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Summary of Non-Consolidated Financial Results for the Nine Months Ended May 31, 2023 (Based on Japan GAAP)

July 14, 2023

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Preparation of supplementary material on quarterly financial results: Yes Holding of annual financial results meeting: No

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

 Non-Consolidated financial results for the nine months ended May 31, 2023 (From September 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023)

(1) Non-consolidated operating results (cumulative)

Percentages indicate year-on-year changes.

	Net sal	Net sales		ncome	Ordinary p	orofit	Net inco	me
	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%
Nine months ended May 31, 2023	2,128	3.8	71	154.9	47	_	45	_
Nine months ended May 31, 2022	2,051	(8.7)	28	_	(131)	_	(131)	_

	Earnings per share	Diluted earnings per share
	Yen	Yen
Nine months ended May 31, 2023	4.16	4.16
Nine months ended May 31, 2022	(13.31)	-

Notes: Although dilutive shares exist, diluted earnings per share are not stated as earnings per share were negative.

(2) Non-consolidated financial position

	Total assets	Net assets	Equity ratio
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	%
As of May 31, 2023	5,170	1,086	21.0
As of August 31, 2022	4,855	540	11.1

(Reference) Equity capital: May 31,2023: ¥1,086 million August 31,2022: ¥540 million

Cash dividends

		Annual dividends per share					
	1st quarter-end	2nd quarter-end	3rd quarter-end	Fiscal year-end	Total		
	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen	Total		
Year ended August 31, 2022	_	0.00	_	0.00	0.00		
Year ending August 31, 2023	_	0.00	_				
Year ending August 31, 2023 (Forecast)				0.00	0.00		

Notice concerning Revision of the Financial Forecasts

3. Forecast of non-consolidated financial results for the year ending August 31, 2023

(From September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023) Percentages indicate year-on-year changes.

	Net sal	es	Operating i	ncome	Ordinary p	orofit	Profit		Earnings per share
	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Yen
Full year	2,940	3.8	130	96.7	97	_	73	_	6,71

Notice concerning Revision of the Financial Forecasts

Yes

Regarding the revision to the forecast, please refer to the "Notice Concerning the Revision of the Forecast of Non-Consolidated Financial Results for the Year Ending August 31, 2023" announced today (July 14, 2023).

4. Notes

(1) Application of special accounting treatment for quarterly financial reporting: Yes

Note: For details, please refer to "2. Quarterly Non-Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes (3) Notes to the Quarterly Non-Consolidated Financial Statements (Application of Special Accounting Treatment for Quarterly Financial Reporting)" on page 8 of the attachments to this summary.

(2) Changes in accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates, and restatement of prior period financial statements

Changes in accounting policies due to revisions to accounting standards and other regulations: Yes

Changes in accounting policies due to other reasons: No

Changes in accounting estimates: No

Restatement of prior period financial statements: No

(3) Number of issued shares (common stock)

Total number of issued shares at the end of the period (including treasury shares)

As of May 31, 2023	11,261,970 shares	As of August 31, 2022	9,853,520 shares
Number of treasury shares at the end	of the period		
As of May 31, 2023	257 shares	As of August 31, 2022	257 shares
Average number of shares during the	period (cumulative from	the beginning of the fiscal year)	
Nine months ended May 31, 2023	10,900,572 shares	Nine months ended May 31, 2022	9,850,071 shares

Notes: This financial report is exempt from the review.

Explanation about appropriate usage of business forecasts and other special notes:

The business forecasts and other forward-looking statements presented in this document are based on information that is currently available to the Company and on certain assumptions deemed reasonable, and the Company does not guarantee their achievement. In addition, actual results may differ significantly from projections due to a variety of factors. For assumptions underlying the Company's business forecasts and cautionary notes concerning the use of the forecasts, please refer to "(3) Operating Performance Forecast" on page 4 of the attachments to this summary.

