





Consolidated Financial Highlights for the Third Quarter ended December 31, 2023 [under Japanese GAAP]

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1. Consolidated Financial Highlights for the Third Quarter ended December 31, 2023 (April 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023)

(1) Consolidated Operating Results

(Millions of yen)

Third Quarter ended December 31	Net sales	Operating profit	Ordinary profit	Profit attributable to owners of parent
2023	582,619 (7.1%)	155,191 (21.5%)	185,594 (20.8%)	137,304 (21.0%)
2022	627,475 15.7%	197,811 12.9%	234,305 19.8%	173,766 25.0%

(Note) Comprehensive income 3Q ended December 31, 2023 : ¥ 180,517 million (8.7%)

(Yen)

Third Quarter ended December 31	Net income per share	Net income per share (diluted basis)
2023	2,128.98	_
2022	2,659.97	_

(2) Consolidated Financial Positions

(Millions of yen)

	Total assets	Net assets	Equity ratio
December 31, 2023	2,025,345	1,820,943	89.7%
March 31, 2023	1,927,940	1,702,325	88.1%

(Reference) Shareholders' equity As of December 31, 2023 : ¥ 1,816,902 million

As of March 31, 2023: ¥ 1,698,413 million

2. Dividends (Yen)

For the year		Dividend per shar	e		
ended March 31	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Total
2023 (Actual)	_	450.00	_	450.00	900.00
2024 (Actual)	_	450.00	_	NA	NA
2024 (Projected)	NA	NA	NA	450.00	900.00

(Note) Revision of dividends forecast during this period: None

3. Forecasts of Consolidated Operating Results for the Year ending March 31, 2024

(Millions of yen, except per share figures)

	Net sales	Operating profit	~ ~	Profit attributable to owners of parent	Net income per share (Yen)
Year ending March 31, 2024	767,000 (7.0%)	201,000 (22.2%)	232,000 (24.2%)	170,000 (24.3%)	2,635.95

(Note) Revision of forecasts of operating results during this period: Yes

* Notes

- (1) Changes in significant subsidiaries during the third quarter ended December 31, 2023: None
- (2) Adoption of special accounting methods for presenting quarterly consolidated financial statements: Yes
- (3) Changes in accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and retrospective restatement
 - 1. Changes in accounting policies applied due to revisions of accounting standards: None
 - 2. Changes in accounting policies other than the above: None
 - 3. Changes in accounting estimates: None
 - 4. Retrospective restatement: None

(4) Number of shares issued

1. Number of common shares issued (including treasury shares)

As of December 31, 2023	67,369,359
As of March 31, 2023	67,369,359

2. Number of treasury shares

As of December 31, 2023	2,920,850
As of March 31, 2023	2,868,732

3. Average number of common shares for the nine months ended

April 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023	64,492,802
April 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022	65,326,089

(Note) The company's shares held by the Board Benefit Trust (BBT) for the Directors' Stock Compensation Plan (2,600 shares as of December 31, 2022 and as of March 31, 2023, and 11,200 shares as of December 31, 2023) is included in the number of treasury shares, which is excluded in the calculation for the above: 2. Number of treasury shares and 3. Average number of common shares for the nine months ended.

These quarterly consolidated financial highlights are not subject to quarterly review procedures by the independent accounting auditor.

Explanation of appropriate use of financial forecasts; other special items

- 1. The revised forecasts of operating results for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024 (consolidated) are shown in this release.
- Forecasts are based on information and certain premises that the Company considers to be reasonable at the time these consolidated quarterly financial highlights are released.
 Some factors could cause actual results to differ from expectations.

1. Qualitative Information about the Quarterly Results

(1) Operating Results

During the third quarter of this fiscal year (April 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023) the outlook remains uncertain due to the situation of continued turmoil in Ukraine, the outbreak of conflict in the Middle East, the global monetary tightening, the delicate U.S.-China relations, and concerns about a slowdown in Chinese economy, which continued held backs in capital investments across a wide range of industry.

