Sumitomo Chemical Reports Consolidated Financial Results For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2010

The Sumitomo Chemical Group's sales for the first quarter ended June 30, 2010 were ¥491.2 billion, an increase of ¥150.5 billion compared with the same period the previous year. The Group's operating income was ¥34.0 billion, ordinary income was ¥36.0 billion, and net income was ¥18.0 billion, all exceeding levels of the same period the previous year.

The Sumitomo Chemical Group's financial results by business segment for the first quarter are as follows.

Basic Chemicals

Sales of caprolactam and other raw materials for synthetic fibers expanded because of an increase in shipments and a rise in market prices stemming from a recovery in demand. Sales of methyl methacrylate rose because of a substantial recovery in overseas demand. Sales of aluminum increased thanks to higher market prices. As a result, the segment's sales expanded by ¥19.9 billion over the same period the previous year, to ¥62.3 billion, and operating income improved by ¥6.2 billion, to record a profit of ¥4.1 billion.

Petrochemicals & Plastics

Sales of synthetic resins and petrochemical products grew because of a substantial increase in shipments of sales subsidiaries due to the start of operation of the Rabigh complex in April 2009, as well as higher selling prices in Japan and higher market prices in overseas resulting from a sharp rise in prices for naphtha and other feedstocks. Consequently, the segment's sales increased by ¥60.0 billion over the same period the previous year to ¥156.2 billion, and operating income improved by ¥8.2 billion, to a profit of ¥3.6 billion.

Fine Chemicals

Sales of raw materials for adhesives and sales of pharmaceutical chemicals increased due to a recovery in demand and sales promotion efforts. As a result, the segment's sales rose by ¥5.5 billion compared with the same period the previous year, to ¥23.9 billion, and operating income increased by ¥2.0 billion, to ¥1.9 billion.

IT-related Chemicals

Sales of polarizing film and color filters used in liquid crystal displays (LCDs) grew because of a significant increase in shipments on the back of strong demand in Korea, Taiwan, and China. As a result, the segment's sales rose by ¥32.1 billion over the same period the previous year, to ¥78.1 billion, and operating income improved by ¥10.6 billion, to ¥8.0 billion.

Agricultural Chemicals

In the area of crop protection chemicals, shipments of herbicides continued to be strong in overseas markets. Although shipments of the feed additive methionine remained solid, sales fell because of lower market prices. In addition, export sales decreased in yen terms because of appreciation of the yen. As a result, the segment's sales declined by ¥1.5 billion compared with the same period the previous year, to ¥52.7 billion, and operating income increased by ¥0.6 billion, to ¥6.9 billion.

Pharmaceuticals

Sales of *Amlodin* (therapeutic agent for hypertension and angina pectoris) declined because of Japanese National Health Insurance drug price revisions. Sales of *Avapro* (therapeutic agent for hypertension), *Lonasen* (therapeutic agent for schizophrenia), and new drug *Trerief* (therapeutic agent for Parkinson's disease) and other pharmaceuticals increased as a result of continued sales promotion efforts. Sepracor Inc. and other U.S. subsidiaries, which became consolidated subsidiaries from the fourth quarter of the previous fiscal year also contributed to the segment's performance. As a result, the segment's sales rose by ¥35.5 billion from the same period the previous year, to ¥94.9 billion, and operating income increased by ¥4.6 billion, to ¥14.4 billion.

Others

In addition to the above six segments, the Sumitomo Chemical Group engages in supplying electrical power and steam, providing services for the design, engineering, and construction management of chemical plants, providing transport and warehousing, and conducting materials and environmental analysis. The segment's sales decreased by ¥1.0 billion compared with the same period the previous year, to ¥23.1 billion, and operating income remained unchanged at ¥0.1 billion.

