

July 31, 2017 Taiyo Nippon Sanso Corporation

Consolidated Financial Performance for the First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2018 (Based on IFRS)

(Amounts less than ¥1 million are omitted)

1. Financial results for the first quarter of FYE2018 (April 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017)

(1) Operating results

(Percentages indicate year-on-year change)

| | Reven | ue | Operat profi | _ | Income b | | Net p | rofit | owners | table to | Total comprehe e incom | nsiv |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------|-----------------|------|-------------|-------|-------------|--------|-------------|----------|------------------------|------|
| | (¥ million) | % | (¥ million) | % | (¥ million) | % | (¥ million) | % | (¥ million) | % | (¥ million) | % |
| First quarter of FYE2018 | 150,861 | 13.1 | 14,037 | 15.8 | 14,337 | 16.3 | 7,898 | 14.6 | 7,611 | 17.4 | 8,725 | _ |
| First quarter of FYE2017 | 133,436 | (5.2) | 12,126 | 8.0 | 12,328 | (5.5) | 6,894 | (13.5) | 6,481 | (15.2) | (10,922) | _ |

(Reference) Income before income taxes

First quarter of FYE2018: ¥13,624 million [16.4%]

First quarter of FYE2017: ¥11,703 million [(8.8)%]

Core operating income is calculated as operating income excluding certain gains and expenses attributable to non-recurring factors (non-recurring items).

| | Basic earnings per share (yen) | Diluted net income per share (yen) |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| First quarter of FYE2018 | 17.59 | |
| First quarter of FYE2017 | 14.98 | _ |

(2) Financial position

| | Total assets (¥ million) | | Equity attributable to owners of the parent (¥ million) | Equity attributable to owners of the parent ratio (%) | |
|--|--------------------------|---------|---|---|--|
| First quarter of FYE2018 (June 30, 2017) | 918,868 | 379,997 | 355,179 | 38.7 | |
| FYE2017 (March 31, 2017) | 924,281 | 376,862 | 351,576 | 38.0 | |

2. Dividends

| | Annual Dividend | | | | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------|--|--|
| | End of 1 st quarter | End of 2 nd quarter | End of 3 rd quarter | Term end | Total | | |
| | Yen | Yen | Yen | Yen | Yen | | |
| FYE2017 | _ | 9.00 | _ | 11.00 | 20.00 | | |
| FYE2018 | _ | | | | | | |
| FYE2018 (est.) | | 11.00 | _ | 11.00 | 22.00 | | |

Note: No revisions have been made to recently announced forecasts.

3. Forecasts for business operations for FYE2018 full term (April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018)

(Percentages indicate year-on-year change)

| | Revenue | | Operat incon | _ | Income b income t | | Net profit a to owners of | | Basic earnings per share |
|------------|-------------|------|-----------------|-----|-------------------|-----|---------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|
| | (¥ million) | % | (¥ million) | % | (¥ million) | % | (¥ million) | % | (Yen) |
| First-half | 300,000 | 11.6 | 26,800 | 4.1 | 27,300 | 5.2 | 15,900 | (3.5) | 36.74 |
| Full term | 620,000 | 6.6 | 56,500 | 3.2 | 57,000 | 6.2 | 34,500 | (0.7) | 79.72 |

Note: No revisions have been made to recently announced forecasts.

(Reference) Income before income taxes

First half of FYE2018: \\ \pm25,100 \text{ million [2.3%]} \\ FYE2018 \text{ full term: \\ \pm52,500 \text{ million [4.6%]} \end{array}

4. Explanation concerning the appropriate use of forecasts for business operations and other notable matters

This report contains business forecasts and other forward-looking statements that are based on information currently available to the Company and certain assumptions judged to be reasonable by management. The Company gives no assurances that business forecasts will be attained. Moreover, actual results may differ materially from business forecasts due to various factors.

5. General information relating to the first quarter results

In the first quarter of the fiscal year under review (from April 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017), the global economy saw signs of improvement in the Chinese economy, underpinned by infrastructure investment led by the Chinese government. In the United States, the economy expanded at a gradual pace, supported by an improving employment picture, despite uncertain policy trends surrounding the current administration. The Japanese economy saw a return to stability in the stock markets, along with showing signs of improving corporate earnings. With employment and income levels continuing to improve, economic conditions have been following a gradual recovery path.

Against this backdrop, the Taiyo Nippon Sanso Group (TNSC Group) achieved the following results for the first quarter of the fiscal year under review. Revenue on a consolidated basis increased 13.1% year on year to $\pm 150,861$ million, core operating income rose 15.8% to $\pm 14,037$ million, operating income increased 16.3% to $\pm 14,337$ million, and net income attributable to owners of the parent increased by 17.4% to $\pm 7,611$ million.

Core operating income is calculated as operating income excluding certain gains and expenses attributable to non-recurring factors (non-recurring items).

A breakdown of business performance by reportable segment is as follows.

Segment income represents core operating income.

Gas Business in Japan

In the industrial gas-related business, revenue from air separation gases (oxygen, nitrogen and argon), a core product, increased slightly year on year. In addition, revenue from hard goods rose significantly due to growth in demand for cutting and welding equipment, as well as welding materials.

In the electronics-related field, revenue from electronic materials gases trended favorably due to increased demand from the liquid crystal display (LCD) and semiconductor-related industries. Revenue from electronics-related equipment and installation grew significantly, reflecting the completion of large-scale projects.

In the energy-related field, revenue from liquid petroleum gas (LPG) jumped substantially year on year due to a higher sales price following an increase in the import price.

As a result, in the Gas Business in Japan, revenue increased 5.2% year on year to \$78,003 million, while segment income rose 19.9% to \$7,283 million.

