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Consolidated Results for the Six Months Ended September 30, 2012 (April 1, 2012 – September 30, 2012)

Unit: Millions of yen (Millions of yen rounded down unless otherwise stated)

Overview of Operating Results

Item	Period	Six months ended September 30, 2011		Six months ended September 30, 2012		Increase/(Decrease)	
		Amount	Share[%]	Amount	Share[%]	Amount	[%]
Net sales		97,124	100.0	95,442	100.0	(1,681)	(1.7)
Operating income (loss)		(1,758)	(1.8)	1,457	1.5	3,216	-
Ordinary income (loss)		(3,665)	(3.8)	138	0.1	3,803	-
Income (loss) before income taxes and minority interests		(4,388)	(4.5)	(791)	(0.8)	3,596	-
Net income (loss)		(9,111)	(9.4)	(626)	(0.7)	8,484	-
Comprehensive income		(15,397)	-	(4,229)	-	11,167	-
Net income (loss) per share [Yen]		(77.49)		(5.33)			
Diluted net income per share [Yen]		-		-			
R&D expenses		4,018		3,293		(725)	(18.1)
Capital investment		17,927		12,073		(5,854)	(32.7)
Depreciation and amortization		9,017		9,300		283	3.1

Notes:

- Share data is computed as a ratio of net sales.
- Although diluted shares exist for the six months ended September 30, 2011, and September 30, 2012, diluted net income per share is not disclosed since there is net loss per share for the period

	As of March 31, 2012	As of September 30, 2012	Increase/(Decrease)	
			Amount	[%]
Total assets	208,461	209,094	632	0.3
Net assets	104,400	99,899	(4,500)	(4.3)
Equity ratio	49.9%	47.6%	(2.3)pt	-
Net assets per share [Yen]	884.70	846.63	(38.07)	(4.3)

Net Sales by Product Segment

Product segment	Six months ended September 30, 2011		Six months ended September 30, 2012		Increase/(Decrease)	
	Amount	Share[%]	Amount	Share[%]	Amount	[%]
Capacitors	45,085	46.4	41,570	43.5	(3,515)	(7.8)
Ferrite and applied products	15,018	15.5	14,212	14.9	(805)	(5.4)
Integrated modules & devices	23,569	24.3	26,808	28.1	3,238	13.7
Other electronic components	2,195	2.2	2,260	2.4	64	2.9
Electronic components	85,869	88.4	84,851	88.9	(1,017)	(1.2)
Optical media products	7,678	7.9	7,295	7.6	(383)	(5.0)
Others	3,575	3.7	3,296	3.5	(279)	(7.8)
Optical media and others	11,254	11.6	10,591	11.1	(663)	(5.9)
Total	97,124	100.0	95,442	100.0	(1,681)	(1.7)

Note: TAIYO YUDEN has changed the product segment. As for details, please refer to "4. Supplementary Information" on page 13.

TAIYO YUDEN

Consolidated Results for the six months ended September 30, 2012

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Preparation of supplementary materials for the quarterly financial results: Yes
Holding of presentation of quarterly financial results: Yes (For institutional investors and investment analysts)

1. Consolidated financial results for the period from April 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012

(1) Operating results (Percentages represent changes from the same period in the previous fiscal year.)

	Net sales		Operating income		Ordinary income		Net income	
	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%
Six months ended September 30, 2012	95,442	(1.7)	1,457	—	138	—	(626)	—
Six months ended September 30, 2011	97,124	(14.0)	(1,758)	—	(3,665)	—	(9,111)	—

Note: Comprehensive income

ended on September 30, 2012 (4,229) million yen (-%) ended on September 30, 2011 (15,397) million yen (-%)

	Net income per share	Diluted net income per share
	Yen	Yen
Six months ended September 30, 2012	(5.33)	—
Six months ended September 30, 2011	(77.49)	—

(2) Financial position

	Total assets	Net assets	Equity ratio	Net assets per share
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	%	Yen
As of September 30, 2012	209,094	99,899	47.6	846.63
As of March 31, 2012	208,461	104,400	49.9	884.70

(Reference) Shareholder's equity As of Sep. 30, 2012 99,589 million yen As of March 31, 2012 104,024 million yen

2. Dividend information

	Cash dividends per share				
	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Year end	Total
	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen
Year ended March 31, 2012	—	2.50	—	2.50	5.00
Year ending March 31, 2013	—	5.00			
Year ending March 31, 2013 (forecast)			—	5.00	10.00

Note: No changes in the forecasted dividend during the second quarter ended September 30, 2012.

