# Summary of Consolidated Financial Statement for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017 [IFRS] 

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1. Consolidated Financial Results for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017 (From October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017)
(1) Consolidated Earnings
(\% figures represent year-over-year change)

|  | Revenue |  | Operating Profit |  | Profit before tax |  | Profit <br> for the period |  | Profit for the period attributable to owners of the parent |  | Total comprehensive income |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Million Yen | \% | Million Yen | \% | Million Yen | \% | Million Yen | \% | Million Yen | \% | Million Yen | \% |
| FY9/17 | 14,702 | 6.1 | 2,248 | -45.9 | 2,448 | -42.8 | 2,206 | -2.0 | 2,211 | -12.2 | 2,636 | 8.4 |
| FY9/16 | 13,862 | - | 4,154 | - | 4,281 | - | 2,252 | -2.1 | 2,519 | 7.1 | 2,431 | 5.3 |

(Note) 1. Non-GAAP operating profit: $¥ 2,325$ million in FY9/17 (-43.9\%), $¥ 4,147$ million in FY9/16 (-)
2. Revenue, operating profit, Non-GAAP operating profit and profit before tax are indicated the amount of continuing operations excluded discontinued operations. Because earnings results of AXEL MARK INC. and its subsidiary are presented after they are reclassified as discontinued operations. Furthermore, as the earning results of FY2015 is not rearranged, year-over-year change of 2016 is not mentioned.

|  | Basic earnings per share | Diluted earnings per <br> share | ROE | ROA | Revenue <br> Operating Margin |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Yen | 17.38 | Yen | 17.29 | $\%$ | $\%$ |
| FY9/17 | 19.30 |  | 15.1 | 7.8 | 15.3 |
| FY9/16 | 19.43 | 19.8 | 30.0 |  |  |

(2) Consolidated Financial Position

|  | Total Assets | Total Equity | Equity attributable to <br> owners of the parent | Ratio of equity <br> attributable to owners <br> of the parent to total <br> assets | Equity attributable to <br> owners of parent per share |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| FY9/17 | Million Yen | Million Yen | Million Yen | $\%$ <br> FY9/16 | 15,929 |

## (3) Consolidated Cash Flow Information

|  | Cash flows from (used in) <br> operating activities | Cash flows from (used in) <br> investing activities | Cash flows from (used in) <br> financing activities | Cash and cash equivalents <br> at end of year |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Million Yen | Million Yen | Million Yen | Million Yen |
| FY9/17 | -808 | $-1,706$ | 2,457 | 15,519 |
| FY9/16 | 3,209 | -109 | 801 | 15,481 |

2. Dividend Conditions

(Note) 1. Estimates for dividends in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018 have yet to be decided.
3. The Company implemented a 5 -for-1 stock split for its common stock on October 1, 2016. The figures for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016 are stated based on the number of shares before the stock split.
4. Consolidated Financial Results Forecast for the Six Months Ending March 31, 2018 (From October 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018)

|  | Revenue |  | Non-GAAP Operating profit |  | Profit for the period attributable to owners of the parent |  | Basic earnings per share |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| First half | Million Yen 8,000 | \% $\%$ | Million Yen 1,000 | $\%$ -25.5 | Million Yen 600 | \% -65.6 | Yen 4.75 |

(Note) Instead of full-year earnings estimates, the Company discloses its earnings estimates for the next half year.

## * Annotation

(1) Important changes in subsidiaries, including changes in the scope of consolidation: None
(2) Changes in accounting methods, procedures, presentation methods

Changes in accounting policies required by IFRSs:
None
Other changes in accounting methods:
None
Changes in accounting estimates:
None
(3) Shares issued (common stock)

| Shares issued as of term-end (incl. Treasury stock): FY9/17 | $138,819,000$ | FY9/16 | $138,641,500$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Treasury stock as of tem-end: |  |  |  |  |
| Average number of shares outstanding: | FY9/17 | $12,463,355$ | FY9/16 | $8,924,155$ |
|  | FY9/17 | $127,193,039$ | FY9/16 | $129,661,912$ |

(Reference) Non-Consolidated Earnings Overview

1. Non-Consolidated Earnings for the Fiscal Year Ended September 2017 (October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017)
(1) Non-Consolidated Earnings
(\% figures represent year-over-year change)

|  | Net Sales |  | Operating Income |  | Ordinary Income |  | Net Income |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Million Yen | $\%$ | Million Yen | $\%$ | Million Yen | $\%$ | Million Yen | $\%$ |
| FY9/17 | 3,800 | 44.5 | 2,015 | 97.0 | 2,248 | 133.3 | 1,581 | 44.6 |
| FY9/16 | 2,630 | $\Delta 7.5$ | 1,023 | $\Delta 19.9$ | 964 | $\Delta 35.9$ | 1,094 | $\Delta 46.2$ |


|  | EPS | Fully Diluted EPS |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  | Yen |
| FY9/17 |  | 12.43 |
| FY9/16 |  | 8.44 |

