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Summary of Business Results for the Third Quarter Ended December 31, 2023 [Japan GAAP] (Consolidated)

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Expected starting da	ate of dividend payment: -	
Preparation of quart	erly supplementary financial document: Yes	

Quarterly results briefing: None

(Rounded down to million yen)

1. Consolidated business results for the nine months ended December 2023 (April 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023)

(1) Consolidated results of operations

(1) Consolidated results of	of operations				(% change from	the previ	ous correspondin	g period)
	Net sales		Operating	profit	Ordinary p	rofit	Profit attribut owners of p	
	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Million yen	%
Nine months ended Dec. 2023	6,749	-8.3	1,348	-18.9	1,362	-17.6	928	-17.1
Nine months ended Dec. 2022	7,360	1.1	1,663	-0.6	1,653	-3.1	1,120	-5.2

(Note) Comprehensive income:

Nine months ended December 2023: 979 million yen (-18.3%)

Nine months ended December 2022: 1,197 million yen (-0.2%)

	Basic earnings per share	Diluted earnings per share
	Yen	Yen
Nine months ended Dec. 2023	37.27	36.96
Nine months ended Dec. 2022	44.93	44.54

(2) Consolidated financial position

	Total assets	Net assets	Equity-to-asset ratio	Net assets per share
	Million yen	Million yen	%	Yen
As of Dec. 2023	18,546	17,359	92.5	690.37
As of Mar. 2023	18,857	17,200	90.1	680.51

(Reference) Equity:

As of December 2023: 17,155 million yen

As of March 2023: 16,984 million yen

2. Dividends

End of 1Q	End of 2Q	End of 3Q	77 1	
		End of SQ	Year-end	Total
Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen
-	10.00	-	12.50	22.50
-	15.00	-		
			12.50	27.50
	-	- 10.00 - 15.00	- 10.00 - - 15.00 -	- 10.00 - 12.50 - 15.00 - 12.50

(Note) Revisions to dividend forecast for the current quarter: None

3. Forecast of consolidated business results for the fiscal year ending March 2024 (April 1 2023 through March 31 2024)

(April 1, 2023 through Warch 31, 2024)				(% change from the previous corresponding period)					
	Net sales	5	Operating p	orofit	Ordinary p	rofit	Profit attribut owners of p		Basic earnings per share
	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Yen
Year ending Mar. 2024	9,000	-6.8	1,600	-24.1	1,610	-24.5	1,100	-25.4	44.08

(Note) Revisions to business forecast for the current quarter: None

*Notes

- (1) Changes in significant subsidiaries during the period (changes in specified subsidiaries accompanying changes in the scope of consolidation): None
- (2) Application of accounting procedures specific to preparation of the quarterly consolidated financial statements: Yes
- (Note) Application of accounting procedures specific to preparation of the quarterly consolidated financial statements. For more details, please refer to "Application of accounting procedures specific to preparation of the quarterly consolidated financial statements" on page 7 of the attached material.
- (3) Changes in accounting policies, accounting estimates and restatement

①Changes in accounting policies associated with revision of accounting standards	: None
②Changes in accounting policies other than ①	: None
③Changes in accounting estimates	: None
	: None

(4)Restatement

(4) Shares outstanding (common stock)

① Number of shares outstanding at the e	end of period (treasury stock included)
As of December 2023	25,035,034 shares
As of March 2023	25,035,034 shares
② Treasury stock at the end of period:	
As of December 2023	185,138 shares
As of March 2023	75,866 shares
③ Average number of stock during period	od (quarterly cumulative period)
Nine months ended December 2023	24,915,524 shares
Nine months ended December 2022	24,930,626 shares

* Quarterly financial summary is not subject to the quarterly review procedures by certified public accountants or auditing firms

* Explanation regarding appropriate use of business forecasts and other special instructions

Above forecasts are based on information currently available to the company and certain assumptions that the company deems to be reasonable at the time this report was prepared. Actual results may differ significantly from the forecasts due to various factors.

