

Highlights of Consolidated Financial Results for the First Half Ended September 30, 2019 (IFRS)

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Sojitz Corporation

Results Highlights

◆ In the six-month period ended September 30, 2019, the impacts of the economic slowdown in China stemming from the trade friction between the United States and China began spreading throughout the global economy, with the impacts being particularly pronounced in emerging economies. Looking ahead, ongoing caution is warranted with regard to negotiations between the United States and China, the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union, the situation in the Middle East, and the monetary policies of the United States.

The Company's revenue for the six-month period ended September 30, 2019, was down year on year due to lower revenue in the Chemicals Division, a result of lower transaction volumes of plastic resins and declines in the price of methanol, and in the Metals & Mineral Resources Division, a result of fall in sales prices in overseas coal businesses.

Profit for the period (attributable to owners of the Company) decreased year on year following lower gross profit along with a decline in the net of other income and expenses in reaction to the sale of automobile-related company in the previous equivalent period.

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

Revenue 893.8 billion yen ((48.0) billion yen / (5.1)%)

- Decrease in revenue in the Chemicals Division due to lower transaction volumes of plastic resins and declines in the price of methanol
- Decrease in revenue in the Metals & Mineral Resources Division due to fall in sales prices in overseas coal businesses

Gross profit 109.7 billion yen ((11.2) billion yen / (9.2)%)

- Decrease in gross profit in the Metals & Mineral Resources Division due to fall in sales prices in overseas coal businesses
- Decrease in gross profit in the Foods & Agriculture Business Division due to lower transaction volumes in overseas fertilizer businesses

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

29.5 billion yen ((7.6) billion yen / (20.5)%)

- Decrease in gross profit
- Decrease in other income due to the sale of automobile-related company in the six-month period ended September 30, 2018

(Reference)

- Effective April 1, 2019, the Company applied IFRS 16—Leases. Following the application of this standard, operating leases and all other lease agreements are, in principle, accounted for in the consolidated statements of financial position. Specific amounts are displayed separately in the consolidated statements of financial position contained as "Lease assets (usage rights assets)" and "Lease liabilities" (under current liabilities and non-current liabilities).

◆ Earnings forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020

Full-year earnings forecasts were revised as follows.

	FY2019 Initial Forecast	FY2019 Revised Forecast (November 1, 2019)
Gross profit	260.0 billion yen	⇒ 250.0 billion yen
Profit before tax	97.0 billion yen	⇒ 94.0 billion yen
Profit for the year (attributable to owners of the Company)	72.0 billion yen	⇒ 72.0 billion yen

(Assumptions)

Exchange rate (annual average: ¥/US\$) : 110

◆ Cash dividends per share for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020

Interim : 8.50 yen per share
Year-end : 8.50 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.)

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Consolidated Statements of Profit or Loss

	FY2019 1H			FY2018 1H		Reasons for the Difference	FY2019 Forecast c	Percentage Achieved a/c
	Results a	1Q Results	2Q Results	Results b	Difference a-b			
Revenue	893.8	437.4	456.4	941.8	(48.0)			
Gross profit	109.7	54.9	54.8	120.9	(11.2)		250.0	44%
Selling, general and administrative expenses								
Personnel expenses	(48.4)	(24.3)	(24.1)	(48.1)	(0.3)			
Non-personnel expenses	(29.0)	(14.7)	(14.3)	(33.9)	4.9			
Depreciation	(8.0)	(3.8)	(4.2)	(3.3)	(4.7)			
Provision of allowance for doubtful accounts	(0.2)	0.0	(0.2)	(0.3)	0.1			
(Total selling, general and administrative expenses)	(85.6)	(42.8)	(42.8)	(85.6)	0.0		(178.0)	
Other income/expenses								
Gain/loss on sale and disposal of fixed assets, net	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.9	(0.5)			
Impairment loss on fixed assets	(0.5)	0.0	(0.5)	(0.1)	(0.4)			
Gain on reorganization of subsidiaries/associates	0.8	0.0	0.8	8.0	(7.2)			
Loss on reorganization of subsidiaries/associates	(0.2)	0.0	(0.2)	(2.4)	2.2			
Other operating income/expenses	(0.4)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.8)	0.4			
(Total other income/expenses)	0.1	(0.2)	0.3	5.6	(5.5)		0.0	
Financial income/costs								
Interest earned	3.7	1.8	1.9	3.6	0.1			
Interest expenses	(7.7)	(3.9)	(3.8)	(7.8)	0.1			
(Interest expenses, net)	(4.0)	(2.1)	(1.9)	(4.2)	0.2			
Dividends received	2.0	1.6	0.4	2.6	(0.6)			
Other financial income/costs	(0.1)	(0.1)	0.0	0.3	(0.4)			
(Financial income/costs, net)	(2.1)	(0.6)	(1.5)	(1.3)	(0.8)		(6.0)	
Share of profit (loss) of investments accounted for using the equity method	13.2	6.8	6.4	11.9	1.3		28.0	
Profit before tax	35.3	18.1	17.2	51.5	(16.2)		94.0	38%
Income tax expenses	(3.7)	(2.7)	(1.0)	(11.5)	7.8		(18.0)	
Profit for the period	31.6	15.4	16.2	40.0	(8.4)		76.0	42%
(Profit attributable to)								
Owners of the Company	29.5	14.3	15.2	37.1	(7.6)		72.0	41%
Non-controlling interests	2.1	1.1	1.0	2.9	(0.8)		4.0	
Core earnings*1	35.5	18.4	17.1	45.9	(10.4)		94.0	

