Consolidated Financial Results for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2019 [Japanese GAAP]



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(Amounts of less than one million yen are rounded down.)

1. Consolidated Financial Results for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2019 (April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019)

(1) Consolidated Operating Results

(% indicates changes from the previous corresponding period.)

	Net sales		Operating p	rofit	Ordinary pr	rofit	Profit attribution owners of p	
Fiscal year ended	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Million yen	%
March 31, 2019	86,529	0.4	9,405	8.7	9,678	7.9	6,615	16.4
March 31, 2018	86,223	7.4	8,654	3.1	8,971	2.8	5,683	(5.5)

(Note) Comprehensive income: Fiscal year ended March 31, 2019: ¥5,788 million [(21.9)%]

Fiscal year ended March 31, 2018: \(\xi\)7,415 million \([10.3\%]\)

	Basic earnings per share	Diluted earnings per share	Rate of return on equity	Ordinary profit to total assets	Operating profit to net sales
Fiscal year ended	Yen	Yen	%	%	%
March 31, 2019	330.19	-	12.9	11.4	10.9
March 31, 2018	283.64	-	12.5	11.4	10.0

(Reference) Equity in earnings (losses) of affiliated companies: Fiscal year ended March 31, 2019: ¥- million Fiscal year ended March 31, 2018: ¥- million

(2) Consolidated Financial Position

	Total assets	Net assets	Equity ratio	Net assets per share
	Million yen	Million yen	%	Yen
As of March 31, 2019	86,622	53,887	62.1	2,686.64
As of March 31, 2018	83,677	48,901	58.4	2,438.94

(Reference) Equity: As of March 31, 2019: \(\frac{4}{5}\)3,831 million As of March 31, 2018: \(\frac{4}{4}\)8,868 million

(3) Consolidated Cash Flows

(3) Consolidated Cas	11 1 10 W 5			
	Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period
Fiscal year ended	Million yen	Million yen	Million yen	Million yen
March 31, 2019	6,564	(3,229)	(1,298)	33,669
March 31, 2018	8,320	(668)	(1,006)	31,481

2. Dividends

	Annual dividends						Payout	Dividends
	1st quarter-end	2nd quarter-end	3rd quarter-end	Year-end	Total		ratio (consolidated)	to net assets (consolidated)
Fiscal year ended	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen	Million yen	%	%
March 31, 2018	-	0.00	-	40.00	40.00	801	14.1	1.8
March 31, 2019	-	0.00	-	48.00	48.00	961	14.5	1.9
Fiscal year ending March 31, 2020 (Forecast)	1	0.00	1	48.00	48.00		15.1	

3. Consolidated Financial Results Forecast for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2020 (April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020)

(% indicates changes from the previous corresponding period.)

	Net sales		Operating profit		Ordinary profit		Profit attributable to owners of parent		Basic earnings per share
	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Yen
First half	42,663	0.0	4,556	(2.3)	4,669	(6.2)	3,063	(9.3)	152.90
Full year	89,125	3.0	9,325	(0.9)	9,573	(1.1)	6,371	(3.7)	317.99

* Notes:

(1) Changes in significant subsidiaries during the period under review (changes in specified subsidiaries resulting in changes in scope of consolidation): No

New: - (Company name: -) Exclusion: - (Company name: -)

- (2) Changes in accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and retrospective restatement
 - 1) Changes in accounting policies due to the revision of accounting standards: No
 - 2) Changes in accounting policies other than 1) above: No
 - 3) Changes in accounting estimates: No
 - 4) Retrospective restatement: No
- (3) Total number of issued shares (common shares)
 - 1) Total number of issued shares at the end of the period (including treasury shares):

March 31, 2019: 22,066,160 shares March 31, 2018: 22,066,160 shares

2) Total number of treasury shares at the end of the period:

March 31, 2019: 2,029,601 shares March 31, 2018: 2,029,421 shares

3) Average number of shares during the period:

Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2019: 20,036,617 shares Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2018: 20,036,895 shares

(Reference) Summary of Non-consolidated Financial Results

1. Non-consolidated Financial Results for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2019 (April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019)

(1) Non-consolidated Operating Results

(% indicates changes from the previous corresponding period.)