As for the demand for automatic control equipment, in the semi-conductor and electrical machinery-related industries, there was continued restraint and postponement of capital investment in Japan, Asia, and the U.S. In the automotive-related industry, there were capital investment in EV-related areas mainly in Europe and the U.S., however, the overall growth rate slowed down, due to the sharp fall in EV-battery demand in Greater China, which was high in the previous year. Machine tool-related industry continued to be in an adjustment phase due to the sluggish semi-conductor-related demand and the economic slowdown in China. Sales to medical equipment-related, food machinery-related, and other industries remained sluggish, despite new post-covid demand for labor-saving and automation.

Under these circumstances, the SMC Group has continued to strive achieving its medium-term sales target of "JPY 1 Trillion by FY2026" by making aggressive capital investments within and outside Japan to enhance its supply capability of products, continued developing new products and proposing solutions which contribute to a significant CO2 emission reduction for its customers, establishing a BCP system, and utilizing it global human resources.

Within the business environment described above, the summary of consolidated business results for the nine months ended December 31, 2023 is as follows:

Net sales were 582,619 million yen (decreased by 7.1%, yoy). From the geographic segment point of view, Greater China decreased approximately 17% from the same quarter of the previous year. By customer industry, the continued low tone in the semi-conductor market resulted the decrease in revenue.

Operating profit was 155,191 million yen (decreased by 21.5%, yoy) due to the decrease in sales volume, decrease in gross profit from higher cost ratio, and the increase in selling, general and administrative expenses resulted from the increases in personnel costs, travel expenses, depreciation costs, and R&D expenses.

Ordinary profit was 185,594 million yen (decreased by 20.8%, yoy). In addition to the above-mentioned effects, the main reason for the decrease was due to the decrease in foreign exchange gains.

Profit before income taxes was 186,631 million yen (decreased by 21.3%, yoy). In addition to the above-mentioned effects, although the Company sold investment securities and recorded a gain on the sale of investment securities in the previous corresponding period, the main reason for the decrease was the decrease in sales of investment securities, and profit attributable to owners of parent was 137,304 million yen (decreased by 21.0%, yoy).

(2) Financial Positions

Total assets in SMC Group's consolidated balance sheet as of the end of the third quarter of this fiscal year was 2,025,345 million yen (a 97,405 million yen or 5.1% increase from the previous fiscal year end). In spite of the decrease of 77,684 million yen, mainly due to the payment of tax, build-up of inventories, acquisition of investment securities, payment of dividends, allocation of funds for capital investments, and acquisition of own shares, cash and deposit increased mainly due to a 92,213 million yen increase in inventories from increase in raw materials and parts, a 30,221 million yen increase in property, plant and equipment mainly from capital investments in the production bases, and a 70,355 million yen increase in investment securities from the acquisition of additional U.S. treasuries.

Total capital as of the end of the third quarter of this fiscal year was 2,025,345 million yen (a 97,405 million yen or 5.1% increase from the previous fiscal year end). Main increase from the previous fiscal year end were - A 79,251 million yen increase mainly caused by the recorded profit attributable to owners of parent in retained earnings, and a 38,990 million yen increase in foreign currency translation adjustment due to the weakening of the yen.

(3) Consolidated Forecasts and Other Forward-Looking Information

Based on recent trends in orders, revisions to the consolidated forecast for the fiscal year 2023, announced in the "Consolidated Financial Highlights for the Year ended March 31, 2023 [under Japanese GAAP]" issued on May 15, 2023 are made as below.

The expected average exchange rate for the full year, on which the new forecast is based, remains unchanged: 1 US\$ = 145 yen, 1 EUR = 154 yen, and 1 CNY = 19.80 yen.

