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Consolidated Financial Results for the First Nine Months of the Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 2022 (Under IFRS)

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(Amounts are rounded to the nearest million yen)

1. Consolidated Financial Results of the First Nine months of the Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 2022 (November 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022)

(1) Consolidated Operating Results

(Percentage figures represent year-on-year changes)

| | Revenue | | Revenue Operating profit Pro | | Profit befo | Profit before tax | | Profit | | Profit attributable to owners of parent | | nsive e |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|------|------------------------------|------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|---|-----------------|------------|
| | Millions of yen | % | Millions of yen | % | Millions of yen | % | Millions of yen | % | Millions of yen | 1 % | Millions of yen | %0 |
| Nine months ended July 31, 2022 | 1,588 | 41.6 | 420 | 58.4 | 416 | 60.2 | 275 | 61.7 | 282 | 65.8 | 295 | 88.0 |
| Nine months ended July 31, 2021 | 1,122 | 0.5 | 265 | 10.9 | 260 | 11.9 | 170 | 20.7 | 170 | 20.7 | 157 | 10.4 |

| | Basic earnings per share | Diluted earnings per share |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Yen | Yen |
| Nine months ended July 31, 2022 | 41.89 | 37.40 |
| Nine months ended July 31, 2021 | 28.18 | 24.61 |

(Reference) EBITDA:

Nine months ended July 31, 2022 464 million yen (up 52.8%) Nine months ended July 31, 2021 304 million yen (up 6.1%)

Adjusted EBITDA:

Nine months ended July 31, 2022 444 million yen (up 59.3%) Nine months ended July 31, 2021 279 million yen (up 2.6%)

(Note) EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA are disclosed as useful comparative information on the Company's performance. Please see "1. Qualitative Information on Operating Result (3) Explanation of Cash Flows (Reference Information)" on page 4 of the attached materials for information on the definitions and calculation methods of each indicator.

(Note) The Company was listed on Tokyo Stock Exchange Mothers (now Growth) on July 20, 2021. As a result, the diluted earnings per share for the First Nine Months of the Fiscal Year ended October 31, 2021 are calculated by deeming the average share price from the listing date until July 31, 2021 to be the average share price for the period.

(2) Consolidated Financial Position

| (_) | Total assets | Total equity | Equity attributable to owners of parent | Ratio of equity attributable to owners of parent | |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|--|--|
| | Millions of yen | Millions of yen | Millions of yen | % | |
| As of July 31, 2022 | 3,478 | 2,473 | 2,431 | 69.9 | |
| As of October 31, 2021 | 2,802 | 2,222 | 2,222 | 79.3 | |

2. Dividend Status

| Dividend Status | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------|----------------------------|--------|--------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| | | Annual dividends per share | | | | | | | |
| | 1Q-end | 2Q-end | 3Q-end | 4Q-end | Total | | | | |
| | yen | yen | yen | yen | yen | | | | |
| Fiscal year ended October 31, 2021 | _ | 0.00 | _ | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | | |
| Fiscal year ending October 31, 2022 | _ | 0.00 | _ | | | | | | |
| Fiscal year ending October 31, 2022 (forecast) | | | | 12.45 | 12.45 | | | | |

Note: Revisions to most recently announced dividend forecast: Yes

3. Consolidated Earnings Forecasts of the Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 2022 (November 1, 2021 to October 31, 2022)

(Percentage figures represent year-on-year changes)

| | | | | | | | (| | -8 | | on your changes, |
|-----------|-----------------|------|-----------------|--------|-------------------|------|-----------------|------|---|------|-----------------------------|
| | Revenue | | Operating p | orofit | Profit before tax | | Profit | | Profit attributable to owners of parent | | Basic earnings per share |
| | Millions of yen | % | Millions of yen | % | Millions of yen | % | Millions of yen | - % | Millions of yen | % | Yen |
| Full year | 2,149 | 38.4 | 473 | 31.0 | 467 | 31.9 | 310 | 35.4 | 319 | 39.6 | 47.47 |

Note: Revisions to most recently announced earnings forecasts: No

* Notes

(iii)

(1) Changes in significant subsidiaries during the period

(Changes in specified subsidiaries resulting in changes in scope of consolidation): Yes

Newly added:

1 company (Company name) Kailash Small Amount and Short Term Insurance

(now ASIRO SSI Inc.)

Excluded:

1 company (Company name) trient, Inc.

The Company performed an absorption-type merger of trient, Inc. on December 1, 2021.

Furthermore, the Company acquired additional shares in Kailash Small Amount and Short Term Insurance on April 28, 2022, making it a consolidated subsidiary. Note that On September 1, 2022, the company name was changed to ASIRO SSI Inc.

- (2) Changes in accounting policies and changes in accounting estimates
 - (i) Changes in accounting policies required by IFRS:

None

Changes in accounting policies due to other reasons:

(iii) Changes in accounting estimates:

Yes None

Note: See "2. Condensed Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes (5) Notes to Condensed Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements (Changes in Accounting Policies) on page 13 for details.

