

Highlights of Consolidated Financial Results for the First Half Ended September 30, 2018 (IFRS)

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Sojitz Corporation

Results Highlights

◆ In the six-month period ended September 30, 2018, conditions in the global economy proved firm due to the support of growth in developed countries witnessing strong consumption as well as in emerging countries. Resource prices were likewise solid. Meanwhile, caution is warranted going forward with regard to the potential impact of U.S. interest rate hike and trade negotiations and Middle Eastern instability on foreign exchange rates, commodity prices, and emerging economies. The Company's revenue for the six-month period ended September 30, 2018, was up year on year due to increased sales in the Metals & Mineral Resources Division, a result of rises in prices and transactions volumes for coal and other resources, and in the Automotive Division, a result of the acquisition of new domestic and overseas automotive dealership and other businesses. Profit for the period (attributable to owners of the Company) rose year on year thanks to higher gross profit and gains on sales of automobile-related companies.

(Figures in parentheses are year-on-year changes)

Revenue 941.8 billion yen (+57.8 billion yen / +6.5%)

Gross profit 120.9 billion yen (+9.4 billion yen / +8.5%)

- Increase in revenue and gross profit in the Metals & Mineral Resources Division due to higher prices and transaction volumes for coal and other resources

- Increase in revenue and gross profit in the Automotive Division due to the new acquisition of a domestic and overseas automotive dealership businesses

Profit for the period (attributable to owners of the Company)

37.1 billion yen (+9.9 billion yen / +36.4%)

- Increase in gross profit
- Increase in other income due to gains on a sale of automobile-related company

(Reference)

- Effective from the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019, inventories associated with transactions in which the Company acts as a transaction agent will be recorded under trade and other receivables in conjunction with the application of IFRS 15—Revenue from Contracts with Customers.

- In addition, core operating cash flow and core cash flow have been adopted under cash flows from the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019.

◆ Earnings forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019
Full-year earnings forecasts were revised as follows.

	FY2018 Initial Forecast	FY2018 Revised Forecast (November 1, 2018)
Profit for the year (attributable to owners of the Company)	63.0 billion yen	⇒ 70.0 billion yen

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(attributable to owners of the Company)

(Assumptions)

Exchange rate (annual average: ¥/US\$) : 105

◆ Cash dividends per share for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019

Interim	7.50 yen per share
Year-end	7.50 yen per share (forecast)

*1 Core earnings = Gross profit + Selling, general and administrative expenses (before provision of allowance for doubtful accounts and write-offs) + Net interest expenses + Dividend income + Share of profit (loss) of investments accounted for using the equity method

*2 Core operating cash flow = Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities – Changes in working capital

*3 Core cash flow = Core operating cash flow + Post-adjustment net cash provided by (used in) investing activities – Dividends paid (Post-adjustment net cash provided by (used in) investing activities is net cash provided by (used in) investing activities after adjustment for changes in long-term operating assets, etc.)

* Caution regarding forward-looking statements

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Consolidated Statements of Profit or Loss

	FY2018 1st Half			FY2017 1st Half		Reasons for the Difference	FY2018 Forecast c	Percentage Achieved a/c
	Results a	1Q Results	2Q Results	Results b	Difference a-b			
Revenue	941.8	467.9	473.9	884.0	57.8			
Gross profit	120.9	59.9	61.0	111.5	9.4		240.0	50%
Selling, general and administrative expenses								
Personnel expenses	(48.1)	(24.1)	(24.0)	(43.6)	(4.5)			
Non-personnel expenses	(33.9)	(16.9)	(17.0)	(32.3)	(1.6)			
Depreciation	(3.3)	(1.7)	(1.6)	(2.8)	(0.5)			
Provision of allowance for doubtful accounts	(0.3)	0.0	(0.3)	0.2	(0.5)			
(Total selling, general and administrative expenses)	(85.6)	(42.7)	(42.9)	(78.5)	(7.1)		(173.0)	
Other income/expenses								
Gain/loss on sale and disposal of fixed assets, net	0.9	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.9			
Impairment loss on fixed assets	(0.1)	(0.1)	0.0	0.0	(0.1)			
Gain on reorganization of subsidiaries/associates	8.0	6.1	1.9	1.6	6.4			
Loss on reorganization of subsidiaries/associates	(2.4)	(0.9)	(1.5)	(4.3)	1.9			
Other operating income/expenses	(0.8)	(0.6)	(0.2)	(0.4)	(0.4)			
(Total other income/expenses)	5.6	4.9	0.7	(3.1)	8.7		6.0	
Financial income/costs								
Interest earned	3.6	1.7	1.9	2.4	1.2			
Interest expenses	(7.8)	(4.2)	(3.6)	(7.4)	(0.4)			
(Interest expenses, net)	(4.2)	(2.5)	(1.7)	(5.0)	0.8			
Dividends received	2.6	1.9	0.7	2.1	0.5			
Other financial income/costs	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.3			
(Financial income/costs, net)	(1.3)	(0.4)	(0.9)	(2.9)	1.6		(5.0)	
Share of profit (loss) of investments accounted for using the equity method	11.9	5.6	6.3	10.9	1.0		27.0	
Profit before tax	51.5	27.3	24.2	37.9	13.6		95.0	54%
Income tax expenses	(11.5)	(5.9)	(5.6)	(7.6)	(3.9)		(20.5)	
Profit for the period (Profit attributable to)	40.0	21.4	18.6	30.3	9.7		74.5	54%
Owners of the Company	37.1	19.8	17.3	27.2	9.9		70.0	53%
Non-controlling interests	2.9	1.6	1.3	3.1	(0.2)		4.5	
Core earnings*1	45.9	22.2	23.7	40.8	5.1		89.0	

