Consolidated Financial Results for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2017 (Japanese Accounting Standards)

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(All amounts are rounded down to the nearest million yen)

1. Consolidated Financial Results for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2017 (April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017)

(1) Consolidated Operating Results (% indicates changes from previous fiscal year)

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	Net sales		Operating income		Ordinary income		Net income	
	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%
Year ended March 31, 2017	22,305	△2.9	1,382	△11.9	1,141	△18.1	836	6.0
Year ended March 31, 2016	22,975	16.7	1,568	35.3	1,393	25.0	789	35.8

(Note) Comprehensive income: Year ended March 31, 2017

1,194 million yen (-%)

Year ended March 31, 2016 Δ15 million yen (-%)

	Net income	Fully diluted	Return on	Ratio of ordinary	Ratio of operating
	per share	net income per share	equity	income to total assets	income to net sales
	Yen	Yen	%	%	%
Year ended March 31, 2017	52.61	52.29	3.8	4.0	6.2
Year ended March 31, 2016	49.43	49.15	3.7	4.8	6.8

(Reference) Equity in earnings of affiliates: Year ended March 31, 2017 None Year ended March 31, 2016 None

(2) Consolidated Financial Position

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	Total assets	Net assets	Equity ratio	Net assets per share			
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	%	Yen			
Year ended March 31, 2017	28,853	22,296	76.9	1,396.74			
Year ended March 31, 2016	28,305	21,500	75.7	1,340.00			

(Reference) Shareholder's equity: Year ended March 31, 2017 22,185 million yen 21,414 million yen Year ended March 31, 2016

(3) Consolidated Cash Flows

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	Cash flows from operating activities	Cash flows from investing activities	Cash flows from financing activities	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period			
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen			
Year ended March 31, 2017	2,308	△1,052	△835	4,652			
Year ended March 31, 2016	1,511	748	△2,152	4,283			

2. Dividends

		Dividends per share				Total	Payout ratio	Ratio of dividends
	End of	End of	End of	Year-end	Annual	dividends	dividends (consolidated)	to net assets
	first quarter	second quarter	third quarter	rear-end	Ailliuai	(annual)	(consolidated)	(consolidated)
	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen	Millions of yen	%	%
Year ended March 31,2016	-	8.00	-	10.00	18.00	287	36.4	1.3
Year ended March 31,2017	1	8.00	-	12.00	20.00	317	38.0	1.5
Year ending March 31,2018 (Forecasts)	1	8.00	1	12.00	20.00		33.1	

3. Consolidated Forecasts for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2018. (April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018)

(% indicates changes from previous fiscal year)

	Net sales		Operating income Ord		Ordinary income		Net income		Net income per share
	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Yen
Six months ending September 30,2017 (cumulative)	11,713	6.0	657	△17.9	618	21.5	392	30.3	24.70
Year ending March 31,2018	23,970	7.5	1,488	7.7	1,403	23.0	959	14.6	60.38

*Notes

(1) Changes in significant subsidiaries during the period (change in scope of consolidation): None

(2) Changes in accounting principles, procedures, or indication methods:

(a) Changes in accounting standards: Yes
(b) Changes other than (a) above: None
(c) Changes in accounting estimates: None
(d) Retrospective restatements: None

(3) Number of shares outstanding (common stock)

(a) Number of shares outstanding at end of period (including treasury stock).