- (3) Number of shares issued (common stock)
 - (i) Number of shares issued at the end of the period (including treasury stock)

As of July 31, 2022 As of October 31, 2021 6,858,868 shares 6,829,000 shares

(ii) Number of treasury stock at the end of the period

As of July 31, 2022

133,400 shares

As of October 31, 2021 - shares

Average number of shares during the period

6,737,306 shares

Nine months ended July 31, 2022 Nine months ended July 31, 2021

6,039,476 shares

The results forecasts and other forward-looking statements shown in these materials are based on information obtained by the Company at present, and certain assumptions deemed to be reasonable. They are not intended to be a promise by the Company to achieve the results. Furthermore, actual results, etc. may vary significantly due to a variety of factors.

Due to factors such as the timing of the impact of COVID-19 subsiding remaining unclear, the Company promptly disclose any revisions to earnings forecasts that are required based on future business trends.

^{*} This report is exempt from the quarterly review by certified public accountants or auditing firms.

^{*} Explanation on appropriate use of results forecasts and other notes

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1. Qualitative Information on Operating Result

(1) Explanation of Operating Results

During the nine months ended July 31, 2022, the Japanese economy proceeded to return to normal due to the spread of vaccinations against the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), but there are concerns about the renewed spread of infections, and concerns still cannot be dispelled in the current conditions. In addition, there is growing uncertainty about the future due to factors such as the global rise in resource prices and the invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

Meanwhile, in the Internet advertising market surrounding the Group, advertising expenditures continued to grow consistently to 2.7052 trillion yen (up 21.4% year on year), and exceeded advertising expenditures in the four forms of mass media (aggregate of advertising expenses in the newspapers, magazines, radio and television) for the first time. (Source: Dentsu Inc. "2021 Advertising Expenditures in Japan")

In such business conditions, the Group is conducting business centered on Legal Media & Other, and operates Legal Media primarily with attorneys as customers and Other Media for customers other than attorneys. Furthermore, in addition to Legal Media & Other, the Group operates Human Resources to provide personnel referral services primarily for attorneys.

In Legal Media that accounts for a large portion of revenue, as a result of increasing the number of new contracts by strengthening sales activities along with customer success activities providing customer support after signing contracts, and focusing on lowering the churn rate and receiving additional orders from existing customers, the number of advertising slots posted (Note 1) in July 2022 was 1,823 (up 28.9% year on year), and the number of advertising customers (Note 2) was 723 (up 30.3% year on year), with business growing steadily.

(Note 1) The number of advertising slots posted is the total number, and multiple slots are counted in cases where the same customer has multiple advertising slots.

(Note 2) The number of advertising customers is the actual number of customers with advertising slots. Furthermore, in Other Media, there was an increase in business in the "Carism" career change media based on heightened recruiting motivation of companies aimed at normalization of the economy, and the number of inquiries during the nine months ended July 31, 2022 increased significantly to 25,558 (up 72.9% year on year).

Consequently, the results for the nine months ended July 31, 2022 were as follows. Revenue was 1,588,275 thousand yen (up 41.6% year on year), operating profit was 420,242 thousand yen (up 58.4% year on year), profit before tax was 416,090 thousand yen (up 60.2% year on year) and profit attributable to owners of parent was 282,209 thousand yen (up 65.8% year on year).

Note that Kailash Small Amount and Short Term Insurance ("Kailash"; name change to ASIRO SSI Inc. on September 1, 2022), which became a consolidated subsidiary on April 28, 2022, is consolidated on the statement of income from the third quarter (three months).

Operating results by segment were as follows. In addition, Revenues are before elimination of intersegment transactions.

[Legal Media & Other]

In addition to advertising revenue increasing due to increases in advertising slots posted and advertising customers in Legal Media, due to the increase in business in the "Carism" career change media in Other Media as mentioned above, revenue was 1,495,744 thousand yen (up 38.6% year on year) and segment profit was 675,738 thousand yen (up 47.4% year on year).

Legal Media revenue was 1,065,217 thousand yen (up 25.0% year on year) and operating profit was 468,439 thousand yen (up 22.1% year on year). Other Media revenue was 430,527 thousand yen (up 90.0% year on year) and operating profit was 207,299 thousand yen (up 177.4% year on year).

[Human Resources]

Since the launch of the business in two fiscal years ago, there was a steady increase in registrants and contracts in personnel referral services, resulting in revenue of 78,477 thousand yen (up 82.3% year on year), and segment profit of 26,710 thousand yen (loss of 3,848 thousand yen in the previous fiscal year). From the nine months ended July 31, 2022, the name of the reportable segment previously called "Legal Human Resources" has been changed to "Human Resources" to more appropriately represent the content of business due to full-scale operation of personnel referrals other than attorneys, such as certified public accountants and tax accountants leading to the actual occurrence of recruitment outside the legal area.

