Consolidated Financial Results (Japanese Accounting Standards) for the Nine Months Ended December 31, 2012 (Q3 FY2012)

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None

(Amounts of less than one million yen are rounded to the nearest million yen.)

1. Consolidated Financial Results for the Nine Months Ended December 31, 2012 (April 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012)

(1) Consolidated Results of Operations (Accumulated Total)

(Percentages show year-on-year changes.)

| | Net sale | S | Operating in | ncome | Ordinary ir | ncome | Net inco | me |
|-------------------|-------------|-------|--------------|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| Nine months ended | Million yen | % | Million yen | % | Million yen | % | Million yen | % |
| December 31, 2012 | 161,943 | (3.2) | 10,225 | (22.9) | 11,473 | (18.0) | 7,116 | (11.8) |
| December 31, 2011 | 167,372 | (0.8) | 13,265 | 17.4 | 13,984 | 19.0 | 8,071 | 23.7 |

(Note) Comprehensive income:

7,195 million yen (negative 14.5%) for the nine months ended December 31, 2012 8,417 million yen (43.3%) for the nine months ended December 31, 2011

| | Net income per share (basic) | Net income per share (diluted) |
|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Nine months ended | Yen | Yen |
| December 31, 2012 | 66.98 | _ |
| December 31, 2011 | 75.60 | _ |

(2) Consolidated Financial Position

| | Total assets | Net assets | Equity ratio | Net assets per share |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|
| | Million yen | Million yen | % | Yen |
| Nine months ended December 31, 2012 | 241,012 | 192,010 | 79.4 | 1,810.23 |
| Year ended March 31, 2012 | 240,092 | 189,242 | 78.6 | 1,768.27 |

(Reference) Shareholders' equity:

Nine months ended December 31, 2012: 191,452 million yen Year ended March 31, 2012: 188,785 million yen

2. Dividends

| | Dividend per share | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------|--------|--|--|
| | End of first quarter | End of second quarter | End of third quarter | Year-end | Annual | | |
| | Yen | Yen | Yen | Yen | Yen | | |
| Year ended March 31, 2012 | _ | 13.00 | _ | 15.00 | 28.00 | | |
| Year ending March 31, 2013 | _ | 15.00 | _ | | | | |
| Year ending March 31, 2013 (forecasts) | | | | 15.00 | 30.00 | | |

(Note) Revisions to dividend forecasts published most recently: None

3. Consolidated Forecasts for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2013 (April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013)

(Percentage figures for the fiscal year represent the changes from the previous year.)

| | Net sales | S | Operating i | income | Ordinary in | come | Net incor | ne | Net income per share |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------|-------------|--------|-------------|-------|-------------|------|----------------------|
| | Million yen | % | Million yen | % | Million yen | % | Million yen | % | Yen |
| Year ending March 31, 2013 | 211,000 | (1.5) | 12,500 | (11.1) | 14,100 | (9.0) | 8,800 | 11.0 | 82.92 |

(Note) Revisions to financial forecasts published most recently: None

- * Notes
- (1) Changes of important subsidiaries during the period (changes of specific subsidiaries in accordance with changes in the scope of consolidation): None
- (2) Application of particular accounts procedures to the preparation of quarterly consolidated financial statements: Yes
- (3) Changes in accounting policies and changes or restatement of accounting estimates
 - (i) Changes in accounting policies caused by revision of accounting standards: Yes(ii) Changes in accounting policies other than (i): None
 - (iii) Changes in accounting estimates: Yes
 (iv) Restatement: None
 - (Note) The depreciation method changed in the first quarter of this fiscal year. This falls under "cases where it is difficult to distinguish changes in accounting policies from changes in accounting estimates." For details, please refer to "2. Matters Relating to Summary Information (Notes); (3) Changes in Accounting Policies and Changes or Restatement of Accounting Estimates" on page 4 of the accompanying materials.
- (4) Number of shares outstanding (common stock):
 - (i) Number of shares outstanding at end of period (including treasury stock)

As of December 31, 2012: 105,761,763 shares As of March 31, 2012: 106,765,422 shares

(ii) Number of treasury stock at end of period

As of December 31, 2012: 658 shares As of March 31, 2012: 2,928 shares

(iii) Average number of shares outstanding during the term

Nine months ended December 31, 2012: 106,245,266 shares Nine months ended December 31, 2011: 106,763,463 shares

- * Status of a quarterly review
- This financial summary does not need to undergo a quarterly review under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act.
 Procedures for a quarterly review of the consolidated financial statements are being followed at the time of the announcement of this financial summary.
- * Explanations and other special notes concerning the appropriate use of business performance forecasts
- The forward-looking statements such as result forecasts included in this document are based on the information available to the Company at the time of the announcement and on certain assumptions considered reasonable, and the Company makes no representations as to their achievability. Actual results may differ materially from the forecast depending on a range of factors.
- For other matters relating to the forecasts, please refer to "(3) Qualitative Information Concerning the Consolidated Business Performance Forecasts" on page 4 of the accompanying materials.

