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Kuraray Co., Ltd.

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1. Consolidated Financial Results for the Interim Period of the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2013 (April 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012)

(1) Consolidated Operating Results (Cumulative)

(Percentages displayed for net sales, operating income, ordinary income and net income are comparisons with the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year.)

(Millions of yen)

	Net	Sales	Operat	ing Income	Ordina	ry Income	Net In	ncome
		(Change)		(Change)		(Change)		(Change)
Fiscal 2012 Interim	180,888	(2.6%)	23,899	(18.6%)	21,884	(24.5%)	12,745	(26.0%)
Fiscal 2011 Interim	185,635	2.7%	29,364	15.3%	28,981	15.9%	17,214	23.7%

Note: Comprehensive income: For the fiscal 2012 interim period: ¥12,463 million (40.4%)

For the fiscal 2011 interim period: \$20,907 million (-%)

	Net Income per Share (Yen)	Fully Diluted Net Income per Share (Yen)
Fiscal 2012 Interim	36.57	36.53
Fiscal 2011 Interim	49.43	49.35

(2) Consolidated Financial Position

(Millions of yen)

	Total Assets	Net Assets	Shareholders' Equity Ratio(%)
As of September 30, 2012	525,543	373,122	69.7
As of March 31, 2012	523,247	366,314	68.8

(Reference)

Shareholders' equity: As of September 30, 2012:¥366,457 millionAs of March 31, 2012:¥360,018 million

Note: Shareholders' equity here represents total net assets less share subscription rights and minority interests.

2. Dividends

					(Yen
		Cash D	vividends pe	er Share	
Record Date	Jun. 30	Sept. 30	Dec. 31	Mar. 31	Annual
Fiscal 2011	_	16.00	_	17.00	33.00
Fiscal 2012	_	18.00			
Fiscal 2012 (Forecast)			_	18.00	36.00

Note: Revisions to cash dividend forecast during this period: No

3. Forecasts of Consolidated Financial Results for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2013 (April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013)

(Percentages displayed for net sales, operating income, ordinary income and net income are comparisons with

the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year)

(Millions of yen)	(Mill	lions	of	ven)
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	Net Sa	ales	Operatin	g Income	Ordinar	y Income	Net In	ncome		ncome Share
Full Fiscal Year	380,000	3.0%	52,000	(5.0%)	50,500	(6.4%)	30,000	(4.7%)	86.07	Yen

Note: Revisions to forecasts of consolidated financial results during this period: Yes

4. Other

(1) Changes in Important Subsidiaries during the Period (Changes in Special Subsidiaries Involving Changes in the Scope of Consolidation)

No

- (2) Adoption of Special Accounting Practices in the Preparation of Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements NO
- (3) Changes in Accounting Principles, Procedures and Presentation Methods in Connection with the Preparation of Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements
 - 1. Changes following revision of accounting standards: Yes
 - 2. Changes besides 1. above: None
 - 3. Changes of accounting estimates: Yes
 - 4. Restatement: None

(4) Number of Shares Issued and Outstanding (Common Shares)

- Number of shares issued and outstanding (including treasury stock) as of the period-end: As of September 30, 2012 382,863,603 shares As of March 31, 2012 382,863,603 shares
- Number of treasury stock as of the period-end: As of September 30, 2012 34,316,668 shares As of March 31, 2012 34,506,810 shares
- Average number of shares for the period (Cumulative): As of September 30, 2012 348,490,740 shares As of September 30, 2011 348,284,800 shares

Indication of quarterly review procedure implementation status

This quarterly earnings report is exempt from the quarterly review procedure based upon the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act. Furthermore, it was undergoing the review procedure process at the time of this release.

Cautionary Statement with Respect to Forecasts of Consolidated Business Results (Cautionary note regarding forward-looking statements)

The results forecasts presented in this document are based upon currently available information and assumptions deemed rational. A variety of factors could cause actual results to differ materially from forecasts. Please refer to "Qualitative Information on Consolidated Operating Results Forecast" on page 4 of the Attachment for the assumptions used.

Access to Documents and Other Materials Relating to the Quarterly Results Briefing to Be Held on November 1, 2012 Related documents and materials, including the video of the briefing, will be posted on the Company's website immediately after the briefing is closed.

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1. Qualitative Information and Financial Statements

(1) Qualitative Information and Overview of Consolidated Business Results

In the Company's operating environment during the first half of fiscal 2012 (April 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012), demand remained weak overall due to the economic downturn in Europe reflecting the financial crisis as well as the softening of growth in China and other emerging countries. On the domestic front, difficult circumstances continued as the yen continued to appreciate.