As of March 31, 2017: 16,114,089 shares
As of March 31, 2016: 16,114,089 shares
(b) Number of shares of treasury stock at end of period
As of March 31, 2017: 230,355 shares
As of March 31, 2016: 132,879 shares
(c) Average number of shares during the period
As of March 31, 2017: 15,906,346 shares

As of March 31, 2017: 15,906,346 shares As of March 31, 2016: 15,975,879 shares

(Reference) Summary of Non-Consolidated Financial Results

Non-Consolidated Financial Results for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2017 (April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017)

Millions of yen

Operating income

434

722

21.5

(1) Non-Consolidated Operating Results

Net sales

14,999

15,507

Millions of yen

%

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2.5

(% indicates changes from previous fiscal year)							
ome	Ordinary income		Net income				
%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%			
△39.8	746	△63.2	497	△71.5			

137.1

1,744

198.8

2,028

	Net income per share	Fully diluted net income per share
	Yen	Yen
Year ended March 31, 2017	31.28	31.09
Year ended March 31, 2016	109.21	108.58

(2) Non-Consolidated Financial Position

Year ended

March 31, 2017 Year ended

March 31, 2016

	Total assets	Net assets	Equity ratio	Net assets per share
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	%	Yen
Year ended March 31, 2017	24,846	19,830	79.4	1,242.64
Year ended March 31, 2016	24,451	19,194	78.2	1,196.49

(Reference) Shareholder's equity: Year ended March 31, 2017

19,737 million yen

Year ended March 31, 2016

19,121 million yen

The forecasts and other statements regarding the future included in this report are based on currently available information and certain assumptions. Actual results may differ from forecasts for a variety of reasons. With respect to the preconditions for the forecasts, please refer to the "Outlook for fiscal year ending March 31, 2018" section on page 4.

^{*}The consolidated financial results are not subject to auditing

^{*}Explanation concerning the appropriate use of business forecasts, and other special items

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1. Overview of Business Results, etc.

(1) Overview of Business Results for the Fiscal Year under Review

(Overview)

Over the consolidated fiscal year under review, business conditions particularly in the US, basically remained strong despite the continued uncertainty in the global economic outlook, due to factors including concerns over an economic slowdown in emerging nations including China, the uncertainty regarding the policies of the new US administration as well as the effects of the UK's decision to leave the EU. As for Japanese economy, it was on a moderate recovery trend on the whole, as we saw steadiness in corporate earnings, employment and income conditions.

In the dental industry, the business environment continued to be strict with the progress of digitalization changing the market environment significantly, and competition among companies intensifying at a worldwide level.

Against this backdrop, the Company Group entered its second year of the second medium-term management plan and undertook measures to achieve further growth in the future, with the expansion of businesses overseas and reinforcing the business platform domestically. In order to increase sales in the overseas market, initiatives were taken to strengthen the sales base in growth markets, such as establishing a sales subsidiary in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and taking measures to establish a sales subsidiary in India. Furthermore, we have constructed a manufacturing plant for ceramic material on the premise of our Company headquarters, and reinforced our production system in order to achieve a stable supply of products in response to a future increase in overseas demand, starting with China.

However, net sales during the consolidated fiscal year under review decreased 670 million yen (2.9%) over the previous year to 22,305 million yen due to the effects of foreign exchange resulting from a stronger yen.

Operating income fell to 1,382 million yen, a decrease of 186 million yen (11.9%) due to the impact of decreased sales and an increase in expenses associated with aggressive sales promotion activities. Although ordinary income amounted to 1,141 million yen, a year-on-year decrease of 252 million yen, or 18.1% due to an increase in non-operating expenses such as foreign exchange losses, a decrease in tax expenses led to an increase in profit attributable to owners of parent to 836 million yen, a year-on-year increase of 47 million yen (6.0%).

(Dental business)

Domestically, "Block HC Cem," a dental adhesive resin cement and "PEN Bright," a dental polymerization light irradiator were introduced to the market. In addition to these new products, the Company's focus areas, dental restorative materials and CAD/CAM-related products also contributed to sales, however with the intensification of competition in the market, sales decreased from the corresponding period of the previous consolidated fiscal year, as the existing mainstay products including artificial teeth fell below our sales projection.

Looking overseas, proactive strategies taken to expand sales resulted in solid sales performance in North America and China, however, sales decreased year on year due to the effects of foreign exchange resulting from a stronger yen.

