

Results for the Second Quarter of the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2012 (Japanese GAAP) (April 1, 2011 ~ September 30, 2011)

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1. Consolidated results for the Second quarter of the fiscal year ending March 2012 (April 1, 2011 ~ September 30, 2011)

(1) Consolidated Operating Results

(% figures are changes from the same period of the previous fiscal year)

	Net sales		Operating income		Ordinary income		Net income	
	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Million yen	%
Second quarter ended Sept. 30, 2011	23,888	0.2	658	111.3	632	133.0	221	75.2
Second quarter ended Sept. 30, 2010	23,829	△4.3	311	△26.7	271	△25.7	126	△36.4

(Note) Comprehensive income: As of September 30, 2011 : ¥ 254 million (—) As of September 30, 2010 : ¥ △15 million (—%)

	Earnings per share	Earnings per share, diluted
	yen	yen
Second quarter ended Sept. 30, 2011	0.97	—
Second quarter ended Sept. 30, 2010	0.55	—

(2) Consolidated Financial Position

	Total Assets	Net Assets	Shareholders' equity ratio
	Million yen	Million yen	%
Second quarter ended Sept. 30, 2011	59,059	36,565	61.9
Fiscal year ended March 31, 2011	60,739	36,958	60.8

(Reference) Shareholder's equity : As of June 30, 2011: ¥36,565million As of March 31, 2011: ¥36,958million

2. Dividends

Base date	Dividends per share				
	End of first quarter	End of second quarter	End of third quarter	End of fiscal year	Full fiscal year
	yen	yen	yen	yen	yen
Fiscal year ended March 31, 2011	—	1.25	—	1.25	2.50
Fiscal year ended March 31, 2012	—	1.25			
Fiscal year ended March 31, 2012 (Outlook)			—	1.25	2.50

Note: Changes to the dividend forecast during the period under review : None

3.Forecasts of results for the Fiscal Year Ending March 2012 (April 1, 2011 ~ March 31, 2012)

(Percentage figures for the full fiscal year are changes from the previous fiscal year)

	Net Sales		Operating income		Ordinary income		Net income		Net income per share
	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	yen
Annual	49,180	1.7	1,590	167.5	1,440	163.8	690	193.2	3.02

(Note) Changes to the consolidated forecasts during the period under review : None

4.Others

(1) Changes in the state of material subsidiaries during the period (Changes regarding significant subsidiaries accompanying changes in the scope of consolidation): None

(2) The application of special accounting treatment for the preparation of the quarterly consolidated financial statements: None

(3) Changes in accounting principles, changes in accounting estimates, and changes in presentation due to revisions

[1] Changes in accounting principles accompanying revisions in accounting standards: None

[2] Changes other than those in [1] above: None

[3] Changes in accounting estimates: None

[4] Changes in presentation due to revisions: None

(4) Number of shares issued (common shares)

[1] Number of shares issued at the end of the period (including treasury stock)	Second quarter of FY2012.3 239,487,500 shares	FY2011.3 239,487,500 shares
[2] Number of treasury stock at the end of the period	Second quarter of FY2012.3 14,977,901 shares	FY2011.3 11,581,430 shares
[3] Average number of shares issued during the period (quarterly accumulation period)	Second quarter of FY2012.3 227,085,675 shares	Second quarter of FY2011.3 227,910,314 shares

※ Presentation of implementation status for quarterly review procedures

This financial summary is exempt from the quarterly review procedures based on Financial Instruments and Exchange Law. At the time when this quarterly consolidated financial statements was disclosed, the quarterly review procedures based on the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law had not been completed.

※ Explanation related to appropriate use of results forecasts and other items warranting special mention

(Note to descriptions about the future, etc.)

The forward-looking statements, such as results forecasts, included in this document are based on information available to the Company at the time of the announcement and certain assumptions considered reasonable. Actual results could differ materially, depending on a range of factors.

(How to access supplementary materials on business results)

The Company is scheduled to hold a presentation meeting on its business results for institutional investors and analysts on Friday, November 25, 2011. We plan to post the materials and video of this meeting on the Company's website immediately after the meeting.

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1. Qualitative Information on Second Quarter Results

(1) Consolidated Management Performance

In the second quarter of the current fiscal year (hereinafter “the period under review”), uncertainty about the future remained high in the Japanese economy. The stagnation caused by the Great East Japan Earthquake and power shortages gradually lifted and personal consumption also began to show signs of recovery, but, due to Europe’s financial woes and U.S. slowdown fears, the yen rose against major currencies.