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1. Qualitative Information on Results for the First Three Quarters Ended December 31, 2012

(1) Qualitative Information Concerning the Consolidated Operating Results

During the nine-month period ended December 31, 2012, the yen depreciated, primarily reflecting expectations for the policies of the new government, but the Japanese economy was weakened by the European debt crisis and concern over an economic slowdown in emerging countries, especially China. The operating environment surrounding the food industry, a domestic demand-based industry, does not allow for optimism, given persistent deflation.

Responding to these circumstances, the Group is taking steps to achieve the growth strategies for each business that it specified in the Fourth Medium-Term Business Plan, which began to be executed in the fiscal year under review.

Sales were weak as the Spice / Seasoning / Prepared Food Business and Health Food Business, which are considered "Core businesses," were influenced by changes in customers' habits in cooking at home, intensifying competition among different types of products and price competition, and a reaction against the spike in demand that followed the earthquake. Sales of certain products recovered with aggressive marketing to revitalize the market in the second half, but overall sales declined from the same period in the previous fiscal year. In the International Business, a "Growth business," sales were strong, reflecting business expansion in each country.

Overall, net sales in the nine-month period under review declined 3.2% year on year, to 161,943 million yen.

Income expanded steadily in International Business, but affected by decreases in domestic core businesses. Consequently, operating income declined 22.9% year on year, to 10,225 million yen, and ordinary income fell 18.0%, to 11,473 million yen. Net income decreased 11.8%, to 7,116 million yen.

The following is an overview of results by segment.

| | Consolidate | ed net sales | Consolidated operating income (segment margin) | | | |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--|
| | Amount (million yen) | Year-on-year change (%) | Amount (million yen) | Year-on-year change (%) | | |
| Spice / Seasoning / Prepared Food Business | 95,929 | 95.7 | 6,847 | 74.9 | | |
| Health Food Business | 34,658 | 92.0 | 1,967 | 72.9 | | |
| International Business | 9,872 | 114.2 | 705 | 132.3 | | |
| Transport and Other Businesses | 21,484 | 103.4 | 701 | 77.3 | | |
| Reportable segments total | 161,943 | 96.8 | 10,221 | 77.0 | | |

^{*} Figures in the consolidated operating income (segment margin) column are figures before adjustment for impact of inter-segment transactions of 4 million yen.

Spice / Seasoning / Prepared Food Business

The performance of curry roux products and retort pouched curry products was weak overall, reflecting a decline in demand in reaction to special demand after the earthquake, intensifying competition among different types of products, and falling prices. The Group promoted *The Hotel Curry* and *Kamatama Supa* primarily through TV commercials for these products to be received well in the market. Of spice products, sales of *Nokkete Gelee*, which was launched last year, slowed, but the *Toast Seasonings* series has created new demand and continued to sell well. Overall, sales of spice products were on a par with the year-ago level.

Sales of stew roux products were slow at the beginning of the season due to lingering summer heat but recovered to the same level as the previous year thanks to aggressive marketing, including a "Feeling warm together" campaign, and the launch of *Koku no Zeitaku Stew*.

As a result, sales in the Spice / Seasoning / Prepared Food Business declined 4.3% year on year, to 95,929 million yen. Operating income decreased 25.1% year on year, to 6,847 million yen, reflecting the poor performance of the main products and an increase in sales promotion costs.

Health Food Business

In the Health Food Business, the Group expanded and diversified the sales channels of *Ukon no Chikara Cool* of the *Ukon no Chikara* series. However, the business faced a challenging situation overall, affected by changes in customers' attitudes towards alcohol and intensifying sales competition with rival products, while also facing a decline in sales of *C1000* series in reaction to increased demand after the earthquake. In contrast, the customer base of *Mega Shaki*, a growing brand, expanded partly because of the effect of TV commercials, and sales increased.

As a consequence, sales in the Health Food Business declined 8.0% year on year, to 34,658 million yen, and operating income fell 27.1% year on year, to 1,967 million yen, attributable to a decrease in sales of the main brands.

International Business

International Business is ranked as a "Growth business" in the Fourth Medium-Term Business Plan. The Group established independent business promotion units for three areas (the United States, China, and Southeast Asia) and has been taking steps to accelerate the development of operations in each area.