As a result of these factors, net sales of the dental business decreased by 732 million yen (3.5%) from the previous fiscal year to 20,267 million yen, and operating income decreased 134 million yen (8.9%) from the previous fiscal year to 1,380 million yen.

(Nail care business)

While the market scale of the nail care industry is continuing its gradual expansion trend, the entire industry takes on the aspect of a price war against the backdrop of an increase in low-end users, therefore the market conditions in the nail care business continue to be harsh.

Domestically, sales trended at low levels with weak sales in our mainstay LED gel "Presto", despite

aggressive marketing efforts such as newly releasing a new color lineup of color gels and holding seminars throughout Japan to appeal the superiority of our products.

Overseas sales were robust as our gel nail products gained recognition in US and Taiwan through aggressive sales promotion activities.

As a result of these factors, net sales of the nail care business increased by 50 million yen (2.7%) from the previous fiscal year to 1,944 million yen. Concerning profits, however, an increase in selling, general and administrative expenses resulted in operating loss of 25 million yen, a year-on-year decrease of 47 million yen.

(Other businesses)

SHOFU PRODUCTS KYOTO INC., a Group company, uses its dental abrasives manufacturing technology to manufacture and sell industrial abrasives. Net sales in the "other businesses" segment for the first nine months of the consolidated fiscal year under review increased 10 million yen (12.8%) from the corresponding period of the previous consolidated fiscal year to 93 million yen, and operating income remained largely unchanged from the corresponding period of the previous consolidated fiscal year at 22 million yen.

Note: Segment sales do not include internal sales between segments.

(2) Overview of Financial Position for the Fiscal Year under Review

Factors including an increase in investment securities due to higher stock prices caused an increase of 548 million yen in assets over the previous fiscal year to 28,853 million yen.

Liabilities decreased by 248 million yen to 6,556 million yen due to decreases in long-term loans payable and other factors.

Net assets increased by 796 million yen over the previous fiscal year to 22,296 million yen due to increases in retained earnings and valuation difference on available-for-sale securities and others.

As a result of the above, the capital-to-assets ratio was 76.9%.(75.7% at the end of the previous consolidated fiscal year)

(3) Overview of Cash Flows for the Fiscal Year under Review

Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the fiscal year under review rose 369 million yen to 4,652 million yen. Cash flows during the fiscal year under review and associated factors are described below.

(Unit: Millions of yen)

	Previous fiscal	Fiscal year under	Change
	year	review	
Cash flows from operating activities	1,511	2,308	797
Cash flows from investing activities	748	(1,052)	(1,801)
Cash flows from financing activities	(2,152)	(835)	1,316
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and	(32)	(51)	(18)
cash equivalents			
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash	74	369	294
equivalents			
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of	4,208	4,283	74
the period			
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the	4,283	4,652	369
period			

(a) Cash flows from operating activities

Net cash provided by operating activities was 2,308 million yen (an increase of 797 million yen). This figure primarily reflects net income before income and other taxes and minority interests of 1,141 million yen.

(b) Cash flows from investing activities

Net cash used in investing activities was 1,052 million yen (a decrease of 1,801 million yen). This figure primarily reflects purchase of property, plant and equipment of 823 million yen.

(c) Cash flows from financing activities

Net cash provided by financing activities was 835 million yen (an increase of 1,316 million yen). This figure primarily reflects repayment of long-term loans payable of 385 million yen, and cash dividends paid by the parent of 286 million yen.

(4) Future Outlook

In the dental industry, while there are some positive factors such as the growing needs for aesthetic and preventive dentistry in the domestic market, there is little room left for product differentiation with the maturation of the market, and the competition in both technology and price is intensifying. On the contrary, we believe dentistry demands in the overseas markets will continue to grow backed by the existence of a huge market in Europe and US, along with the movement toward expansion in demand which can be seen associated with the increase in middle-class consumers in emerging countries.

Against this backdrop, the Company Group will undertake a variety of measures that will lead to the future, with the aim to realize its long-term vision by 2022, the year that marks the 100th anniversary of the company's founding.