Confronting these circumstances, the Kuraray Group is taking various measures to achieve sustained growth based on the core management strategies set forth in its "GS-III" medium-term management plan launched in the current fiscal year. In line with the management strategies, the Group is undertaking large-scale investments as well as M&A aiming to accelerate global expansion in its core business while proactively developing new businesses to secure its future growth in water treatment, environment, energy, optical and electronics fields.

Consolidated net sales for the first half fell \$4,747 million, or 2.6%, compared with the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year to \$180,888 million, operating income fell \$5,465 million, or 18.6%, to \$23,899 million, ordinary income fell \$7,096 million, or 24.5%, to \$21,884 million and net income fell \$4,469 million, or 26.0%, to \$12,745 million.

Results by Business Segment

Resins

Affected by the global economic slowdown, and particularly the slowdown of the European economy, first half sales in this segment fell 3.1% year on year to \$75,113 million, and operating income fell 5.8% to \$24,410 million.

(1) The poval resin and polyvinyl butyral (PVB) film market saw demand fall due to the global economic slowdown. Performance of optical-use poval film recovered in the second quarter and remained virtually the same year on year, despite the impact of adjustments in inventories related to LCD panels in the first quarter.

As a part of its growth strategy, the Kuraray Group took the following steps:

- Building a new production site (capacity of 40,000 ton/year, to be completed in September 2014) in Texas, U.S., to accommodate the growing global demand for poval resins
- Acquired MonoSol, LLC, a leading U.S. manufacturer of water-solvent type poval film, such as packaging films for laundry and dishwashing detergent products
- (2) Sales of *EVAL* ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer (EVOH resin) grew steadily for automotive applications, although stagnated for food packaging applications.

Chemicals

Performance in this segment was affected overall by the economic slowdown, although the Company has promoted development of new applications in certain products. As a result, sales in this segment slightly decreased from \$38,931 million in the first half of the previous fiscal year to \$38,930 million, and operating income fell 59.7% year on year to \$2,076 million.

- (1) Sales of methacrylic resin were firm, with a steady demand for use as molding materials for light guide panels. However, the overall performance was affected by the deteriorating condition of the domestic market as well as increased costs for raw materials and fuel.
- (2) In isoprene chemicals, sales of liquid isoprene rubber grew. However, *SEPTON* thermoplastic elastomer and fine chemicals were affected by the deteriorating business sentiment in Europe and Asia as well as foreign exchange losses.
- (3) Sales of *GENESTAR* heat-resistant polyamide resin progressed, amid favorable demand for LED reflector applications and connector applications, as well as expanding applications for automobiles.
- (4) In the medical business, performance of dental materials remained stable.

Fibers and Textiles

Performance in this segment was affected overall by deteriorating business sentiment, with first half sales decreasing 5.7% year on year to \$27,865 million. However, operating income increased 23.3% year on year to \$759 million.

(1) KURALON for use as an asbestos substitute in fiber reinforced cement

(FRC) was affected by the stagnant European market. *VECTRAN* ultra-high strength fiber, however, showed progress with the development of new applications.

- (2) Sales of *CLARINO* man-made leather remained favorable for school bag applications, but stagnated for footwear applications. In addition, work is under way to focus more resources on innovative green processing as part of Kuraray's restructuring efforts.
- (3) Sales of *KURAFLEX* nonwoven fabrics for use in commercial counter cloth stagnated due to such factors as intensifying competition with imported products as well as deterioration in the domestic market.

Trading

Although sales in such fiber related business as polyester grew steadily, export sales of resin and chemical-related components stagnated. As a result, first half sales in this segment were down 4.5% year on year to \$54,244 million, and operating income decreased 7.6% year on year to \$1,619 million.

Others

Sales of activated carbon for use in water purification systems remained weak, but energy-related applications grew steadily. Other items were also affected overall by the deteriorating business sentiment. As a result, sales in this segment decreased 6.1% year on year to \$31,650 million, and operating income declined 27.1% to \$2,175 million.

The Company acquired an equity stake in Kureha Battery Materials Japan Co., Ltd. to expand manufacturing of hard carbon for use in lithium ion secondary batteries. The Company in tandem with Kureha Battery Materials Japan Co., Ltd. established a joint venture company that produces plant-based hard carbon.

