Consolidated Financial Results for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2024 (Japanese GAAP)

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Yes (For securities analysts and institutional investors)

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Consolidated Financial Results for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2024

(January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024)

(1) Consolidated operating results

Results briefing to be held:

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						(Percenta	ges indicate Yo	Y change)
	Sales	3	Operating i	ncome	Ordinary i	ncome	Net income at	
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	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Million yen	%
Three months ended March 31, 2024	42,049	3.0	4,978	(10.0)	5,148	(8.8)	3,530	(9.2)
Three months ended March 31, 2023	40,819	5.7	5,532	3.9	5,645	(0.1)	3,889	3.3

Note: Comprehensive income for the three months ended March 31, 2024 was 4,396 million yen (3.6%), and comprehensive income for the three months ended March 31, 2023 was 4,243 million yen (6.2%)

	Net income per share	Diluted net income per share
	Yen	Yen
Three months ended March 31, 2024	159.54	_
Three months ended March 31, 2023	176.28	_

(2) Consolidated financial position

	Total assets	Net assets	Equity ratio
	Million yen	Million yen	%
Three months ended March 31, 2024	144,986	73,591	47.1
Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023	132,407	72,000	50.3

Reference: Equity capital amounted to 68,251 million yen as of March 31, 2024 and 66,546 million as of December 31, 2023.

2. Dividends

		Dividend per share					
	End of Q1	End of Q2	End of Q3	Year-end	Total		
	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen		
Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023	—	0.00	_	118.00	118.00		
Fiscal year ending December 31, 2024	-						
Fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 (forecast)		0.00	Ι	118.00	118.00		

Note: No revisions have been made to the Company's most recently announced dividend forecast.

Breakdown of year-end dividend for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024: Ordinary dividend of 118.00 yen, commemorative

dividend of 2.00 yen.

3. Consolidated Earnings Forecast for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024 (January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024)

	(Percentage indicates YoY change for full-year and quarters)								
	Sales		Operating in	ncome	Ordinary in	icome	Net income attr to owners of		Net income per share
	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Yen
1H	94,700	4.8	7,900	(20.4)	8,200	(21.3)	5,450	(22.6)	246.31
Full-year	165,000	4.2	3,000	(52.9)	3,560	(47.6)	1,790	(56.4)	80.90

Notes: No revisions have been made to the Company's most recently announced consolidated earnings forecast.

*Notes

(1) Changes in significant subsidiaries during the period under review:

(Transfers of specified subsidiaries associated with changes in the Company's scope of consolidation)

Newly subsidiaries added: None Subsidiaries excluded: None

(2) Distinctive accounting methods applied when preparing quarterly consolidated financial statements: None

(3) Changes in accounting policies and accounting estimates and retrospective restatements

1. Accounting policy changes due to accounting standard revisions, etc.:	None
2. Other accounting policy changes:	None
3. Changes in accounting estimates:	None
4. Retrospective restatements:	None

(4) Number of shares outstanding (common stock)

1. Shares outstanding (including treasury stock)	As of March 31, 2024	22,141,100	As of December 31, 2023	22,141,100
2. Treasury shares outstanding	As of March 31, 2024	14,346	As of December 31, 2023	14,296
3. Cumulative average number of shares	Three months ended March 31, 2024	22,126,796	Three months ended March 31, 2023	22,063,718

None

*The financial information in this quarterly report is not subject to review by certified public accountants or auditing firms.

*Appropriate use of earnings forecast and other special notes

The earnings forecasts and other forward-looking statements contained in this document are based on information currently available to the Company, and certain assumptions it considers reasonable, but are not intended to be a promise that the Company will achieve. Actual results may vary materially from forecasts due to a variety of factors. For more information regarding assumptions made when formulating earnings projections and matters to note when using these projections, please see "1. Qualitative Information on Quarterly Financial Performance (3) Explanation of Consolidated Earnings Forecasts and Other Projections" on page four of the accompanying materials.

(How to obtain supplementary materials on quarterly financial results)

The Company plans to hold a financial results briefing session for analysts and institutional investors on Friday, May 10, 2024. Supplementary materials on financial results to be used at the briefing will be posted on the Company's website on the day of the briefing.