Our outlook for performance during the upcoming fiscal year follows.

(Overall outlook)

(Unit: Millions of yen, %)

	Results for the fiscal	Outlook for the	Change	Change (%)
	year ended March	fiscal year ending		
	31, 2017	March 31, 2018		
Sales	22,305	23,970	1,665	7.5
Operating income	1,382	1,488	106	7.7
Ordinary income	1,141	1,403	262	23.0
Profit attributable to owners of parent	836	959	122	14.6

Major exchange rates: US Dollar: 108.00 yen; Euro: 119.00 yen; British Pound: 145.00 yen; Chinese Yuan: 16.20 yen

(Dental business)

In the dental business, we will promote initiatives to improve our research efficiency, shorten our development period, and strengthen our Group's production system in order to meet global demand. In Japan, we will enhance our sales promotion activities in our major focus areas and provide information activities towards dental professionals. Also looking overseas, we will continue to expand our sales networks, and accelerate the speed of our overseas business development by strengthening our collaboration with other companies, etc.

We expect sales in the dental business in the next fiscal year to increase 1,461 million yen (7.2%) to 21,729 million yen and operating income to increase 65 million yen (4.8%) to 1,445 million yen.

(Nail care business)

In the nail care business, we will launch a new brand in Japan and expand our sales channel for gel

nail products targeted for mass consumption, while working towards enhancing our sales activities in Asian markets, where further future growth can be expected.

We expect sales in the nail care business in the next fiscal year to increase 193 million yen (9.9%) to 2,137 million yen and operating income to increase 57 million yen to 31 million yen.

(Other businesses)

In the "other businesses" segment, we will develop products by utilizing the Company Group's technological capabilities and also strive to increase sales among existing customers and cultivate new customers, in order to achieve an increase in revenue.

We expect sales in the "other businesses" segment to increase 10 million yen (11.3%) to 103 million yen and operating income to fall 10 million yen (48.0%) to 11 million yen.

(5) Basic Policy on the Payment of Dividends and Dividends for the Fiscal Year under Review and Upcoming Fiscal Year

Shofu's basic policy consists of maintaining and continuing consistent dividend payments while striving to increase corporate value (shareholder value) over the long term and return profits to shareholders. While we strive to achieve a consolidated dividend payout ratio of at least 30%, actual payments reflect the need to ensure adequate capital to actively develop our businesses going forward, for example though R&D investment to expand our businesses overseas and develop new products while simultaneously working to strengthen our businesses overseas and develop new products

The year-end dividend for the fiscal year under review will be 12 yen per share, consisting of an ordinary dividend of 10 yen per share and a dividend of 2 yen per share as a dividend paid at the end of the fiscal year to commemorate the 95th anniversary of the Company's founding. Together with the midterm dividend of 8 yen per share, which has already been paid, the total annual dividend will be 20 yen per share.

In addition to the payment of a planned annual dividend of 18 yen per share as an ordinary dividend, a dividend of 2 yen per share as a dividend paid at the end of the fiscal year to commemorate the 95th anniversary of the Company's founding is planned for a total planned annual dividend of 20 yen per share and a consolidated-basis dividend ratio of 33.1%.

2. Basic Approach to the Selection of Accounting Standards

Out of consideration to time period comparability of consolidated financial statements and comparability with other corporations, the Company Group takes an approach of producing consolidated financial statements according to Japanese standards.

Regarding application of IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards), the Company Group's approach is to comply with IFRS as appropriate considering various circumstances domestic and international.