[Other]

This mainly classifies the small-amount short-term insurance business operated by Kailash that began consolidation on the statement of income from the third quarter, and new businesses, etc. that currently lack significance as a business segment not included in reportable segments, and is disclosed as "Other." Revenue was 14,568 thousand yen, and segment loss was 62,320 thousand yen.

(2) Explanation of Financial Position

(i) Assets

Current assets as of July 31, 2022 were 2,002,942 thousand yen, an increase of 482,472 thousand yen compared to October 31, 2021. This was mainly due to increases of 409,908 thousand yen in cash and cash equivalents and 67,498 thousand yen in trade and other receivables.

Non-current assets as of July 31, 2022 were 1,475,398 thousand yen, an increase of 193,381 thousand yen compared to October 31, 2021. This was mainly attributable to increases of 163,265 thousand yen in goodwill due to making Kailash a consolidated subsidiary and 71,463 thousand yen in other financial assets (mainly leasehold deposits and guarantee deposits).

As a result, total assets as of July 31, 2022 were 3,478,340 thousand yen.

(ii) Liabilities

Current liabilities as of July 31, 2022 were 543,411 thousand yen, an increase of 184,116 thousand yen compared to October 31, 2021. This was mainly due to increases of 76,609 thousand yen in trade and other payables and 54,207 thousand yen in bonds and borrowings due to the issuance of bonds, in addition to a 42,179 thousand yen increase in insurance contract liabilities due to Kailash becoming a consolidated subsidiary.

Non-current liabilities as of July 31, 2022 were 461,688 thousand yen, an increase of 240,894 thousand yen compared to October 31, 2021. This was mainly due to an increase of 241,346 thousand yen in bonds and borrowings arising from the issuance of bonds.

As a result, total liabilities as of July 31, 2022 were 1,005,099 thousand yen.

(iii) Equity

Total equity as of July 31, 2022 was 2,473,241 thousand yen, an increase of 250,843 thousand yen compared to October 31, 2021. This was mainly due to an increase of 286,339 thousand yen in retained earnings and an increase of 99,773 thousand yen in treasury shares, which is deductible.

(3) Explanation of Cash Flows

Cash and cash equivalents as of July 31, 2022 amounted to 1,713,751 thousand yen, an increase of 409,908 thousand yen compared to October 31, 2021.

The status of cash flows and factors therein during the nine months ended July 31, 2022 were as follows.

(Cash flows from operating activities)

Cash flows from operating activities for the nine months ended July 31, 2022 were net inflows of 380,984 thousand yen (net inflows of 168,193 thousand yen for the nine months ended July 31, 2021).

This was mainly due to the increase caused by the recording of 416,090 thousand yen in profit before tax and an increase of 71,456 thousand yen in trade and other payables, which was partially offset by the decrease caused by 125,904 thousand yen in income taxes paid.

(Cash flows from investing activities)

Cash flows from investing activities for the nine months ended July 31, 2022 were net outflows of 189,994 thousand yen (net outflows of 10,858 thousand yen for the nine months ended July 31, 2021). This was mainly due to 113,518 thousand yen in payments for acquisition of subsidiaries and associates and 70,597 thousand yen in payments of leasehold and guarantee deposits.

(Cash flows from financing activities)

Cash flows from financing activities for the nine months ended July 31, 2022 were net inflows of 218,918 thousand yen (net inflows of 489,052 thousand yen for the nine months ended July 31, 2021). This was mainly due to the increase caused by 343,970 thousand yen in proceeds from issuance of bonds, which was partially offset by the decreases caused by 100,588 thousand yen in purchase of treasury shares and 50,728 thousand yen in repayments of long-term borrowings.

(Reference information)

The Group has decided to publish EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA as reference indicators on operating results for the purpose of providing useful information for investors to evaluate the Group's results and understand the pure growth of the Group's corporate value without being limited by differences in accounting standards. EBITDA excludes the impact of non-cash expense items (depreciation and amortization) etc. from operating profit. Furthermore, adjusted EBITDA excludes the impact of non-cash expense items associated with application of IFRS, etc. (share-based payment expenses, depreciation of right-of-use assets, etc.) from EBITDA.

The calculation formulae and calculation methods for EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA are as follows.

- EBITDA = Operating profit + Depreciation and amortization Other income + Other expenses
- Adjusted EBITDA = EBITDA \pm Non-cash expense items associated with application of IFRS, etc.

(Units: thousands of yen)

| | Nine months ended | Nine months ended |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| | July 31, 2021 | July 31, 2022 |
| | (November 1, 2020 to | (November 1, 2021 to |
| | July 31, 2021) | July 31, 2022) |
| Operating profit on financial statements | 265,250 | 420,242 |
| + Depreciation and amortization | 40,098 | 46,506 |
| - Other revenue | (1,564) | (2,676) |
| Subtotal | 38,535 | 43,831 |
| EBITDA | 303,785 | 464,072 |
| + Provision of allowance for paid leave | 530 | 2,641 |
| + Share-based payment expenses | 10,997 | 3,744 |
| + Adjustment of leasehold deposits and guarantee deposits recorded | 11 | 11 |
| Adjustment of depreciation of right-of-use assets | (24,693) | (25,104) |
| Adjustment of direct increase in expenses for equity transactions | (11,628) | (874) |
| Subtotal | (24,784) | (19,582) |
| Adjusted EBITDA | 279,001 | 444,490 |

(Note) Figures are rounded to nearest thousand yen.