3. Forecasts of operating results for the period from April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013.

(Percentages represent changes from same period in the previous fiscal year.)

	Net sales		Operating income		Ordinary income		Net income		Net income per share
Year ending March 31, 2013	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Yen
	195,000	6.1	5,000	-	3,000	-	0	-	-

Note: There are changes in the forecasted results during the second quarter ended September 30, 2012.

About the changing (amending) the forecast of consolidated operating results, please see the "TAIYO YUDEN Announces the Reasons for Discrep between Consolidated Forecast and Actual Results, and Earnings Forecast Revisions" announced today november 6, 2012.

4. Other

(1) Changes in principal subsidiaries during the six months ended Sep. 30, 2012: No

(2) Adoption of specific accounting procedures for quarterly consolidated reporting: No.

(3) Changes in accounting policies and accounting estimates, and restatements

a. Changes in accounting policies due to the revision of accounting standards: Yes

b. Changes in accounting policies by the reasons other than "a" : No

c. Changes in accounting estimates: Yes

d. Restatement: No

Note: As for details, please refer to "2. Summary Information (1)Changes in Accounting Policy, Changes in Accounting Estimates, and Restatements".

(4) Number of common shares outstanding :

a. Number of common shares outstanding (including treasury stock):

As of Sep. 30, 2012 120,481,395 shares As of March 31, 2012 120,481,395 shares

b. Number of treasury stock:

As of Sep. 30, 2012 2,850,900 shares As of March 31, 2012 2,899,010 shares

c. Average number of common shares outstanding:

Six months ended Sep. 30, 2012 117,603,571 shares Six months ended Sep. 30, 2011 117,584,651 shares

Note:

1. This financial press release is out of scope of the audit procedure based on the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act in Japan. As of time of press release date, the quarterly review procedure is ongoing.

2. Forecasts of operating results include a number of assumptions based on information currently available and certain premises which were judged to be rational. Please note that these forecasts may significantly differ from actual results with various factors.

3. TAIYO YUDEN will post the financial supplementary data for on its web-site.

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1. Qualitative Information Concerning Financial Statements and Other

(1) Consolidated Operating Results

Economy and Market Conditions

The economic environment surrounding TAIYO YUDEN CO., LTD. (“TAIYO YUDEN” or “the Company”) and its subsidiaries in the first half of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013 remained challenging due to the continued slowdown in the global economy. The future outlook also remains highly uncertain due to the European sovereign debt crisis and other factors.

The electronics industry has seen continuing growth from the smartphone and tablet PC markets. In contrast to this, the desktop PC and television markets remain sluggish. Overall this has caused weaker demand for electronic components.

Company Actions Planned to Offset These Conditions

TAIYO YUDEN group has implemented a series of structural reforms that are measures management believes will improve operations and foster growth strategies needed to achieve the targets established for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015, which is the final year of the Company’s medium-term management plan. The measures implemented to improve operations include the process of shifting the production of capacitors and inductors offshore from Japan to other countries, which is consistent with efforts to maximize the use of its overseas production sites. Our growth strategies include the expansion of sales and emphasis on super high-end products, including capacitors, inductors and SAW/FBAR devices.

Overview of Each Business Segment

Electronic components

- We strengthened our production system centered on super high-end products, including EIA01005- and EIA0201-sized multilayer ceramic capacitors for the smartphone market to support the continued growth in demand for that market.

- We also boosted production capacity for metal power inductors used for newly developed metallic magnet materials, EIA01005- and EIA 0201-sized high frequency multilayer high-Q chip inductors and SAW/FBAR devices.

Optical media and others

- We continued with initiatives aimed at returning the optical media products business back to profitability.

Overview of Business Performance

Consolidated net sales for the six months ended September 30, 2012 totaled ¥95,442 million, 1.7% decline as compared to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year. The Company achieved an operating profit of ¥1,457 million, compared to an operating loss of ¥1,758 million for the same period of the previous fiscal year, and an ordinary profit of ¥138 million compared to an ordinary loss of ¥3,665 million for the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year. The Company incurred a net loss of ¥626 million compared with a net loss of ¥9,111 million in the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Exchange Rate

The average foreign currency exchange rate for the six months ended September 30, 2012 was US\$1: ¥80.14. This marked a further appreciation of ¥0.49 compared with the average realized in the same period of the previous fiscal year of US\$1: ¥80.63.