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1. Qualitative Information on Quarterly Financial Performance

(1) Explanation of Operating Results

During the first quarter of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, the domestic and overseas economic outlooks remained clouded by inflation and sharp currency fluctuations in Japan and the impact of global monetary policy tightening. We are operating in line with our company motto, "Leveraging the Group's strength for Earth's future," and our medium-term management plan through the year ending December 31, 2026, Act for SMILE–COMPASS 2026–. The plan positions profit and cash flow generation (improving profitability) as our topmost priority, and we will work to restructure the domestic business and enhance the brand power of our household products toward this end. We see development in Asian markets via local subsidiaries and exports to the Middle East and other regions as growth drivers, and aim to expand overseas sales.

In the first quarter of the fiscal year, Group sales amounted to 42,049 million yen (up 3.0% year-on-year) on the back of strong shipments of new household insecticides and repellents, aided by growth overseas and higher contract numbers and contract values in the General Environment and Sanitation Business. Gross profit rose on higher sales, but increased personnel and advertising expenses crimped profit at other lines. Operating income came to 4,978 million yen (-10.0% year-on-year), ordinary income to 5,148 million yen (-8.8% year-on-year), and net income attributable to owners of parent to 3,530 million yen (-9.2% year-on-year).

Results by segment are as follows.

[Household Products Business]

In the Household Products Business, we are taking a select and focus approach to brands and SKUs based on profitability and future prospects and are looking into measures to strengthen our brands and expand markets as part of our efforts to reform our earnings structure, in line with our medium-term plan. Overseas, we are actively rolling out businesses in the ASEAN region and China and expanding the export business.

In Q1, the segment reported sales of 38,807 million yen (+4.0% year-on-year) as the contribution from new household insecticides and repellents and higher sales in Thailand, Vietnam, and China offset slumping sales of oral hygiene products and bath salts amid a difficult competitive climate and changes in the external environment. On the profit front, segment income (operating income) was 4,778 million yen (-9.4% year-on-year) as the impact of higher raw material prices seen in the previous fiscal year continued and advertising expenses increased.

(Household Products segment results)

(Millions of yen)

	Consolidated Q1 results for the fiscal year ended December 31, 203	Consolidated Q1 results for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024	YoY change (amount)	YoY change (percent)
Household insecticides and repellents	19,503	20,509	1,005	5.2%
Household products	15,522	15,388	(133)	(0.9%)
Oral hygiene products	1,867	1,722	(144)	(7.8%)
Bath salts	6,174	5,772	(402)	(6.5%)
Other household products	7,480	7,893	413	5.5%
Pet products and others	2,291	2,909	617	26.9%
Total sales	37,318	38,807	1,489	4.0%
Segment income (operating income)	5,276	4,778	(497)	(9.4%)

Notes: Sales include internal sales and transfers made within and between segments, which amounted to 3,049 million yen during Q1 of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 and 3,855 million yen during Q1 of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.

Results by product category are as follows.

Household insecticides and repellents

In Japan, the weather was favorable from the start of the year, driving solid shipments of products for insect pests. Sales of products for cockroaches also increased due to strong shipments of items with a preventative angle such as *MAMO ROOM for Cockroaches* (launched in the previous fall) and a new product, *Gokishu*!

Overseas, growth in the ASEAN region, primarily in Thailand and Vietnam, and expanding export business contributed to results.

As a result, sales for this category were 20,509 million yen (+5.2% year-on-year).

Household products

In oral hygiene products, we actively promoted *Jidode Detekuru Mondahmin*, a mouthwash that comes with a dispenser to encourage customers to get in the habit of using it. However, sales of the *Mondahmin* range slumped in a competitive climate that remained tough, for sales of 1,722 million yen (-7.8% year-on-year).

In bath salts, the market slump that had continued since the previous year levelled out as average prices climbed amid shifting trends and changes in the lifestyle environment, and the overall market recovered to be in line with year-earlier levels. However, shipments of our Group's products such as *Kikiyu* and *Onpo* were down year-on-year, and sales came to 5,772 million yen (-6.5% year-on-year).

In the other household products category, shipments of insect repellents for clothing were down year-on-year, but sales of women's masks, coolants, and air-conditioner cleaning agents increased, for sales of 7,893 million yen (+5.5% year-on-year).

Sales in this category amounted to 15,388 million yen (-0.9% year-on-year).

Pet products and others

In the pet products category, spending per pet is in an upswing due to heightened awareness of their health among owners and improvements in their living environments, sustaining a strong market for pet products. Sales of pet care products such as premium food and cat litter increased in this environment, for category sales of 2,909 million yen (+26.9% year-on-year).