(2) Non-Consolidated Financial Position

|  | Total Assets | Net Assets | Net Asset Ratio | Book Value per Share |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Million Yen | Million Yen | $\%$ | Yen |
| FY9/17 | 15,562 | 9,990 | 64.1 | 78.90 |
| FY9/16 | 11,068 | 10,028 | 90.1 | 76.88 |

(Reference) Capital: $¥ 9,970$ million in FY9/17, $¥ 9,972$ million in FY9/16

* Cautionary note about the use of results forecasts and other special notes
(1) Stock split

The Company implemented a 5 -for- 1 stock split for its common stock on October 1, 2016. The shares issued (common stock) were calculated on the assumption that the stock split was implemented at the beginning of the previous fiscal year. BPS, Diluted earnings per share, Equity attributable to owners of parent per share and shares issued as of term-end are calculated on the assumption that the stock split was implemented at the beginning of the previous fiscal year.

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5. Overview of Earnings Performance, Etc.
(1) Earnings Performance Analysis
(Earnings for the current term)
In 2016, the individual smartphone ownership rate in Japan grew to $56.8 \%$ and exceeded $80 \%$ among young people in their 10's to 30 's, showing that the quantitative expansion is progressing particularly in the young adult segment. In addition, the time spent on smartphone per owner also increased substantially along with the rising utilization rate of SNS (social networking services), suggesting a marked qualitative change as well (Source: "White Paper 2017 Information and Communications in Japan" of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications). As such, the smartphone has become a mainstream device for accessing the Internet, and the market for advertising and diverse services and content corresponding to this trend is expanding. In addition, the power of social media, led by SNS, is increasing still further, and this is consequently prompting greater demand for marketing support that makes use of the characteristics of social media.
In this environment, the SEPTENI Group has been focusing on smartphone advertising and strengthening the production and sales system of video advertising, which shows marked growth even in smartphone advertising. At the same time, the Group has also been working to expand revenue in Southeast Asia by pressing forward with business expansion overseas.

In addition, to strengthen its competitiveness over the medium to long term, the Group stepped up the recruitment and cultivation of human resources, taking advantage of its AI-type personnel system centered on machine learning, and made prior investments in expanding the user base of GANMA!, a manga content app in the Media Content Business.

As a result, revenue increased to $¥ 14,702$ million (up $6.1 \%$ year on year), non-GAAP operating profit declined to $¥ 2,325$ million (down $43.9 \%$ year on year), operating profit fell to $¥ 2,248$ million (down $45.9 \%$ year on year) and profit attributable to owners of parent totaled $¥ 2,211$ million (down $12.2 \%$ year on year), with revenue practically hitting a record high for the sixth straight fiscal year.

On November 10, 2016, the Company sold some of the holding in AXEL MARK INC. and excluded the company and its subsidiaries from the scope of consolidation. As a result, profits and losses of the company and its subsidiaries and profits and losses related to the sales of the shares were separated from continued operations and reclassified into discontinued operations.

Operating results by reporting segment are as follows:
(i) Internet Marketing Business

The Internet Marketing Business provides comprehensive marketing support services for companies, using the Internet. The Group sells Internet advertising and operates its own services, including cloud-based CRM services and marketing platforms such as affiliate networks.

In the fiscal year under review, against a backdrop of the expanding market of Internet advertising, primarily performance-based advertising for smartphones, the Group expanded its operations by actively conducting sales activities. Backed by diversifying advertising products and enriched advertising expressions along with the increasing demand, the ratio of smartphone advertising to sales in this segment remained high. Above all, sales of video advertising, a focus for the Group, grew substantially. Meanwhile, a decline in advertising for certain existing large-scale projects had an impact, but revenue in the overseas business remained steady, mainly helped by Lion Digital Global LTD that engages in the Internet advertising agency business in Southeast Asia and became a consolidated subsidiary of the Group in October 2016, contributing to the revenue expansion in the Internet Marketing Business.

Overall, revenue in this segment stood at 13,833 million yen (up $3.2 \%$ year on year). Non-GAAP operating profit was 4,255 million yen (down $20.2 \%$ ).
(ii) Media Content Business

The Manga Content Business engages in the cultivation and support of Manga artists for the purpose of planning and developing the Group's own intellectual property (IP) and operates GANMA!, a manga content app consisting mainly of the original works of house artists, as in-house media. In addition, the Media Content Business develops new businesses born from intrapreneurship, including the recruiting platform business, social contribution platform business, and medical platform business.

