

Highlights of Consolidated Financial Results for the Third Quarter Ended December 31, 2019 (IFRS)

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Results Highlights

◆ In the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019, economic growth in developed countries continues to decelerate as a result of the trade friction between the United States and China and the economic slowdown in China. At the same time, there is a need for ongoing monitoring of the impacts on China-U.S. relations of the phase one trade deal concluded in January 2020, the circumstances surrounding the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union, the situation in the Middle East, and the monetary policies of the United States.

The Company's revenue for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019, was down year on year due to lower revenue in the Chemicals Division, a result of lower transaction volumes of plastic resins and declines in the price of methanol, and in the Metals & Mineral Resources Division, a result of fall in sales prices in overseas coal businesses.

Profit for the period (attributable to owners of the Company) decreased year on year following lower gross profit along with a decline in the net of other income and expenses in reaction to the sale of automobile-related company in the previous equivalent period.

(Figures in parentheses are year-on-year changes)

Revenue 1,318.6 billion yen ((92.0) billion yen / (6.5)%)
Gross profit 159.4 billion yen ((22.4) billion yen / (12.3)%)

- Decrease in revenue in the Chemicals Division due to lower transaction volumes of plastic resins and declines in the price of methanol
- Decrease in revenue in the Metals & Mineral Resources Division due to fall in sales prices in overseas coal businesses

Profit for the period (attributable to owners of the Company)

37.5 billion yen ((16.2) billion yen / (30.2)%)

- Decrease in gross profit
- Decrease in other income due to the sale of automobile-related company in the previous equivalent period.

(Reference)

- Effective April 1, 2019, the Company applied IFRS 16—Leases. Following the application of this standard, operating leases and all other lease agreements are, in principle, accounted for in the consolidated statements of financial position. Specific amounts are displayed separately in the consolidated statements of financial position contained as "Lease assets (usage rights assets)" and "Lease liabilities" (under current liabilities and non-current liabilities).

◆ Earnings forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020

Full-year earnings forecasts were revised as follows.

	FY2019 Revised Forecast (Nov. 1, 2019)	FY2019 Revised Forecast (Feb. 5, 2020)
Gross profit	250.0 billion yen	⇒ 230.0 billion yen
Profit before tax	94.0 billion yen	⇒ 82.0 billion yen
Profit for the year (attributable to owners of the Company)	72.0 billion yen	⇒ 66.0 billion yen

(Assumptions)

Exchange rate (annual average: ¥/US\$) : 110

◆ Cash dividends per share for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020

Interim : 8.50 yen per share
Year-end : 8.50 yen per share (forecast)

*1 Core earnings = Gross profit + Selling, general and administrative expenses (before provision of allowance for doubtful accounts and write-offs) + Net interest expenses + Dividend income + Share of profit (loss) of investments accounted for using the equity method

*2 Core operating cash flow = Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities - Changes in working capital

*3 Core cash flow = Core operating cash flow + Post-adjustment net cash provided by (used in) investing activities - Dividends paid - Purchase of treasury stock (Post-adjustment net cash provided by (used in) investing activities is net cash provided by (used in) investing activities after adjustment for changes in long-term operating assets, etc.)

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Consolidated Statements of Profit or Loss

	FY2019 9-month			FY2018 9-month		Reasons for the Difference	FY2019 Forecast (Revised) c	Percentage Achieved a/c
	Results a	1H Results	3Q Results	Results b	Difference a-b			
Revenue	1,318.6	893.8	424.8	1,410.6	(92.0)			
Gross profit	159.4	109.7	49.7	181.8	(22.4)	230.0	69%	
Selling, general and administrative expenses								
Personnel expenses	(73.2)	(48.4)	(24.8)	(72.0)	(1.2)			
Non-personnel expenses	(44.1)	(29.0)	(15.1)	(50.7)	6.6			
Depreciation	(12.3)	(8.0)	(4.3)	(5.0)	(7.3)			
Provision of allowance for doubtful accounts	(0.3)	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.4)	0.1			
(Total selling, general and administrative expenses)	(129.9)	(85.6)	(44.3)	(128.1)	(1.8)	(175.0)		
Other income/expenses								
Gain/loss on sale and disposal of fixed assets, net	2.7	0.4	(2.3)	1.0	1.7			
Impairment loss on fixed assets	(0.5)	(0.5)	0.0	(0.5)	0.0			
Gain on reorganization of subsidiaries/associates	0.9	0.8	0.1	8.0	(7.1)			Sales of automotive-related company
Loss on reorganization of subsidiaries/associates	(0.2)	(0.2)	0.0	(2.8)	2.6			
Other operating income/expenses	(1.6)	(0.4)	(1.2)	(1.5)	(0.1)			
(Total other income/expenses)	1.3	0.1	1.2	4.2	(2.9)	6.0		
Financial income/costs								
Interest earned	5.1	3.7	1.4	5.1	0.0			
Interest expenses	(11.2)	(7.7)	(3.5)	(11.8)	0.6			
(Interest expenses, net)	(6.1)	(4.0)	(2.1)	(6.7)	0.6			
Dividends received	3.6	2.0	1.6	4.1	(0.5)			
Other financial income/costs	0.0	(0.1)	0.1	0.1	(0.1)			
(Financial income/costs, net)	(2.5)	(2.1)	(0.4)	(2.5)	0.0	(5.0)		
Share of profit (loss) of investments accounted for using the equity method	18.5	13.2	5.3	18.8	(0.3)	26.0		
Profit before tax	46.8	35.3	11.5	74.2	(27.4)	82.0	57%	
Income tax expenses	(6.0)	(3.7)	(2.3)	(16.6)	10.6	(12.0)		
Profit for the period	40.8	31.6	9.2	57.6	(16.8)	70.0	58%	
(Profit attributable to)								
Owners of the Company	37.5	29.5	8.0	53.7	(16.2)	66.0	57%	
Non-controlling interests	3.3	2.1	1.2	3.9	(0.6)	4.0		
Core earnings*1	45.8	35.5	10.3	70.3	(24.5)	76.0		