[General Environment and Sanitation Business]

The core customers of our General Environment and Sanitation Business (primarily companies involved in the food, pharmaceutical, and packaging material industries) face stringent hygiene management requirements to prevent food poisoning and contamination with foreign substances. They thus have growing needs for our Group's high-quality hygiene management services

that leverage our specialized knowledge, technologies, and expertise.

In these circumstances, we stepped up our investment in building an internal framework that can serve customer needs by installing and developing systems geared toward human resources development and business process streamlining. At the same time, we worked to maintain and expand our contract numbers by providing hygiene management systems distinguished by strengthened technological capabilities, including through collaborative industry, academia, and public-sector research. We targeted the pharmaceutical and regenerative medicine industries in particular, and continued strengthening audit and consulting operations related to food safety management.

Sales in the General Environment and Sanitation Business came to 7,125 million yen (+8.1% year-on-year) in Q1. Despite increased costs in annual contracts, the main format for the Company, higher gross profit accompanying sales growth increased segment income (operating income) to 290 million yen (+11.0% year-on-year).

(Millions of yen)

	Consolidated Q1 results for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023	Consolidated Q1 results for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024	YoY change (amount)	YoY change (percent)
Sales	6,590	7,125	535	8.1%
Segment income (operating income)	262	290	28	11.0%

Notes: 1. Sales include internal sales and transfers made within and between segments, which amounted to 38 million yen in Q1 of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 and 27 million yen in Q1 of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.

(2) Explanation of Financial Position

(1) Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets

As of March 31, 2024, total assets amounted to 144,986 million yen, up 12,579 million yen from December 31, 2023. This was primarily due to declines in cash and deposits and other intangible assets, and increases in trade receivables, inventories, software, and investments and other assets. Note: Accompanying the start of operations of the overhauled core system, some software in progress classified as other intangible assets was transferred to software, resulting in adjustments to the respective items.

Meanwhile, total liabilities as of March 31, 2024 came to 71,394 million yen, up 10,988 million yen from December 31, 2023. This was mainly due to a decline in accounts payable–other and increases in trade payables, short-term borrowings, and provision for bonuses.

Net assets amounted to 73,591 million yen as of March 31, 2024, rising 1,590 million yen compared to December 31, 2023. This was mainly due to increases in the foreign currency translation adjustment and retained earnings due to the booking of net income attributable to owners of parent.

The Company's equity ratio was 47.1% as of March 31, 2024, down 3.2 points from December 31, 2023.

(2) Cash Flows

The Company has not prepared a statement of cash flows for the period ended March 31, 2024, so disclosure is omitted.

(3) Explanation of Consolidated Earnings Forecasts and Other Projections

The Company has made no changes to its full-year earnings forecast for the financial year ending December 31, 2024, which was announced on February 13, 2024.

This forecast is based on information available to the Company at the time of its formulation. Actual results may differ substantially from the projections included within due to potential changes affecting a variety of factors.

In the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, we plan to pay a commemorative dividend of 2.00 yen per share to mark the 100th anniversary of our founding in 2025. As a result, we now expect to pay a year-end dividend per share of 120.00 for the fiscal year. For details, please see the "Notice Concerning Revision of Consolidated Dividend Forecast for the FY2024." dated May 10, 2024.

2. Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements and Primary Notes

(1) Consolidated Balance Sheet

	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 (as of December 31, 2023)	(Millions of yer Three months ended March 31, 2024 (as of March 31, 2024)
Assets	((
Current assets		
Cash and deposits	17,505	14,60
Notes and accounts receivable - trade	23,573	32,62
Electronically recorded monetary claims - operating	2,066	2,24
Merchandise and finished goods	21,313	26,5
Work in process	820	9′
Raw materials and supplies	6,133	6,04
Other	2,859	2,92
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(100)	(12
Total current assets	74,170	85,8
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment		
Buildings and structures	32,977	33,42
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(17,484)	(17,85
Buildings and structures, net	15,492	15,5
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	18,798	19,0
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(13,617)	(13,92
Machinery, equipment and vehicles, net	5,181	5,1
Land	7,838	7,8
Leased assets	379	4
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(188)	(19
Leased assets, net	191	2.
- Construction in progress	926	8
Other	10,025	10,32
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(8,272)	(8,43
Other, net	1,753	1,8
Total property, plant and equipment	31,383	31,5
Intangible assets		
Trademark right	2,411	2,30
Software	1,399	3,2
Goodwill	1,261	1,2
Customer-related intangible assets	1,523	1,54
Other	2,178	3
Total intangible assets	8,774	8,7
Investments and other assets		
Investment securities	5,162	5,65
Retirement benefit asset	9,844	9,94
Deferred tax assets	753	88
Other	2,320	2,39
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(1)	(
Total investments and other assets	18,079	18,8'
Total non-current assets	58,237	59,1
 Total assets	132,407	144,98