Revision to consolidated financial forecasts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024

(Period from April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024)

	Net Sales	Operating Profit	Ordinary Profit	Profit attributable to owners of parent	Net Income per share
Previous Forecasts (A)	(Millions of Yen) 807,000	(Millions of Yen) 233,000	(Millions of Yen) 253,000	(Millions of Yen) 183,000	(Yen) 2,837.18
Revised Forecasts (B)	767,000	201,000	232,000	170,000	2,635.95
Increased / Decreased Amount (B-A)	(40,000)	(32,000)	(21,000)	(13,000)	
Rate of Change (%)	(5.0)	(13.7)	(8.3)	(7.1)	_
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Results of the FY 2022 (Year ended March 31, 2023)	824,772	258,200	305,980	224,609	3,444.55

Since June of 2022, SMC has frozen all exports to and new investments at its Russian subsidiaries. If SMC were to complete a full withdrawal from the Russian market in the future, there is a risk that SMC will not be able to obtain the required permits and approvals from the local authorities to recover SMC's remaining assets within the country. As such, the SMC Group may see damages of up to 11.4 billion yen from the loss of these assets.

2. Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements

(1) Quarterly Consolidated Balance Sheet

		(Millions of yen)
	Year end	Third Quarter end
	-Previous year	-Current year
	As of March 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2023
[ASSETS]		
Current assets		
Cash and deposits	603,570	525,886
Notes and accounts receivable-trade	228,848	201,022
Securities	19,926	21,158
Merchandise and finished goods	165,288	205,071
Work in process	31,388	35,916
Raw materials and supplies	221,925	269,827
Other	53,641	51,697
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(740)	(693)
Total current assets	1,323,848	1,309,886
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment		
Buildings and structures, net	123,752	141,454
Machinery, equipment and vehicles, net	52,097	61,617
Land	87,746	89,888
Other, net	63,399	64,255
Total property, plant and equipment	326,995	357,216
Intangible assets	16,591	16,456
Investments and other assets		
Investment securities	92,420	162,776
Insurance funds	143,902	148,099
Other	25,636	32,500
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(1,454)	(1,591)
Total investments and other assets	260,505	341,785
Total non-current assets	604,092	715,458
Total assets	1,927,940	2,025,345

(Millions of yen)

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	Year end	Third Quarter end
	-Previous year	-Current year
	As of March 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2023
[LIABILITIES]		
Current liabilities		
Notes and accounts payable-trade	73,636	74,596
Short-term borrowings	7,137	7,636
Income taxes payable	42,435	12,578
Provision for bonuses	5,143	11,371
Provisions	_	268
Other	60,494	57,038
Total current liabilities	188,847	163,489
Non-current liabilities		
Long-term borrowings	5,049	6,229
Provision for retirement benefits for directors	458	596
Provision for share awards for directors	114	222
Retirement benefit liability	7,577	7,871
Other	23,567	25,990
Total non-current liabilities	36,767	40,912
Total liabilities	225,615	204,401
[NET ASSETS]	,	·
Shareholders' equity		
Share capital	61,005	61,005
Capital surplus	73,342	73,342
Retained earnings	1,596,086	1,675,337
Treasury shares	(164,167)	(167,981)
Total shareholders' equity	1,566,266	1,641,703
Accumulated other comprehensive income		, ,
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	7,573	11,898
Foreign currency translation adjustment	120,275	159,265
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	4,298	4,034
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	132,146	175,198
Non-controlling interests	3,912	4,041
Total net assets	1,702,325	1,820,943
Total liabilities and net assets	1,927,940	2,025,345
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(2) Quarterly Consolidated Statement of Income and Quarterly Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

Quarterly Consolidated Statement of Income

(Millions of yen)

