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Differences between Consolidated Earnings Forecast and Actual Results for the First Six Months of the Fiscal Year Ending in December 2024 and Revision to the Full-Year Consolidated Earnings Forecast

We hereby notify you that differences have arisen between the Company's consolidated earnings forecast for the first six months (January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024) of the fiscal year ending in December 2024, which was announced on May 10, 2024, and the actual results, which were announced today, as described below.

Moreover, in light of recent developments, we also notify you of revisions to the full-year consolidated earnings forecast for the fiscal year ending in December 2024, as described below.

1. Differences between consolidated earnings forecast and actual results for the first six months of the year ending December 2024

(January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024)

	Net sales	Operating income	Ordinary income	Profit attributable to owners of parent	Net income per share for the period
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Yen
Previously announced forecast (A)	8,350	1,800	1,900	1,300	69.43
Results announced this time (B)	8,882	2,362	2,641	1,890	100.97
Difference (B-A)	532	562	741	590	
Percentage change (%)	6.4	31.3	39.0	45.4	
(Reference) Results for the first and second quarter of the previous term (Six months ended June 30, 2023)	6,198	838	1,003	1,076	56.79

2. Revisions to the full-year consolidated earnings forecast for the fiscal year ending in December 2024
(January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024)

	Net sales	Operating income	Ordinary income	Profit attributable to owners of parent	Net income per share
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Yen
Previously announced forecast (A)	17,000	3,650	3,800	2,650	141.52
Forecast revised this time (B)	18,500	4,900	5,200	3,600	192.26
Difference (B-A)	1,500	1,250	1,400	950	
Percentage change (%)	8.8	34.2	36.8	35.8	
(Reference) Results for the previous term (Year ended December 31, 2023)	14,020	2,492	2,683	2,304	122.29

3. Reason for the differences and the revisions

With regards to the consolidated results for the first six months (January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024) of the fiscal year ending in December 2024, net sales were higher than planned. This was the result of steady demand for our products, mainly due to factors such as the depreciation of the yen compared to the time of the previous forecast announcement (May 10, 2024) and a gradual but steady recovery in the electronics industry fields in which the Company is involved.

Profit was also higher than the previous forecast. This was mainly due to improved production efficiency resulting from increased demand for chemicals, the profit contribution from improved production efficiency in our global production strategy initiatives, and lower-than-expected progress in selling, general and administrative expenses.

In addition, we have revised our full-year consolidated earnings forecast as shown above due to a review of demand forecasts for chemicals and selling, general and administrative expenses based on trends in the fields in which we are involved, taking into consideration the progress of the consolidated business results during the first six months of the fiscal year ending in December 2024.

Note: The above forecasts were calculated based on the currently available information as of the date of this announcement as well as certain assumptions judged to be reasonable, and actual results may differ from these forecasts owing to various factors.