

**Notice on the Differences Between Projections and Actual Results
of the Consolidated Earnings for the Second Quarter of the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2023, and
Revision of Consolidated Earnings Projections for the Full Year**

Differences have arisen between the projections of the consolidated earnings for FY3/23 2Q, released on August 10, 2022, and the actual results of the same announced today. The details are as follows.

The Board of Directors also decided at its meeting of November 10, 2022, to revise its consolidated earnings projections for FY3/23, released on August 10, 2022, as follows:

- Differences between projections and actual results of the consolidated earnings for FY3/23 1H (April 1, 2022 - September 30, 2022)

(Millions of yen)

	Net sales	Operating profit	Ordinary profit	Profit attributable to owners of parent	Earnings per share (Yen)
Previous projections (A)	159,000	7,400	7,700	5,300	203.17
Actual Results (B)	176,004	7,953	8,128	5,634	215.99
Difference (B-A)	17,004	553	428	334	
Difference (%)	10.7	7.5	5.6	6.3	
(Reference) Previous first half results (FY3/22 1H)	136,041	7,269	7,834	5,469	209.66

- Revisions to the consolidated earnings projections for FY3/23 (April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023)

(Millions of yen)

	Net sales	Operating profit	Ordinary profit	Profit attributable to owners of parent	Earnings per share (Yen)
Previous projections (A)	300,000	12,800	13,300	9,300	356.51
Revised projections (B)	330,000	12,800	13,300	9,300	356.51
Difference (B-A)	30,000	0	0	0	
Difference (%)	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
(Reference) Previous FY results (FY3/22)	272,292	12,681	13,734	9,558	366.40

Reasons for the difference and the revision

With regard to the cumulative consolidated earnings for FY3/23 2Q, net sales and operating profit exceeded the projections for both the precious metals business segment and food business segment. In the precious metals business segment, in addition to the strong production performance in the semiconductor and electronic devices field, which is the key customer of this business segment, the increase in the precious metals recycling volume in the jewelry sector also contributed to an increase in sales volume. In the food business segment, the rise in selling price on the back of a rise in raw material prices and rapid yen depreciation was a contributing factor, among others.

On the other hand, from FY3/23 3Q and after, amidst concerns of a global economic slowdown as a result of inflationary pressures and other factors, the precious metals business segment is expected to see a decline in the volume handled for precious metals recycling, which is targeted in the semiconductor and electronic devices field, which is the key customer. This is due to production and inventory adjustments in response to changes in the demand-supply balance, leading to a downswing in production trends. Moreover, both the precious metals business segment and food business segment are expected to take on a greater cost burden from the impact of yen depreciation and price increases. Accordingly, consolidated earnings for FY3/23 3Q and after are expected to fall below the previous projections, with the exception of net sales.

In view of these reasons, the consolidated earnings projections for full-year FY3/23 have been revised as shown above.

Note: Forward-looking statements

The above projections are based on information available to the Company as of the date of release. Actual results may differ from projections due to a range of factors.