(4) Explanation of Forward-looking Information such as Consolidated Earnings Forecasts

With regard to the impact of COVID-19, there had been adverse effects in Other Media such as a decrease in net sales of career change media associate with the deterioration of the jobs-to-applicants ratio, but the volume of career change media business has increased due to heightened recruiting motivation of companies aimed at normalization of the economy during the nine months ended July 31, 2022, and the business is on a trend of recovery and growth.

The forecast of financial results is based on the assumption that the impact of the new coronavirus infection was minor through the end of the third quarter and that the same situation will continue through October 31, 2022, the end of the fourth quarter.

1. Condensed Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes

(1) Condensed Quarterly Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

| | | (Units: thousands of yen) |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| | Fiscal year ended October 31, 2021 (as of October 31, 2021) | Nine months ended July 31, 2022 (as of July 31, 2022) |
| Assets | | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 1,303,843 | 1,713,751 |
| Trade and other receivables | 206,076 | 273,574 |
| Other current assets | 10,551 | 15,617 |
| Total current assets | 1,520,469 | 2,002,942 |
| Non-current assets | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 24,514 | 18,385 |
| Right-of-use assets | 35,668 | 11,796 |
| Goodwill | 1,138,725 | 1,301,990 |
| Intangible assets | 16,871 | 11,700 |
| Other financial assets | 33,919 | 105,381 |
| Deferred tax assets | 32,255 | 25,463 |
| Other non-current assets | 66 | 684 |
| Total non-current assets | 1,282,017 | 1,475,398 |
| Total assets | 2,802,487 | 3,478,340 |

| | | (Units: thousands of yen) |
|---|---|---|
| | Fiscal year ended October 31, 2021 (as of October 31, 2021) | Nine months ended July 31, 2022 (as of July 31, 2022) |
| Liabilities and equity | | _ |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Trade and other payables | 93,977 | 170,586 |
| Bonds and borrowings | 61,541 | 115,748 |
| Insurance contract liabilities | _ | 42,179 |
| Income taxes payable | 64,755 | 76,569 |
| Lease liabilities | 30,433 | 7,645 |
| Other financial liabilities | 57,775 | 33,294 |
| Other current liabilities | 50,814 | 97,389 |
| Total current liabilities | 359,295 | 543,411 |
| Non-current liabilities | | |
| Bonds and borrowings | 207,710 | 449,056 |
| Other financial liabilities | 1,057 | 634 |
| Other non-current liabilities | 1,522 | 277 |
| Provisions | 10,504 | 11,721 |
| Total non-current liabilities | 220,793 | 461,688 |
| Total liabilities | 580,089 | 1,005,099 |
| Equity | | |
| Share capital | 542,354 | 547,315 |
| Capital surplus | 1,150,477 | 1,152,130 |
| Retained earnings | 482,835 | 769,174 |
| Treasury shares | _ | (99,773) |
| Other components of equity | 46,732 | 62,413 |
| Total equity attributable to owners of parent | 2,222,398 | 2,431,258 |
| Non-controlling interests | - | 41,983 |
| Total equity | 2,222,398 | 2,473,241 |
| Total liabilities and equity | 2,802,487 | 3,478,340 |

(2) Condensed Quarterly Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income (Condensed Quarterly Consolidated Statement of Income)

| | | (Units: thousands of yen) |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | 31, 2021 | Nine months ended July 31, 2022 |
| | (November 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021) | (November 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022) |
| Revenue | 1,121,914 | 1,588,275 |
| Cost of sales | 549,306 | 772,261 |
| Gross profit | 572,608 | 816,014 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 308,921 | 398,448 |
| Other revenue | 1,564 | 2,676 |
| Other expenses | _ | 0 |
| Operating profit | 265,250 | 420,242 |
| Finance revenue | 12 | 70 |
| Finance expenses | 5,571 | 4,221 |
| Profit before tax | 259,691 | 416,090 |
| Income tax expense | 89,515 | 140,982 |
| Profit | 170,176 | 275,109 |
| Profit attributable to | | |
| Owners of parent | 170,176 | 282,209 |
| Non-controlling interests | | (7,100) |
| Net profit | 170,176 | 275,109 |
| Earnings per share | | |
| Basic earnings per share (yen) | 28.18 | 41.89 |
| Diluted earnings per share (yen) | 24.61 | 37.40 |