	Net sales	S	Operating	profit	Ordinary p	profit	Profi	t
Fiscal year ended	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Million yen	%
March 31, 2019	65,579	(1.1)	6,973	16.0	7,769	18.0	5,384	28.0
March 31, 2018	66,283	5.6	6,012	(10.4)	6,583	(9.8)	4,208	(12.0)

	Basic earnings per share	Diluted earnings per share
Fiscal year ended	Yen	Yen
March 31, 2019	268.76	-
March 31, 2018	210.03	-

(2) Non-consolidated Financial Position

	Total assets	Net assets	Equity ratio	Net assets per share
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	Million yen	Million yen	%	Yen
As of March 31, 2019	69,514	46,065	66.3	2,299.05
As of March 31, 2018	66,117	42,253	63.9	2,108.81

(Reference) Equity: As of March 31, 2019: \(\frac{\pmathbf{4}}{46,065}\) million As of March 31, 2018: \(\frac{\pmathbf{4}}{42,253}\) million

* Explanation of the proper use of financial results forecast and other notes

Financial results forecasts and other forward-looking statements herein are based on information currently available and certain assumptions deemed reasonable as of the date of publication of this document. Actual results may differ significantly from these forecasts due to a wide range of factors.

^{*} These financial results are outside the scope of audit conducted by certified public accountants and an audit corporation.

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1. Overview of Operating Results, etc.

(1) Overview of Operating Results for the Fiscal Year under Review

During the fiscal year under review (April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019), the Japanese economy remained on a moderate recovery path thanks to such factors as an increase in corporate capital investment and improvements in the employment and income environments. Meanwhile, future prospects remained uncertain due to factors such as concerns over the U.S.-China trade friction and the partial weakening of the Chinese economy.

In the business environment in which our Group operates, harsh conditions persist in the restaurant industry due mainly to a rise in labor costs and food prices, although sales remained solid in the fast food and family restaurant businesses, owing to higher spending per customer as a result of price revisions and the introduction of limited time offers. In the distribution industry, the business environment continued to be harsh for reasons including serious personnel shortage and rising material prices, while the consumer trend to restrain spending continued.

Net sales of commercial refrigerators and freezers decreased by 4.7% year on year mainly due to a decrease in sales of general purpose refrigerators and freezers for convenience stores and the restaurant industry, despite robust sales of new ice machines with enhanced product lineup, hygienic defrosters that can thaw foods in a fixed timeframe with less degradation in quality, and products for the medical market.

Net sales of refrigerated and freezer showcases decreased by 1.1% year on year, despite robust sales to drug stores, which continued vigorous new store openings. This was due to the completion of remodeling due to integration of convenience stores, and restrained investment by food supermarkets in new store openings and remodeling.

Net sales of large-scale food processing equipment decreased by 6.0% year on year. Although the robust demand in the previous fiscal year continued for the replacement and new introduction of tunnel freezers mainly for food manufacturers until the first half, food manufacturers reduced their capital investment in the second half, amid the deteriorating distribution industry, which was affected mainly by a downturn in consumption.

Net sales of large-scale panel refrigerators increased by 17.7% year on year as sales to food factories, low-temperature distribution centers, and supermarket processing centers continued to be solid on the backdrop of personnel shortage and a rise in labor costs.

Net sales of small-scale panel refrigerators decreased by 0.6% year on year, as orders for panel refrigerators used in back rooms of convenience stores, etc. decreased, though sales to supermarkets and commercial kitchens were solid.

Net sales from services increased by 8.0% year on year mainly due to a higher maintenance demand triggered by the summer heat wave and an increase in sales mainly attributable to maintenance contracts with convenience stores, etc.