In this economic environment, Francebed Co., Ltd, the core subsidiary of the Francebed Group, amalgamated its three business headquarters (Medical Service Business Headquarters, Home Furnishing and Health Business Headquarters, and Corporate Facilities Business Headquarters) into one business headquarters in April. This has allowed the Company to invest its management resources in its growing medical service business to expand earnings. It has also continued with the restructuring of its home furnishing and health business and expanded sales of high-value-added products, as it aims to fully leverage the amalgamation.

Regarding the new brand Rehatach, established in the previous period based on the concept of “creating products that are ‘friendly to people’ and aimed at improving their daily activities”, the Company focused on expanding sales of products for active elderly customers, such as the electric assist tricycle and the electric wheelchair Choiparu. Also, in September, the Company launched Safety Orange, a wheelchair with automatic brakes that is effective for preventing accidents caused when people forget to engage wheelchair brakes. This product will be sold mainly to nursing care facilities and medical care facilities in the future.

Under the circumstances described above, sales of the Group for the period under review amounted to 23,888 million yen (up 0.2% year on year). Consolidated operating income soared to 658 million yen (up 111.3% year on year), while consolidated ordinary income jumped to 632 million yen (up 133.0% year on year) and consolidated net income was 221 million yen (up 75.2% year on year).

Performance of each segment is as described below.

As the segment structure was changed in the period under review, comparison with the same quarter in the previous year was made by applying the changed segment structure to that period.

(Medical services business)

In the medical services business, the Group opened two new sales offices (in Tokyo’s Sugunami Ward and Kurashiki City, Okayama Prefecture) for the welfare equipment rental market, where benefits under care insurance are increasing, and sought to further expand rental sales. In addition, the Group launched SM-12, the industry’s first home care mattress using high density continuous spring, which delivers both the sleeping comfort of spring and the firmness required of a nursing care bed, as well as Choiparu, an electric wheelchair combining the mobility of a wheelchair with the comfort of an electric car, which was released as a new product under the Rehatech brand. The Group held training sessions and product briefings on these products for agents and care managers and worked to expand rental transactions and sales of these products and increase customers.

Meanwhile, the Group also maintained efforts to win contracts for property transactions with hospitals and other welfare facilities that are stepping up their capital spending, by increasing the number of sales bases and personnel. As a new business, the Group promoted sales of Bioness, a rehabilitation system that integrates state-of-the-art medical technologies and the latest rehabilitation technologies, to medical institutions. This system uses electric stimulation to activate muscles.

As a result of the initiatives described above, sales in the medical services business were 12,891 million yen (up 6.1% year on year), and operating income was 743 million yen (up 13.1% year on year)

(Home furnishing and health business)

In the home furnishing and health business, despite positive factors such as reconstruction demand after the Great East Japan Earthquake, low price goods continued to flow into Japan from overseas and operating conditions in the market for the Company’s mainstay middle and high-grade beds remained severe.

In this environment, the Group concentrated on promoting sales of middle and high-grade beds, such as the Life Treatment Mattress series, which are core products, and the Slumberland series, a leading global brand of beds. The Group has also been launching new products and striving to expand sales of products in response to the anticipated aging society, for example, it held “test-ride and sale” events of the Rehatech electric assist tricycle at furniture shops and other business partners.

Furthermore, in July, the Group launched the Reidan-Shiki Pad, a pad with a cooling and warming function which, due to water power, is cool in the summer and warm in the winter and can be used all year round. The product has shown a steady increase in sales, partly because it was picked up by the media due to the rise in energy saving awareness caused by power shortages. Also, as part of the review of its distribution system, the Group terminated

contracts with large warehouses it had been leasing in eastern Japan in a bid to reduce distribution costs and otherwise continued with its restructuring efforts.

As a result of these initiatives, sales in the home furnishing and health business were 9,173 million yen (down 5.6% year on year), and operating loss was 109 million yen (compared with an operating loss of 363 million yen in the same period of the previous year).

(Other businesses)

In the sundries sales business of the “Other businesses” segment, the Group reviewed its product line-up and closed unprofitable stores to improve earnings. Stores damaged by the Great East Japan Earthquake were mostly reopened and, with the help of reconstruction demand, sales are recovering gradually.