(2) Qualitative Information on Consolidated Operating Results Forecast Kuraray has revised its performance forecasts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013 (April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013), as shown in the following table in light of the prolonged stagnation of the global economy. Revised forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013 (April 1, 2012—March 31, 2013)

			,	-	,
	Net Sales	Operating Income	Ordinary Income	Net Income	Net Income per Share (yen)
Previous forecast (A) (Announced on April 26, 2012)	400,000	60,000	58,500	35,000	100.47
Revised forecast (B)	380,000	52,000	50,500	30,000	86.07
Change (B – A)	(20,000)	(8,000)	(8,000)	(5,000)	
Change (%)	(5.0)	(13.3)	(13.7)	(14.3)	
(Reference) Fiscal 2011 results	368,975	54,733	53,940	31,469	90.35

(Millions of yen, unless otherwise stated)

Assumptions for the third quarter and later are as follows:

• ¥80 = US\$1

• \$\$100 = 1 euro

• Domestic naphtha price: ¥54,000 per kiloliter

<Reference> Consolidated result forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013 (Breakdown of segment sales and income)

	Net Sales	Operating Income
Resins	158	51
Chemicals	82	7
Fibers and Textiles	58	1.5
Trading	112	3.5
Others	67	4
Adjustment	(97)	(15)
Total	380	52

(Billions of yen)

2. Items Regarding Summary (and Notes) Information

Changes in Accounting Policies, Accounting Estimates and Restatement (Changes in Accounting Estimates and Minor Changes to Accounting Policies)

From the first quarter of this fiscal year, Kuraray and the consolidated

subsidiaries in Japan are complying with the revised Corporation Tax Act. They have adopted the method of calculating depreciation expenses set out in the revised Corporation Tax Act with regard to tangible fixed assets acquired on and after April 1, 2012.

The effect of this change on operating income, ordinary income, and income before income taxes and minority interests in the quarterly consolidated statements under review is minor.

Quarterry Consolidated Datanee Sheets		(Minions of yen)	
	March 31, 2012	September 30, 2012	
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash deposits	31,464	48,330	
Notes and accounts receivable-trade	80,627	80,11	
Short-term investment securities	71,995	14,98	
Merchandise and finished goods	50,361	52,07	
Work in process	9,528	10,48	
Raw materials and supplies	14,542	14,48	
Deferred tax assets	5,560	5,45	
Other	5,783	7,85	
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(781)	(708	
Total current assets	269,083	233,08	
Noncurrent Assets			
Tangible fixed assets			
Buildings and structures, net	34,536	38,03	
Machinery, equipment and vehicles, net	71,578	76,92	
Land	19,971	20,21	
Construction in progress	23,060	26,52	
Other, net	3,730	3,98	
Total tangible fixed assets	152,877	165,68	
Intangible fixed assets			
Goodwill	11,538	38,42	
Other	2,465	3,22	
Total intangible fixed assets	14,004	41,65	
Investments and other assets			
Investment securities	70,029	68,68	
Long-term loans receivable	572	68	
Deferred tax assets	4,688	4,34	
Prepaid pension costs	5,822	5,57	
Others	6,262	5,90	
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(93)	(75	
Total investments and other assets	87,282	85,12	
Total noncurrent assets	254,163	292,46	
Total assets	523,247	525,54	

3. Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements(1) Quarterly Consolidated Balance Sheets

	March 31, 2012	September 30, 2012
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Notes and accounts payable-trade	32,945	31,51
Short-term loans payable	13,781	7,553
Income taxes payable	9,075	6,61
Provision for bonuses	6,657	6,32
Provision for loss on disaster	68	_
Other provision	59	13
Other	19,095	21,78
Total current liabilities	81,684	73,92
Long-term liabilities		
Corporate bonds payable	10,000	10,00
Long-term loans payable	41,981	42,12
Deferred tax liabilities	4,531	5,48
Provision for retirement benefits	5,617	5,79
Provision for directors' retirement benefits	194	15
Provision for environmental measures	1,106	1,05
Asset retirement obligations	2,224	2,20
Other	9,593	11,68
Total noncurrent liabilities	75,248	78,49
Total liabilities	156,933	152,42
NET ASSETS		
Shareholders' equity		
Capital stock	88,955	88,95
Capital surplus	87,147	87,14
Retained earnings	246,733	253,51
Treasury stock	(40,732)	(40,508
Total shareholders' equity	382,103	389,10
Accumulated other comprehensive income		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	2,763	2,58
Deferred gain or losses on hedges	(32)	(22
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(24,419)	(24,814
Pension liability adjustments	(396)	(404
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	(22,084)	(22,651
Subscription rights to shares	1,151	1,26
Minority interests	5,143	5,40
Total net assets	366,314	373,12