Net sales by product segment

Electronic Components

Capacitors

Sales for the multilayer ceramic capacitors for the six months ended September 30, 2012 were ¥41,570 million, a year-over-year decrease of 7.8%. Product sales for consumer products, consisting of TVs, information equipment, i.e. PCs and electronic components, i.e. LCD panels, were lower as compared to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year.

Ferrite and Applied Products

This product segment is comprised of ferrite cores. Applied products include a variety of inductors. In the six-month period ended September 30, 2012, sales declined by 5.4% to ¥14,212 million as compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year. The Company realized a gain in the year over year sales for information equipment. This was offset by a drop in sales in the consumer products market, communication equipment, which focused on smartphones, and the electronic components market.

Integrated Modules & Devices

This product segment is comprised of SAW/FBAR devices, a wide range of power supply and high frequency modules and embedded-parts multilayer wiring substrates, "EOMIN®". For the six-month period ended September 30, 2012, sales of SAW/FBAR devices and high frequency modules increased compared with the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year. The increase was 13.7% year over year to ¥26,808 million.

Other Electronic Components

This segment is mainly made up of energy devices. For the six months ended September 30, 2012, sales increased 2.9% to ¥2,260 million as compared to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year.

Optical Media and Others

Optical Media Products

The Company manufactures and sells CD-Rs, DVD-Rs/DVD+Rs as well as recordable Blu-ray Discs (BD-Rs) in this product segment. Sales for CD-Rs and DVD-R/DVD+R products decreased and optical media product sales in the six months ended September 2012 fell to ¥7,295 million, 5.0% lower compared with the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year.

Others

Sales in this segment are primarily generated from our product mounting business done by a subsidiary company. For the six months ended September 30, 2012, sales in this segment fell 7.8% year over year to ¥3,296 million.

Note:

Effective for the first quarter of this fiscal year, we have changed the product segment previously listed as "modules" to "integrated modules & devices".

In addition, SAW/FBAR devices and high frequency integrated module components previously included in “other electronic components” are now included in “integrated modules & devices.” Furthermore, energy devices previously included in “capacitors” are now included in “other electronic components.”

Accumulated quantitative data for the six month period ended September 30 of the previous fiscal year used for comparison purposes represents data after product segment changes were made.

(2) Consolidated Financial Condition

(1) Changes in Financial Condition

Assets

Total assets as of the end of the six-month period ended September 30, 2012 increased ¥632 million to ¥209,094 million compared with the end of the previous fiscal year. Current assets increased ¥4,062 million. This was attributable to increase of ¥ 2,233 million in cash and deposits and ¥1,673 million in work in process. Fixed assets decreased by ¥3,429 million due mainly to a decrease in property, plant and equipment of ¥1,943 million, a decline in intangible fixed assets of ¥333 million, and a fall in investments and other assets of ¥1,153 million.

Liabilities

Total liabilities as of the end of the six-month period ended September 30, 2012 increased ¥5,133 million to ¥109,194 million as compared to the balance at March 31, 2012. This was mainly due to a decrease in current portion of convertible bonds with stock acquisition rights to shares of ¥19,635 million, an increase in short-term borrowings of ¥14,503 million, and an increase in long-term borrowings of ¥12,063 million.

Net Assets

Net assets as of the end of the six-month period ended September 30, 2012 declined ¥4,500 million to ¥99,899 million as compared to the balance of March 31, 2012.

(2) Cash Flows

Operating activities

Net cash provided by operating activities for the six-month period ended September 30, 2012 was ¥7,063 million, an increase of 114.5% compared with the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year. The contributing factors are; loss before income taxes and minority interests of ¥791 million; depreciation and amortization of ¥9,300 million; increase in inventories of ¥2,920 million; increase in trade payables of ¥5,031 million; and ¥3,293 million for business structure improvement expense paid.

Investing activities

Net cash used in investing activities for the six-month period ended September 30, 2012 totaled ¥11,021 million, a decrease of 40.7% compared with the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year. The largest cash outflow was ¥11,202 million paid for purchases of property, plant and equipment.

Financing activities

Net cash provided by financing activities for the six-month period ended September 30, 2012 totaled ¥6,770 million, an increase of 1.4% compared with the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year. This was primarily attributed to a net increase in short-term borrowings of ¥14,651 million, proceeds from long-term borrowings of ¥14,652 million, repayments of long-term borrowings of ¥2,212, redemption of current portion of convertible bonds with stock acquisition rights to shares of ¥19,635 million, and payments of cash dividends of ¥296 million.