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1. Qualitative Information on Quarterly Financial Results

(1) Analysis of Operating Performance

The size of the e-book market (the Company's main business category) was ¥482.1 billion in fiscal 2020, with comics accounting for 83.0% of this total. In fiscal 2021, the market reached a size of ¥551.0 billion, 14.3% increase year on year, and comics generated ¥466.0 billion (84.6%) of this amount. This change demonstrates recent growth in the comics market.

Projections indicate that the size of the e-book market will grow to ¥804.8 billion in fiscal 2026, approximately 50% larger than the size reported in fiscal 2021. Accordingly, the Company expects market expansion to continue moving forward.

(From Impress Research Institute's eBook Marketing Report 2022)

In this business environment, the Company pursues a mission to make people's lives more fulfilling by bringing a little "something extra" to their daily lives. In its core Apps segment, the Company has focused mainly on expanding earnings from smartphone manga apps developed in collaboration with large publishers.

In the Apps segment, advertising revenue in the mainstay manga apps business was down, reflecting lower advertising ARPU (*1) stemming from deterioration in the advertising market. However, sales from in-app purchases increased, driven by robust performance of apps with high in-app purchase rates and of popular titles. In the entertainment business, fortune-telling services were strong, and this contributed to year-on-year growth in both overall sales and operating income in the Apps segment.

In the RET segment, occupancy rates at the &AND HOSTEL facilities are gradually recovering as foreign guests increase in number due to the easing of immigration restrictions, and average sales per customer have recovered to levels observed prior to COVID-19. However, both sales and operating income decreased year on year due to the lack of advantageous impact previously incurred when the Company booked one-off proceeds from consulting fees during the nine months ended May 31, 2022.

As a result, in the nine months ended May 31, 2023, the Company generated net sales of \(\frac{\pmathbf{\text{\tex

By segment, earnings performance was as follows.

(1) Apps business

In the nine months ended May 31, 2023, the seven manga apps operated in collaboration with publishers and Amutus Corporation registered strong MAU (*2) mainly as a result of the acquisition of new users supported by efficient spending on advertising, and the implementation of measures to promote continued use by existing users. Sales from in-app purchases rose thanks to factors such as the release of popular content and new manga additions.

However, advertising revenue fell on a downtrend in advertising ARPU (*1) amid widespread deterioration in the advertising market driven by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a result, in the nine months ended May 31, 2023, sales in the Apps segment were \(\frac{4}{2}\),088,868 thousand (up 8.0% year on year). Segment profit came to \(\frac{4}{3}68,365\) thousand (up 6.8% year on year).

- *1 The average amount of revenue generated per person
- *2 The number of people who use an app at least once in a month

Of the smartphone apps the Company operates in the Apps business, the following table outlines average MAUs by quarter for the manga apps.

(Thousands of people)

Date	Average MAUs	Date	Average MAUs
May 31, 2017	310	August 31, 2020	9,940
August 31, 2017	650	November 30, 2020	10,260
November 30, 2017	1,080	February 28, 2021	10,540
February 28, 2018	1,500	May 31, 2021	10,560
May 31, 2018	2,040	August 31, 2021	11,010
August 31, 2018	2,380	November 30, 2021	10,460
November 30, 2018	2,790	February 28, 2022	10,440
February 28, 2019	3,620	May 31, 2022	11,210
May 31, 2019	4,300	August 31, 2022	11,520
August 31, 2019	5,320	November 30, 2022	11,290
November 30, 2019	6,410	February 28, 2023	11,050
February 29, 2020	7,200	May 31, 2023	11,400
May 31, 2020	9,060		

Note: the average MAUs shown above are quarterly averages.

(2) RET business

In the nine months ended May 31, 2023, occupancy rates at all of the &AND HOSTEL smart hostels operated by the Company recovered on an increase in reservations from foreign guests, helped in part by the impact of easing restrictions on immigration. The Company also adjusted agreements associated with some &AND HOSTEL locations, which drove up sales generated from such locations while lowering expenses.

As a result, losses from the &AND HOSTEL business contracted year on year. Despite ongoing rental revenue from properties, real estate-related sales declined year on year because the one-off earnings from property sales brokerage fees recorded in the corresponding period of the previous year dropped out of the picture.