3. Consolidated Financial Statements

(1)Consolidated Balance Sheets

		(Millions of yen)
	Previous fiscal year	Fiscal year under review
	(as of March 31,2016)	(as of March 31,2017)
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and deposits	4,413	4,997
Notes and accounts receivable-trade	3,185	3,138
Short term investment securities	80	5
Merchandises and finished goods	3,885	3,666
Work in process	863	882
Raw materials and supplies	872	817
Deferred tax assets	552	484
Other	528	386
Allowance for doubtful accounts	Δ 114	Δ93
Total current assets	14,265	14,286
Noncurrent assets		
Property, plant and equipment		
Buildings and structures	7,982	8,099
Accumulated depreciation	Δ4,715	Δ4,919
Buildings and structures, net	3,266	3,179
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	3,663	3,823
Accumulated depreciation	Δ2,846	Δ2,981
Machinery, equipment and vehicles, net	816	842
Land	1,937	1,933
Construction in progress	32	46
Other	3,510	3,594
Accumulated depreciation	Δ2,836	Δ2,912
Other, net	674	681
Total property, plant and equipment	6,727	6,682
Intangible assets	-	·
Goodwill	649	558
Other	1,113	980
Total intangible assets	1,762	1,538
Investments and other assets		,
Investment securities	4,508	5,304
Deferred tax assets	48	21
Net defined benefit asset	669	710
Other	332	317
Allowance for doubtful accounts	Δ9	Δ8
Total investments and other assets	5,549	6,345
Total non-current assets	14,039	14,566
Total assets Total assets	28,305	28,853
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	Previous fiscal year	Fiscal year under review	
T 1.1 997	(as of March 31,2016)	(as of March 31,2017)	
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable-trade	647	612	
Current portion of long-term loans payable	385	505	
Income taxes payable	115	312	
Provision for directors' bonuses	44	30	
Other	1,856	1,753	
Total current liabilities	3,049	3,215	
Noncurrent liabilities			
Long-term loans payable	1,729	1,225	
Deferred tax liabilities	1,119	1,236	
Net defined benefit liability	177	198	
Other	728	682	
Total noncurrent liabilities	3,755	3,341	
Total liabilities	6,804	6,556	
Net assets			
Shareholders' equity			
Capital stock	4,474	4,474	
Capital surplus	4,576	4,576	
Retained earnings	10,600	11,150	
Treasury shares	Δ 122	Δ252	
Total shareholders' equity	19,530	19,949	
Accumulated other comprehensive income			
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	1,781	2,318	
Foreign currency translation adjustment	137	Δ176	
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	△ 34	93	
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	1,884	2,235	
Subscription rights to shares	73	92	
Non-controlling interests	11	18	
Total net assets	21,500	22,296	
Total liabilities and net assets	28,305	28,853	

(2) Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income Consolidated Statements of Income

		(Millions of yen)
	Previous fiscal year	Fiscal year under review
	(from April 1,2015 to March 31,2016)	(from April 1,2016
Net Sales	22,975	to March 31,2017) 22,305
Cost of sales	9,798	9,357
Gross profit	13,177	12,947
Selling,general & administrative expenses	11,608	11,564
Operating income	1,568	1,382
Non-operating income		1,502
Interest income	10	6
Dividends income	64	74
Membership fee income	105	118
Other	130	112
Total non-operating income	312	312
Non-operating expenses		
Interst expenses	18	12
Sales discounts	163	162
Membership fee	147	162
Foreign exchange losses	125	153
Other	33	61
Total non-operating expenses	488	554
Ordinary profit	1,393	1,141
Extraordinary income		,
Gain on sales of non-current assets	21	-
Gain on sales of investment securities	35	-
Total extraordinary income	56	-
Extraordinary loss		
Loss on sales of investment securities	25	-
Expenses for voluntary recall	72	-
Total extraordinary losses	98	-
Profit before income taxes	1,352	1,141
Income taxes-current	390	352
Income taxes-deferred	167	Δ53
Total income taxes	557	299
Profit	794	841
Profit attributable to non-controlling interests	4	5
Profit attributable to owners of parent	789	836