Also, in the door-to-door sales business, the Group continued to streamline its sales offices and reduce costs in face of a continued decline in sales largely resulting from tighter regulations under the Act on Specified Commercial Transactions and the Installment Sales Act. The Group also reviewed the reservation deposit business (friendship association business), given the decline in members.

As a result of the initiatives described above, sales of the other businesses totaled 1,823 million yen (down 7.0% year on year), and the operating income for the business was 4 million yen (compared with an operating loss of 39 million yen in the same period of the previous year).

(2) Consolidated Financial Position

Total assets

Total assets at the end of the period under review fell 1,680 million yen from the end of the previous fiscal year, to 59,059 million yen. Current assets decreased 944 million yen from the end of the previous fiscal year, to 32,215 million yen. Major factors underlying the results were a 850 million yen decrease in note and accounts receivable-trade. Fixed assets declined 724 million yen from the end of the previous fiscal year, to 26,808 million yen. Major contributors to the result included the transfer to current assets of time deposits to which the one-year rule applies.

Liabilities

Liabilities fell 1,287 million yen from the end of the previous fiscal year, to 22,493 million yen. This decrease mainly reflected a fall of 679 million yen in notes and accounts payable-trade, a 387 million yen decline in the current portion of bonds and a 112 million yen decrease in the current port of long-term loans payable.

Net assets

Net assets declined 392 million yen from the end of the previous fiscal year, to 36,565 million yen. The main contributor to this result was a decrease of 362 million yen for the acquisition of treasury stock. As a result of the changes stated above, the shareholders' equity ratio rose from 60.8% at the end of the previous year to 61.9%.

Status of cash flow

Cash flows for the six months under review produced a decrease in cash and cash equivalents of 2,474 million yen from the end of the previous fiscal year, to 10,909 million yen. Details of individual cash flow items are as follows.

(1) Net cash provided by operating activities

Net cash provided by operating activities came to 2,378 million yen (compared with 2,638 million yen in the same period of the previous fiscal year). Main contributors were inflows of net income before income taxes and minority interests of 434 million yen, depreciation costs of 1,892 million yen (a non-cash item) and a 798 million yen fall in account receivables, offsetting outflows such as a 558 million yen decline in procurement obligations and a 157 million decrease in accrued factoring liabilities.

(2) Net cash used for investing activities

Net cash used in investing activities totaled 3,680 million yen (compared with 1,736 million yen in the same period of the previous year). Major causes included the disbursement of 1,626 million yen to acquire tangible fixed assets, and investments of 500 million yen in time deposits, expenditure of 1,499 million yen to acquire securities.

(3) Net cash provided by financing activities

Net cash used in financing activities was 1,164 million yen (compared with net cash provided by financing activities of 373 million yen in the same period of the previous fiscal year). Major causes included disbursement of 112 million yen for the repayment of long-term loans, an outlay of 387 million yen for the redemption of bonds, expenditure of 362 million yen to acquire treasury stock, and dividends paid of 284 million yen.

(3) Outlook for Consolidated Operating Results

There has been no change to the performance forecast that was announced in “Consolidated Business Results for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2011” dated May 13, 2011.

2. Consolidated Financial Statements

(1) Consolidated balance sheets

(In millions of yen)

	FY2011 (As of March 31, 2011)	Second quarter of FY2012 (As of September 30, 2011)
ASSET		
Current assets		
Cash and deposits	11,942	8,010
Notes and accounts receivable, trade	9,398	8,547
Short-term investment securities	1,999	6,098
Merchandise and Finished goods	5,623	5,644
Work in process	283	319
Raw materials and supplies	1,637	1,651
Other	2,339	1,984
Allowance for doubtful accounts	△63	△40
Total current assets	33,159	32,215
Fixed assets		
Property, plant and equipment		
Land	6,413	6,413
Other (net)	10,037	9,921
Total property, plant and equipment	16,451	16,335
Intangible fixed assets	1,392	1,241
Investments and other assets	9,688	9,231
Total fixed assets	27,532	26,808
Deferred assets	47	35
Total assets	60,739	59,059
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Notes and accounts payable, trade	4,007	3,328
Factoring of accrued liability	2,138	1,980
Short-term borrowings	2,125	2,125
Current portion of bonds	775	387
Current portion of long-term loans payable	225	112
Accrued income taxes	157	97
Reserve for bonuses	1,084	1,082
Reserve for Other	79	23
Other	3,727	3,753
Total current liabilities	14,319	12,889
Noncurrent liabilities		
Bonds payable	3,150	3,150
Long-term loans payable	2,000	2,000
Provision for retirement benefits	2,348	2,517
Reserve for Other	427	433
Asset retirement obligations	—	24
Other	1,536	1,478
Total noncurrent liabilities	9,462	9,603
Total liabilities	23,781	22,493
NET ASSETS		
Shareholders' equity		
Capital stock	3,000	3,000
Capital surplus	5,116	5,116
Retained earnings	32,182	32,118
Treasury stock	△3,152	△3,514
Total shareholders' equity	37,146	36,720
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income		
Valuation gain and loss on other securities	△166	△88
Deferred gains or losses on hedges	16	△17
Foreign currency translation adjustment	△38	△49
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	△188	△154
Total net assets	36,958	36,565
Total liabilities and net assets	60,739	59,059