Consequently, in the nine months ended May 31, 2023, sales in the RET segment came to ¥40,044 thousand (down 64.2% year on year), with a segment loss of ¥50,732 thousand (loss of ¥36,477 thousand in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year).

(3) Other businesses

Until the previous fiscal year, the Company planned, explored, and gathered information on operations in the entertainment field that involved the application of new technologies and solutions unrelated to its other segments. However, it has decided to discontinue such activities from the current fiscal year as it does not expect to generate earnings from related operations.

As a result, in the nine months ended May 31, 2023, sales in the Other segment came to ¥0 thousand (down 100.0% year on year). Segment profit came to ¥374 thousand (loss of ¥20,430 thousand in the corresponding period of the previous year).

(2) Analysis of Financial Conditions

(1) Assets, liabilities, and net assets

(Assets)

As of May 31, 2023, total assets amounted to ¥5,170,660 thousand, up ¥315,262 thousand compared to August 31, 2022. Major factors behind this change included ¥197,415 thousand decrease in leasehold and guarantee deposits, ¥21,466 thousand decline in accounts receivable—trade, and ¥443,387 thousand increase in cash and deposits.

(Liabilities)

Total liabilities amounted to ¥4,084,356 thousand as of May 31, 2023, down ¥230,046 thousand from August 31, 2022. This mainly due to ¥179,534 thousand decrease in allowance for cancellation loss, and short-term loans payable decreased by ¥45,000 thousand.

(Net assets)

As of May 31, 2023, net assets totaled \(\pm\)1,086,304 thousand, up \(\pm\)545,308 thousand from end of the August 31, 2022.

This was due to \(\pm\)45,308 thousand increase in retained earnings from the posting of net income for the quarter, \(\pm\)249,999 thousand increase in capital surplus from the allocation of new shares to a third party.

The equity ratio came to 21.0% (compared with 11.1% as of August 31, 2022).

(3) Operating Performance Forecast

The Company revised the full-year earnings forecast announced on October 14, 2022. For details, please refer to the "Notice Concerning the Revision of the Forecast of Non-Consolidated Financial Results for the Year Ending August 31, 2023" announced today (July 14, 2023).

2. Quarterly Non-Consolidated Financial Statements

(1) Quarterly Non-Consolidated Balance Sheets

		(Thousands of yen)
	As of August 31, 2022	As of May 31, 2023
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and deposits	479,131	922,519
Accounts receivable-trade	524,777	503,310
Work in process	-	19,356
Real estate for sale	3,118,940	3,109,620
Advances paid	196,779	178,563
Other	37,932	139,133
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(12,347)	(22,753)
Total current assets	4,345,213	4,849,750
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment		
Buildings	11,640	11,640
Tools, furniture and fixtures	64,646	68,816
Accumulated depreciation	(46,546)	(53,419)
Total property, plant and equipment	29,740	27,037
Intangible assets		
Software	55,317	64,091
Software in progress	18,375	19,330
Total intangible assets	73,692	83,422
Investments and other assets		
Investment securities	165,607	165,607
Leasehold and guarantee deposits	237,773	40,358
Other	3,369	4,484
Total investments and other assets	406,750	210,450
Total non-current assets	510,184	320,909
Total assets	4,855,398	5,170,660

(Thousands of yen) As of August 31, 2022 As of May 31, 2023 Liabilities Current liabilities Accounts payable-trade 100.073 98.091 Short-term borrowings 265,000 220,000 Current portion of long-term borrowings 277,136 277,136 Accounts payable-other 514,051 528,791 13,051 Income taxes payable 5,856 Provision for bonuses 304 36,464 8,193 Provision for shareholder benefit program Provision for loss on cancellation 179,534 Deposits received 6,794 8,312 Other 36,723 41,052 1,185,915 Total current liabilities 1,430,651 Non-current liabilities 2,877,206 2,894,354 Long-term borrowings Long-term guarantee deposits 6,545 100 3,986 Long-term accounts payable - other Total non-current liabilities 2,883,751 2,898,440 Total liabilities 4,314,402 4,084,356 Net assets Shareholders' equity Share capital 551,819 801,818 Capital surplus 550,460 800,460 Retained earnings (560,710) (515,401) Treasury shares (572)(572)1,086,304 Total shareholders' equity 540,995 Total net assets 540,995 1,086,304 Total liabilities and net assets 4,855,398 5,170,660