As a result of the aforementioned activities, cash and cash equivalent as of September 30, 2012 increased ¥1,983 million from the end of the previous fiscal year, to ¥28,655 million.

(3) Forecasts of Consolidated Operating Results

Taking into consideration the Companies' consolidated performance for the six months period ended September 30, 2012, TAIYO YUDEN revised its consolidated operating results forecasts for the full fiscal year ending

March 31, 2013, previously announced on May 14, 2012. For details and the revised figures, please refer to TAIYO YUDEN's press release "TAIYO YUDEN Announces the Reasons for Discrepancies between Consolidated Forecast and Actual Results, and Earnings Forecast Revisions" announced today November 6, 2012.

2. Summary Information

(1) Changes in Accounting Policy, Changes in Accounting Estimates, and Restatements

Changes in Accounting Policy

(Changes in Depreciation Method)

TAIYO YUDEN and its consolidated domestic subsidiaries have changed the depreciation method used for property, plant and equipment acquired after April 1, 2012 based on revisions made to Japan's Corporation Tax Act. This change has taken effect beginning with the first quarter of this fiscal year.

This change resulted in an increase in operating income of ¥93 million, an increase in ordinary income of ¥94 million, and a decrease in net loss of ¥94 million before income taxes and minority interests for the first half of this fiscal year.

3. Consolidated Financial Statements

(1) Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Millions of yen)

	As of March 31, 2012	As of September 30, 2012
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and deposits	27,912	30,146
Trade notes and accounts receivable	41,865	40,557
Merchandise and finished products	13,099	13,364
Work in process	8,529	10,203
Raw materials and supplies	8,920	9,117
Other	4,361	5,334
Allowance for doubtful receivables	(289)	(261)
Total current assets	104,398	108,461
Fixed assets:		
Property, plant and equipment:		
Buildings and structures	64,204	64,088
Machinery and equipment	192,930	195,359
Tools, furniture and fixtures	18,212	17,902
Land	7,686	7,684
Construction in progress	10,396	7,283
Accumulated depreciation	(199,409)	(200,240)
Net property, plant and equipment	94,021	92,078
Intangible fixed assets:		
Goodwill	1,801	1,501
Other	823	790
Total intangible fixed assets	2,624	2,291
Investments and other assets:		
Investment securities	4,550	3,451
Other	3,112	3,043
Allowance for doubtful receivables	(246)	(232)
Total investments and other assets	7,416	6,262
Total fixed assets	104,062	100,632
Total assets	208,461	209,094

(Millions of yen)

	As of March 31, 2012	As of September 30, 2012
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Trade notes and accounts payable	15,345	18,808
Current portion of convertible bonds with stock acquisition rights	19,635	-
Short-term borrowings	9,031	23,535
Current portion of long-term borrowings	4,147	4,524
Income taxes payable	586	458
Accrued bonuses for employees	1,741	2,945
Provision for business structure improvement	474	143
Other	18,794	13,806
Total current liabilities	69,757	64,224
Long-term liabilities:		
Bonds payable	8,000	8,000
Convertible bonds with stock acquisition rights	365	365
Long-term borrowings	17,297	29,360
Accrued retirement benefits for employees	1,659	900
Accrued retirement benefits for directors and corporate auditors	107	115
Negative goodwill	31	20
Other	6,842	6,207
Total long-term liabilities	34,303	44,969
Total liabilities	104,061	109,194
NET ASSETS		
Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock	23,557	23,557
Capital surplus	41,471	41,484
Retained earnings	66,820	65,899
Treasury stock	(3,625)	(3,560)
Total shareholders' equity	128,222	127,379
Accumulated other comprehensive income		
Net unrealized holding gains (losses) on securities	433	(73)
Deferred gains (losses) on hedges	5	19
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(24,637)	(27,735)
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	(24,198)	(27,790)
Stock acquisition rights	329	274
Minority interests	46	35
Total net assets	104,400	99,899
Total liabilities and net assets	208,461	209,094

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

(Millions of yen)