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

	Sep. 30, 2018			Mar. 31, 2018			Reasons for the Difference
	d	e	Difference d-e	d	e	Difference d-e	
Current assets	1,333.0	1,376.3	(43.3)				
Cash and cash equivalents	306.1	305.2	0.9				
Time deposits	2.8	2.8	0.0				
Trade and other receivables	747.8	549.9	197.9				Change in account item resulted from application of new IFRS standard
Inventories	206.9	396.0	(189.1)				
Other current assets	69.4	122.4	(53.0)				Decrease associated with aircraft-related businesses
Non-current assets	1,008.4	974.1	34.3				
Property, plant and equipment	188.7	172.1	16.6				Increase due to acquisition of overseas papermaking company
Goodwill	66.3	65.8	0.5				
Intangible assets	48.1	44.1	4.0				
Investment property	24.7	24.5	0.2				
Investments accounted for using the equity method	604.3	590.2	14.1				Increase due to new investments
Other non-current assets	76.3	77.4	(1.1)				
Total assets	2,341.4	2,350.4	(9.0)				
Current liabilities	824.3	846.0	(21.7)				
Trade and other payables	610.4	654.2	(43.8)				Decrease in tobacco and machinery-related business
Bonds and borrowings	136.9	113.5	23.4				Increase due to transference of non-current liabilities to current liabilities
Other current liabilities	77.0	78.3	(1.3)				
Non-current liabilities	857.2	879.3	(22.1)				
Bonds and borrowings	768.9	798.0	(29.1)				Decrease due to transference of non-current liabilities to current liabilities
Retirement benefits liabilities	22.3	22.0	0.3				
Other non-current liabilities	66.0	59.3	6.7				
Total liabilities	1,681.5	1,725.3	(43.8)				
Share capital	160.3	160.3	-				
Capital surplus	146.6	146.5	0.1				
Treasury stock	(0.9)	(0.2)	(0.7)				
Other components of equity	126.3	124.3	2.0				
Retained earnings	184.0	155.5	28.5				Profit for the period +37.1 Dividends (7.5)
<i>Total equity attributable to owners of the Company</i>	<i>616.3</i>	<i>586.4</i>	<i>29.9</i>				
Non-controlling interests	43.6	38.7	4.9				
Total equity	659.9	625.1	34.8				
Total liabilities and equity	2,341.4	2,350.4	(9.0)				
Gross interest-bearing debt	905.8	911.5	(5.7)				* "Total equity attributable to owners of the Company" is used as the denominator when calculating "Net DER" and the numerator when calculating "Equity ratio."
Net interest-bearing debt	596.9	603.5	(6.6)				
Net debt/equity ratio (times)*	0.97	1.03	(0.06)				
Equity ratio*	26.3%	25.0%	+1.3%				
Current ratio	161.7%	162.7%	(1.0)%				
Long-term debt ratio	84.9%	87.5%	(2.6)%				

Comprehensive Income

	FY2018 1st Half			FY2017 1st Half	
	Results a	1Q Results	2Q Results	Results b	Difference a-b
Profit for the period	40.0	21.4	18.6	30.3	9.7
Other comprehensive income	2.6	(8.8)	11.4	6.5	(3.9)
Total comprehensive income for the period	42.6	12.6	30.0	36.8	5.8
Comprehensive income attributable to:					
Owners of the Company	39.5	11.2	28.3	33.6	5.9
Non-controlling interests	3.1	1.4	1.7	3.2	(0.1)

Cash Flows

	FY2018 1st Half			FY2017 1st Half			Factors Affecting Circled Figures
	Results a	Results b	Difference a-b	Results a	Results b	Difference a-b	
Cash flows from operating activities	51.7	(15.8)	67.5				Higher revenue due to increased business earnings Outflows due to investment in U.S. gas-fired thermal power generation business
Cash flows from investing activities	(25.8)	(37.6)	11.8				
Free cash flows	25.9	(53.4)	79.3				
Cash flows from financing activities	(27.8)	52.0	(79.8)				Outflows due to repayment of borrowings and dividends paid
Core operating cash flow*2	39.7	36.6	3.1				
Core cash flow*3	23.2	(43.6)	66.8				