(2) Quarterly Non-Consolidated Statements of Income

	Nine months ended	(Thousands of yen) Nine months ended
	May 31, 2022	May 31, 2023
Net sales	2,051,474	2,128,912
Cost of sales	903,057	889,619
Gross profit	1,148,417	1,239,293
Selling, general and administrative expenses	1,120,248	1,167,480
Operating profit	28,168	71,812
Non-operating income		
Interest income	4	8
Subsidy income	893	3,065
Other	240	6
Total non-operating income	1,138	3,081
Non-operating expenses		
Interest expenses	22,632	23,778
Share issuance costs	-	2,288
Rent	129,869	-
Other	7,848	1,158
Total non-operating expenses	160,350	27,224
Ordinary profit (loss)	(131,042)	47,668
Extraordinary income		
Gain on sale of businesses	0	-
Gain on sale of non-current assets	-	227
Gain on sale of investment securities	10,020	-
Total extraordinary income	10,020	227
Extraordinary losses		
Impairment losses	964	-
Loss on retirement of non-current assets	1,269	0
Loss on valuation of investment securities	4,999	-
Total extraordinary losses	7,233	0
Profit (loss) before income taxes	(128,256)	47,895
Income taxes	2,834	2,586
Profit (loss)	(131,090)	45,308
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(3) Notes to the Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements

(Notes Related to the Going Concern Assumption)

Not applicable

(Notes in the Events of Significant Changes in Shareholders' Equity)

Nine months ended May 31, 2022 (September 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022)

Not applicable

Nine months ended May 31, 2023 (September 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023)

On November 10, 2022, the Company received payment for a third-party allotment of shares to Septeni Holdings Co., Ltd. As a result, share capital and legal capital surplus both increased by \(\xi\)249,999 thousand in the nine months ended May 31, 2023. As of May 31, 2023, share capital and capital surplus stood at \(\xi\)801,818 thousand and \(\xi\)800,460 thousand, respectively.

(Application of Special Accounting Treatment for Quarterly Financial Reporting)

(Calculation of Tax Expenses)

When computing tax expenses, the Company has rationally estimated the effective tax rate following the application of tax-effect accounting to profit before income taxes for the fiscal year that includes the nine months ended May 31, 2023. The Company then calculated tax expenses by multiplying the profit (loss) before income taxes by this rate. However, if the tax expenses calculated using the estimated effective tax rate yield unreasonable results, the statutory effective tax rate may be used.

(Changes in Accounting Policies)

(Application of the Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition, etc.)

Effective from the beginning of the quarter under review, the Company has applied the Implementation Guidance on Accounting Standard for Fair Value Measurement (ASBJ Guidance No. 31, June 17, 2021; hereinafter referred to as the "Fair Value Measurement Implementation Guidance"). In accordance with the transitional treatment prescribed in Paragraph 27-2 of the Fair Value Measurement Implementation Guidance, the Company has opted to apply the new accounting policy specified in the Fair Value Measurement Implementation Guidance prospectively.

This change has no impact on the quarterly financial statements.

(Additional Information)

(Accounting Estimates)

Despite the easing of behavioral restrictions and recovery in inbound tourism, COVID-19 has continued to impact both Japan's economy and the Company's business activities. The Company has observed shrinking advertising revenue from manga apps caused by deterioration in the advertising market while recovery in occupancy rates and sales per customer at its &AND HOSTEL facilities, which have risen to pre-COVID-19 levels. Additionally, the Company's financial results remain vulnerable to potential impact stemming from unpredictable circumstances including future lifestyle changes and the possibility of additional waves of COVID-19 infections. The spread of COVID-19 continues to impact the economy, and the Company's business activities are being affected, as well. Advertising revenue from manga apps is shrinking as the advertising market deteriorates. Lower occupancy rates and sales per customer at the &AND HOSTEL locations the Company operates are affecting operating performance.