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

		(Millions of yen)
	Previous fiscal year	Fiscal year under review
	(from April 1,2015	(from April 1,2016
	to March 31,2016)	to March 31,2017)
Profit	794	841
Other comprehensive income		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	△ 300	536
Foreign currency translation adjustment	Δ 204	Δ 312
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans net of tax	△ 305	128
Total other comprehensive income	Δ 810	352
Comprehensive income	Δ 15	1,194
Comprehensive income attributable to:		
Comprehensive income attributable to owner of the parent	Δ 19	1,187
Comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests	3	6

(3) Consolidated Statements of Changes in Net Assets Previous fiscal year(from April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016)

(Millions of yen)

		Shareholders' equity					
	Capital stock	Capital surplus	Retained earnings	Treasury shares	Total shareholders' equity		
Balance at beginning of current period	4,474	4,576	10,102	Δ146	19,007		
Changes of items during period							
Dividends of surplus			Δ287		Δ287		
Profit attributable to owners of parent			789		789		
Purchase of treasury shares				Δ0	Δ0		
Disposal of treasury shares			Δ3	24	20		
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity							
Total changes of items during period	_	_	498	24	522		
Balance at end of current period	4,474	4,576	10,600	Δ122	19,530		

	A	ccumulated other	comprehensive inco	ome			
	Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	Foreign currency translation adjustment	Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	Total accumulated other comprehensive income	Subscription rights to shares	Non- controlling interests	Total net assets
Balance at beginning of current period	2,082	340	271	2,693	72	8	21,781
Changes of items during period							
Dividends of surplus							Δ287
Profit attributable to owners of parent							789
Purchase of treasury shares							Δ0
Disposal of treasury shares							20
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity	∆300	Δ202	∆305	∆809	1	3	△803
Total changes of items during period	Δ300	Δ202	Δ305	Δ809	1	3	∆281
Balance at end of current period	1,781	137	Δ34	1,884	73	11	21,500

Fiscal year under review (from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017)

(Millions of yen)

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		Shareholders' equity					
	Capital stock	Capital surplus	Retained earnings	Treasury shares	Total shareholders' equity		
Balance at beginning of current period	4,474	4,576	10,600	Δ122	19,530		
Changes of items during period							
Dividends of surplus			Δ286		Δ286		
Profit attributable to owners of parent			836		836		
Purchase of treasury shares				Δ133	Δ133		
Disposal of treasury shares			Δ0	3	2		
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity							
Total changes of items during period	-	-	549	Δ130	419		
Balance at end of current period	4,474	4,576	11,150	Δ252	19,949		

	A	ccumulated other	comprehensive inco	ome			
	Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	Foreign currency translation adjustment	Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	Total accumulated other comprehensive income	Subscription rights to shares	Non- controlling interests	Total net assets
Balance at beginning of current period	1,781	137	Δ34	1,884	73	11	21,500
Changes of items during period							
Dividends of surplus							∆286
Profit attributable to owners of parent							836
Purchase of treasury shares							Δ133
Disposal of treasury shares							2
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity	536	Δ313	126	351	19	6	376
Total changes of items during period	536	Δ313	126	351	19	6	796
Balance at end of current period	2,318	Δ176	93	2,235	92	18	22,296