In the Manga Content Business, the Group actively made marketing investments including TVCM in the fiscal year under review to expand the scale of GANMA!, a manga content app. As a result, despite an increase in selling and administrative expenses, particularly advertising expenses, the number of GANMA! users increased significantly, and cumulative downloads of the app as of September 30, 2017 stood at 8.59 million, about 2.2 times the number at the end of the previous fiscal year. In addition, sales of advertising in GANMA! also remained steady, and app revenue centering on advertising revenue increased significantly.

As a result, revenue in this segment came to 1,163 million yen (up $93.5 \%$ year on year). The non-GAAP operating loss was 1,420 million yen (non-GAAP operating loss of 718 million yen in the previous fiscal year).

## (Outlook for Next Fiscal Year)

(i) Policy

In the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, the Group aims to increase profitability on a consolidated basis through the sustainable growth of the Internet Marketing Business, while at the same time continuing to make effective investments in the Media Content Business to expand the scale of media.
In the Internet Marketing Business, the Group will increase its growth potential in the Japanese market by improving profitability through a focus on sales of video advertising and in-house media and efforts to improve the client mix and the product mix. In overseas markets, the Group aims to expand its share by promoting active market development mainly in Asia.

In the Media Content Business, the Group will expand the user base of GANMA! to further expand the scale of media by continuously making marketing investments, mainly in online advertising. At the same time, the Group aims to increase app revenue centered on advertising revenue by further promoting sales of advertising in GANMA! through the enhanced development of the brand advertising market.
In addition, to strengthen our competitiveness over the medium to long term and make sustainable growth, we will actively invest in the development of human resources, the source of our growth. We have revised the personnel system in October 2017 by using the AI-type personnel system centered on machine learning which the Company has been developing and operating on its own for the purpose of recruiting more excellent human resources to use them as an operational force early and contribute to earnings. For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, we have factored in an increase in selling and administrative expenses mainly due to the payment of performance-based bonuses.

## (ii) Earnings estimates for the first half

The Company will change its policy on the disclosure of earnings estimates in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. In the Internet marketing market, which continues to grow in a rapidly changing environment, the period of smartphone proliferation has run its course, and sales of advertising through smartphones remain high in the Company, accounting for more than $80 \%$ of its revenue. In this environment, while unpredictable factors that can produce fluctuations in the market environment still exist, it has become somewhat easier to make future forecasts, in comparison to recent years. Therefore, we will change our policy on the disclosure of earnings estimates from announcing earnings estimates for the next quarter to making earnings estimates semiannually.
For the six months of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, revenue is expected to increase year on year, thanks to the solid performance of the Internet Marketing Business. In the Media Content Business, revenue is expected to increase significantly year on year mainly due to the expansion of advertising revenue, and the operating loss in this segment on a stand-alone basis is expected to contract, despite continued marketing investments in GANMA!. However, because we have factored in an increase in selling and administrative expenses, particularly personnel expenses, due to investments we will make in human resources to strengthen our competitiveness over the medium to long term, as we mentioned earlier, we anticipate an increase in revenue but a decline in profit on a consolidated basis.

Earnings estimates for the first half of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018 (from October 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018)

| Revenue | 8,000 million yen |
| :--- | ---: |
| Non-GAAP operating profit | 1,000 million yen |
| Profit attributable to owners of parent | 600 million yen |

Non-GAAP operating profit
Profit attributable to owners of parent

8,000 million yen

600 million yen

The estimates above are based on information available at the time of publication of this summary and involve uncertain factors. Actual results may differ from them for a variety of reasons.
(2) Financial Conditions Analysis

Total assets at the end of the fiscal year under review increased 2,948 million yen from the end of the previous fiscal year to 32,929 million yen. This was primarily attributable to an increase of 1,670 million yen in goodwill and an increase of 1,332 million yen in investments accounted for using the equity method. The increase in goodwill was due to the posting of goodwill associated with the acquisition of Lion Digital Global LTD as a result of our acquiring $96.01 \%$ of its shares in cash. The increase in investments accounted for using the equity method was mainly due to the conversion of AXEL MARK INC. and its subsidiaries into equity-method affiliates as a result of their exclusion from the scope of consolidation due to the sales of some of the shares in AXEL MARK INC. which the Company had held.

Total liabilities rose 2,770 million yen, to 17,705 million yen, chiefly due to an increase of 3,567 million yen in other financial liabilities. The increase in other financial liabilities was mainly due to non-current borrowings.
Equity increased 178 million yen, to 15,224 million yen, chiefly reflecting the acquisition of treasury shares of 1,206 million yen (including the Company's shares acquired by the BIP (Board Incentive Plan) Trust), a decrease of 641 million yen in changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries that result in loss of control and the posting of profit for the period of 2,206 million yen.