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

		(Millions of yen)			
		Six-month period	Six-month period ended Sept. 30,		
		ended Sept. 30,			
		2011 (April 1, 2011	2012 (April 1,2012		
		– Sept. 30, 2011)	-Sept. 30,2012)		
Net sales		185,635	180,888		
Cost of sales		122,874	122,560		
Gross profit		62,760	58,328		
Selling, general and ad	ministrative expenses				
	Selling expenses	9,189	9,255		
	General and administrative expenses	24,206	25,172		
	Total selling, general and administrative expenses	33,396	34,428		
Operating income		29,364	23,899		
Non-operating income	e				
	Interest income	199	190		
	Dividends income	929	1,021		
	Equity in earnings of affiliates	8	C		
	Other, net	503	451		
	Total non-operating income	1,640	1,664		
Non-operating expens	ses				
	Interest expenses	532	494		
	Foreign exchange losses	184	1,368		
	Other expenses	1,307	1,816		
	Total non-operating expenses	2,024	3,679		
Ordinary income		28,981	21,884		
Extraordinary income					
	Gain on change in equity	845	_		
	Total extraordinary income	845	_		
Extraordinary loss		-			
	Acquisition-related cost	_	748		
	Loss on valuation of investment securities	539	562		
	Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	235	120		
	Provision for environmental measures	_	111		
	Loss on disaster	929	_		

	Six-month period ended Sept. 30, 2011 (April 1, 2011	Six-month period ended Sept. 30, 2012 (April 1, 2012	
	- Sept. 30, 2011)	- Sept. 30, 2012)	
Provision for loss on disaster	60	_	
Impairment loss	128	_	
Total extraordinary expenses	1,893	1,544	
Income before income taxes and minority interests in net income consolidated subsidiaries	of 27,933	20,340	
Income taxes – current	9,978	6,766	
Income taxes – deferred	444	543	
Total income taxes	10,423	7,309	
Income before minority interests in net income of consolidated subsidiaries	s 17,509	13,030	
Minority interests	295	285	
Net income	17,214	12,745	

Quarterly Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

	Six-month period ended Sept. 30,	Six-month period ended Sept. 30,	
	– Sept. 30, 2011)	2012 (April 1, 2012 – Sept. 30, 2012)	
Income before minority interests in net income of consolidated subsidiaries		13,030	
Other comprehensive income			
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	35	(174)	
Deferred gain or losses on hedges	(14)	10	
Foreign currency translation adjustments	3,374	(394)	
Pension liability adjustments	2	(8)	
Share of other comprehensive income of associates accounted for using equity method	0	_	
Total other comprehensive income	3,397	(567)	
Quarterly comprehensive income	20,907	12,463	
Comprehensive income attributable to:			
Owners of the parent	20,612	12,178	
Minority interests	294	284	

		(Millions of yen)
	Six-month period	Six-month period
	ended Sept. 30,	ended Sept. 30,
	2011 (April 1, 2011	2012 (April 1, 2011
	-Sept. 30, 2011)	-Sept. 30, 2011)
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Income before income taxes and minority interests in net	27,933	20,340
Depreciation and amortization	14,732	13,829
Impairment loss	128	_
Provision for environmental measures	_	111
Provision for disaster losses	60	_
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	235	120
Acquisition-related cost	_	748
Loss on valuation of investment securities	539	562
Gain on change in equity	(845)	-
Decrease(increase) in notes and accounts receivable-trade	(2,098)	1,489
Increase (decrease) in inventories	(6,981)	(2,183
Increase (decrease) in notes and accounts payable-trade	2,927	(1,950
Other, net	469	249
Subtotal	37,099	33,318
Income taxes paid	(10,082)	(9,192
Other	646	685
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	27,664	24,81
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Net decrease in time deposits	3,208	600
Net decrease in short-term investment securities	4,988	49,989
Purchase of tangible fixed assets and intangible assets	(15,827)	(19,390

(3) Quarterly Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Purchase of investments in subsidiaries resulting in change(104)(31,051)in scope of consolidation