(4) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(4) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows		(Millions of yen)
	Previous fiscal year	Fiscal year under review
	(from April 1,2015	(from April 1,2016
	to March 31,2016)	to March 31,2017)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		
Profit before income taxes	1,352	1,141
Depreciation	1,007	888
Amortization of goodwill	56	50
Increase (decrease) in allowance for doubtful accounts	17	Δ22
Increase (decrease) in net defined benefit liability	Δ66	167
Interest and dividend income	Δ75	Δ81
Interest expenses	18	12
Foreign exchange losses (gains)	36	25
Loss (gain) on sales of property, plant and equipment	Δ21	-
Loss (gain) on sales of investment securities	Δ9	-
Decrease (increase) in notes and accounts receivable - trade	Δ191	Δ7
Decrease (increase) in inventories	Δ154	157
Increase (decrease) in notes and accounts payable - trade	Δ97	Δ39
Other, net	Δ16	53
Subtotal	1,853	2,345
Interest and dividend income received	75	81
Interest expenses paid	Δ18	Δ12
Income taxes paid	Δ399	Δ106
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	1,511	2,308
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments into time deposits	Δ92	Δ287
Proceeds from withdrawal of time deposits	778	72
Purchase of securities	Δ36	Δ27
Proceeds from redemption of securities	84	144
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	Δ495	Δ823
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment	78	1
Purchase of intangible assets	Δ134	Δ50
Purchase of investment securities	<u>-</u>	Δ44
Proceeds from sales of investment securities	197	
Proceeds from purchase of shares of subsidiaries resulting in change		
in scope of consolidation	357	-
Purchase of shares of subsidiaries	-	Δ36
Payments of loans receivable	$\Delta 0$	Δ11
Collection of loans receivable	10	8
Other, net	$\Delta 0$	1
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	748	Δ1,052

Cash flows from financing activities

Decrease in short-term loans payable	△3,595	-
Repayments of lease obligations	Δ34	Δ29
Proceeds from long-term loans payable	2,000	-
Repayments of long-term loans payable	Δ234	Δ385
Decrease (increase) in treasury shares	Δ0	Δ133
Cash dividends paid	Δ287	Δ286
Proceeds from exercise of share options	0	0
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	Δ2,152	Δ835
Effect of exchange rate change on cash and cash equivalents	Δ32	Δ51
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	74	369
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	4,208	4,283
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	4,283	4,652

(5) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(Notes Relating to Assumptions for the Going Concern)

Not applicable.

(Changes to Accounting Policies)

In line with revisions to the Corporation Tax Act, the "Practical Solution on a change in depreciation method due to Tax Reform 2016" (Practical Issues Task Force (PITF) No. 32; June 17, 2016) has been applied from the fiscal year under review, and the method of depreciation for facilities attached to buildings and structures acquired on or after April 1, 2016 has been changed from the declining-balance method to the straight-line method.

The effect of the above change on consolidated financial statements for the current consolidated fiscal year was insignificant.

(Segment Information)

1. Reportable Segments

Financial statements that break out the company's reportable segments are available, and those segments are targeted for regular examination as the Board of Directors allocates management resources and to evaluate business performance.

The Group's businesses include the dental business, nail care business, and other businesses (manufacture and sale of industrial materials and equipment). We develop comprehensive domestic and overseas strategies for each of these businesses and conduct associated operations accordingly.

Consequently, we use the dental business, nail care business, and other businesses as our reportable segments.

The dental business segment consists of the manufacture, sale, and repair of dental materials and equipment. The nail care business segment consists of the manufacture and sale of beauty and health devices related to nail care and cosmetics as well as associated service operations. The other businesses segment consists of the manufacture and sale of industrial materials and equipment.

2. Methods used to calculate sales, gains (losses), assets, liabilities, and other figures for the reportable segments

The accounting policies for the reportable segments are basically the same as those described in "Important considerations in the preparation of consolidated financial statements."

As stated in Changes to Accounting Policies, in line with revisions to the Corporation Tax Act, the method of depreciation for facilities attached to buildings and structures acquired on or after April 1, 2016 has been changed from the declining-balance method to the straight-line method. Therefore, the method for depreciation in business segments has been changed in the same manner.

The effect of this change on segment profit (loss) is insignificant.

3. Information regarding sales, gains (losses), assets, liabilities, and other figures by reportable segment Previous year under review (April 1, 2015—March 31, 2016)

(Millions of yen)

	Dental Business	Nail care business	Other businesses	Total	Adjustment *1	Consolidated financial statements *2
Net sales (1) Sales to external customers	20,999	1,893	82	22,975	-	22,975
(2) Internal sales or transfers	-	0	5	5	(5)	-
Total	20,999	1,894	88	22,981	(5)	22,975
Segment profit (loss)	1,515	22	22	1,559	8	1,568
Segment assets	22,195	1,157	130	23,483	4,821	28,305
Other items						
Depreciation expense	958	36	13	1,007	-	1,007
Amortization of goodwill	56	-	-	56	-	56
Increase in property, plant, and equipment and intangible assets	2,253	32	5	2,291	-	2,291

^{*1 (1)} The 8 million yen adjustment to segment profit serves to cancel out transactions between segments.

