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Summary of Consolidated Financial Results for the Six Months Ended March 31, 2023 (Based on Japanese GAAP)

May 12, 2023

Company name: Advance Create Co., Ltd.
Stock exchange listing: Tokyo, Sapporo, Fukuoka

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Scheduled date to file Quarterly Securities Report: May 12, 2023 Scheduled date to commence dividend payments: June 1, 2023

Preparation of supplementary material on quarterly financial results: Yes

Holding of quarterly financial results meeting: Yes (for institutional investors)

(Amounts less than one million yen are rounded down)

1. Consolidated financial results for the six months ended March 31, 2023 (from October 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

(1) Consolidated operating results (cumulative)

Percentages indicate year-on-year changes

	Net sales		Operating profit		Ordinary profit		Profit attributable to owners of parent	
	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%
Six months ended March 31, 2023	6,454	8.9	762	(37.7)	666	(44.0)	324	(57.9)
Six months ended March 31, 2022	5,926	2.6	1,222	0.1	1,190	2.2	770	1.5

	Earnings per share	Diluted earnings per share
	Yen	Yen
Six months ended March 31, 2023	14.83	-
Six months ended March 31, 2022	35.19	_

(2) Consolidated financial position

	Total assets	Net assets	Equity ratio
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	%
As of March 31, 2023	12,191	7,096	58.2
As of September 30, 2022	12,491	7,145	57.2

2. Cash dividends

		Annual dividends per share 1st quarter-end 2nd quarter-end 3rd quarter-end Fiscal year-end Total						
	1st quarter-end							
	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen			
Year ended September 30, 2022	_	15.00	_	17.50	32.50			
Year ending September 30, 2023	_	17.50						
Year ending September 30, 2023 (Forecast)				17.50	35.00			

3. Forecast of consolidated financial results for the year ending September 30, 2023 (from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023)

Percentages indicate year-on-year changes

	Net sales		Operating profit		Ordinary profit		Profit attributable to owners of parent		Earnings per share
	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Yen
Full year	15,050	26.9	2,950	43.1	2,800	39.0	1,700	29.6	77.67

4. Notes

(1) Changes in significant subsidiaries during the six months ended March 31, 2023 (changes in specified subsidiaries resulting in the change in scope of consolidation):

(2) Application of special accounting methods for preparing quarterly consolidated financial statements: Yes

(3) Changes in accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates, and restatement of prior period financial statements

Changes in accounting policies due to revisions to accounting standards and other regulations:

No
Changes in accounting policies due to other reasons:

Yes
Changes in accounting estimates:

No

Restatement of prior period financial statements:

(4) Number of issued shares (common shares)

Total number of issued shares at the end of the period (including treasury shares)

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As of March 31, 2023	22,557,200 shares	As of September 30, 2022	22,557,200 shares					
Number of treasury shares at the end of the period								
As of March 31, 2023	665,307 shares	As of September 30, 2022	689,178 shares					
Average number of shares during the period (cumulative from the beginning of the fiscal year)								
Six months ended March 31, 2023	21,879,764 shares	Six months ended March 31, 2022	21,901,032 shares					

No

Quarterly consolidated financial statements Consolidated balance sheets

(Thousands of yen)

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	As of September 30, 2022	As of March 31, 2023		
Assets				
Current assets				
Cash and deposits	2,273,548	1,430,445		
Accounts receivable - trade	2,231,307	2,644,982		
Accounts receivable - other	2,261,020	2,320,075		
Other	1,090,946	1,198,935		
Total current assets	7,856,821	7,594,438		
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment	1,073,502	1,055,408		
Intangible assets				
Software	900,317	1,016,752		
Other	102,359	198,404		
Total intangible assets	1,002,676	1,215,156		
Investments and other assets				
Investment securities	119,164	117,182		
Guarantee deposits	694,850	707,223		
Insurance funds	764,910	428,033		
Deferred tax assets	379,101	380,514		
Other	588,880	685,747		
Total investments and other assets	2,546,906	2,318,701		
Total non-current assets	4,623,086	4,589,266		
Deferred assets	11,213	8,094		
Total assets	12,491,121	12,191,800		
Liabilities				
Current liabilities				
Current portion of bonds payable	200,000	200,000		
Income taxes payable	342,449	323,493		
Accounts payable - other	1,110,741	1,239,875		
Deposits received	395,611	459,412		
Lease liabilities	110,000	125,483		
Provision for bonuses	178,002	136,935		
Other	668,298	522,585		
Total current liabilities	3,005,103	3,007,785		
Non-current liabilities				
Long-term borrowings	256,250	230,320		
Bonds payable	400,000	300,000		
Lease liabilities	704,300	713,094		
Retirement benefit liability	416,197	417,769		
Asset retirement obligations	304,576	308,935		
Other	259,227	117,282		
Total non-current liabilities	2,340,551	2,087,402		
Total liabilities	5,345,655	5,095,188		