Both sales and income rose in the tofu business in the United States as the number of stores dealing in tofu continued to increase.

The curry business in China curbed sales activities as Japan-China relations worsened following the Japanese government's nationalization of the Senkaku Islands. However, both sales and income climbed, reflecting the growing recognition of Japanese-style curry as a result of continuous sales promotions, continued cost cutting, and pricing revisions in response to rising raw materials prices and labor costs. In the Southeast Asia area, functional beverages were launched in Thailand in July last year, and the sales channels are being expanded. In Vietnam a processed food manufacturing plant is steadily being built. The plant is scheduled to start operations in the spring.

In the curry restaurant business, the number of restaurants increased especially in China, Taiwan, and South Korea, and sales and profits continued to expand.

As a result of the above factors, sales of the International Business grew 14.2% year on year, to 9,872 million yen, and operating income increased 32.3% year on year, to 705 million yen.

Transport and Other Businesses

Sales of the transport and warehouse business of House Logistics Service Corporation, a Group company, rose with the continued expansion in logistics operations commissioned by companies outside the Group. However, profits declined, primarily reflecting increased costs. Meanwhile, sales and profits at Delica Chef Corporation, a Group company producing prepared foods for convenience stores, increased from a year ago, attributable to strong sales of desserts and prepared foods and a decline in the material cost rate as a result of activities to reduce losses.

As a consequence, sales of Transport and Other Businesses climbed 3.4% year on year, to 21,484 million yen, and operating income declined 22.7% year on year, to 701 million yen.

(2) Qualitative Information Concerning the Company's Consolidated Financial Situation

The consolidated financial situation at the end of the third quarter of the fiscal year under review is as follows:

Total assets were 241,012 million yen, an increase of 920 million yen in comparison to the end of the previous consolidated fiscal year.

Current assets increased 3,670 million yen, to 113,835 million yen, primarily attributable to increases in notes and accounts receivable-trade and cash and deposits, which more than offset a decrease in short-term investment securities with negotiable deposits and bonds reaching maturity. Noncurrent assets finished at 127,177 million yen, a fall of 2,750 million yen, due chiefly to decreases in long-term time deposits and prepaid pension costs, which offset increases in

construction in progress associated with the construction of plants overseas and in investment securities resulting from the acquisition of bonds and other factors.

Liabilities were 49,002 million yen, a decrease of 1,848 million yen from the end of the previous fiscal year.

Current liabilities declined 1,776 million yen, to 39,331 million yen, mainly because of decreases in accounts payable-other and income taxes payable. Noncurrent liabilities slipped 72 million yen, to 9,671 million yen, primarily reflecting decreases in the provision for retirement benefits and other factors, which more than offset a rise in long-term accounts payable-other.

Net assets climbed 2,768 million yen from the end of the previous fiscal year, to 192,010 million yen, reflecting an increase in retained earnings as a result of net income, among other factors.

As a result, the equity ratio stood at 79.4% (compared with 78.6% at the end of the previous fiscal year). Net assets per share were 1,810.23 yen (1,768.27 yen at the end of the previous fiscal year).

(3) Qualitative Information Concerning the Consolidated Business Performance Forecasts

There has been no change to the consolidated performance forecasts announced on October 31, 2012, for the period ending March 31, 2013.

- 2. Matters Relating to Summary Information (Notes)
- (1) Changes of Important Subsidiaries during the Period Not applicable.

(2) Application of Particular Accounts Procedures to the Preparation of Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements

Calculation of tax expenses

Following the application of tax effect accounting for the current term net income before taxes for the consolidated fiscal year, the Company has adopted a method of calculating tax expenses using a reasonable estimate of the effective tax rate and multiplying quarterly net income before taxes by this estimated effective tax rate.

"Income taxes-current" and "Income taxes-deferred" are unified in "Income taxes."

(3) Changes in Accounting Policies and Changes or Restatement of Accounting Estimates

Change in accounting policy that is difficult to distinguish from change in accounting estimates

Following the revision of the Corporation Tax Act, the Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries depreciated property, plant and equipment that were acquired on or after April 1, 2012 under the revised Corporation Tax Act.

The effect of the change on earnings in the first three quarters under review was minor.

3. Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements

(1) Quarterly Consolidated Balance Sheets

| | | (Million ye |
|--|--|--|
| | End of previous fiscal year (As of March 31, 2012) | End of third quarter of the fiscal year under review (As of December 31, 2012) |
| Assets | | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and deposits | 23,475 | 25,100 |
| Notes and accounts receivable-trade | 38,585 | 47,107 |
| Short-term investment securities | 33,717 | 27,797 |
| Merchandise and finished goods | 6,229 | 5,387 |
| Work in process | 875 | 940 |
| Raw materials and supplies | 2,737 | 2,830 |
| Deferred tax assets | 2,946 | 3,073 |
| Other | 1,605 | 1,609 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | (4) | (8) |
| Total current assets | 110,165 | 113,835 |
| Noncurrent assets | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | | |
| Buildings and structures, net | 16,886 | 16,727 |
| Machinery, equipment and vehicles, net | 6,987 | 6,128 |
| Land | 24,072 | 24,098 |
| Lease assets, net | 4,545 | 4,429 |
| Construction in progress | 254 | 1,673 |
| Other, net | 810 | 843 |
| Total property, plant and equipment | 53,553 | 53,896 |
| Intangible assets | | |
| Goodwill | 703 | 167 |
| Software | 1,501 | 1,004 |
| Software in progress | 58 | 56 |
| Other | 205 | 281 |
| Total intangible assets | 2,467 | 1,507 |
| Investments and other assets | | |
| Investment securities | 65,327 | 66,509 |
| Long-term loans receivable | 247 | 240 |
| Deferred tax assets | 170 | 158 |
| Long-term time deposits | 3,124 | 1,000 |
| Prepaid pension cost | 2,740 | 1,584 |
| Other | 2,546 | 2,552 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | (247) | (270) |
| Total investments and other assets | 73,908 | 71,773 |
| Total noncurrent assets | 129,927 | 127,177 |
| Total assets | 240,092 | 241,012 |

| | | (Million yen) |
|---|--|--|
| | End of previous fiscal year (As of March 31, 2012) | End of third quarter of the fiscal year under review (As of December 31, 2012) |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Notes and accounts payable-trade | 19,602 | 19,965 |
| Electronically recorded obligations-operating | _ | 1,289 |
| Short-term loans payable | 590 | 546 |
| Lease obligations | 394 | 404 |
| Accounts payable-other | 13,247 | 11,590 |
| Income taxes payable | 3,189 | 1,323 |
| Provision for directors' bonuses | 73 | 47 |
| Other | 4,013 | 4,167 |
| Total current liabilities | 41,108 | 39,331 |
| Noncurrent liabilities | - | |
| Lease obligations | 4,151 | 4,026 |
| Long-term accounts payable-other | 655 | 848 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 2,663 | 2,741 |
| Provision for retirement benefits | 1,557 | 1,352 |
| Asset retirement obligations | 284 | 277 |
| Other | 432 | 427 |
| Total noncurrent liabilities | 9,742 | 9,671 |
| Total liabilities | 50,850 | 49,002 |
| Net assets | | · |
| Shareholders' equity | | |
| Capital stock | 9,948 | 9,948 |
| Capital surplus | 23,868 | 23,868 |
| Retained earnings | 151,392 | 154,009 |
| Treasury stock | (4) | (1) |
| Total shareholders' equity | 185,205 | 187,825 |
| Other accumulated comprehensive income | | · |
| Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities | 5,531 | 5,614 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | (1,950) | (1,987) |
| Total other accumulated comprehensive income | 3,580 | 3,627 |
| Minority interests | 456 | 558 |
| Total net assets | 189,242 | 192,010 |
| Total liabilities and net assets | 240,092 | 241,012 |
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(2) Quarterly Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income First nine-month period

| | First nine-month period of previous fiscal year (April 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011) | (Million yer First nine-month period of the fiscal year under review (April 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012) |
|--|---|--|
| Net sales | 167,372 | 161,943 |
| Cost of sales | 89,680 | 87,698 |
| Gross profit | 77,692 | 74,245 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | | |
| Advertising expenses | 8,258 | 8,379 |
| Transportation and warehousing expenses | 4,822 | 4,567 |
| Sales commission | 3,373 | 3,230 |
| Promotion expenses | 22,841 | 22,910 |
| Salaries, allowances and bonuses | 9,543 | 9,680 |
| Provision for directors' bonuses | 52 | 52 |
| Depreciation | 859 | 770 |
| Amortization of goodwill | 1,021 | 684 |
| Rent expenses | 1,030 | 1,101 |
| Experiment and research expenses | 2,813 | 2,846 |
| Other | 9,815 | 9,801 |
| Total selling, general and administrative expenses | 64,427 | 64,020 |
| Operating income | 13,265 | 10,225 |
| Non-operating income | | |
| Interest income | 323 | 361 |
| Dividends income | 265 | 294 |
| Equity in earnings of affiliates | 281 | 339 |
| Foreign exchange gains | _ | 135 |
| Other | 140 | 194 |
| Total non-operating income | 1,009 | 1,322 |
| Non-operating expenses | | |
| Interest expenses | 28 | 31 |
| Foreign exchange losses | 201 | _ |
| Other | 61 | 44 |
| Total non-operating expenses | 291 | 74 |
| Ordinary income | 13,984 | 11,473 |
| Extraordinary income | | |
| Gain on sales of noncurrent assets | 0 | 2 |
| Gain on sales of investment securities | _ | 10 |
| Reversal of allowance for doubtful accounts | 1 | 0 |
| Other | 6 | 3 |
| Total extraordinary income | 8 | 15 |