- (2) The 4,821 million yen adjustment to segment assets includes companywide assets that are not allocated to any single segment, primarily surplus operating funds (cash and deposits) and long-term investment funds (investment securities, etc.).
- *2 Segment profit equals the operating income on consolidated financial statements.

(Information relating to amortization of goodwill and unamortized balances by reporting segment)

	Dental Business	Nail care business	Other businesses	Total	Adjustme nt	Consolidated financial statements
Balance at end of current period	649	-	-	649	-	649

(Note) As identical information regarding amortization of goodwill is disclosed in segment information, it has been omitted here.

(Millions of yen)

	Dental Business	Nail care business	Other businesses	Total	Adjustment *1	Consolidated financial statements *2
Net sales						
(1) Sales to external customers	20,267	1,944	93	22,305	-	22,305
(2) Internal sales or transfers	0	0	6	7	(7)	-
Total	20,267	1,944	100	22,312	(7)	22,305
Segment profit (loss)	1,380	(25)	22	1,376	5	1,382
Segment assets	21,747	1,216	176	23,140	5,713	28,853
Other items						
Depreciation expense	838	36	12	888	-	888
Amortization of goodwill	50	-	-	50	-	50
Increase in property, plant, and equipment and intangible assets	836	30	8	875	-	875

^{*1 (1)} The 5 million yen adjustment to segment profit serves to cancel out transactions between segments.

(Information relating to amortization of goodwill and unamortized balances by reporting segment)

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	Dental Business	Nail care business	Other businesses	Total	Adjustme nt	Consolidated financial statements
Balance at end of current period	558	-	-	558	-	558

(Note) As identical information regarding amortization of goodwill is disclosed in segment information, it has been omitted here.

⁽²⁾ The 5,713 million yen adjustment to segment assets includes companywide assets that are not allocated to any single segment, primarily surplus operating funds (cash and deposits) and long-term investment funds (investment securities, etc.).

^{*2} Segment profit equals the operating income on consolidated financial statements.

(Per Share Information)

	Previous fiscal year (April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016)	Fiscal year under review (April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017)
Net assets per share	1,340.00 yen	1,396.74 yen
Net income per share	49.43 yen	52.61 yen
Fully diluted net income per share	49.15 yen	52.29 yen

(Notes) 1. The basis for calculating net income per share and fully diluted net income per share is as follows:

votes) 1. The basis for calculating net income per share	Previous fiscal year (April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016)	Fiscal year under review (April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017)
Net income per share		
Net income attributable to owners of parent (millions of yen)	789	836
Amount not belonging to ordinary shareholders (millions of yen)	-	-
Net income attributable to owners of parent related to common stock(millions of yen)	789	836
Average number of shares during the fiscal year (1,000 shares)	15,975	15,906
Fully diluted net income		
Adjustments to net income attributable to owners of parent (millions of yen)	-	-
Increase in common stock (thousands of shares)	91	96
Overview of residual shares not included in the calculation of fully diluted net income per share due to a lack of dilution effects	-	-

2. The basis for calculating net assets per share is as follows:

	Previous fiscal year (April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016)	Fiscal year under review (April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017)
Total assets (millions of yen)	21,500	22,296
Amount excluded from total assets (millions of yen)	85	110
Year-end net assets attributable to common stock (millions of yen)	21,414	22,185
Number of common stock shares at year end used to calculate net assets per share (thousands of shares)	15,981	15,883

(Important Subsequent Events)

Not applicable.