Comprehensive Income

	FY2019 9-month			FY2018 9-month		Factors Affecting Circled Figures
	Results a	1H Results	3Q Results	Results b	Difference a-b	
Profit for the period	40.8	31.6	9.2	57.6	(16.8)	
Other comprehensive income	(19.8)	(36.9)	17.1	(23.1)	3.3	
Total comprehensive income for the period	21.0	(5.3)	26.3	34.5	(13.5)	
Comprehensive income attributable to:						
Owners of the Company	17.5	(6.6)	24.1	31.3	(13.8)	
Non-controlling interests	3.5	1.3	2.2	3.2	0.3	

Cash Flows

	FY2019 9-month			FY2018 9-month		Factors Affecting Circled Figures
	Results a	1H Results	3Q Results	Results b	Difference a-b	
Cash flows from operating activities	54.5	16.9	37.6	37.6		Income from business earnings and reductions in working capital
Cash flows from investing activities	(35.2)	(32.5)	(2.7)	(2.7)		Outflows for Telecommunication Infrastructure Business in Myanmar and Australian coking coal interests
Free cash flows	19.3	(15.6)	34.9	34.9		
Cash flows from financing activities	(30.6)	(4.9)	(25.7)	(25.7)		Outflows due to dividends paid, purchase of treasury stock, and repayment of borrowings
Core operating cash flow*2	58.9	63.1	(4.2)	63.1	(4.2)	
Core cash flow*3	(1.5)	42.2	(43.7)	42.2	(43.7)	

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

	Dec. 31, 2019			Mar. 31, 2019		Reasons for the Difference
	2019 d	2019 e	Difference d-e	2019 e	Difference d-e	
Current assets	1,253.5	1,267.7	(14.2)			
Cash and cash equivalents	274.0	285.7	(11.7)			
Time deposits	11.4	2.9	8.5			
Trade and other receivables	674.4	690.7	(16.3)			Decrease in chemicals
Inventories	220.9	220.6	0.3			
Other current assets	72.8	67.8	5.0			
Non-current assets	1,098.5	1,029.4	69.1			
Property, plant and equipment	190.6	192.9	(2.3)			
Lease assets (usage rights assets)	78.2	-	78.2			Increase due to application of new IFRS standard (Leases)
Goodwill	65.9	66.2	(0.3)			
Intangible assets	52.1	49.1	3.0			
Investment property	18.6	20.9	(2.3)			
Investments accounted for using the equity method	592.3	597.3	(5.0)			
Other non-current assets	100.8	103.0	(2.2)			
Total assets	2,352.0	2,297.1	54.9			
Current liabilities	817.8	807.2	10.6			
Trade and other payables	562.0	582.4	(20.4)			Decrease in chemicals
Lease liabilities	15.6	-	15.6			Increase due to application of new IFRS standard (Leases)
Bonds and borrowings	170.1	149.7	20.4			
Other current liabilities	70.1	75.1	(5.0)			
Non-current liabilities	881.5	828.4	53.1			
Lease liabilities	67.9	-	67.9			Increase due to application of new IFRS standard (Leases)
Bonds and borrowings	713.0	723.6	(10.6)			
Retirement benefits liabilities	22.2	22.1	0.1			
Other non-current liabilities	78.4	82.7	(4.3)			
Total liabilities	1,699.3	1,635.6	63.7			
Share capital	160.3	160.3	-			
Capital surplus	146.7	146.6	0.1			
Treasury stock	(3.9)	(0.9)	(3.0)			Purchase of treasury stock
Other components of equity	87.6	107.6	(20.0)			Decrease due to change in foreign exchange rates and stock prices
Retained earnings	217.1	204.6	12.5			Profit for the period +37.5
Total equity attributable to owners of the Company	607.8	618.2	(10.4)			Dividends (22.5)
Non-controlling interests	44.9	43.3	1.6			
Total equity	652.7	661.5	(8.8)			
Total liabilities and equity	2,352.0	2,297.1	54.9			
Gross interest-bearing debt*	883.1	873.3	+9.8			
Net interest-bearing debt*	597.7	584.7	+13.0			
Net debt/equity ratio (times)**	0.98	0.95	+0.03			
Equity ratio**	25.8%	26.9%	(1.1) ppt			
Current ratio	153.3%	157.1%	(3.8) ppt			
Long-term debt ratio	80.7%	82.9%	(2.2) ppt			

* Lease liabilities (under current liabilities and non-current liabilities) have been excluded from calculations of gross interest-bearing debt and net interest-bearing debt.

** "Total equity attributable to owners of the Company" is recognized as "Total equity" and is also used as the denominator of "Net debt/equity ratio" and the numerator of "Equity ratio."