At the manufacturing department, the Company undertook initiatives to improve production efficiency by introducing the automation of a single operation and the image recognition system to monitor the quality in the production processes, etc. at its Shiga and Okayama factories. In addition, the Company continued to undertake initiatives to reduce fixed costs and purchasing costs in order to offset higher costs, such as a sharp increase in the prices of raw materials and import products, as well as transportation costs.

As a result, for the fiscal year under review, net sales increased by 0.4% year on year to \$86,529 million. Operating profit increased by 8.7% year on year to \$9,405 million, ordinary profit increased by 7.9% year on year to \$9,678 million, and profit attributable to owners of parent increased by 16.4% year on year to \$6,615 million.

(2) Overview of Financial Position for the Fiscal Year under Review

(Current assets)

Current assets as of the end of the fiscal year under review increased by \(\frac{\pmathbf{4}49}{4}\) million to \(\frac{\pmathbf{4}60,422}{60,422}\) million (\(\frac{\pmathbf{5}9,972}{50,972}\) million in the previous fiscal year). This is mainly attributable to an increase in cash and deposits.

(Non-current assets)

Non-current assets as of the end of the fiscal year under review increased by \(\xi\)2,496 million to \(\xi\)26,200 million (\(\xi\)23,704 million in the previous fiscal year). This is mainly attributable to an increase in construction in progress under property, plant and equipment.

(Current liabilities)

Current liabilities as of the end of the fiscal year under review decreased by \(\xi\)1,613 million to \(\xi\)31,088 million (\(\xi\)32,701 million in the previous fiscal year). This is mainly attributable to a decrease in short-term loans payable.

(Non-current liabilities)

Non-current liabilities as of the end of the fiscal year under review decreased by \(\xi\)427 million to \(\xi\)1,646 million (\(\xi\)2,074 million in the previous fiscal year). This is mainly attributable to a decrease in deferred tax liabilities.

(Net assets)

Net assets as of the end of the fiscal year under review increased by \(\frac{\pmathbf{4}}{4}\),986 million to \(\frac{\pmathbf{5}}{5}\),887 million (\(\frac{\pmathbf{4}}{4}\),901 million in the previous fiscal year). This is mainly attributable to an increase in retained earnings due to the recording of profit attributable to owners of parent.

(3) Overview of Cash Flows for the Fiscal Year under Review

Cash and cash equivalents (hereinafter referred to as "capital") as of the end of the fiscal year under review increased by ¥2,187 million from the end of the previous fiscal year to ¥33,669 million as a result of the recording of profit before income taxes of ¥9,718 million, and ¥4,527 million used in investing activities and financing activities.

The conditions of each cash flow and factors thereof are as follows.

(Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities)

Capital provided by operating activities decreased by ¥1,756 million from the corresponding period of the previous year to ¥6,564 million. This is mainly attributable to the recording of profit before income taxes.

(Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities)

Capital used in investing activities increased by \$2,560 million from the corresponding period of the previous year to \$3,229 million. This is mainly attributable to the purchase of property, plant and equipment such as land for business use, office buildings and production facilities at various factories.

(Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities)

Capital used in financing activities increased by ¥292 million from the corresponding period of the previous year to ¥1,298 million. This is mainly attributable to cash dividends paid.

(4) Basic Policy on Profit Distribution and Dividends for the Current and Next Fiscal Years

The Company's basic profit distribution policy is to determine a standard dividend amount based on the dividend on equity ratio (DOE) and aim for improvement in this ratio each year, however small it may be, while trying to maintain sufficient shareholders' equity to capture expanding business opportunities promptly and securely.

Internal reserves will be used to expand shareholder value by continuing efficient investments in business areas with high profit and growth potential, such as infrastructure development and enhancement.

In the fiscal year under review, a year-end dividend of ¥48 per share will be paid, as profits for the year remained strong from the previous fiscal year and exceeded the plan.

The dividend for the next fiscal year is planned at ¥48 per share to maintain stable dividend payouts.

In addition, in order to repay shareholders for their daily support, the Company has a shareholder benefit program. A QUO CARD will be presented to shareholders with 100 or more shares as of March 31, 2019.