(2) Consolidated Statements of Income & Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

(Consolidated Statements of Income)

(In millions of yen)

	Second quarter of FY2011 (From April 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010)	Second quarter of FY2012 (From April 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011)
Net Sales	23,829	23,888
Cost of Sales	13,110	13,086
Gross profit	10,719	10,810
Selling, general and administrative expense	10,407	10,142
Operating income	311	658
Non-operating income		
Interest income	5	7
Foreign exchange gains	11	11
Compensation income	-	19
Profit of share allotment	22	-
Other	54	42
Total non-operating income	94	81
Non-operating expenses		
Interest expense	66	54
Other	67	52
Total non-operating expenses	134	107
Ordinary income	271	632
Extraordinary income		
Gain on sales of fixed assets	1	0
Gain on sales of investment securities	12	-
Total extraordinary income	13	0
Extraordinary losses		
Loss on sales of fixed assets	-	0
Loss on retirement of fixed assets	20	6
Loss on valuation of investment securities	-	0
Loss on disaster	-	21
Loss on liquidation of subsidiaries and affiliates	-	17
Head office transfer cost	-	151
Loss on prior period adjustment	0	-
Total extraordinary losses	20	197
Income before income taxes	264	434
Income taxes-current	58	54
Income taxes-deferred	79	158
Total income taxes	138	213
Income before minority interests	126	221
Net Income	126	221

(Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income)

(In millions of yen)

	Second quarter of FY2011 (From April 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010)	Second quarter of FY2012 (From April 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011)
Income before minority interests	126	221
Other comprehensive income		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	Δ106	78
Deferred gains or losses on hedges	Δ30	Δ34
Foreign currency translation adjustment	Δ5	Δ10
Other comprehensive income	Δ142	33
Comprehensive income	Δ15	254
(Comprehensive income attributable to)		
Comprehensive income attributable to owners of the parent	Δ15	254
Comprehensive income attributable to minority interests	-	-

(3) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(In millions of yen)

	Second quarter of FY2011 (From April 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010)	Second quarter of FY2012 (From April 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011)
Cash flows from operating activities		
Income before income taxes	264	434
Depreciation and amortization	1,635	1,892
Loss (gain) on sale of fixed assets	Δ1	0
Loss on retirement of fixed assets	16	6
Loss (gain) on sales of investment securities	Δ12	-
Loss (gain) on valuation of investment securities	-	0
Increase (decrease) in allowance for doubtful accounts	Δ28	Δ22
Increase (decrease) in reserve for bonuses	21	8
Increase (decrease) in reserve for retirement benefits	104	214
Decrease (increase) in prepaid pension costs	72	0
Increase (decrease) in reserve for directors' retirement benefits	Δ41	6
Increase (decrease) in other reserves	Δ0	Δ55
Interest income and dividend income	Δ16	Δ19
Interest expense	66	54
Change in account receivables	690	798
Change in inventory	357	Δ73
Change in procurement obligations	Δ1,485	Δ558
Change in accrued factoring liabilities	614	Δ157
Increase (decrease) in accrued expenses	Δ98	Δ46
Other	157	Δ61
Sub-Total	2,316	2,423
Interest and dividends received	16	18
Interest paid	Δ57	Δ59
Income tax (paid) refund	362	Δ3
Cash flows from operating activities	2,638	2,378
Cash flows from investing activities		
Investments in time deposits	Δ606	Δ1,000
Decrease in term deposits	1,200	500
Purchase of short-term investment securities	-	Δ1,499
Expenditures for acquisition of tangible fixed assets	Δ1,814	Δ1,626
Proceeds from sale of tangible fixed assets	2	0
Purchase of investment securities	Δ298	Δ0
Proceeds from sales of investment securities	312	-
Payments of loans receivable	Δ8	-
Collection of loans receivable	5	2
Purchase of intangible fixed assets	Δ529	Δ56
Other	0	-
Cash flows from investing activities	Δ1,736	Δ3,680
Cash flows from financing activities		
Decrease in short-term loans payable	Δ3,150	-
Proceeds from long-term loans payable	900	-
Repayment of long-term loans payable	Δ112	Δ112
Proceeds from issuance of bonds	3,101	-
Redemption of bonds	Δ387	Δ387
Proceeds from sale and lease back	Δ0	Δ362
Repayments of lease obligations	893	809
Purchase of treasury stock	Δ587	Δ827
Cash dividends paid	Δ283	Δ284
Cash flows from financing activities	373	Δ1,164
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	Δ5	Δ9
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,269	Δ2,474
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	11,030	13,384
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	12,300	10,909