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1. Qualitative Information Regarding Results for the First Nine Months

(1) Explanation of Operating Results

During the nine months ended December 31, 2023, while the Japanese economy saw normalization of economic activities primarily in non-manufacturing industries, the recovery of economic activity was moderate in the manufacturing industry due to the impact of factors such as raw material and energy prices being stuck at a high level, the continuation of geopolitical issues, and the slowdown of the Chinese economy.

As for the situation of the major consumers for the products of the Company group (the "Group"), although production volume in the automotive industry showed signs of recovery as semiconductor and parts shortages were resolved, the demand for tools for molds was unable to improve significantly. In addition, the market of semiconductor and electronic components and devices was sluggish overall. For overseas sales, sales to Greater China in particular continued stagnant.

Amid such an environment, the Group held a "Seminar for 5-axis precision and micro machining" in the R&D Center in October, and 150 users participated over three days. Through lectures and machining demonstration on precision and micro machining using small-diameter end mills in the 5-axis CNC Machining Center, we presented and exchanged technical information.

In terms of products, we added a specification of MUGEN COATING PREMIUM Plus 2-Flute Long Neck Ball End Mill for Hardened Steel and High Accuracy Cutting "MRBSH230SF."

In terms of production, the Group continued to work on improving production efficiency and reducing costs in order to cover the increased costs of raw materials and electricity, and it also worked to enhance its wide-ranging product inventory through proper-quantity production of various types of products.

As a result, net sales for the nine months ended December 31, 2023 were \pm 6,749 million (down 8.3% year on year), operating profit was \pm 1,348 million (down 18.9% year on year), ordinary profit was \pm 1,362 million (down 17.6% year on year), and profit attributable to owners of parent was \pm 928 million (down 17.1% year on year).

By product category, sales of "End mills (diameter 6 mm or less)" were ¥5,321 million (down 7.3% year on year), sales of "End mills (diameter over 6 mm)" were ¥583 million (down 12.3% year on year), sales of "End mills (other)" were ¥337 million (down 17.9% year on year), and sales of "Other" were ¥507 million (down 6.9% year on year).

(2) Explanation of Financial Position

As for the consolidated financial position as of December 31, 2023, total assets decreased by ¥311 million compared to the end of the previous fiscal year to ¥18,546 million. This was mainly due to a decrease in cash and deposits for the payment of income taxes and bonuses.

Furthermore, liabilities decreased by ¥470 million compared to the end of the previous fiscal year to ¥1,186 million. This was mainly due to decreases in income taxes payable and provision for bonuses.

Net assets increased by \$158 million compared to the end of the previous fiscal year to \$17,359 million due to an increase in retained earnings, etc. Equity-to-asset ratio as of December 31, 2023 amounted to 92.5%.

(3) Explanation of Consolidated Business Results Forecast and Other Forward-looking Statements

With respect to the forecast of business results for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024, there is no change from the business results forecast announced on October 31, 2023.

⁽Note) Since there is only one reportable segment, the information is presented by product category. The "Other" business segment is included in "Other" by product category.

2. Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Notes Thereto

(1) Quarterly Consolidated Balance Sheet

		(Thousands of y
	As of March 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2023
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and deposits	8,497,445	8,205,281
Notes and accounts receivable - trade	1,355,962	1,228,082
Merchandise and finished goods	1,382,932	1,354,049
Work in process	287,258	250,565
Raw materials and supplies	650,308	773,921
Other	124,444	118,160
Total current assets	12,298,351	11,930,062
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment		
Buildings and structures, net	2,538,963	2,498,273
Machinery, equipment and vehicles, net	1,432,706	1,233,477
Land	800,483	800,483
Construction in progress	496,119	729,128
Other, net	144,092	182,268
Total property, plant and equipment	5,412,365	5,443,631
Intangible assets	28,370	26,593
Investments and other assets		
Investment securities	28,365	30,405
Insurance funds	473,748	474,945
Deferred tax assets	485,816	485,109
Other	130,620	155,283
Allowance for doubtful accounts		(9
Total investments and other assets	1,118,550	1,145,734
Total non-current assets	6,559,285	6,615,958
Total assets	18,857,636	18,546,020