Comprehensive Income

	FY2019 1H			FY2018 1H	
	Results a	1Q Results	2Q Results	Results b	Difference a-b
Profit for the period	31.6	15.4	16.2	40.0	(8.4)
Other comprehensive income	(36.9)	(17.0)	(19.9)	2.6	(39.5)
Total comprehensive income for the period	(5.3)	(1.6)	(3.7)	42.6	(47.9)
Comprehensive income attributable to:					
Owners of the Company	(6.6)	(2.4)	(4.2)	39.5	(46.1)
Non-controlling interests	1.3	0.8	0.5	3.1	(1.8)

Cash Flows

	FY2019 1H			FY2018 1H		Factors Affecting Circled Figures
	Results a	Results b	Difference a-b	Results b	Difference a-b	
Cash flows from operating activities	61.4	51.7	9.7			Income from business earnings and reductions in working capital
Cash flows from investing activities	(21.3)	(25.8)	4.5			Outflows for investment in offshore wind power generation business in Taiwan and auto self-financing operations
Free cash flows	40.1	25.9	14.2			
Cash flows from financing activities	(26.7)	(27.8)	1.1			Outflows due to dividends paid and redemption bonds
Core operating cash flow*2	44.6	39.7	4.9			
Core cash flow*3	8.6	23.2	(14.6)			

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

	Sep. 30, 2019			Mar. 31, 2019		Reasons for the Difference
	2019 d	2019 e	Difference d-e	2019 e	Difference d-e	
Current assets	1,250.4	1,267.7	(17.3)			
Cash and cash equivalents	296.6	285.7	10.9			
Time deposits	5.9	2.9	3.0			
Trade and other receivables	664.8	690.7	(25.9)			Decrease in chemicals
Inventories	213.3	220.6	(7.3)			
Other current assets	69.8	67.8	2.0			
Non-current assets	1,070.8	1,029.4	41.4			
Property, plant and equipment	182.9	192.9	(10.0)			
Lease assets (usage rights assets)	77.8	-	77.8			Increase due to application of new IFRS standard (Leases)
Goodwill	65.3	66.2	(0.9)			
Intangible assets	49.1	49.1	0.0			
Investment property	19.7	20.9	(1.2)			
Investments accounted for using the equity method	574.7	597.3	(22.6)			
Other non-current assets	101.3	103.0	(1.7)			
Total assets	2,321.2	2,297.1	24.1			
Current liabilities	809.0	807.2	1.8			
Trade and other payables	562.2	582.4	(20.2)			Decrease in chemicals
Lease liabilities	15.2	-	15.2			Increase due to application of new IFRS standard (Leases)
Bonds and borrowings	156.1	149.7	6.4			
Other current liabilities	75.5	75.1	0.4			
Non-current liabilities	872.1	828.4	43.7			
Lease liabilities	67.5	-	67.5			Increase due to application of new IFRS standard (Leases)
Bonds and borrowings	708.9	723.6	(14.7)			
Retirement benefits liabilities	22.0	22.1	(0.1)			
Other non-current liabilities	73.7	82.7	(9.0)			
Total liabilities	1,681.1	1,635.6	45.5			
Share capital	160.3	160.3	-			
Capital surplus	146.7	146.6	0.1			
Treasury stock	(0.8)	(0.9)	0.1			
Other components of equity	71.9	107.6	(35.7)			Decrease due to change in foreign exchange rates and stock prices
Retained earnings	219.1	204.6	14.5			Profit for the period +29.5
Total equity attributable to owners of the Company	597.2	618.2	(21.0)			Dividends (11.9)
Non-controlling interests	42.9	43.3	(0.4)			
Total equity	640.1	661.5	(21.4)			
Total liabilities and equity	2,321.2	2,297.1	24.1			

Gross interest-bearing debt*	865.0	873.3	(8.3)
Net interest-bearing debt*	562.5	584.7	(22.2)
Net debt/equity ratio (times)**	0.94	0.95	(0.01)
Equity ratio**	25.7%	26.9%	(1.2)ppt
Current ratio	154.6%	157.1%	(2.5)ppt
Long-term debt ratio	82.0%	82.9%	(0.9)ppt

* Lease liabilities (under current liabilities and non-current liabilities) have been excluded from calculations of gross interest-bearing debt and net interest-bearing debt.

** "Total equity attributable to owners of the Company" is recognized as "Total equity", and is also used as the denominator of "Net debt/equity ratio" and the numerator of "Equity ratio."