| | | (Willion ye |
|---|---|--|
| | First nine-month period of previous fiscal year (April 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011) | First nine-month period of the fiscal year under review (April 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012) |
| Extraordinary loss | | |
| Loss on sales of noncurrent assets | 32 | 9 |
| Loss on retirement of noncurrent assets | 105 | 133 |
| Loss on valuation of investment securities | 116 | 72 |
| Loss on valuation of membership | 24 | 29 |
| Impairment loss | 445 | _ |
| Loss on disaster | 178 | _ |
| Other | 31 | 17 |
| Total extraordinary loss | 933 | 260 |
| Income before income taxes | 13,059 | 11,229 |
| Income taxes | 4,996 | 4,097 |
| Income before minority interests | 8,063 | 7,132 |
| Minority interests in income (loss) | (8) | 16 |
| Net income | 8,071 | 7,116 |
| Minority interests in income (loss) | (8) | 16 |
| Income before minority interests | 8,063 | 7,132 |
| Other comprehensive income | | |
| Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities | 667 | 82 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | (301) | (22) |
| Share of other comprehensive income of associates accounted for using equity method | (12) | 4 |
| Total other comprehensive income | 354 | 64 |
| Comprehensive income | 8,417 | 7,195 |
| (Breakdown) | | |
| Comprehensive income attributable to owners of the parent | 8,454 | 7,163 |
| Comprehensive income attributable to minority interests | (37) | 33 |
| | | |

| | | (Million yen) |
|--|---|--|
| | First nine-month period of previous fiscal year (April 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011) | First nine-month period of the fiscal year under review (April 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | | |
| Income before income taxes | 13,059 | 11,229 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 3,912 | 3,626 |
| Amortization of goodwill | 1,021 | 684 |
| Impairment loss | 445 | _ |
| Equity in (earnings) losses of affiliates | (281) | (339) |
| Loss (gain) on valuation of investment securities | 116 | 72 |
| Loss on valuation of membership | 24 | 29 |
| Increase (decrease) in allowance for doubtful accounts | 13 | 24 |
| Increase (decrease) in provision for directors' bonuses | (33) | (26) |
| Increase (decrease) in provision for retirement benefits | (390) | (205) |
| Interest and dividends income | (588) | (655) |
| Interest expenses | 28 | 31 |
| Foreign exchange losses (gains) | 178 | (95) |
| Loss (gain) on sales of investment securities | _ | (10) |
| Loss (gain) on sales of noncurrent assets | 32 | 7 |
| Loss on retirement of noncurrent assets | 105 | 133 |
| Decrease (increase) in notes and accounts receivable-trade | (8,677) | (8,166) |
| Decrease (increase) in inventories | (121) | 759 |
| Increase (decrease) in notes and accounts payable-trade | 4,129 | 2,330 |
| Increase (decrease) in accounts payable-bonuses | (330) | (295) |
| Decrease (increase) in other assets | 1,332 | 858 |
| Increase (decrease) in other liabilities | 55 | (1,209) |
| Subtotal | 14,029 | 8,781 |
| Interest and dividends income received | 981 | 1,117 |
| Interest expenses paid | (23) | (31) |
| Income taxes paid | (4,733) | (5,976) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | 10,254 | 3,891 |