	Six months ended September 30, 2011	Six months ended September 30, 2012
Net sales	97,124	95,442
Cost of sales	80,775	77,807
Gross profit	16,348	17,635
Selling, general and administrative expenses	18,107	16,178
Operating income (loss)	(1,758)	1,457
Non-operating income:		
Interest income	85	80
Dividends income	66	63
Equity in earnings of affiliate	31	24
Subsidies	14	23
Other	81	100
Total non-operating income	279	292
Non-operating expenses:		
Interest expense	202	274
Interest on bonds	-	36
Loss on foreign exchange	1,635	1,104
Depreciation of inactive noncurrent assets	153	140
Other	195	54
Total non-operating expenses	2,186	1,611
Ordinary income (loss)	(3,665)	138
Extraordinary gains:		
Gain on sales of property, plant and equipment	13	8
Gain on change of employee retirement benefit plan	54	-
Other	13	0
Total extraordinary gains	82	8
Extraordinary losses:		
Loss on disposal and sales of property, plant and equipment	219	77
Impairment loss	109	150
Loss on disposal of inventories	53	9
Loss on evaluation of investment securities	412	427
Business structure improvement expense	-	272
Other	10	1
Total extraordinary losses	805	938
Income (loss) before income taxes and minority interests	(4,388)	(791)
Income taxes - current	406	373
Income taxes - deferred	4,312	(528)
Total income taxes	4,718	(155)
Income (loss) before minority interests	(9,106)	(636)
Minority interests in income (loss)	4	(9)
Net income (loss)	(9,111)	(626)

(Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income)

(Millions of yen)

	Six months ended September 30, 2011	Six months ended September 30, 2012
Income (loss) before minority interests	(9,106)	(636)
Other comprehensive income (loss)		
Net unrealized holding gains (losses) on securities	(349)	(507)
Deferred gains (losses) on hedges	55	13
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(5,995)	(3,099)
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	(6,290)	(3,592)
Comprehensive income (loss)	(15,397)	(4,229)
(Breakdown)		
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to shareholders	(15,400)	(4,218)
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to minority interest	2	(10)

(3) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Millions of yen)

	Six months ended September 30, 2011	Six months ended September 30, 2012
Operating activities:		
Income (loss) before income taxes and minority interests	(4,388)	(791)
Depreciation and amortization	9,017	9,300
Impairment loss	109	150
Business structure improvement expense	-	272
Amortization of goodwill	422	300
Amortization of negative goodwill	(10)	(10)
Increase (decrease) in allowance for doubtful receivables	25	(25)
Increase (decrease) in accrued bonuses for employees	260	1,216
Increase (decrease) in accrued bonuses for directors and corporate auditors	(21)	-
Increase (decrease) in accrued retirement benefits for directors and corporate auditors	(48)	8
Interest and dividend income	(151)	(144)
Interest expense	202	274
Interest on bonds	-	36
Equity in earnings of affiliate	(31)	(24)
(Gain) loss on disposal and sales of property, plant and equipment	205	69
Loss on evaluation of investment securities	412	427
(Increase) decrease in trade receivables	(5,107)	(651)
(Increase) decrease in inventories	(1,715)	(2,920)
Increase (decrease) in trade payables	4,589	5,031
Other	440	(1,496)
Subtotal	4,209	11,023
Interest and dividends received	157	204
Interest paid	(199)	(242)
Business structure improvement expense paid	-	(3,293)
Income taxes (paid) refunded	(875)	(629)
Net cash provided by operating activities	3,292	7,063
Investing activities:		
(Increase) decrease in time deposits	111	(308)
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(18,470)	(11,202)
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment	61	16
Purchases of investment securities	(150)	-
Proceeds from sales of investment securities	5	10
Other	(141)	463
Net cash used in investing activities	(18,584)	11,021
Financing activities:		
Net increase (decrease) in short-term borrowings	6,018	14,651
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	12,000	14,652
Repayments of long-term borrowings	(10,043)	(2,212)
Redemption of current portion of convertible bonds with stock acquisition rights	-	(19,635)
Proceeds from stock issuance to minority shareholders	5	-
Expenditure for purchase of shares from minority shareholder	(223)	-
Purchases of treasury stock	(4)	(5)
Payments of cash dividends	(588)	(296)
Repayments of lease obligations	(485)	(384)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	6,678	6,770
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(1,508)	(828)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(10,122)	1,983
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	38,811	26,671
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	28,689	28,655

(4) Notes on Premise of Going Concern

No relevant items to report.

(5) Notes in Case of Significant Changes to Shareholders' Equity

No relevant items to report.

4. Supplementary Information

(1) Net Sales by Product Segment

Product segments	Six months ended September 30, 2011		Six months ended September 30, 2012		Increase/ (Decrease)	
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We have changed the product segment conventionally listed as “modules” to “integrated modules & devices” beginning with the first quarter of this fiscal year. In addition, SAW/FBAR devices and high frequency integrated module components previously included in “other electronic components” are now included in “integrated modules & devices.” Furthermore, energy devices conventionally included in “capacitors” are now included in “other electronic components.”

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