(Thousands of yen)

	As of September 30, 2022	As of March 31, 2023
Net assets		
Shareholders' equity		
Share capital	3,158,703	3,158,703
Capital surplus	585,325	585,325
Retained earnings	3,908,226	3,838,085
Treasury shares	(552,474)	(528,680)
Total shareholders' equity	7,099,781	7,053,434
Accumulated other comprehensive income		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	45,684	43,177
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	45,684	43,177
Total net assets	7,145,466	7,096,611
Total liabilities and net assets	12,491,121	12,191,800

Consolidated statements of income (cumulative) and consolidated statements of comprehensive income (cumulative)

Consolidated statements of income (cumulative)

		(Thousands of yen)
	Six months ended	Six months ended
	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2023
Net sales	5,926,708	6,454,083
Cost of sales	1,217,392	1,534,560
Gross profit	4,709,316	4,919,522
Selling, general and administrative expenses	3,486,360	4,157,111
Operating profit	1,222,955	762,410
Non-operating income		
Interest and dividend income	1,735	199
Guarantee commission received	4,554	4,647
Gain on sales of gold bullion	18,658	-
Foreign exchange gains	18,022	-
Other	3,123	2,849
Total non-operating income	46,093	7,690
Non-operating expenses		
Interest expenses	6,372	8,877
Commission expenses	68,487	83,840
Other	3,979	10,390
Total non-operating expenses	78,839	103,108
Ordinary profit	1,190,210	666,999
Extraordinary income		
Gain on cancellation of insurance policies	_	9,972
Total extraordinary income		9,972
Extraordinary losses	-	
Loss on retirement of non-current assets	1,929	-
Loss on termination of ESOP trust	10,925	-
Loss on cancellation of insurance policies	_	35,783
Total extraordinary losses	12,854	35,783
Profit before income taxes	1,177,355	641,187
Income taxes	406,536	316,621
Profit	770,819	324,565
Profit attributable to owners of parent	770,819	324,565

Consolidated statements of comprehensive income (cumulative)

		(Thousands of yen)
	Six months ended	Six months ended
	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2023
Profit	770,819	324,565
Other comprehensive income		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	(75,268)	(2,507)
Total other comprehensive income	(75,268)	(2,507)
Comprehensive income	695,550	322,058
Comprehensive income attributable to		
Comprehensive income attributable to owners of parent	695,550	322,058
Comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling		
interests	_	_

Consolidated statements of cash flows

(Thousands of yen)

		(Thousands of yen	
	Six months ended	Six months ended	
	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2023	
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit before income taxes	1,177,355	641,187	
Depreciation	209,855	266,143	
Increase (decrease) in provision for bonuses	(11,105)	(41,067	
Increase (decrease) in retirement benefit liability	9,303	2,983	
Interest and dividend income	(1,735)	(199	
Interest expenses on borrowings and bonds	6,372	8,877	
Amortization of deferred assets	3,368	3,118	
Gain on sales of gold bullion	(18,658)	_	
Loss on retirement of non-current assets	1,929	_	
Loss on termination of ESOP trust	10,925	_	
Loss (gain) on cancellation of insurance policies	_	25,811	
Decrease (increase) in trade receivables	(678,780)	(413,675	
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable - other	309,680	(59,140	
Decrease (increase) in deposits paid	(139,314)	(52,231	
Decrease (increase) in long-term prepaid expenses	(144,760)	(76,565	
Increase (decrease) in accrued consumption taxes	(160,420)	(125,269	
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable - other	(189,702)	119,739	
Other, net	(188,228)	(144,894	
Subtotal	196,084	154,816	
Interest and dividends received	1,088	199	
Interest paid	(6,468)	(8,937	
Income taxes paid	(552,318)	(323,900	
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(361,614)	(177,821	
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(72,278)	(89,761	
Purchase of investment securities	(1,367)	(1,629	
Purchase of intangible assets	(232,458)	(280,026	
Proceeds from cancellation of insurance funds	_	311,065	
Payments of guarantee deposits	(59,038)	(14,031	
Proceeds from refund of guarantee deposits	7,540	1,744	
Other, net	73,391	(28,181	
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(284,211)	(100,821	
Cash flows from financing activities		·	
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	300,000	=	
Repayments of long-term borrowings	(103,700)	(25,930	
Purchase of treasury shares	(298,636)	(34	
Proceeds from disposal of treasury shares	132,925	22,930	
Redemption of bonds	(100,000)	(100,000	
Dividends paid	(337,726)	(394,103	
Other, net	(49,249)	(60,464	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(456,386)	(557,602	
Effect of exchange rate change on cash and cash equivalents	18,022	(6,857	
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(1,084,189)	(843,103	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	3,206,034	2,270,524	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	2,121,844	1,427,420	