## (Cash flows)

Cash and cash equivalents in the fiscal year under review rose 38 million yen from the end of the previous fiscal year to 15,519 million yen.

The following is a description of the situation and factors of each category of cash flow in the fiscal year under review.
(i) Cash flows from (used in) operating activities

Cash flows used in operating activities stood at 808 million yen (cash-in of 3,209 million yen in the previous fiscal year).

This reflected outflows such as income taxes paid of 2,682 million yen and a decrease in working capital of 495 million yen, offsetting inflows such as a profit before tax from continuing operations of 2,448 million yen.
(ii) Cash flows from (used in) investing activities

Cash flows used in investing activities came to 1,706 million yen (cash-out of 109 million yen in the previous fiscal year).

This result was mainly attributable to a net cash inflow of 403 million yen from the purchase of securities and proceeds from sales of securities (purchase of securities of 246 million yen and proceeds from sales of securities of 649 million yen), while there was an outflow of 1,374 million yen due to the purchase of shares of subsidiaries that result in acquisition of control.
(iii) Cash flows from (used in) financing activities

Cash flows from financing activities stood at 2,457 million yen (cash-in of 801 million yen in the previous fiscal year).

This was largely a reflection of outflows due to dividends paid of 415 million yen and the purchase of treasury shares of 1,206 million yen, as well as a net cash inflow of 4,792 million yen due to non-current borrowings (repayments of non-current borrowings of 208 million yen and proceeds from non-current borrowings of 5,000 million yen).
(Reference) Trends in Cash Flow-Related Indicators

|  | FY9/15 | FY9/16 | FY9/17 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Ratio of equity attributable to owners of parent to total assets (\%) | 44.1 | 47.2 | 46.1 |
| Ratio of equity attributable to owners of parent to total assets, <br> market capitalization based (\%) | 217.2 | 194.7 | 118.6 |
| Interest-bearing debt to cash flow ratio (\%) | 67.3 | 48.1 | - |
| Interest coverage ratio | 433.3 | 330.0 | - |

Ratio of equity attributable to owners of parent to total assets: Equity attributable to owners of parent/ Total assets
Ratio of equity attributable to owners of parent to total assets, market capitalization based: Market capitalization/ Total assets Interest-bearing debt to cash flow ratio: Interest-bearing debt/ Cash flows from operating activities

Interest coverage ratio: Cash flows from operating activities/ Interest payments
(Notes) 1. Each number above is calculated from consolidated financial data.
2. The market capitalization is the closing stock price at the end of the fiscal year multiplied by the number of shares outstanding (excluding treasury stock).
3. The cash flows are cash flows from (used in) operating activities.
4. Interest-bearing debt is all the debt on which interest is paid that is posted in the statement of financial position.
5. The date of transition to IFRS was October 1, 2014. The Company is applying IFRS from the fiscal year ending

September 30, 2016. Data for fiscal years up to the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 are thus not described.
6. The cash flow to interest-bearing debt ratio and the interest coverage ratio for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017 are not stated because cash flows from operating activities were negative.
(3) Basic Policy Regarding the Distribution of Profits, and Dividends in the Current and Next Terms

We recognize that returning profits to our shareholders is a key management issue, and will flexibly implement the policy outlined below regarding the appropriate distribution of profits.
With regard to the distribution of retained earnings, we will consider our consolidated earnings performance in each fiscal year, the need to fortify our financial position, and the Group business strategies, etc., and distribute profits to maintain a dividend payout ratio of around $15 \%$ based on profit attributable to owners of parent. Furthermore, we have established a minimum full-year dividend target level of $¥ 2$ per share, and seek to strike a balance between stable dividends and an appropriate level of profit distribution to allow us to grow our earnings. In addition, we will endeavor to utilize our retained earnings for investments in training personnel, optimizing and reinvigorating our existing businesses, and capturing new business areas that have the potential for high growth and profitability.
Based on these policies, we expect to pay a $¥ 3.2$ dividend per share during the current fiscal year as a year-end dividend.

Furthermore, with regard to dividends in the next term, we expect to pay dividends in accordance with the above mentioned policy, and will announce the specific value for our dividend estimate as soon as we announce earnings estimates for the full year.
2. Corporate Structure

As of September 30, 2017, the SEPTENI Group comprises the holding company SEPTENI HOLDINGS, 33
consolidated subsidiaries, and 11 equity accounting method held affiliates (included one union) and is engaged in Internet marketing, media content.

AXEL MARK INC. and its subsidiaries have been converted to equity-method affiliates because they were excluded from the scope of consolidation as a result of our selling some of its shares on November 11, 2016.