| | | (Million yell) |
|---|---|--|
| | First nine-month period of previous fiscal year (April 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011) | First nine-month period of the fiscal year under review (April 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | | |
| Payments into time deposits | (3,510) | (1,524) |
| Proceeds from withdrawal of time deposits | 50 | 11,759 |
| Purchase of short-term investment securities | _ | (2,000) |
| Proceeds from sales of short-term investment securities | 1,500 | 3,000 |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | (2,960) | (3,533) |
| Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment | 9 | 29 |
| Purchase of intangible assets | (196) | (190) |
| Purchase of investment securities | (8,499) | (8,327) |
| Proceeds from sales of investment securities | 1,000 | 1,525 |
| Purchase of memberships | _ | (3) |
| Purchase of stocks of subsidiaries and affiliates | _ | (1,016) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | (12,605) | (280) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | | |
| Increase in short-term loans payable | 890 | 1,585 |
| Decrease in short-term loans payable | (840) | (1,629) |
| Repayments of lease obligations | (287) | (309) |
| Purchase of treasury stock | (2) | (1,308) |
| Cash dividends paid | (2,568) | (3,188) |
| Proceeds from stock issuance to minority shareholders | 106 | 69 |
| Cash dividends paid to minority shareholders | (0) | (0) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | (2,701) | (4,781) |
| Effect of exchange rate change on cash and cash equivalents | (212) | 72 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (5,264) | (1,099) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 46,091 | 41,190 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | 40,827 | 40,091 |
| | | |

(4) Notes Relating to Assumptions for the Going Concern Not applicable.

(5) Segment Information

- I. First nine-month period of previous consolidated fiscal year (April 1, 2011 December 31, 2011)
- 1. Information on net sales and profits or losses by reported segment

(Million yen)

| | Reported segments | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| | Spice / Seasoning / Prepared Food Business | Health Food Business | International Business | Transport and Other Businesses | Total | Other | Total |
| Net sales | | | | | | | |
| Sales – outside customers | 100,278 | 37,663 | 8,645 | 20,786 | 167,372 | _ | 167,372 |
| Sales and transfer – inter-segment | 32 | _ | _ | 9,056 | 9,088 | _ | 9,088 |
| Total | 100,310 | 37,663 | 8,645 | 29,842 | 176,461 | _ | 176,461 |
| Segment profit | 9,137 | 2,697 | 533 | 906 | 13,274 | _ | 13,274 |

2. Difference between the sum of reportable segment profits and losses and operating income in quarterly consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, and major factors in the difference (adjustment of difference)

(Million yen)

| Profit | Amount |
|--|--------|
| Reportable segments total | 13,274 |
| Elimination of inter-segment transactions | (9) |
| Operating income in quarterly consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income | 13,265 |

3. Information on impairment loss on noncurrent assets and goodwill by reportable segment

(Million yen)

| | Reported segments | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Spice / Seasoning / Prepared Food Business | Health Food Business | International Business | Transport and Other Businesses | Total | Other | Total |
| Impairment loss | 379 | 58 | 8 | 0 | 445 | _ | 445 |

(Note) An impairment loss on the head office and on branch office buildings of 445 million yen is posted in the first three quarters under review.

- II. First nine-month period of consolidated fiscal year under review (April 1, 2012 December 31, 2012)
- 1. Information on net sales and profits or losses by reported segment

(Million yen)

| | Reported segments | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| | Spice / Seasoning / Prepared Food Business | Health Food Business | International Business | Transport and Other Businesses | Total | Other | Total |
| Net sales | | | | | | | |
| Sales – outside customers | 95,929 | 34,658 | 9,872 | 21,484 | 161,943 | _ | 161,943 |
| Sales and transfer – inter-segment | _ | _ | _ | 8,493 | 8,493 | _ | 8,493 |
| Total | 95,929 | 34,658 | 9,872 | 29,977 | 170,436 | _ | 170,436 |
| Segment profit | 6,847 | 1,967 | 705 | 701 | 10,221 | _ | 10,221 |

2. Difference between the sum of reportable segment profits and losses and operating income in quarterly consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, and major factors in the difference (adjustment of difference)

(Million yen)

| Profit | Amount |
|--|--------|
| Reportable segments total | 10,221 |
| Elimination of inter-segment transactions | 4 |
| Operating income in quarterly consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income | 10,225 |

3. Information on impairment loss on noncurrent assets and goodwill by reportable segment

(Million yen)

| | Reported segments | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Spice / Seasoning / Prepared Food Business | Health Food Business | International Business | Transport and Other Businesses | Total | Other | Total |
| Impairment loss | _ | - | - | 140 | 140 | _ | 140 |

(Note) During the nine-month period under review, the Company acquired shares in Horie Yamatoya Co., Ltd., making it a consolidated subsidiary. In association with the share acquisition, the Company posted goodwill of 140 million yen.

(6) Notes for Case Where Shareholders' Equity underwent Significant Changes in Value

Based on a resolution at a Board of Directors' meeting held on July 25, 2012, the Company purchased treasury stock in the first half of the fiscal year under review. As a result, treasury stock increased 1,306 million yen in the first half of this fiscal year.

