3%

Beauty care

For functional esters for cosmetics, there was a significant increase in overseas sales as sustainable products, and domestic sales were strong. At the same time, despite a decrease in sales of phospholipids for cosmetics and active ingredients, operating profit increased overall.

Health care

Regarding phospholipids for pharmaceuticals, commercial production at the new plant based on the alliance with Gilead Sciences, Inc. is progressing steadily and, except for Gilead Sciences, Inc., overseas sales also increased due to some shipments brought forward from the second half of the fiscal year. At the same time, despite a decrease in orders for pharmacology and safety tests received by subsidiaries, operating profit increased significantly overall.

Fine chemical

Operating profit decreased due to a deterioration of the sales mix of industrial wool grease derivatives as well as the impact of inventory adjustments for some products.

(ii) Environmental hygiene products

In this segment, efforts to reduce costs and revise selling prices resulted in net sales of \(\xi_3\),418 million (down 1.3% year-on-year) and segment profit (operating profit) of \(\xi_256\) million (up 20.2% year-on-year).

(iii) Other

Net sales of other businesses were ¥111 million (down 13.0% year-on-year) and segment profit (operating profit) was ¥39 million (down 27.2% year-on-year).

(2) Explanation of financial position

Total assets at the end of the semi-annual period of the fiscal year under review decreased by ¥579 million from the end of the previous fiscal year (hereinafter referred to as "the previous fiscal year-end") to ¥58,871 million. This was mainly due to a decrease in current assets by ¥1,656 million mainly due to a decrease in cash and deposits, and a ¥1,076 million increase in non-current assets mainly due to an increase in construction in progress.

Liabilities at the end of the semi-annual period of the fiscal year under review decreased by \(\frac{\pmathbf{4}}{1}\),813 million from the previous fiscal year-end to \(\frac{\pmathbf{4}}{10}\),078 million. This was mainly due to an increase in non-current liabilities by \(\frac{\pmathbf{3}}{3}\)92 million mainly due to an increase in deferred tax liabilities, while current liabilities decreased by \(\frac{\pmathbf{2}}{2}\),206 million mainly due to a decrease in income taxes payable.

The net assets at the end of the semi-annual period of the fiscal year under review increased by \(\pm\)1,234 million from the previous fiscal year-end to \(\pm\)48,793 million. This was mainly due to an increase in shareholders' equity by \(\pm\)1,030 million, mainly due to recording \(\pm\)1,793 million in profit attributable to owners of parent, and an increase of \(\pm\)223 million in accumulated other comprehensive income, mainly from an increase in valuation difference on available-for-sale securities, despite a decrease due to \(\pm\)787 million in dividends paid.

(3) Explanation of consolidated earnings forecasts and other forward-looking statements

We have revised our full-year consolidated earnings forecasts from the forecasts announced on April 30, 2024, in consideration of the operating results for the six months ended September 30, 2024 in the beauty care, health care, and fine chemical areas of the Functional products segment. The main exchange rates used in the earnings forecasts are \$145 per US\$ and \$160 per EUR.

Earnings forecasts are created based on information available at the time, and actual performance may vary from forecasted values due to a variety of future factors.