Below is description of businesses and a breakdown of the companies that belong to each of the Group's business segments.

| Business Segment | Business Description | Main Consolidated Subsidiaries |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Internet Marketing Business | Internet advertising sales, Web solutions (website <br> creation, operation, SEO services), marketing <br> platform operations for ad networks, cloud-based <br> CRM services, Internet marketing support <br> services for corporations | SEPTENI CO., LTD. <br> Tricorn Corporation |
| Media Content Business | The digital media content distribution business <br> segment and platform business segment, including <br> the manga content business, recruitment platform <br> business, social contribution platform business, <br> and medical platform business | COMICSMART, Inc. |



## 3. Basic Stance on the Choice of Accounting Standards

The Group promotes the development of global operations and is applying IFRS from the fiscal year ended September 30,2016 to improve the quality of business administration through the unification of accounting procedures within the Group and to improve the convenience of stakeholders, including shareholders and investors in Japan and overseas, by increasing the international comparability of financial information in capital markets.
4. Consolidated Financial Statements
(1) Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

|  | Previous Term <br> (Ended September 30,2016) | Current Term <br> (Ended September 30, 2017) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets |  |  |
| Current assets |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 15,480,970 | 15,519,366 |
| Operating receivables | 9,982,708 | 9,988,192 |
| Inventories | 118,517 | 9,794 |
| Other financial assets | 443,788 | 209,252 |
| Other current assets | 242,480 | 545,809 |
| Total current assets | 26,268,463 | 26,272,413 |
| Non-current assets |  |  |
| Property, plant and equipment | 363,519 | 333,676 |
| Goodwill | 147,491 | 1,817,632 |
| Intangible assets | 232,261 | 169,005 |
| Investments accounted for using equity method | 611,991 | 1,943,739 |
| Other financial assets | 1,673,251 | 1,657,054 |
| Other non-current assets | 3,743 | 7,024 |
| Deferred tax assets | 680,225 | 728,192 |
| Total non-current assets | 3,712,481 | 6,656,322 |
| Total assets | 29,980,944 | 32,928,735 |


|  | Previous Term <br> (Ended September 30,2016) | Current Term <br> (Ended September 30, 2017) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Liabilities and Equity |  |  |
| Liabilities |  |  |
| Current liabilities |  |  |
| Operating payables | 9,652,601 | 9,349,155 |
| Other financial liabilities | 1,728,525 | 1,931,391 |
| Current income taxes payable | 1,236,846 | 309,710 |
| Other current liabilities | 1,573,264 | 1,796,410 |
| Total current liabilities | 14,191,236 | 13,386,666 |
| Non-current liabilities |  |  |
| Other financial liabilities | 654,867 | 4,018,845 |
| Provisions | 88,454 | 82,821 |
| Other non-current liabilities | 518 | 1,140 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | - | 215,731 |
| Total non-current liabilities | 743,839 | 4,318,537 |
| Total liabilities | 14,935,075 | 17,705,203 |
| Equity |  |  |
| Equity attributable to owners of parent |  |  |
| Share capital | 2,085,004 | 2,113,611 |
| Share premium | 3,617,269 | 3,647,815 |
| Treasury shares | -485,685 | -1,691,818 |
| Retained earnings | 8,815,259 | 11,018,315 |
| Other components of equity | 123,875 | 84,355 |
| Total equity attributable to owners of parent | 14,155,722 | 15,172,278 |
| Non-controlling interests | 890,147 | 51,254 |
| Total equity | 15,045,869 | 15,223,532 |
| Total liabilities and equity | 29,980,944 | 32,928,735 |

(2) Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss

|  | (Thousand yen) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Previous Term <br> (Ended September 30,2015) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Current Term } \\ \text { (Ended September 30, 2016) } \end{gathered}$ |
| Continuing operations |  |  |
| Revenue | 13,861,870 | 14,702,191 |
| Cost of sales | 1,383,668 | 1,713,539 |
| Gross profit | 12,478,202 | 12,988,652 |
| Selling, general and administrative expense | 8,350,253 | 10,651,666 |
| Other income | 46,044 | 14,949 |
| Other expense | 19,547 | 104,127 |
| Operating profit | 4,154,446 | 2,247,808 |
| Finance income | 111,387 | 277,030 |
| Finance costs | 94,699 | 113,963 |
| Share of profit from investments accounted for using equity method | 109,755 | 36,772 |
| Profit before tax | 4,280,889 | 2,447,647 |
| Income tax expense | 1,563,685 | 1,109,365 |
| Profit from continuing operations | 2,717,204 | 1,338,282 |
| Discontinued operations |  |  |
| Profit from discontinued operations | -465,195 | 868,070 |
| Profit | 2,252,009 | 2,206,352 |


| Profit attributable to: |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Owners of parent | 2,519,007 | 2,210,604 |
| Non-controlling interests | -266,998 | -4,252 |
| Total | 2,252,009 | 2,206,352 |
|  |  |  |
| Earnings per share |  |  |
| Basic earnings per share (Yen) |  |  |
| Continuing operations | 20.81 | 10.47 |
| Discontinued operations | -1.38 | 6.91 |
| Total | 19.43 | 17.38 |
|  |  |  |
| Diluted earnings per share (Yen) |  |  |
| Continuing operations | 20.68 | 10.42 |
| Discontinued operations | -1.38 | 6.87 |
| Total | 19.30 | 17.29 |