		(Millions of yen)
	Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 (as of December 31, 2023)	Three months ended March 31, 2024 (as of March 31, 2024)
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Notes and accounts payable - trade	21,484	25,761
Electronically recorded obligations - operating	8,520	11,938
Short-term borrowings	10,000	14,000
Accounts payable - other	6,608	4,812
Income taxes payable	1,608	2,098
Accrued consumption taxes	713	544
Provision for bonuses	283	1,563
Refund liabilities	1,226	896
Other	7,047	7,047
Total current liabilities	57,493	68,663
Non-current liabilities		
Deferred tax liabilities	1,550	1,374
Retirement benefit liability	382	359
Asset retirement obligations	486	487
Other	494	510
Total non-current liabilities	2,912	2,731
Total liabilities	60,406	71,394
Net assets		
Shareholders' equity		
Share capital	10,043	10,043
Capital surplus	10,066	10,067
Retained earnings	41,385	42,304
Treasury shares	(79)	(79)
Total shareholders' equity	61,415	62,335
Accumulated other comprehensive income		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	1,383	1,724
Foreign currency translation adjustment	1,363	1,845
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	2,383	2,346
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	5,130	5,916
Non-controlling interests	5,453	5,340
Total net assets	72,000	73,591
Total liabilities and net assets	132,407	144,986

(2) Consolidated Statement of Income and Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

Consolidated Statement of Income

	Three months ended March 31, 2023 (from January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023)	Three months ended March 31, 2024 (from January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024)
Sales	40,819	42,049
Cost of sales	23,067	23,856
Gross profit	17,752	18,192
Selling, general and administrative expenses		
Transportation and storage costs	1,705	1,717
Advertising expenses	707	988
Promotion expenses	252	171
Provision of allowance for doubtful accounts	16	22
Salaries and allowances	3,509	3,674
Provision for bonuses	944	1,030
Travel and transportation expenses	314	341
Depreciation	394	477
Amortization of goodwill	21	34
Rent expenses on land and buildings	365	379
Research and development expenses	711	722
Other	3,276	3,653
Total selling, general and administrative expenses	12,220	13,214
Operating income	5,532	4,978
Non-operating income		
Interest income	26	48
Dividend income	3	1
Foreign exchange gains	31	46
Commission income	6	32
Rental income from buildings	11	10
Other	47	43
Total non-operating income	126	182
Non-operating expenses		
Interest expenses	9	7
Other	3	4
Total non-operating expenses	13	12
Ordinary income	5,645	5,148
Extraordinary income		
Gain on sale of non-current assets	0	(
Gain on sale of investment securities	3	2
Total extraordinary income	4	2
Extraordinary losses		
Loss on sale of non-current assets	0	(
Loss on retirement of non-current assets	5	3
Loss on sale of investment securities	7	_
Loss on valuation of investment securities	-	(
Total extraordinary losses	13	4
Net income before income taxes	5,636	5,149
Income taxes - current	2,232	2,009
Income taxes - deferred	(543)	(465)
Total income taxes	1,688	1,543
Net income	3,947	3,605
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests	58	75

	Three months ended March 31, 2023 (from January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023)	(Millions of yen) Three months ended March 31, 2024 (from January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024)
Net income	3,947	3,605
Other comprehensive income		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	82	343
Foreign currency translation adjustment	268	488
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans, net of tax	(55)	(41)
Total other comprehensive income	295	790
Comprehensive income	4,243	4,396
(Breakdown)		
Comprehensive income attributable to owners of parent	4,184	4,315
Comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests	59	81

(3) Notes to Quarterly Financial Statements

(Notes to going concern assumptions) None to be reported.

(Notes in the event of significant changes in shareholders' equity) None to be reported.