	Six-month period ended Sept. 30,	Six-month period ended Sept. 30,
	2011 (April 1, 2011	2012 (April 1, 2011
	-Sept. 30, 2011)	-Sept. 30, 2011)
Other, net	(1,187)	(474)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	(8,921)	(319)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Net decrease in short-term loans payable	(166)	(4,642)
Repayment of long-term loans payable	(607)	(2,922)
Cash dividends paid	(4,875)	(5,922)
Other, net	(170)	126
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities	(5,819)	(13,359)
Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash and Cash	248	(652)
Equivalents		
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	13,171	10,480
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of the Period	29,423	34,811
Increase in cash and cash equivalents from newly		
consolidated subsidiary	4	_
Increase in cash and cash equivalents from merger	0	_
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of the Period	42,600	45,291

(4) Notes regarding Going Concern Assumptions

None

(5) Segment and Other Information

[Segment Information]

- I. Interim Period of Fiscal 2011(April 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011)
- 1. Net sales, income and loss by reporting segment

								(Mil	lions of yen)
	Reporting Segment						Adjustment	Consolidated Statements	
	Resins	Chemicals	Fibers and Textiles	Trading	Total	Others ¹ Total	2	Statements of Income ³	
Net Sales									
Outside customers	62,185	24,435	21,225	54 , 870	162,717	22,917	185,635	—	185,635
Inter-segment sales and transfers	15,354	14,495	8,335	1,924	40,109	10,795	50,905	(50,905)	_
Total	77,540	38,931	29,560	56,795	202,827	33,713	236,540	(50,905)	185,635
Segment Income	25,910	5,156	616	1,752	33,435	2,984	36,419	(7,055)	29,364

Notes:

- 1. The "Other Business" category incorporates operations not included in business segments reported, including activated carbon, environmental business and engineering.
- Adjustment is as follows: Included within segment income of ¥7,055 million is the elimination of intersegment transactions of ¥298 million and corporate expenses of ¥6,756 million. Corporate expenses mainly comprise headquarters' general and administrative expenses and the submitting company's basic research expenses not usually attributed to segments.
- 3. Segment income is adjusted with operating income under consolidated statements of income.

II. Interim Period of Fiscal 2012 (April 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012)1. Net sales, income and loss by reporting segment

								(Mil	lions of yen)
	Reporting Segment								Consolidated
	Resins	Chemicals	Fibers and	Trading	Total	Others1	Total	Adjustment ²	Statements
			Textiles						of Income ³
Net Sales									
Outside customers	60,544	24,683	19,676	52,479	157,383	23,504	180,888	- –	180,888
Inter-segment sales and transfers	14,569	14,246	8,189	1,765	38,770	8,145	46,916	(46,916)	_
Total	75,113	38,930	27,865	54,244	196,153	31,650	227,804	(46,916)	180,888
Segment Income	24,410	2,076	759	1,619	28,866	2,175	31,041	(7,142)	23,899

Notes:

- 1. The "Other Business" category incorporates operations not included in business segments reported, including activated carbon, environmental business and engineering.
- Adjustment is as follows: Included within segment income of ¥7,142 million is the elimination of intersegment transactions of ¥205 million and corporate expenses of ¥6,936 million. Corporate expenses mainly comprise headquarters' general and administrative expenses and the submitting company's basic research expenses not usually attributed to segments.
- 3. Segment income is adjusted with operating income under consolidated statements of income.

2. Information regarding assets by reporting segment

There were material changes in assets by reporting segment in the period under review compared to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year. A brief summary follows.

As Kuraray Holdings U.S.A., Inc., a consolidated subsidiary of the Kuraray Co., Ltd., acquired all the shares of MONOSOL HOLDINGS, INC. in the first quarter of this fiscal year, the assets of the Resins segment increased. The amount of the increase stemming from the acquisition was \$37,833 million (\$477,033 thousand).

3. Information regarding impairment loss on fixed assets and goodwill by reporting segment

(Important change in the amount of goodwill)

In the Resins segment, goodwill of \$28,018 million (\$353,275 thousand) was recorded in the period under review due to the corporate merger involving MonoSol, LLC. This amount is based on current calculations, but remains an estimate as the Company has yet to complete the allocation of acquisition costs.

4. Matters Related to the Changes of Segments in the Statements

As stated in "Changes in Accounting Estimates and Minor Changes to Accounting Policies" in **2.** above, following the revision of the Corporation Tax Act, Kuraray has changed its accounting policies. From the first quarter of this fiscal year, the Company adopted the method of calculating depreciation expenses in accordance with the revised Corporation Tax Act with regard to tangible fixed assets acquired after April 1, 2012. Accordingly, Kuraray has changed the method of calculating depreciation expenses for each business segment to agree with the revised Corporation Tax Act. The effect of this on the statements for each segment is minor.

(6) Material Changes in Shareholders' Equity

None