(Condensed Quarterly Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income)

| | | (Units: thousands of yen) |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Nine months ended July | Nine months ended |
| | 31, 2021 (November 1, 2020 to | July 31, 2022 (November 1, 2021 to |
| | July 31, 2021) | July 31, 2022) |
| Profit | 170,176 | 275,109 |
| Other comprehensive income | | |
| Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss | | |
| Net change in fair value of financial assets measured through other comprehensive income | (14,195) | 19,225 |
| Total of items that will not be reclassified to profit or | (14,195) | 10.225 |
| loss | (- 1,-2 -) | 19,225 |
| Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss | | |
| Effective portion of net change in fair value of cash flow hedges | 702 | 294 |
| Total of items that may be reclassified to profit or | | |
| loss | 702 | 294 |
| Total other comprehensive income | (13,493) | 19,519 |
| Comprehensive income | 156,683 | 294,628 |
| Comprehensive income attributable to | | |
| Owners of parent | 156,683 | 301,728 |
| Non-controlling interests | , <u> </u> | (7,100) |
| Net income | 156,683 | 294,628 |

(3) Condensed Quarterly Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity Nine months ended July 31, 2021 (November 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021)

(Units: thousands of yen)

| | | Equity attributable to owners of parent | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---|-------------------|--------------------------------|---|------------------------|----------|--------------|
| | | | | (| Other componen | ts of equity | | |
| | Share capital | Capital surplus | Retained earnings | Share acquisition rights | Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income | Cash flow hedges | Total | Total equity |
| Balance as of November 1, 2020 | 100,000 | 716,190 | 254,056 | 51,564 | . – | (1,657) | 49,907 | 1,120,153 |
| Profit | _ | _ | 170,176 | _ | - | _ | _ | 170,176 |
| Other comprehensive income | _ | _ | _ | _ | (14,195) | 702 | (13,493) | (13,493) |
| Total comprehensive income | _ | _ | 170,176 | _ | (14,195) | 702 | (13,493) | 156,683 |
| Issuance of new shares | 442,354 | 434,287 | _ | _ | - | _ | _ | 876,641 |
| Share-based payment expenses | _ | _ | _ | 10,997 | _ | _ | 10,997 | 10,997 |
| Total transactions with owners | 442,354 | 434,287 | _ | 10,997 | _ | _ | 10,997 | 887,638 |
| Balance as of July 31, 2021 | 542,354 | 1,150,477 | 424,232 | 62,561 | (14,195) | (955) | 47,411 | 2,164,474 |

(Units: thousands of yen)

| | | Equity attributable to owners of parent | | | | |
|--|---------------|---|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---|
| • | | | | | Other compo | nents of equity |
| | Share capital | Capital surplus | Retained earnings | Treasury shares | Share acquisition rights | Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income |
| Balance as of November 1, 2021 | 542,354 | 1,150,477 | 482,835 | - | 62,561 | (15,095) |
| Profit | _ | _ | 282,209 | _ | _ | _ |
| Other comprehensive income | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 19,225 |
| Total comprehensive income | _ | _ | 282,209 | _ | _ | 19,225 |
| Restricted stock compensation | 3,779 | (42) | _ | _ | - | _ |
| Exercise of share acquisition rights | 1,181 | 2,267 | _ | _ | (1,090) | _ |
| Issuance of share acquisition rights | _ | _ | _ | _ | 1,421 | _ |
| Purchase of treasury shares | _ | (565) | _ | (99,773) | _ | _ |
| Acquisition of subsidiaries | _ | _ | 4,130 | _ | _ | (4,130) |
| Changes in interest associated with capital increase of consolidated subsidiary | - | (7) | - | _ | - | _ |
| Other | _ | _ | _ | _ | (39) | _ |
| Total transactions with owners | 4,960 | 1,653 | 4,130 | (99,773) | 292 | (4,130) |
| Balance as of July 31, 2022 | 547,315 | 1,152,130 | 769,174 | (99,773) | 62,853 | _ |

(Units: thousands of yen)

| | Equity attributable to owners of parent | | | | |
|--|---|---------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| | Other components of equity | | Equity attributable | Non-controlling interests | Total equity |
| | Cash flow hedges | Total | to owners of parent | merests | |
| Balance as of November 1, 2021 | (734) | 46,732 | 2,222,398 | _ | 2,222,398 |
| Profit | _ | _ | 282,209 | (7,100) | 275,109 |
| Other comprehensive income | 294 | 19,519 | 19,519 | _ | 19,519 |
| Total comprehensive income | 294 | 19,519 | 301,728 | (7,100) | 294,628 |
| Restricted stock compensation | _ | _ | 3,738 | _ | 3,738 |
| Exercise of share acquisition rights | _ | (1,090) | 2,358 | _ | 2,358 |
| Issuance of share acquisition rights | _ | 1,421 | 1,421 | _ | 1,421 |
| Purchase of treasury shares | _ | _ | (100,338) | _ | (100,338) |
| Acquisition of subsidiaries | _ | (4,130) | _ | 3,476 | 3,476 |
| Changes in interest associated with capital increase of consolidated subsidiary | _ | - | (7) | 45,607 | 45,600 |
| Other | _ | (39) | (39) | _ | (39) |
| Total transactions with owners | _ | (3,838) | (92,868) | 49,083 | (43,785) |
| Balance as of July 31, 2022 | (440) | 62,413 | 2,431,258 | 41,983 | 2,473,241 |