It is difficult to predict with any accuracy when these conditions could improve. However, based on the information available at the time these financial statements were prepared, for the purposes of making accounting estimates (such as the valuation of real estate for sale, decisions on whether to post impairment losses on fixed assets, and decisions on the recoverability of deferred tax assets), we have assumed that the effect will gradually diminish from the fiscal year ending August 31, 2023.

(Segment Information, etc.)

[Segment Information]

Nine months ended May 31, 2022 (September 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022)

1. Information related to sales, profits or losses for each reportable segment

(Thousands of yen)

(Thousands of yen)					
	F	Reportable segment	S		
	APPs	RET	Total	Other (Note)	Total
Net Sales					
Manga apps	1,618,621	_	1,618,621	_	1,618,621
Fortune	276,359	_	276,359	_	276,359
&AND HOSTEL	_	27,169	27,169	_	27,169
RET	_	26,441	26,441	_	26,441
Other	39,145	1,893	41,039	5,635	46,674
Revenue from contracts with customers	1,934,126	55,504	1,989,630	5,635	1,995,266
Other revenue	ı	56,208	56,208	1	56,208
Sales to external customers	1,934,126	111,712	2,045,838	5,635	2,051,474
Intersegment sales or transfer	1	-	-	1	Ι
Total	1,934,126	111,712	2,045,838	5,635	2,051,474
Segment profit (loss)	344,972	(36,477)	308,494	(20,430)	288,063

Note: "Other" refers to businesses not included within the Company's reportable segments and mainly comprises lodging and rental property services, as well as internet advertising agency services.

2. Total profits or losses for reportable segments and the primary reasons for discrepancies between these values and corresponding figures stated in the quarterly non-consolidated statements of income (matters related to the adjustment of discrepancies)

(Thousands of yen)

Income or Loss	Amount
Subtotal for reportable segments	308,494
Income from "Other" businesses	(20,430)
Company-wide expenses (Note)	(259,895)
Operating profit (loss) in the quarterly non-consolidated statements of income	28,168

Note: Company-wide expenses are mainly general and administrative expenses not attributable to reportable segments.

 Information related to losses on the impairment of fixed assets or goodwill for each reportable segments (Significant impairment losses related to fixed assets)

Not applicable

Nine months ended May 31, 2023 (September 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023)

1. Information related to sales, profits or losses for each reportable segment.

(Thousands of yen)

	Reportable segments				nousands of yen)
	APPs	RET	Total	Other (Note)	Total
Net Sales					
Manga apps	1,641,190	_	1,641,190	_	1,641,190
Fortune	421,774	_	421,774	_	421,774
&AND HOSTEL	_	4,420	4,420	_	4,420
RET	_	10,630	10,630	_	10,630
Other	25,903	867	26,770	_	26,770
Revenue from contracts with customers	2,088,868	15,917	2,104,785	_	2,104,785
Other revenue	1	24,127	24,127	_	24,127
Sales to external customers	2,088,868	40,044	2,128,912	_	2,128,912
Intersegment sales or transfer	1	_	1	_	1
Total	2,088,868	40,044	2,128,912	_	2,128,912
Segment profit (loss)	368,365	(50,732)	317,633	374	318,007

Notes: "Other" refers to businesses not included within the Company's reportable segments and mainly comprises entertainment related business operations that utilize new technologies.

Total profits or losses for reportable segments and the primary reasons for discrepancies between these values and
corresponding figures stated in the quarterly non-consolidated statements of income (matters related to the adjustment of
discrepancies)

(Thousands of yen)

Income	Amount
Subtotal for reportable segments	317,633
Income from "Other" businesses	374
Company-wide expenses (Note)	(246,195)
Operating profit (loss) in the quarterly non-consolidated statements of income	71,812

Note: Company-wide expenses are mainly general and administrative expenses not attributable to reportable segments.

Information related to losses on the impairment of fixed assets or goodwill for each reportable segment.
 (Significant impairment losses related to fixed assets)
 Not applicable