2. Semi-annual consolidated financial statements and main notes

(1) Semi-annual consolidated balance sheet

		(Thousands of yen)
	Previous fiscal year (As of March 31, 2024)	Current semi-annual period (As of September 30, 2024)
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and deposits	12,856,349	11,687,064
Notes and accounts receivable - trade	9,172,984	8,598,142
Merchandise and finished goods	4,394,633	3,985,014
Work in process	2,207,743	2,511,124
Raw materials and supplies	3,204,200	3,111,705
Other	195,993	482,743
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(611)	(527)
Total current assets	32,031,293	30,375,266
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment		
Buildings and structures, net	6,488,511	6,376,500
Machinery, equipment and vehicles, net	2,708,030	2,832,797
Land	3,719,989	3,719,989
Construction in progress	754,016	1,284,263
Other, net	730,589	755,386
Total property, plant and equipment	14,401,138	14,968,937
Intangible assets	778,227	713,499
Investments and other assets		
Investment securities	11,861,254	12,377,231
Retirement benefit asset	117,430	120,657
Other	261,404	315,916
Total investments and other assets	12,240,090	12,813,805
Total non-current assets	27,419,456	28,496,242
Total assets	59,450,750	58,871,509
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		(Thousands of yen)
	Previous fiscal year (As of March 31, 2024)	Current semi-annual period (As of September 30, 2024)
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Notes and accounts payable - trade	3,954,884	3,108,222
Accounts payable - other	812,146	934,692
Income taxes payable	1,351,647	483,844
Provision for bonuses	718,076	693,788
Provision for bonuses for directors (and other officers)	41,554	25,969
Provision for environmental measures	426,000	_
Accounts payable - facilities	983,910	1,247,352
Asset retirement obligations	82,698	86,701
Other	1,067,016	651,149
Total current liabilities	9,437,935	7,231,719
Non-current liabilities		
Deferred tax liabilities	2,186,638	2,604,465
Retirement benefit liability	127,775	121,431
Long-term accounts payable - other	19,659	4,059
Long-term guarantee deposits	92,200	88,403
Asset retirement obligations	5,730	5,730
Other	21,528	22,395
Total non-current liabilities	2,453,533	2,846,485
Total liabilities	11,891,469	10,078,205
Net assets		
Shareholders' equity		
Share capital	5,933,221	5,933,221
Capital surplus	6,870,796	6,882,189
Retained earnings	30,368,637	31,375,192
Treasury shares	(4,117,485)	(4,105,179)
Total shareholders' equity	39,055,170	40,085,425
Accumulated other comprehensive income		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	6,613,546	6,974,481
Deferred gains or losses on hedges	4,400	(19,639)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	947,951	836,578
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	26,718	24,381

Total accumulated other comprehensive income

Non-controlling interests

Total net assets

Total liabilities and net assets

(2) Semi-annual consolidated statement of income and comprehensive income

		(Thousands of yen
	Previous semi-annual period (From April 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023)	Current semi-annual period (From April 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024)
Net sales	16,179,996	17,378,116
Cost of sales	11,394,999	12,111,146
Gross profit	4,784,996	5,266,969
Selling, general and administrative expenses	2,824,373	2,866,671
Operating profit	1,960,623	2,400,297
Non-operating income		, ,
Interest income	5,798	6,708
Dividend income	156,372	161,020
Miscellaneous income	20,962	25,338
Total non-operating income	183,133	193,067
Non-operating expenses		,
Interest expenses	644	500
Foreign exchange losses	3,210	6,897
Depreciation	15,830	42,956
Miscellaneous losses	1,234	10,010
Total non-operating expenses	20,920	60,363
Ordinary profit	2,122,836	2,533,001
Extraordinary income	, , , , , , ,	,,-
Gain on sale of non-current assets	259	9
Gain on sale of investment securities	484,271	35,651
Total extraordinary income	484,531	35,660
Extraordinary losses		
Loss on sale of non-current assets	_	45
Loss on retirement of non-current assets	5,941	28,133
Loss on valuation of investment securities	49,021	, _
Provision for environmental measures	426,000	_
Total extraordinary losses	480,963	28,178
Profit before income taxes	2,126,405	2,540,483
Income taxes - current	1,106,954	431,920
Income taxes - deferred	(524,687)	265,809
Total income taxes	582,266	697,729
Profit	1,544,138	1.842.753
Profit attributable to		1,012,700
Profit attributable to owners of parent	1,499,815	1,793,735
Profit attributable to non-controlling interests	44,323	49,017
Other comprehensive income	11,323	19,017
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	228,866	360,935
Deferred gains or losses on hedges	1,989	(26,710)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	235,570	(146,194)
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans, net of tax	101	(2,337)
Total other comprehensive income	466,526	185,691
Comprehensive income	2,010,665	2,028,445
Comprehensive income attributable to	2,010,003	2,020,773
Comprehensive income attributable to owners of parent	1,910,003	2,016,921
Comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling		
interests	100,662	11,523