2. Basic Stance Concerning Choice of Accounting Standards

As the Corporate Group has a low proportion of overseas net sales and conducts activities primarily within Japan, it will utilize Japanese accounting standards for the foreseeable future. The application of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) will be determined appropriately by taking into consideration various domestic and international situations.

3. Consolidated Financial Statements

(1) Consolidated Balance Sheets

	As of March 31, 2018	As of March 31, 2019
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and deposits	31,870,525	34,283,964
Notes and accounts receivable - trade	22,040,842	19,913,769
Merchandise and finished goods	2,172,702	2,239,132
Work in process	2,248,959	2,166,701
Raw materials and supplies	1,909,033	2,038,882
Other	1,026,115	946,431
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(1,295,261)	(1,166,604)
Total current assets	59,972,918	60,422,276
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment		
Buildings and structures, net	3,802,974	4,358,043
Machinery, equipment and vehicles, net	1,119,640	992,656
Land	5,008,260	5,294,684
Construction in progress	1,713,483	3,904,293
Other, net	321,406	349,558
Total property, plant and equipment	11,965,765	14,899,236
Intangible assets	273,105	421,664
Investments and other assets		
Investment securities	9,059,098	7,948,318
Other	2,418,163	2,941,051
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(11,765)	(9,617)
Total investments and other assets	11,465,496	10,879,752
Total non-current assets	23,704,367	26,200,654
Total assets	83,677,286	86,622,930

	As of March 31, 2018	As of March 31, 2019
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Notes and accounts payable - trade	21,476,888	20,996,646
Short-term loans payable	711,215	185,746
Income taxes payable	2,082,013	1,641,449
Provision for bonuses	1,436,049	1,724,973
Provision for product warranties	369,167	370,998
Provision for loss on construction contracts	534,234	187,553
Other	6,092,170	5,981,117
Total current liabilities	32,701,738	31,088,484
Non-current liabilities		
Deferred tax liabilities	836,157	304,977
Provision for directors' retirement benefits	820,766	921,938
Provision for contingent loss	288,383	250,166
Net defined benefit liability	16,808	39,016
Asset retirement obligations	101,516	119,652
Other	10,809	11,147
Total non-current liabilities	2,074,439	1,646,899
Total liabilities	34,776,178	32,735,384
Net assets		
Shareholders' equity		
Capital stock	2,760,192	2,760,192
Capital surplus	3,168,379	3,168,379
Retained earnings	41,242,790	47,057,197
Treasury shares	(3,213,394)	(3,214,328)
Total shareholders' equity	43,957,968	49,771,440
Accumulated other comprehensive income		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	4,870,266	4,058,247
Foreign currency translation adjustment	65,057	65,665
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	(24,814)	(64,331)
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	4,910,509	4,059,581
Non-controlling interests	32,630	56,524
Total net assets	48,901,107	53,887,546
Total liabilities and net assets	83,677,286	86,622,930

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

Profit (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests

Profit attributable to owners of parent

(Thousand yen) For the fiscal year For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019 ended March 31, 2018 Net sales 86,223,671 86,529,685 Cost of sales 64,630,055 63,765,757 21,593,615 22,763,928 Gross profit Selling, general and administrative expenses 12,939,149 13,358,729 8,654,466 9,405,198 Operating profit Non-operating income Interest income 9,131 11,211 Dividend income 94,109 96,488 House rent income 95,147 98,058 Insurance and dividend income 99,013 49,431 Purchase discounts 53,967 48,314 Foreign exchange gains 5,383 Compensation income 23,443 5,658 Other 129,648 148,018 462,564 Total non-operating income 504,461 Non-operating expenses 21,074 11,043 Interest expenses Compensation expenses 14,604 24,910 112,502 Foreign exchange losses 66,499 Condolence money 86,985 Other 38,802 Total non-operating expenses 186,984 189,438 9,678,324 Ordinary profit 8,971,943 Extraordinary income Gain on sales of investment securities 39,839 26,250 39,839 Total extraordinary income 26,250 Extraordinary losses Provision for contingent loss 288,383 Contingent loss expense 154,764 Total extraordinary losses 443,148 Profit before income taxes 8,555,044 9,718,164 3,394,300 3,252,924 Income taxes - current Income taxes - deferred (161,848)(521,421)3,091,076 Total income taxes 2,872,879 Profit 5,682,165 6,627,087

