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SEPTENI HOLDINGS Announces FY9/18 Consolidated Earnings and Dividend Payment Estimates

SEPTENI HOLDINGS announced consolidated earnings and dividend payment estimates for the fiscal year September 2018 based upon recent earnings trends.

1. Fiscal Year September 2018 Consolidated Earnings Estimates (October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018)

	Revenue	Non-GAAP Operating profit	Profit for the period attributable to owners of the parent	Basic earnings per share
Previous estimates	Million Yen —	Million Yen —	Million Yen —	Yen —
Current estimates	16,376	1,718	1,204	9.52
Year-Over-Year Change (%)	11.4	-26.1	-45.6	—
FY9/17 Results	14,702	2,325	2,211	17.38

(Note) Non-GAAP operating profit refers to the profit indicator used to assess ordinary business conditions after adjustments are made to IFRS-based operating profit pertaining to temporary factors such as the impairment losses, and gains or losses on the sales of fixed assets.

2. Fiscal Year September 2018 Dividend Estimates

	Full Year Dividend (Yen)					Dividend payout ratio
	1Q End	2Q End	3Q End	Term End	Total	
Previous estimates	—	—	—	—	—	—
Current estimates			—	2.00	2.00	21.0%
FY9/18 Actual	—	—				
FY9/17 Actual	—	—	—	3.20	3.20	18.4%

3. Reasons for Consolidated Earnings and Dividend Estimates Announcement

Starting with the results for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, the Company has decided to change its disclosure policy on financial results forecasts from the previous policy of disclosing financial results forecasts for the next quarter on a quarterly basis to a policy of disclosing financial results forecasts for the next six months on a half fiscal year basis. Based on this new policy, the Company is today announcing the abovementioned financial results forecasts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018 for the first time, taking the earnings trends until the second quarter and recent business conditions into consideration.

The difference from the result for the previous fiscal year in terms of profit attributable to owners of parent is due to the posting of profit of ¥868 million yen from discontinued operations, mainly accounted for by temporary profit in association with the disposal of some of the shares of AXEL MARK INC. owned by the Company in the previous fiscal year.

At the same time, SEPTENI announced its dividend payment estimate based on its full year earnings estimates (Profit for the period attributable to owners of the parent). This estimate is based on its dividend payout ratio target of 15% and basic policy of paying a minimum of JPY 2 per share.

<Note> The estimates cited above are based on the best information available at the time of their creation, and actual results may differ due to various unforeseen factors.

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