Net sales $\quad 73,203,044 \quad 72,375,144$

Reconciliation from operating profit to non-GAAP operating profit (Reference)
(Thousand yen)

|  | Previous Term <br> (Ended September 30,2015) | Current Term <br> (Ended September 30, 2016) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Operating profit | $4,154,446$ | $2,247,808$ |
| Other income | 20,000 | 960 |
| Other expense | 12,305 | 77,704 |
|  | $4,146,751$ | $2,324,552$ |

(3) Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income
(Thousand yen)

|  | Previous Term <br> (Ended September 30,2015) | Current Term <br> (Ended September 30, 2016) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Profit | 2,252,009 | 2,206,352 |
| Other comprehensive income |  |  |
| Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss |  |  |
| Net changes in financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income | 298,883 | 183,719 |
| Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss |  |  |
| Exchange differences on translating foreign operations | -114,119 | 258,466 |
| Cash flow hedges | -5,511 | 13,770 |
| Share of other comprehensive income of associates accounted for using equity method | - | 1,514 |
| Total other comprehensive income, net of tax | 179,253 | 429,929 |
|  |  |  |
| Total comprehensive income | 2,431,262 | 2,636,281 |
|  |  |  |
| Comprehensive income attributable to: |  |  |
| Owners of parent | 2,734,220 | 2,617,876 |
| Non-controlling interests | -302,958 | 18,405 |
| Comprehensive income | 2,431,262 | 2,636,281 |

(4) Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | (Thousand yen) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Equity attributable to owners of parent |  |  |  |  |  | Noncontrolling interests | Total equity |
|  | Share capital | Share premium | Treasury shares | Retained earnings | Other components of equity | Total |  |  |
| Balance at October 1, 2015 | 2,070,160 | 3,160,951 | -485,012 | 6,495,103 | 65,966 | 11,307,168 | 984,604 | 12,291,772 |
| Profit | - | - | - | 2,519,007 | - | 2,519,007 | -266,998 | 2,252,009 |
| Other comprehensive income | - | - | - | - | 215,213 | 215,213 | -35,960 | 179,253 |
| Total comprehensive income | - | - | - | 2,519,007 | 215,213 | 2,734,220 | -302,958 | 2,431,262 |
| Issue of new shares | 14,844 | 14,844 | - | - | -29,495 | 193 | - | 193 |
| Dividends of surplus | - | - | - | -362,825 | - | -362,825 | - | -362,825 |
| Purchase and disposal of treasury shares | - | - | -673 | - | - | -673 | - | -673 |
| Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries that do not result in loss of control | - | 441,060 | - | - | - | 441,060 | 204,114 | 645,174 |
| Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries that result in loss of control | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other | - | 414 | - | 163,974 | -127,809 | 36,579 | 4,387 | 40,966 |
| Total amount of transactions with owners | 14,844 | 456,318 | -673 | -198,851 | -157,304 | 114,334 | 208,501 | 322,835 |
| Balance at September 30, 2016 | 2,085,004 | 3,617,269 | -485,685 | 8,815,259 | 123,875 | 14,155,722 | 890,147 | 15,045,869 |

(Thousand yen)

|  | Equity attributable to owners of parent |  |  |  |  |  | Noncontrolling interests | Total equity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Share capital | Share premium | Treasury shares | Retained earnings | Other components of equity | Total |  |  |
| Balance at October 1, 2016 | 2,085,004 | 3,617,269 | -485,685 | 8,815,259 | 123,875 | 14,155,722 | 890,147 | 15,045,869 |
| Profit | - | - | - | 2,210,604 | - | 2,210,604 | -4,252 | 2,206,352 |
| Other comprehensive income | - | - | - | - | 407,272 | 407,272 | 22,657 | 429,929 |
| Total comprehensive income | - | - | - | 2,210,604 | 407,272 | 2,617,876 | 18,405 | 2,636,281 |
| Issue of new shares | 28,607 | 28,606 | - | - | -55,970 | 1,243 | - | 1,243 |
| Dividends of surplus | - | - | - | -415,096 | - | -415,096 | - | -415,096 |
| Purchase and disposal of treasury shares | - | - | -1,206,133 | - | - | -1,206,133 | - | -1,206,133 |
| Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries that do not result in loss of control | - | 1,940 | - | - | - | 1,940 | -218,024 | -216,084 |
| Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries that result in loss of control | - | - | - | - | -2,873 | -2,873 | -638,394 | -641,267 |
| Other | - | - | - | 407,548 | -387,949 | 19,599 | -880 | 18,719 |
| Total amount of transactions with owners | 28,607 | 30,546 | -1,206,133 | -7,548 | -446,792 | -1,601,320 | -857,298 | -2,458,618 |
| Balance at September 30, 2017 | 2,113,611 | 3,647,815 | -1,691,818 | 11,018,315 | 84,355 | 15,172,278 | 51,254 | 15,223,532 |