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Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

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	For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018	For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019
Profit	5,682,165	6,627,087
Other comprehensive income		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	1,610,865	(812,018)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(6,972)	13,291
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans, net of tax	129,492	(39,517)
Total other comprehensive income	1,733,384	(838,244)
Comprehensive income	7,415,550	5,788,842
Comprehensive income attributable to		
Comprehensive income attributable to owners of parent	7,420,570	5,764,948
Comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests	(5,019)	23,893

(3) Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018 (April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018)

	Shareholders' equity				
	Capital stock	Capital surplus	Retained earnings	Treasury shares	Total shareholders' equity
Balance at beginning of current period	2,760,192	3,168,379	36,260,825	(3,212,194)	38,977,203
Changes of items during period					
Dividends of surplus			(701,294)		(701,294)
Profit attributable to owners of parent			5,683,259		5,683,259
Purchase of treasury shares				(1,199)	(1,199)
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity					
Total changes of items during period	_	_	4,981,964	(1,199)	4,980,764
Balance at end of current period	2,760,192	3,168,379	41,242,790	(3,213,394)	43,957,968

	Accumulated other comprehensive income					
	Valuation difference on available-for- sale securities	Foreign currency translation adjustment	Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	Total accumulated other comprehensive income	Non- controlling interests	Total net assets
Balance at beginning of current period	3,259,400	68,104	(154,306)	3,173,198	10,503	42,160,905
Changes of items during period						
Dividends of surplus						(701,294)
Profit attributable to owners of parent						5,683,259
Purchase of treasury shares						(1,199)
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity	1,610,865	(3,047)	129,492	1,737,310	22,126	1,759,437
Total changes of items during period	1,610,865	(3,047)	129,492	1,737,310	22,126	6,740,202
Balance at end of current period	4,870,266	65,057	(24,814)	4,910,509	32,630	48,901,107

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019 (April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019)

	Shareholders' equity				
	Capital stock	Capital surplus	Retained earnings	Treasury shares	Total shareholders' equity
Balance at beginning of current period	2,760,192	3,168,379	41,242,790	(3,213,394)	43,957,968
Changes of items during period					
Dividends of surplus			(801,469)		(801,469)
Profit attributable to owners of parent			6,615,876		6,615,876
Purchase of treasury shares				(934)	(934)
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity					
Total changes of items during period	_	_	5,814,407	(934)	5,813,472
Balance at end of current period	2,760,192	3,168,379	47,057,197	(3,214,328)	49,771,440

	Accumulated other comprehensive income						
	Valuation difference on available-for- sale securities	Foreign currency translation adjustment	Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	Total accumulated other comprehensive income	Non- controlling interests	Total net assets	
Balance at beginning of current period	4,870,266	65,057	(24,814)	4,910,509	32,630	48,901,107	
Changes of items during period							
Dividends of surplus						(801,469)	
Profit attributable to owners of parent						6,615,876	
Purchase of treasury shares						(934)	
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity	(812,018)	608	(39,517)	(850,927)	23,893	(827,033)	
Total changes of items during period	(812,018)	608	(39,517)	(850,927)	23,893	4,986,438	
Balance at end of current period	4,058,247	65,665	(64,331)	4,059,581	56,524	53,887,546	