Gas Business in the United States

In the industrial gas-related business, there was a large contribution to revenue from the consolidation of a business acquired from Air Liquide Group as a subsidiary since September 2016. In the existing business, revenue from packaged gases declined, while revenue from bulk gas rose, due partly to increased shipments of carbon dioxide gas.

In the electronics-related field, revenue from electronics-related equipment and installation increased.

As a result, in the Gas Business in the United States, revenue increased 28.5% year on year to 441,776 million, and segment income rose 53.7% to 3.124 million.

Gas Business in Asia & Oceania

In the industrial gas-related field, revenue declined in Singapore and Malaysia. However, the consolidation of Supagas Holdings Pty Ltd in Australia as a subsidiary of the Company in December 2016 contributed to business results.

In the electronics-related field, revenue from electronic materials gases and electronics-related equipment and installation increased significantly year on year, due to growth in demand mainly in Taiwan.

As a result of the above, in the Gas Business in Asia & Oceania, revenue increased 23.2% year on year to \$23,857 million, and segment income rose 61.6% to \$2,020 million.

Thermos & Other Businesses

In the Thermos & Other Businesses, although sales of vacuum insulated portable mugs and tumblers were firm, inbound demand was not as strong as in the same period a year earlier. Consequently, revenue declined year on year.

As a result, in Thermos & Other Businesses, revenue decreased 2.5% year on year to \(\frac{\pma}{7}\),224 million, while segment income decreased 24.6% to \(\frac{\pma}{2}\),208 million.

6. Segment information

The TNSC Group conducts gas businesses in Japan and overseas, mainly for customers in the steel, chemical, and electronics industries, and has built production and sales structures for its main products in Japan, the United States, and Asia & Oceania. In addition, the TNSC Group manufactures and sells housewares such as stainless steel vacuum bottles, and conducts real-estate rental and other businesses. Therefore, the Company has established the following four reportable segments: Gas Business in Japan, Gas Business in the United States, Gas Business in Asia & Oceania, and Thermos & Other Businesses.

The principal products and services included in the four segments are shown in the table below.

| Business segment | Main products and services |
|---|---|
| Gas Business in Japan Gas Business in the United States | Oxygen, nitrogen, argon, carbon dioxide, helium, hydrogen, acetylene, gas- related equipment, specialty gases (electronic materials gases, pure gases, etc.), electronics-related equipment and installation, semiconductor manufacturing |
| Gas Business in Asia & Oceania | equipment, cutting and welding equipment, welding materials, plants and machinery, liquid petroleum gas (LPG) and related equipment, medical-use gases (oxygen, nitrous oxide, etc.), medical equipment, stable isotopes |
| Thermos & Other Businesses | Housewares, real-estate rental |

Revenue from inter-segment transactions and transfers is based primarily on prevailing market prices.

(1) Figures of revenue and income (loss) by reportable segment

First Quarter, FYE2017 (April 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016)

(¥ million)

| | Gas Business in Japan | Gas Business in the United | Gas Business in Asia & Oceania | Thermos & Other Businesses | Total | Adjust- ments (Note 1) | Amounts on the Consolidated Statements of |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|--|
| | _ | States | Occailla | | | | Income |
| (1) Revenue to external customers | 74,153 | 32,505 | 19,369 | 7,408 | 133,436 | _ | 133,436 |
| (2) Revenue from inter-segment transactions and transfers | 1,513 | 1,889 | 104 | 331 | 3,838 | (3,838) | _ |
| Total | 75,667 | 34,394 | 19,473 | 7,739 | 137,274 | (3,838) | 133,436 |
| Segment profit (Note 2) | 6,072 | 2,032 | 1,250 | 2,928 | 12,284 | (158) | 12,126 |

Notes:

- 1. The ¥158 million negative adjustment for segment income is comprised of ¥243 million of intersegment eliminations and companywide expenses of ¥401 million that were not allocated to any particular reportable segment. These companywide expenses related principally to basic research expenses that were not allocated to a particular reportable segment.
- 2. Segment income represents core operating income, which is calculated as operating income excluding certain gains or losses attributable to non-recurring factors (non-recurring items).

First Quarter, FYE2018 (April 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017)

(¥ million)

| | Gas Business in Japan | Gas Business in the United States | Gas Business in Asia & Oceania | Thermos & Other Businesses | Total | Adjust- ments (Note 1) | Amounts on the Consolidated Statements of Income |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|--|
| Revenue (1) Revenue to external customers | 78,003 | 41,776 | 23,857 | 7,224 | 150,861 | | 150,861 |
| (2) Revenue from inter-segment transactions and transfers | 2,646 | 2,207 | 416 | 309 | 5,579 | (5,579) | _ |
| Total | 80,650 | 43,983 | 24,273 | 7,533 | 156,441 | (5,579) | 150,861 |
| Segment profit (Note 2) | 7,283 | 3,124 | 2,020 | 2,208 | 14,637 | (599) | 14,037 |

Notes:

- 1. The ¥599 million negative adjustment for segment income is comprised of ¥268 million of intersegment eliminations and companywide expenses of ¥331 million that were not allocated to any particular reportable segment. These companywide expenses related principally to basic research expenses that were not allocated to a particular reportable segment.
- 2. Segment income represents core operating income, which is calculated as operating income excluding certain gains or losses attributable to non-recurring factors (non-recurring items).

(2) Reconciliation of segment income with income before income taxes

| | | (¥ million) |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| | First Quarter of FYE2017 (April 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016) | First Quarter of FYE2018 (April 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017) |
| Segment income | 12,126 | 14,037 |
| Gain on sales of noncurrent assets | 201 | 299 |
| Operating profit | 12,328 | 14,337 |
| Financial revenue | 641 | 642 |
| Financial expenses | (1,266) | (1,355) |
| Profit before income taxes | 11,703 | 13,624 |