(5) Consolidated cash flow statement

|  | Previous Term <br> (Ended September 30,2016) | Current Term <br> (Ended September 30, 2017) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash flows from (used in) operating activities |  |  |
| Profit before tax from continuing operations | 4,280,889 | 2,447,647 |
| Profit before tax from discontinued operations | -433,934 | 1,259,841 |
| Adjustments: |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization expense | 221,164 | 212,985 |
| Impairment loss | 176,662 | 20,179 |
| Interest income and dividend income | -7,313 | -4,951 |
| Interest expenses | 9,863 | 12,939 |
| Share of (profit) loss of entities accounted for using equity method | 81,269 | -36,772 |
| (Profit) Loss related loss of control | - | -1,330,257 |
| Other | 134,093 | -238,318 |
| Increase or decrease in working capital |  |  |
| Decrease (increase) in operating receivables | -164,672 | -234,428 |
| Decrease (increase) in inventories | -109,916 | -9,310 |
| Increase (decrease) in operating payables | 449,566 | -382,803 |
| Other | 293,739 | 131,361 |
| Subtotal | 4,768,872 | 1,848,113 |
| Interest and dividend income received | 7,313 | 37,587 |
| Interest expenses paid | -9,723 | -11,918 |
| Income taxes refund | 39,258 | - |
| Income taxes paid | -1,596,915 | -2,681,912 |
| Cash flows from (used in) operating activities | 3,208,805 | -808,130 |
| Cash flows from (used in) investing activities |  |  |
| Proceeds from sales of securities | 276,630 | 648,567 |
| Purchase of securities | -196,762 | -245,790 |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | -153,148 | -141,528 |
| Purchase of intangible assets | -262,189 | -23,337 |
| Payments for sales of investments in subsidiaries with loss of control (after deducting Cash of disposed subsidiary) | - | -585,149 |
| Purchase of investments in subsidiaries with loss of control (after deducting Cash of acquired subsidiary ) | - | -1,374,449 |
| Other | 226,332 | 16,080 |
| Cash flows from (used in) investing activities | -109,137 | -1,705,606 |
| Cash flows from (used in) financing activities |  |  |
| Net increase (decrease) in current borrowings | -244,068 | -497,267 |
| Proceeds from non-current borrowings | 700,000 | 5,000,000 |
| Repayments of non-current borrowings | 185,906 | -208,328 |
| Cash dividends paid | -362,825 | -415,096 |
| Proceeds from changes in interests in subsidiaries without loss of control | 884,064 | - |
| Purchases from changes in interests in subsidiaries without loss of control | - | -216,084 |
| Dividends paid to non-controlling interests | -2,456 | -880 |
| Purchase of treasury shares | -673 | -1,206,133 |
| Other | 12,778 | 1,243 |
| Cash flows from (used in) financing activities | 800,914 | 2,457,455 |
| Effect of exchange rate change on cash and cash equivalents | -114,119 | 94,677 |
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 3,786,463 | 38,396 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 11,694,507 | 15,480,970 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | 15,480,970 | 15,519,366 |

## (Segment information)

1. Overview of reportable segments

The Group has a holding company structure where the Company is a holding company and its subsidiaries (or their groups) are business units. Activities directly related to revenue generation are conducted solely by business units, which consist of the Company's subsidiaries (or their groups).
The Group's reportable segments are based on business segments for which separate financial information is available and that the highest decision-maker examines on a regular basis to determine the distribution of management resources and evaluate the results. In consideration of similarities among the economic characteristics of each business segment and their quantitative importance and for the purpose of enabling the users of the financial statements to appropriately evaluate the Group's businesses and the economic circumstances for the businesses and their effects on the businesses, the Group discloses information on two reportable segments: the Internet Marketing Business and the Media Content Business

## i. Internet Marketing Business

The Internet Marketing Business is a single business segment engaging in comprehensive Internet marketing support services for corporations, including sales of Internet advertising and the operation of marketing platforms such as cloud-based CRM services and affiliate networks.