| (4) Condensed Quarterly Consolidated Statements of C | | (Units: thousands of yen |
|---|--|--|
| | Nine months ended July 31, 2021 (November 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021) | Nine months ended July 31, 2022 (November 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022) |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| Profit before tax | 259,691 | 416,090 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 40,098 | 46,506 |
| Finance revenue | (12) | (70) |
| Finance expenses | 5,571 | 4,221 |
| Decrease (increase) in trade and other receivables | (15,289) | (61,980) |
| Decrease (increase) in other current assets | 1,822 | (8,280) |
| Increase (decrease) in trade and other payables | 10,605 | 71,456 |
| Change in insurance contract liabilities | _ | 17,414 |
| Increase (decrease) in other current liabilities | 11,054 | 46,255 |
| Increase (decrease) in other financial liabilities | (23,580) | (25,090) |
| Share-based payment expenses | 10,997 | 3,744 |
| Other | (4,746) | (2,093) |
| Subtotal | 296,212 | 508,174 |
| Interest received | 2 | 6 |
| Interest paid | (3,131) | (1,293) |
| Income taxes paid | (124,890) | (125,904) |
| Cash flows from operating activities | 168,193 | 380,984 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | (1,608) | (6,879) |
| Purchase of intangible assets | (750) | _ |
| Payments for acquisition of subsidiaries | _ | (113,518) |
| Purchase of other financial assets | (8,500) | _ |
| Payments for leasehold deposits and guarantee deposits | _ | (70,597) |
| Proceeds from refund of leasehold deposits and guarantee deposits | _ | 1,000 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | (10,858) | (189,994) |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | |
| Proceeds from issuance of shares | 876,641 | 2,358 |
| Capital contribution from non-controlling interests | _ | 45,600 |
| Repayments of long-term borrowings | (365,097) | (50,728) |
| Proceeds from issuance of bonds | _ | 343,970 |
| Repayments of lease liabilities | (22,492) | (22,787) |
| Purchase of treasury shares | · | (100,588) |
| Other | _ | 1,093 |
| Cash flows from financing activities | 489,052 | 218,918 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 646,388 | 409,908 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 557,471 | 1,303,843 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | 1,203,859 | 1,713,751 |

(5) Notes to Condensed Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements

(Notes on Going Concern Assumptions) Not applicable.

(Changes in Accounting Policies)

The Group has made early application of the following standards from the six months ended April 30, 2022 due to the acquisition of shares in Kailash Small Amount and Short Term Insurance (name change to ASIRO SSI Inc. on September 1, 2022), which operates a small-amount short-term insurance business, to make it a subsidiary on April 28, 2022.

| Standard document | Standard title | Timing of mandatory application (year of commencement) | Details of establishment or revision |
|-------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| IFRS 17 | Insurance Contracts | January 1, 2023 | Revision related to insurance policies |

Application of the above standard document does not have a material impact on the Condensed Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements.

Furthermore, the company adopts an approach of distributing insurance premiums because the period of coverage of the insurance products it sells is within one year.

(Changes in Accounting Estimates) Not applicable.

(Bonds)

Not applicable to bonds issued in the nine months ended July 31, 2021.

The bonds issued in the nine months ended July 31, 2022 are as follows.

| Issue | ASIRO Inc. 1st Unsecured Corporate Bonds (Guaranteed by Resona Bank, Limited and limited to qualified institutional investors) | ASIRO Inc. 2nd Unsecured Corporate Bonds with Early Redemption Clause (Guaranteed by Mizuho Bank, Ltd. and limited to qualified institutional investors) |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| Total amount of issuance | 250,000,000 yen | 100,000,000 yen |
| Issue price | 100 yen per value of 100 yen of each corporate bond | 100 yen per value of 100 yen of each corporate bond |
| Interest rate | 0.36% (fixed interest) | 6-month yen TIBOR (variable interest) |
| Date of issuance | March 25, 2022 | March 31, 2022 |
| Maturity date | March 25, 2027 | March 31, 2027 |
| Redemption method | Fixed redemption every 6 months | Fixed redemption every 6 months However, may be redeemed early on each payment date from one year after the date of issuance at the Company's choice |
| Intended use of funds | Working capital | Working capital |

(Segment Information)

(1) Overview of reportable segments

The Group's business segments are the business units for which the Company is able to obtain respective financial information separately in order for the Board of Directors to conduct periodic reviews to determine the distribution of management resources and evaluate business results.

The Group operates multiple media sites and conducts Human Resources, but has consolidated business segments with generally similar elements such as services into the two reportable segments of "Legal Media & Other" and "Human Resources" to provide appropriate information on the content of business activities, etc.

"Legal Media & Other" operates Legal Media centered on the "Attorney Search" series and Other Media such as "Carism" career change media.

"Human Resources" is licensed by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare, and conducts fee-charging employment placement businesses pursuant to the Employment Security Act.