(3) Semi-annual consolidated statement of cash flows

		(Thousands of y
	Previous semi-annual period (From April 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023)	Current semi-annual period (From April 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024)
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit before income taxes	2,126,405	2,540,483
Depreciation	605,644	680,602
Increase (decrease) in allowance for doubtful accounts	(32)	(83
Increase (decrease) in retirement benefit liability	(16,843)	(6,343
Decrease (increase) in retirement benefit asset	(7,663)	(3,220
Increase (decrease) in provision for environmental	426,000	(426,000
measures Interest and dividend income	(162 171)	(167.72)
Interest expenses	(162,171) 644	(167,72)
Foreign exchange losses (gains)	(21,689)	4,82
Loss (gain) on sale of investment securities	(484,271)	(35,65
Loss (gain) on valuation of investment securities	49,021	(55,05
Loss (gain) on valuation of investment securities Loss (gain) on sale and retirement of non-current	77,021	
assets	5,681	27,95
Decrease (increase) in trade receivables	347,919	559,09
Decrease (increase) in inventories	(208,076)	174,24
Increase (decrease) in guarantee deposits received	(12,373)	(3,79
Increase (decrease) in trade payables	(415,335)	(788,67)
Decrease (increase) in consumption taxes refund receivable	525,983	(119,22
Increase (decrease) in accrued consumption taxes	59,965	(310,73
Other, net	(137,156)	(206,13
Subtotal	2,681,651	1,920,12
Interest and dividends received	162,171	167,72
Interest paid	(644)	(50
Income taxes paid	(639,867)	(1,271,96
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	2,203,310	815,38
ash flows from investing activities		
Payments into time deposits	(206,600)	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(530,392)	(977,75
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	260	1
Payments for retirement of property, plant and	=	(52,27
equipment		·
Payments for asset retirement obligations	(221.260)	(47,14
Purchase of intangible assets	(231,260)	(27,90
Purchase of investment securities Proceeds from sale of investment securities	(818)	(95.
	519,875	40,85
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(448,934)	(1,065,14
ash flows from financing activities	(4.255)	(2.22
Repayments of lease liabilities	(4,277)	(3,32)
Dividends paid	(661,463)	(787,18
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests Purchase of treasury shares	(32,801)	(30,93)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(618)	(41)
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Effect of exchange rate change on cash and cash quivalents	58,139	(22,23:
Vet increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,113,354	(1,093,86
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	7,766,215	10,937,49
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	8,879,570	9,843,630

(4) Notes to semi-annual consolidated financial statements (Notes on premise of going concern)

Not applicable.

(Notes when there are significant changes in amounts of shareholders' equity)

Not applicable.

(Notes on segment information)

[Segment information]

I. Previous semi-annual period (From April 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023)
 Information on net sales and profits or losses for each reporting segment, and information on the decomposition of profits

(Thousands of yen)

	Reporting segment						Semi-
	Functional products	Environ- mental hygiene products	Total	Other Note: 1	Total	Adjustment amount	annual consoli- dated statement of income and comprehen- sive income amounts Note: 2
Net sales							
Revenue from contracts with customers	12,589,611	3,462,195	16,051,806	_	16,051,806	_	16,051,806
Other revenue	-	-	-	128,189	128,189	-	128,189
Revenues from external customers	12,589,611	3,462,195	16,051,806	128,189	16,179,996	-	16,179,996
Intersegment sales or transfers	90,631	15,643	106,275	70,981	177,256	(177,256)	_
Total	12,680,242	3,477,839	16,158,082	199,171	16,357,253	(177,256)	16,179,996
Segment profit	1,693,060	213,523	1,906,584	54,038	1,960,623		1,960,623

Notes: 1. The "Other" segment is a business segment that is not included in the reporting segment, and includes leasing of

Segment profit is consistent with the operating profit in the semi-annual consolidated statement of income and comprehensive income.

II. Current semi-annual period (From April 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024)

Information on net sales and profits or losses for each reporting segment, and information on the decomposition of profits

(Thousands of yen)

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	Reporting segment						Semi-
	Functional products	Environ- mental hygiene products	Total	Other Note: 1	Total	Adjustment amount	annual consoli- dated statement of income and comprehen- sive income amounts Note: 2
Net sales							
Revenue from contracts with customers	13,848,265	3,418,370	17,266,636	-	17,266,636	-	17,266,636
Other revenue	-	_	-	111,479	111,479	-	111,479
Revenues from external customers	13,848,265	3,418,370	17,266,636	111,479	17,378,116	-	17,378,116
Intersegment sales or transfers	78,327	13,632	91,959	65,272	157,232	(157,232)	_
Total	13,926,592	3,432,002	17,358,595	176,752	17,535,348	(157,232)	17,378,116
Segment profit	2,104,377	256,591	2,360,968	39,329	2,400,297	_	2,400,297

Notes: 1. The "Other" segment is a business segment that is not included in the reporting segment, and includes leasing of real estate.

^{2.} Segment profit is consistent with the operating profit in the semi-annual consolidated statement of income and comprehensive income.