## ii. Media Content Business

The Media Content Business consists of several business segments, including the manga content business, recruitment platform business, social contribution platform business, and medical platform business. The Media Content Business includes business units that have commenced operation in recent years and have not made a profit due to prior investment for revenue generation. The highest decision-maker makes decisions on the distribution of management resources to those business units and evaluates their results, assuming risks and economic value that allow the Group to recover the investment costs through future revenue generation.

AXEL MARK INC. and its subsidiaries have been converted to equity-method affiliates because they were excluded from the scope of consolidation as a result of our selling some of its shares on November 11, 2016. The Non-core Business is operated by AXEL MARK INC. and its subsidiaries as an independent business area. Because its earnings performance was presented as discontinued operations in the previous fiscal year and during the period from October 1, 2016 to the date of losing control, the disclosure requirements of IFRS 8 (operating segments) do not apply.
2. Measurement of reportable segments' profits and losses

Segment profit is non-GAAP operating income, which is the sum of operating income in compliance with IFRS and temporary factors, including impairment losses and gains (losses) on sales of property, plant and equipment. The Group voluntarily discloses the total amount of all transactions as net sales. The disclosure of net sales is not disclosure in accordance with IFRS. The management believes, however, that sales are useful information for users of the financial statements, and voluntarily discloses sales in its consolidated net profit-and-loss statement and segment information as reference information.
The prices of inter-segment transactions are determined based on the prices of transactions with external customers.
3. Information on reportable segments' profits and losses

Previous consolidated fiscal year (from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016)
(Thousand yen)

|  | Internet Marketing | Media Content | Total | Adjustment | Consolidated |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Segment revenue | $13,408,863$ | 600,835 | $14,009,698$ | $\Delta 147,828$ | $13,861,870$ |
| Segment profit (loss) $*$ | $5,331,011$ | $\Delta 717,535$ | $4,613,476$ | $\Delta 466,725$ | $4,146,751$ |
| Segment sales | $73,158,755$ | 600,835 | $73,759,590$ | $\Delta 556,546$ | $73,203,044$ |

(Notes) 1. The segment profit is non-GAAP operating profit.
2. Adjustment includes the elimination of profit and loss transactions between reportable segments and expenses for the operation of the holding company not attributable to reportable segments.

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Internet Marketing | Media Content | Total |  | Adjustment | Consolidated

(Notes) 1. The segment profit is non-GAAP operating profit.
2. Adjustment includes the elimination of profit and loss transactions between reportable segments and expenses for the operation of the holding company not attributable to reportable segments.

Reconciliation of segment profit (loss) and profit before tax
(Thousand yen)

|  | Previous Term <br> (Ended September 30,2016) | (Thousand yen) <br> (Ended September 30, 2017) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Segment profit (non-GAAP operating income) | $4,146,751$ | $2,324,552$ |
| Other profit (loss) (net) | 7,695 | $-76,744$ |
| Financial profit (loss) (net) | 16,688 | 163,067 |
| Share of profit of entities accounted for using equity method | 109,755 | 36,772 |
| Profit before tax | $4,280,889$ | $2,447,647$ |

## (Per-share information)

The basis of the calculation of earnings per share is shown in the table below.

|  | Previous Term <br> (Ended September 30,2016) | Current Term <br> (Ended September 30, 2017) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Profit attributable to owners of parent (thousand yen) |  |  |
| Continuing operations | 2,698,776 | 1,332,054 |
| Discontinued operations | -179,769 | 878,550 |
| Total | 2,519,007 | 2,210,604 |
| Average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the fiscal year (thousand shares) | 129,662 | 127,193 |
| Number of potential shares with dilutive effects <br> Number of warrants (thousand shares) | 841 | 695 |
| Average number of shares outstanding in consideration of the number of potential shares with dilutive effects (thousand shares) | 130,503 | 127,888 |
| Basic earnings per share (yen) |  |  |
| Continuing operations | 20.81 | 10.47 |
| Discontinued operations | -1.38 | 6.91 |
| Total | 19.43 | 17.38 |
| Diluted earnings per share (yen) |  |  |
| Continuing operations | 20.68 | 10.42 |
| Discontinued operations | -1.38 | 6.87 |
| Total | 19.30 | 17.29 |

(Notes) The Company implemented a 5 -for- 1 stock split for its common stock on October 1, 2016. The shares issued (common stock) were calculated on the assumption that the stock split was implemented at the beginning of the previous fiscal year. BPS and Diluted earnings per share of the previous fiscal year are calculated on the assumption that the stock split was implemented at the beginning of the previous fiscal year.