		(Thousands of yen)
	As of March 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2023
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable - trade	303,739	186,089
Income taxes payable	364,470	85,155
Provision for bonuses	282,037	148,042
Provision for bonuses for directors (and other officers)	102,927	60,856
Other	378,892	481,401
Total current liabilities	1,432,066	961,543
Non-current liabilities		
Long-term accounts payable - other	224,952	224,952
Total non-current liabilities	224,952	224,952
Total liabilities	1,657,018	1,186,495
Net assets		
Shareholders' equity		
Share capital	455,330	455,330
Capital surplus	418,223	418,223
Retained earnings	16,168,839	16,390,715
Treasury shares	(112,713)	(214,531)
Total shareholders' equity	16,929,679	17,049,737
Accumulated other comprehensive income		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	4,855	6,282
Foreign currency translation adjustment	50,449	99,581
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	55,304	105,864
Share acquisition rights	215,634	203,923
Total net assets	17,200,618	17,359,525
Total liabilities and net assets	18,857,636	18,546,020

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

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	Nine months ended December 31, 2022	Nine months ended December 31, 2023
Net sales	7,360,585	6,749,712
Cost of sales	3,418,957	3,079,946
Gross profit	3,941,627	3,669,765
Selling, general and administrative expenses	2,278,451	2,321,159
Operating profit	1,663,176	1,348,605
Non-operating income		
Interest income	37	62
Dividend income	863	695
Subsidy income	1,412	_
Gain on sale of scraps	13,037	15,451
Other	8,215	7,250
Total non-operating income	23,566	23,459
Non-operating expenses		
Rental expenses	6,340	6,771
Foreign exchange losses	26,534	2,279
Other	32	935
Total non-operating expenses	32,908	9,986
Ordinary profit	1,653,834	1,362,078
Extraordinary income		
Gain on sale of non-current assets	1,848	1,646
Total extraordinary income	1,848	1,646
Extraordinary losses		
Loss on retirement of non-current assets	381	794
Loss on valuation of investment securities	24,289	-
Total extraordinary losses	24,671	794
Profit before income taxes	1,631,010	1,362,931
Income taxes	510,952	434,357
Profit	1,120,058	928,573
Profit attributable to non-controlling interests		-
Profit attributable to owners of parent	1,120,058	928,573

Quarterly Consolidated Statement of Income (Cumulative)

		(Thousands of yen)
	Nine months ended December 31, 2022	Nine months ended December 31, 2023
Profit	1,120,058	928,573
Other comprehensive income		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	1,269	1,427
Foreign currency translation adjustment	76,414	49,132
Total other comprehensive income	77,684	50,559
Comprehensive income	1,197,742	979,133
Comprehensive income attributable to		
Comprehensive income attributable to owners of parent	1,197,742	979,133
Comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests	_	-

Quarterly Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income (Cumulative)

(3) Notes to Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements

Notes on uncertainties of entity's ability to continue as going concern

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

Application of accounting procedures specific to preparation of the quarterly consolidated financial statements

With regard to the Company and certain subsidiaries, tax expenses are calculated by multiplying the profit before income taxes by the reasonably estimated effective tax rates after the application of tax effect accounting to the profit before income taxes for the fiscal year including the third quarter of the current fiscal year.

Additional information

Changes in presentation

Consolidated statement of income

"Rental expenses," which was included in "Other" under "Non-operating expenses" in the nine months ended December 31, 2022, has been separately presented from the nine months ended December 31, 2023, since the amount exceeded 20% of the total amount of non-operating expenses. To reflect this change in presentation, the quarterly consolidated financial statements for the nine months ended December 31, 2022 has been reclassified.

As a result, \$6,373 thousand presented in "Other" under "Non-operating expenses" in the quarterly consolidated statement of income for the nine months ended December 31, 2022, has been reclassified as "Rental expenses" of \$6,340 thousand and "Other" of \$32 thousand.