	Third Quarter ended December 31, 2022 From April 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022	Third Quarter ended December 31, 2023 From April 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023
Net sales	627,475	582,619
Cost of sales	307,421	302,546
Gross profit	320,054	280,072
Selling, general and administrative expenses	122,242	124,881
Operating profit	197,811	155,191
Non-operating income		
Interest income	8,076	13,033
Foreign exchange gains	26,087	13,486
Other	2,581	3,998
Total non-operating income	36,745	30,518
Non-operating expenses		
Interest expenses	88	56
Loss on investments in insurance funds	80	_
Other	83	59
Total non-operating expenses	251	116
Ordinary profit	234,305	185,594
Extraordinary income		
Gain on sale of non-current assets	128	672
Gain on sale of investment securities	3,174	555
Other	7	_
Total extraordinary income	3,309	1,228
Extraordinary losses		
Loss on retirement of non-current assets	310	183
Extra retirement payments	273	_
Other	9	8
Total extraordinary losses	592	191
Profit before income taxes	237,022	186,631
Income taxes	63,149	49,306
Profit	173,873	137,324
Profit attributable to non-controlling interests	107	20
Profit attributable to owners of parent	173,766	137,304

Quarterly Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

(Millions of yen) Third Ouarter ended Third Ouarter ended December 31, 2022 **December 31, 2023** From April 1, 2022 From April 1, 2023 to December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2023 Profit 173,873 137,324 Other comprehensive income Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities (3,293)4,450 Foreign currency translation adjustment 26,991 39,007 Remeasurements of defined benefit plans, net of tax 63 (265)Total other comprehensive income 23,762 43,192 **Comprehensive income** 197,635 180,517 Comprehensive income attributable to: Comprehensive income attributable to owners of parent 197,541 180,356 Comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling 93 161

(3) Notes to Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements (Notes on going-concern assumption)

N/A

interests

(Notes in event of significant changes in shareholders' equity)

N/A

(Adoption of special accounting methods for presenting quarterly consolidated financial statements)

(Calculation of income taxes)

As for income taxes, the effective tax rate after applying the tax effect accounting to the profit before income taxes of the fiscal year including this third quarter was reasonably estimated. And income taxes were calculated by multiplying the profit before income taxes by this estimated effective tax rate.

Income taxes for some subsidiaries were calculated with effective statutory tax rates instead of this estimated effective tax rate. Recoverable amount for deferred tax assets were reasonably estimated.

(Significant subsequent events)

N/A

3. Supplementary Information

(1) Net sales by region

(Millions of yen)

Japan	U.S.	China	Asia (excl. China)	Europe	Other	Total
121,269	69,218	147,807	102,608	109,498	32,216	582,619

(Note) The above figures shows the sales amounts by the location of customers.

Japan, U.S. and China (including Hong Kong) are individually disclosed since they consist 10% or above the consolidated net sales respectively.

(2) Geographic segment information

(Millions of yen)

Japan	North America	Greater China	Other Asia	Europe	Other	Total
126,495	95,594	151,926	89,342	105,036	14,223	582,619

(Note) The above figures shows the sales amounts by the location of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries.

(3) Consolidated Capital expenditures, Depreciation and R&D expenses

(Millions of yen)

	Third Quarter ended December 31, 2023		Year ending March 31, 2024 (Forecast)		
Capital expenditures	49,392	(19.7%)	100,000	22.6%	
Depreciation	24,583	30.6%	33,000	28.1%	
R&D expenses	22,982	14.1%	30,000	9.6%	

⁽Note) Predicted capital expenditures and depreciation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024 are respectively changed to the above amounts from the initial forecasts (120,000 million yen and 30,000 million yen).

(4) Foreign currency exchange rates

	Third Quarter ended	Year ending March 31, 2024 (Forecast)	
	(average)	(at end)	(average)
US\$	¥ 143.32	¥ 141.82	¥ 145.00
E U R	¥ 155.31	¥ 157.09	¥ 154.00
C N Y	¥ 19.97	¥ 19.94	¥ 19.80

(5) Consolidated Full-time employees and Temporary employees

(Number of personnel)

	Third Quarter ended December 31, 2023	Difference from last year end
Full-time employees (at end)	23,356	368
Temporary employees (average)	5,364	(879)

(Note) The decrease in the number of temporary employees is mainly due to a revision of the definition of temporary employees at overseas subsidiaries.

[&]quot;North America" includes the sales amount of U.S., Canada and Mexico, "Greater China" includes China (including Hong Kong) and Taiwan.