By resolution of a Board of Directors' meeting held on October 31, 2012, the Company canceled 1,003,659 treasury shares on November 9, 2012. As a result, treasury stock and retained earnings declined 1,311 million yen and 1,311 million yen, respectively, during the first nine-month period under review.

As a result, retained earnings and treasury stock stood at 154,009 million yen and 1 million yen, respectively, at the end of the period under review.

4. Quarterly Non-Consolidated Financial Statements

(Note) These Quarterly Financial Statements (Non-Consolidated) have been prepared voluntarily by the Company based on the Regulations for Quarterly Financial Statements and are outside of the scope of this quarterly review.

(1) Quarterly Balance Sheets (Non-Consolidated)

| | | (Million ye |
|---|--|---|
| | End of previous fiscal year (As of March 31, 2012) | fiscal year under review (As of December 31, 2012 |
| ssets | | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and deposits | 19,156 | 21,447 |
| Notes receivable-trade | 11 | 15 |
| Accounts receivable-trade | 30,272 | 37,830 |
| Short-term investment securities | 33,717 | 27,797 |
| Merchandise and finished goods | 5,154 | 4,511 |
| Work in process | 830 | 904 |
| Raw materials and supplies | 1,928 | 2,018 |
| Deferred tax assets | 1,820 | 1,860 |
| Other | 2,018 | 1,526 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | (4) | (5) |
| Total current assets | 94,901 | 97,902 |
| Noncurrent assets | | 21,724 |
| | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 10.079 | 9,742 |
| Buildings, net | 10,078 452 | 9,742 446 |
| Structures, net | | 4,094 |
| Machinery and equipment, net Vehicles, net | 4,561 63 | 4,094 |
| | | |
| Tools, furniture, and fixtures, net | 404 | 371 |
| Land | 14,713 | 14,713 |
| Lease assets, net | 64 | 79 |
| Construction in progress | 30,339 | 29,507 |
| Total property, plant and equipment | 30,339 | 29,307 |
| Intangible assets | | |
| Leasehold right | 6 | 6 |
| Right of trademark | 4 | 3 |
| Telephone subscription right | 44 | 44 |
| Right of using facilities | 0 | 0 |
| Software | 1,130 | 667 |
| Software in progress | 2 | 30 |
| Total intangible assets | 1,186 | 750 |
| Investments and other assets | | |
| Investment securities | 60,599 | 61,514 |
| Stocks of subsidiaries and affiliates | 43,573 | 44,991 |
| Investments in capital | 21 | 21 |
| Investments in capital of subsidiaries and affiliates | 2,955 | 2,955 |
| Long-term loans receivable from employees | 4 | 3 |
| Long-term loans receivable from subsidiaries and affiliates | 2,159 | 2,076 |
| Long-term prepaid expenses | 46 | 25 |
| Guarantee deposits | 1,163 | 1,167 |
| Long-term time deposits | 3,024 | 1,000 |
| Prepaid pension cost | 2,740 | 1,584 |
| Other | 45 | 42 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | (213) | (236) |
| Total investments and other assets | 116,116 | 115,141 |
| Total noncurrent assets | 147,641 | 145,398 |
| Total assets | 242,542 | 243,301 |

| | | (Million yen) |
|--|--|--|
| | End of previous fiscal year (As of March 31, 2012) | End of third quarter of the fiscal year under review (As of December 31, 2012) |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Notes payable-trade | 2,400 | 255 |
| Electronically recorded obligations-operating | _ | 1,289 |
| Accounts payable-trade | 11,236 | 11,997 |
| Short-term loans payable to subsidiaries and affiliates | 11,811 | 12,202 |
| Lease obligations | 18 | 22 |
| Accounts payable-other | 11,423 | 10,479 |
| Accrued expenses | 1,907 | 1,104 |
| Income taxes payable | 2,776 | 1,092 |
| Deposits received | 130 | 679 |
| Provision for directors' bonuses | 69 | 45 |
| Other | 186 | 633 |
| Total current liabilities | 41,956 | 39,797 |
| Noncurrent liabilities | | |
| Lease obligations | 46 | 58 |
| Long-term guarantee deposited | 268 | 268 |
| Long-term accounts payable-other | 623 | 601 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 2,659 | 2,736 |
| Asset retirement obligations | 51 | 42 |
| Total noncurrent liabilities | 3,647 | 3,706 |
| Total liabilities | 45,603 | 43,503 |
| Net assets | | |
| Shareholders' equity | | |
| Capital stock | 9,948 | 9,948 |
| Capital surplus | | |
| Legal capital surplus | 23,815 | 23,815 |
| Total capital surplus | 23,815 | 23,815 |
| Retained earnings | | · |
| Legal retained earnings | 2,487 | 2,487 |
| Other retained earnings | · | , |
| General reserve | 133,900 | 133,900 |
| Retained earnings brought forward | 21,197 | 23,970 |
| Total retained earnings | 157,584 | 160,357 |
| Treasury stock | (4) | (1) |
| Total Shareholders' equity | 191,344 | 194,120 |
| Valuation and translation adjustments | | 171,120 |
| Valuation and translation adjustments Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities | 5,595 | 5,677 |
| Total valuation and translation adjustments | 5,595 | 5,677 |
| Total net assets | 196,939 | 199,798 |
| Total liabilities and net assets | 242,542 | 243,301 |
| Total natifictes and net assets | | 243,301 |