(2) Changes in reportable segments

The Group has differentiated insurance business and new business, etc. with little significance at present as a business segment not included in reportable segments and discloses it as "Other" from the six months ended April 30, 2022 to assess and manage performance of each reportable segment more appropriately. There were no applicable businesses in the nine months ended July 31, 2021.

Furthermore, from the nine months ended July 31, 2022, the name of the reportable segment previously called "Legal Human Resources" has been changed to "Human Resources" to more appropriately represent the content of business due to full-scale operation of personnel referrals other than attorneys, such as certified public accountants and tax accountants leading to the actual occurrence of recruitment outside the legal area. The change of the segment name has no impact on segment information. The segment information for the nine months ended July 31, 2021 is also indicated for the changed segment name.

(3) Information on reportable segments

The revenue and business results of the Group's reportable segments are as follows. Profit of reportable segments is shown as figures based on operating profit.

Nine months ended July 31, 2021 (November 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021)

(Units: thousands of yen)

| | R | eportable segments | | · · | s. thousands of yen) |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | Legal Media & Other | Human Resources | Total | Adjustments (Note) | Consolidated |
| Revenue | | | | | |
| Revenue from external customers | 1,078,863 | 43,051 | 1,121,914 | _ | 1,121,914 |
| Intersegment revenue | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ |
| Total | 1,078,863 | 43,051 | 1,121,914 | _ | 1,121,914 |
| Segment profit (loss) | 458,502 | (3,848) | 454,654 | (189,404) | 265,250 |
| Finance revenue | _ | _ | _ | _ | 12 |
| Finance expenses | _ | _ | _ | _ | 5,571 |
| Profit before tax | _ | _ | _ | _ | 259,691 |

(Note) The adjustments of segment profit or loss are primarily corporate expenses not allocated to each reportable segment.

(Units: thousands of yen)

| | Re | portable segmen | nts | Other | | Adjustments (Note 2) | Consolidated |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------------------|--------------|
| | Legal Media & Other | Human Resources | Total | (Note 1) | Total | | |
| Revenue | | | | | | | |
| Revenue from external customers | 1,495,229 | 78,477 | 1,573,707 | 14,568 | 1,588,275 | _ | 1,588,275 |
| Intersegment revenue | 514 | _ | 514 | _ | 514 | (514) | _ |
| Total | 1,495,744 | 78,477 | 1,574,221 | 14,568 | 1,588,789 | (514) | 1,588,275 |
| Segment profit (loss) | 675,738 | 26,710 | 702,447 | (62,320) | 640,127 | (219,885) | 420,242 |
| Finance revenue | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 70 |
| Finance expenses | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 4,221 |
| Profit before tax | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 416,090 |

⁽Notes) 1. The "Other" category is made up of business segments not included in reportable segments, such as insurance business and new businesses with little significance at present.

(Per Share Information)

| | Nine months ended July 31, 2021 (November 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021) | Nine months ended July 31, 2022 (November 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022) |
|---|--|--|
| Profit attributable to owners of parent (thousand yen) | 170,176 | 282,209 |
| Profit not attributable to common shareholders to owners of parent (thousand yen) | _ | _ |
| Profit used for calculation of basic earnings per share (thousand yen) | 170,176 | 282,209 |
| Adjustment of quarterly profit on dilution (thousand yen) | _ | _ |
| Profit used for calculation of diluted earnings per share (thousand yen) | 170,176 | 282,209 |
| Weighted average number of common stock (shares) | 6,039,476 | 6,737,306 |
| Increase in the number of common stock due to stock acquisition rights (shares) | 876,478 | 809,324 |
| Diluted weighted-average number of common stock (shares) | 6,915,954 | 7,546,631 |
| Basic earnings per share (yen) | 28.18 | 41.89 |
| Diluted earnings per share (yen) | 24.61 | 37.40 |

(Notes) The Company was listed on Tokyo Stock Exchange Mothers (now Growth) on July 20, 2021. As a result, the diluted earnings per share for the nine months ended July 31, 2021 are calculated by deeming the average share price from the listing date until July 31, 2021 to be the average share price for the period.

^{2.} The adjustments of segment profit or loss are primarily corporate expenses not allocated to each reportable segment.

(Business Combinations)

Nine months ended July 31, 2021 (November 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021) Not applicable.

Nine months ended July 31, 2022 (November 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022)

On April 28, 2022, the Company acquired an additional 62.31% of the shares of Kailash Small Amount and Short Term Insurance ("Kailash"; name change to ASIRO SSI Inc. on September 1, 2022), which operates a small-amount and short-term insurance business. This, along with the existing holding of 14.82%, resulted in holding 77.14% of the outstanding shares of Kailash, making it a subsidiary.

(1) Overview of business combination

(i) Name and content of business of acquired company

Name of acquired company: Kailash Small Amount and Short Term Insurance Content of business: Small-amount insurance business such as selling legal fee insurance "BenNavi Attorney's Fee Insurance"

(ii) Acquisition date April 28, 2022

(iii) Percentage of equity interest with voting rights acquired

The Company had held 14.82% of Kailash shares with voting rights immediately before the business combination date, but made an additional acquisition of 62.31% of the shares on the business combination date, making it a subsidiary.