(Note) Changes in the operating income calculation and business classification methods

The Company has been applying the Accounting Standard for Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related information (ASBJ statement No. 17 of March 27, 2009) and the Implementation Guidance on Accounting Standard for Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related information (ASBJ Guidance No. 20 of March 31, 2010) from the three months ended June 30, 2010. Along with this, the method for allocating common company-wide research expenses and other expenses has been revised, and the business segment categorization of a consolidated subsidiary has been changed. The figures for three months ended June 30, 2009 have also been rearranged to match these changes for comparison.

Performance for the three months ended June 30, 2010 exceeded previous expectations, and performance for the nine months ending March 31, 2011 is also expected to exceed previous expectations thanks to better margins in Basic Chemicals and stronger shipments in IT-related Chemicals. As a result, the Company has increased its consolidated financial forecasts for the half-year ending September 30, 2010 to operating income of ¥50.0 billion, ordinary income of ¥50.0 billion and net income of ¥30.0 billion, and for the full-year ending March 31, 2011, to operating income of ¥70.0 billion, ordinary income of ¥68.0 billion and net income of ¥45.0 billion.

Summary of Consolidated Results

(1) Results of Operations:	3 Months ended June 30, 2010				3 Months ended	
		¥ Million)	0, 20	US\$ 1,000)*1		June 30, 2009 ¥ Million)
Net sales	¥	491,243	\$	5,552,023	¥	340,771
Operating income	т.	34,042	Ψ	384,742	т	2,303
Ordinary income		36,004		406,917		3,205
Income before income taxes		30,004		400,917		3,203
and minority interests		35,676		403,210		3,009
Net (loss) income		17,971		203,108		(1,508)
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	(Yen)	(US\$) ^{*1}	(Yen)
Net income per 1,000 shares	¥	10,885	\$	123	¥	(913)
(2) Financial Position:	As of June 30, 2010			As of March 31, 2010		
	(¥ Million)	(US\$ 1,000)*1	(¥ Million)
Total assets	¥	2,442,384	\$	27,603,797	¥	2,383,906
Total net asset		829,873		9,379,216		821,436
	(Yen)	(US\$)*1	(Yen)
Book value per 1,000 shares	¥	351,350	\$	3,971	¥	348,525
(3) Cash Flows:		3 Months ended June 30, 2010			3 Months ended June 30, 2009 (¥ Million)	
Cash flows from operating activities	(¥ Million) 28,137	\$	US\$ 1,000) ' 318,004	¥	(3,995)
Cash flows from investing activities	т.	(70,379)	Ψ	(795,423)	т.	(3,993)
Cash flows from financing activities		55,387		625,983		21,955
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		134,399		1,518,976		91,544
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(4) Results of Operations by Business Segment:	3 Months ended				3 Months ended	
		June 30, 2010			June 30, 2009	
	(¥ Million)	(US\$ 1,000)*1	(¥ Million) ^{*2}
Net sales			•		.,	
Basic Chemicals	¥	62,343	\$	704,600	¥	42,437
Petrochemicals & Plastics		156,153		1,764,840		96,137
Fine Chemicals		23,944		270,615		18,428
IT-related Chemicals		78,065		882,290		45,986
Agricultural Chemicals		52,703		595,649		54,234
Pharmaceuticals Others		94,901		1,072,570		59,411
Others	¥	23,134 491,243	\$	261,460 5,552,023	¥	24,138 340,771
Operating (loss) income	т	701,270	Ψ	0,002,020	т	070,771
Basic Chemicals	¥	4,057	\$	45,852	¥	(2,126)
Petrochemicals & Plastics		3,601		40,698		(4,638)
Fine Chemicale		4.005		04.500		(722)

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(Note)

Fine Chemicals

Pharmaceuticals

Others

Adjustments

IT-related Chemicals

Agricultural Chemicals

^{*1:}U.S. dollar amounts are translated from yen, for convenience only, at the rate of ¥88.48= \$1 prevailing on June 30, 2010.

^{*2:}unaudited amount having been reclassified according to new segmentation