(2) Quarterly Statements of Income (Non-Consolidated)

First nine-month period

(Million yen)

| | | | (Million yen) |
|--|--|---|---|
| | First nine-month period of previous fiscal year (April 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011) | First nine-month period of the fiscal year under review (April 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012) | (Reference) Previous fiscal year (April 1, 2011 - March 31, 2012) |
| Net sales | 118,810 | 112,760 | 151,803 |
| Cost of sales | 57,426 | 54,235 | 73,866 |
| Gross profit | 61,385 | 58,525 | 77,937 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| Advertising expenses | 7,358 | 7,411 | 9,748 |
| Transportation and warehousing expenses | 3,416 | 3,158 | 4,372 |
| Sales commissions | 3,373 | 3,230 | 4,280 |
| Promotion expenses | 17,705 | 17,653 | 23,150 |
| Directors' compensation | 185 | 199 | 247 |
| Salaries, allowances and bonuses | 6,431 | 6,322 | 8,384 |
| Provision for directors' bonuses | 45 | 45 | 69 |
| Retirement benefit expenses | 1,284 | 1,149 | 1,711 |
| Welfare expenses | 1,498 | 1,474 | 1,950 |
| Traveling and communication expenses | 1,011 | 1,042 | 1,323 |
| Depreciation | 603 | 526 | 799 |
| Rent expenses | 848 | 902 | 1,122 |
| Experiment and research expenses | 2,393 | 2,337 | 3,238 |
| Investigation expenses | 625 | 500 | 836 |
| Other | 3,831 | 3,949 | 5,014 |
| Total selling, general and administrative expenses | 50,606 | 49,897 | 66,241 |
| Operating income | 10,779 | 8,627 | 11,696 |
| Non-operating income | | | · |
| Interest income | 64 | 72 | 86 |
| Interest on securities | 296 | 312 | 400 |
| Dividends income | 1,649 | 1,757 | 1,916 |
| Rent income | 171 | 140 | 226 |
| Fiduciary obligation fee | _ | 117 | _ |
| Foreign exchange gains | _ | 135 | _ |
| Other | 115 | 191 | 213 |
| Total non-operating income | 2,294 | 2,727 | 2,841 |
| Non-operating expenses | · | | · |
| Interest expenses | 26 | 26 | 35 |
| Rent expenses | 58 | 52 | 75 |
| Fiduciary obligation expenses | _ | 118 | _ |
| Foreign exchange losses | 198 | _ | 39 |
| Other | 53 | 29 | 53 |
| Total non-operating expenses | 336 | 224 | 202 |
| Ordinary income | 12,738 | 11,130 | 14,334 |

(Million yen)

| | First nine-month period of previous fiscal year (April 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011) | First nine-month period of the fiscal year under review (April 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012) | (Reference) Previous fiscal year (April 1, 2011 - March 31, 2012) |
|---|--|---|---|
| Extraordinary income | | | |
| Gain on sales of noncurrent assets | 0 | _ | 280 |
| Reversal of allowance for doubtful accounts | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Gain on sales of investment securities | 0 | 10 | 1 |
| Total extraordinary income | 1 | 10 | 282 |
| Extraordinary loss | | | |
| Loss on sales of noncurrent assets | 20 | 8 | 20 |
| Loss on retirement of noncurrent assets | 65 | 105 | 242 |
| Loss on valuation of investment securities | 116 | 72 | 26 |
| Loss on valuation of membership | 24 | 29 | 31 |
| Impairment loss | 445 | _ | 445 |
| Loss on disaster | 150 | _ | 150 |
| Cost of early retirement support | _ | _ | 1,477 |
| Other | 23 | _ | 24 |
| Total extraordinary loss | 843 | 214 | 2,414 |
| Income before income taxes | 11,896 | 10,926 | 12,203 |
| Income taxes | 4,378 | 3,654 | 4,319 |
| Net income | 7,518 | 7,272 | 7,884 |