(iv) Main reasons for the business combination

Kailash was registered as a small-amount short-term insurance company on February 14, 2020, and commenced operation of is small-amount short-term insurance business on April 1, 2020, selling legal fee insurance. As legal fee insurance is a product that uses insurance payments to cover part of the expenses arising when hiring attorneys to resolve trouble encountered in everyday life, parties insured by the insurance have the potential for legal trouble and are prepared for the possibility of hiring attorneys.

Meanwhile, the Company operates Legal Media, and attracts users with manifest legal problems who feel the need to hire attorneys in areas such as divorce problems and labor issues. Users of the Company's Legal Media and people insured by Kailash have similar attributes, and the Company had made a partial investment in the operating funds associated with the commencement of Kailash's business in 2020 due to the significant potential for a business partnership, and held 14.82% of voting rights.

More than one year has elapsed since the commencement of Kailash's business, and the accumulation of insurance contracts has been confirmed. Furthermore, including the contracts the Company has brokered as an insurance agent, over 80% of the insured have been attracted via the Internet, and the Company has determined that the number of contracts held can be increased by making Kailash a subsidiary and applying our web marketing technology. In addition, by strengthening business partnership by making Kailash a subsidiary, the Company will be able to reach customers who potentially face legal trouble, and using Kailash's platform will make it possible to diversify revenue sources by developing and selling new insurance products in the future. For these reasons, it was determined that making Kailash a subsidiary would lead to further business expansion and improvement of competitiveness of the Group.

(v) Method of acquisition of control of the acquired company Acquisition of shares in exchange for cash

(2) Expenses related to acquisition

The expenses related to acquisition for the business combination were 9,500 thousand yen, and the entire amount was recorded as an expense under "selling, general and administrative expenses."

(3) Breakdown of consideration for acquisition

(Units: thousands of yen)

| Cash and cash equivalents | 141,360 |
|---|---------|
| Fair value of equity interest held immediately before acquisition | 33,630 |
| Total | 174,990 |

(4) Gain due to acquisition in stages

As a result of re-measurement of the fair value on the acquisition date of the 14.82% held by the Group on the acquisition date, a gain of 131 thousand yen due to acquisition in stages was recognized from the business combination. This gain is included in the net change in fair value of financial assets measured a through other comprehensive income on the condensed quarterly consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

(5) Fair values of consideration for acquisition, acquired assets, liabilities assumed and non-controlling interests as of the acquisition date

(Units: thousands of yen)

| (Offics, thousands of ye |
|--------------------------|
| 174,990 |
| |
| 27,842 |
| 7,057 |
| 311 |
| 10,000 |
| 45,210 |
| 3,997 |
| 24,765 |
| 685 |
| 242 |
| 320 |
| _ |
| 30,010 |
| 15,201 |
| (3,476) |
| 163,265 |
| 174,990 |
| |

- (Notes) 1. Non-controlling interests are measured using the equity interest of non-controlling shareholders in relation to the fair value of the identifiable net assets of the acquired company.
 - 2. Goodwill arises mainly from reasonable estimates of the future expected excess earning power.

Note that there is no amount expected to be included in losses for tax purposes with regard to the goodwill.

(6) Cash flows associated with the acquisition

(Units: thousands of yen)

| Cash and cash equivalents paid due to the additional acquisition | 141,360 |
|---|----------|
| Cash and cash equivalents held by the acquired company at the time of acquisition | (27,842) |
| Purchase of subsidiaries | 113,518 |

(7) Impact on performance

The amounts of revenue and net profit or loss of the acquired company recognized on the Condensed Quarterly Consolidated Statements of Income for the reporting period are as follows.

(Units: thousands of yen)

| Revenue | 14,373 |
|---------------|----------|
| Profit (loss) | (31,056) |

Furthermore, the impact on the Group's revenue and profit for the nine months under review assuming the business combination took place at the start of the period is immaterial. The relevant pro forma information has not undergone a quarterly review.

(Significant Events after Reporting Period)

Rights for the 1st to 3rd share acquisition rights issued by the Company have been exercised during the period from August 1, 2022 until September 14, 2022, and an overview of these is as follows.

| | 1st share acquisition rights | 2nd share acquisition rights | 3rd share acquisition rights | Total |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Number of share acquisition rights exercised | 2,000 | 80 | 490 | 2,570 |
| Class and number of shares | Common stock 600,000 shares | Common stock 24,000 shares | Common stock 147,000 shares | Common stock 771,000 shares |
| Exercise amount | 76,800,000 yen | 3,360,000 yen | 18,081,000 yen | 98,241,000 yen |
| Increase in share capital | 38,603,000 yen | 1,683,000 yen | 9,041,000 yen | 49,327,000 yen |
| Increase in legal capital surplus | 38,603,000 yen | 1,683,000 yen | 9,041,000 yen | 49,327,000 yen |