(4) Notes concerning conditions of “going concern”

Not applicable

(5) Segment information, etc.

[Segment information]

1. Information related to sales and profit and loss amounts by reporting segment

Second quarter of FY2011 (From April 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010)

(In millions of yen)

	Reporting Segment			Other (Note 1)	Total	Adjustments (Note 2)	Consolidated total (Note 3)
	Medical Services	Home Furnishing and Health	Total				
Sales							
Sales to External Customers	12,144	9,723	21,867	1,962	23,829	-	23,829
Internal Sales among Segments or Transfers	15	288	303	227	531	Δ531	-
Total	12,159	10,011	22,171	2,189	24,361	Δ531	23,829
Segment Income / Loss	657	Δ363	293	Δ39	254	57	311

Second quarter of FY2012 (From April 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011)

(In millions of yen)

	Reporting Segment			Other (Note 1)	Total	Adjustments (Note 2)	Consolidated total (Note 3)
	Medical Services	Home Furnishing and Health	Total				
Sales							
Sales to External Customers	12,891	9,173	22,065	1,823	23,888	-	23,888
Internal Sales among Segments or Transfers	1	274	276	47	323	Δ323	-
Total	12,893	9,448	22,341	1,870	24,212	Δ323	23,888
Segment Income / Loss	743	Δ109	634	4	639	19	658

(Note)

- The Other Businesses segment is a business segment that is not included in the reported segments and includes businesses such as door-to-door sales business, sundries sales business, exhibition business and real estate lease business.
- The item “Adjustments” contains the following:

Segment income

	First quarter of FY2011	First quarter of FY2012
Elimination of intersegment transactions	378	371
Corporate expenses	Δ320	Δ351
	57	19

General corporate expenses are expenses relating to the general affairs division and other administrative divisions of the company submitting the consolidated financial statements that cannot be attributed to any particular reporting segment.

- Segment profit and loss is adjusted with operating income reported in the consolidated financial statements.

2. Change to the reporting segments

Second quarter of FY2012 (From April 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011)

(1) Change to the reporting segments

The Group used to have three reporting segments, which were “medical services,” “home furnishing and health,” and “corporate facilities.” Starting from the period under review, the reporting segments were changed to “medical services” and “home furnishing and health” due to the reorganization of the core subsidiary, Francebed Co., Ltd.

(2) Change to the method of calculating the income/loss of each reporting segment

In the period under review, the Group started to review the method of distributing the common expenses of the entire company, used for calculating segment income/loss, to ensure more appropriate assessment and management of each segment’s business.

The new method was applied to the information given herein concerning sales and the income/loss of each reporting segment for the Second quarter of the previous fiscal year.

3. Information concerning the impairment loss of fixed assets of each reporting segment

Second quarter of FY2012 (From April 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011)

Due to the head office relocation of the company and its consolidated subsidiary, the book value of assets whose prospective uses have not been determined was reduced to the recoverable amount and posted as an impairment loss. The posted amount of impairment loss of each reporting segment is as follows:

	Medical Services	Home Furnishing and Health	Other	Elimination of Corporate Wide	Total
Impairment loss (Note)	11	15	4	3	35

(Note) It is included in the “Head office relocation cost” of “Extraordinary losses.”

(6) Special changes to shareholders equity

Not applicable