(4) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

	For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018	For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit before income taxes	8,555,044	9,718,164
Depreciation	899,150	939,842
Increase (decrease) in allowance for doubtful accounts	197,849	(56,251)
Increase (decrease) in provision for bonuses	(321,379)	288,999
Increase (decrease) in provision for product warranties	135,269	1,830
Increase (decrease) in provision for loss on construction contracts	534,234	(364,075)
Increase (decrease) in net defined benefit liability	(59,129)	(35,063)
Increase (decrease) in provision for directors' retirement benefits	88,595	101,171
Increase (decrease) in provision for contingent loss	288,383	(38,217)
Interest and dividend income	(103,240)	(107,699)
Foreign exchange losses (gains)	37,580	(155,320)
Loss (gain) on valuation of investment securities	624	_
Loss (gain) on sales of investment securities	(26,250)	(38,000)
Loss (gain) on operation of investments in capital	<u>-</u>	(1,839)
Interest expenses	21,074	11,043
Loss (gain) on sales of property, plant and equipment	2,290	17,274
Loss on retirement of property, plant and equipment	2,991	21,591
Decrease (increase) in notes and accounts receivable - trade	425,559	496,264
Decrease (increase) in inventories	(428,689)	(141,141)
Decrease (increase) in other current assets	(263,158)	31,969
Decrease (increase) in other non-current assets	(234,300)	(282,782)
Increase (decrease) in notes and accounts payable - trade	842,957	(214,124)
Increase (decrease) in other current liabilities	543,325	112,853
Other, net	1,841	1,775
Subtotal	11,140,627	10,308,264
Interest and dividend income received	103,324	107,615
Interest expenses paid	(21,125)	(10,952)
Income taxes paid	(2,901,883)	(3,839,994)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	8,320,943	6,564,933

	For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018	For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments into time deposits	(844,718)	(934,746)
Proceeds from withdrawal of time deposits	1,343,263	421,711
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(1,286,011)	(2,498,739)
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment	140,720	33,498
Purchase of intangible assets	(102,359)	(229,989)
Purchase of investment securities	(50,543)	(58,639)
Proceeds from sales of investment securities	120,207	43,000
Loan advances	-	(35,000)
Proceeds from sales of investments in capital	-	29,894
Proceeds from share of profits on investments in capital	10,680	-
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(668,760)	(3,229,010)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net increase (decrease) in short-term loans payable	-	(249,752)
Repayments of long-term loans payable	(328,783)	(244,725)
Proceeds from share issuance to non-controlling shareholders	27,146	-
Purchase of treasury shares	(1,199)	(934)
Repayments of finance lease obligations	(2,221)	(1,476)
Cash dividends paid	(701,276)	(802,011)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(1,006,334)	(1,298,899)
Effect of exchange rate change on cash and cash equivalents	(75,176)	150,880
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	6,570,671	2,187,904
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	24,910,742	31,481,413
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	31,481,413	33,669,317

4. Others

(1) Change in Director

Subject to a resolution at the Company's 68th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders to be held on June 27, 2019, there will be a change in Director as follows:

Candidate for new Director

Outside Director

Hiroko Tanaka

(Current positions: Professor, College of Gastronomy Management (primary) and Graduate School of Business Administration (secondary), Ritsumeikan University, Outside Director, MARCHE CORPORATION)

(2) Significant litigation matters, etc.

As of the reporting date, the following lawsuits, etc. against the Company or a joint venture comprised of four companies including the Company are pending in the Osaka District Court or the Tokyo District Court.

Lawsuit Filing Date	Plaintiff	Claimed Amount	Lawsuit Overview
August 10, 2017	Daiichi-tec Co., Ltd.	¥740 million	A lawsuit filed against the Company, with the plaintiff seeking payment for contracts regarding specific construction work of a joint venture comprised of four companies including the Company. The Company asserts that there is no basis for any such claim, and the case is currently pending in the Osaka District Court.
August 15, 2017	Newwell Co., Ltd.	¥243 million	A lawsuit filed against a joint venture comprised of four companies including the Company, with the plaintiff seeking payment for sales charges. The Company asserts that the goods covered under the sales charges are not within the scope of those managed by the Company, and the case is currently pending in the Tokyo District Court.
November 1, 2017	Nakariki Co., Ltd.	¥171 million	A lawsuit filed against the Company, with the plaintiff seeking payment for specific construction work. The Company asserts that there is no basis for any such claim, and the case is currently pending in the Tokyo District Court.