Sumitomo Chemical Reports Consolidated Financial Results For the Half-Year Ended September 30, 2014

The Sumitomo Chemical Group's sales for the half-year ended September 30, 2014 were ¥1,128.4 billion, an increase of ¥77.6 billion compared with the same period of the previous fiscal year. Operating income came to ¥36.2 billion, showing a year-on-year decrease. The Group recorded ordinary income of ¥52.8 billion and net income of ¥22.6 billion, both representing year-on-year increases due to an improvement in equity in earnings of affiliates.

Sumitomo Chemical decided to pay an interim dividend of ¥6 per share.

The Sumitomo Chemical Group's financial results by business segment for the half-year were as follows.

Basic Chemicals

Sales of methyl methacrylate grew due to an increase in shipments and higher market prices. Sales of aluminum also rose due to higher market prices. Market prices remained low for raw materials for synthetic fibers, however, and shipments of these products decreased. As a result, the segment's sales increased by ¥18.0 billion from the same period of the previous fiscal year, to ¥155.0 billion. Operating income improved by ¥0.9 billion, to a loss of ¥3.9 billion.

Petrochemicals & Plastics

Shipments of synthetic resins from overseas subsidiaries increased. Market prices of petrochemical products and synthetic resins also increased because of higher feedstock prices. As a result, the segment's sales grew by ¥37.7 billion from the same period of the previous fiscal year, to ¥406.7 billion, and operating income rose by ¥0.6 billion, to ¥4.5 billion.

IT-related Chemicals

Shipments of polarizing film used in liquid crystal displays (LCDs) increased due to growth in demand, while selling prices of polarizing film declined. Although selling prices of touchscreen panels declined, shipments grew because of increased production capacity. As a result, the segment's sales increased by ¥12.9 billion compared with the same period of the previous fiscal year, to ¥194.7 billion. Operating income decreased by ¥7.2 billion, to ¥14.5 billion, as it was adversely affected by lower selling prices.

Health & Crop Sciences

Shipments of the feed additive methionine increased and market prices of methionine are gradually recovering, though still lower than year-earlier levels. Shipments of the long-lasting insecticidal mosquito net, Olyset® Net, also increased. On the other hand, shipments of crop protection chemicals decreased in Japan and abroad due to the effects of the consumption tax increase in Japan and unseasonable weather in South America. As a result, the segment's sales increased by ¥10.0 billion compared with the same period of the previous fiscal year, to ¥149.5 billion. Operating income decreased by ¥0.2 billion, to ¥11.4 billion.

Pharmaceuticals

In North America, shipments of Lunesta® (sedative hypnotic) decreased sharply as marketing exclusivity ended. Shipments of Latuda® (atypical antipsychotic), however, expanded at a pace faster than expected. In Japan, overall sales decreased due to the impacts of Japanese National Health Insurance drug price revisions and competition from generic drugs. As a result, the segment's sales declined by ¥2.8 billion compared with the same period of the previous fiscal year, to ¥194.4 billion, and operating income decreased by ¥5.2 billion, to ¥15.4 billion.

Others

In addition to the above five 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 increased by ¥1.8 billion compared with the same period of the previous fiscal year, to ¥28.2 billion. Operating income decreased by ¥0.7 billion, to ¥2.7 billion.

Summary of Consolidated Results

| (1) Results of Operations: | 6 Months ended | | 6 Months ended |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| | September 30, 2014 | | September 30, 2013 |
| | Yen (Millions) | USD (Thousands)* | Yen (Millions) |
| Net sales | 1,128,417 | 10,309,886 | 1,050,806 |
| Operating income | 36,177 | 330,534 | 46,332 |
| Ordinary income | 52,835 | 482,732 | 44,250 |
| Income before income taxes | | | |
| and minority interests | 52,437 | 479,095 | 38,256 |
| Net income | 22,588 | 206,377 | 12,452 |
| | | | |
| | Yen | USD* | Yen |
| Net income per 1,000 shares | 13,820 | 126 | 7,618 |
| Dividends per 1,000 shares: | | | |
| Interim dividends | 6,000 | 55 | 6,000 |
| | | | |
| | Yen (Millions) | USD (Thousands)* | Yen (Millions) |
| Comprehensive income | 62,077 | 567,172 | 75,665 |
| | | | |
| (2) Financial Position: | As of September 30, 2014 | | As of March 31, 2014 |
| | Yen (Millions) | USD (Thousands)* | Yen (Millions) |
| Total assets | 2,868,807 | 26,211,119 | 2,788,507 |
| Total net asset | 981,579 | 8,968,287 | 934,506 |
| | | | |
| (3) Cash Flows: | 6 Months ended | | 6 Months ended |
| | | er 30, 2014 | September 30, 2013 |
| | Yen (Millions) | USD (Thousands)* | Yen (Millions) |
| Cash flows from operating activities | 14,028 | 128,168 | 100,840 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | (27,896) | (254,874) | (79,988) |
| Cash flows from financing activities | 49,734 | 454,399 | (4,622) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | 174,652 | 1,595,724 | 143,158 |
| | | | |
| (4) Results of Operations by | 6 Months ended | | 6 Months ended |
| Business Segment: | September 30, 2014 | | September 30, 2013 |
| | Yen (Millions) | USD (Thousands)* | Yen (Millions) |
| Net sales | | | |
| Basic Chemicals | 154,955 | 1,415,761 | 136,932 |
| Petrochemicals & Plastics | 406,656 | 3,715,450 | 368,914 |
| IT-related Chemicals | 194,680 | 1,778,712 | 181,792 |
| Health & Crop Sciences | 149,503 | 1,365,948 | 139,502 |
| Pharmaceuticals | 194,411 | 1,776,254 | 197,231 |
| Others | 28,212 | 257,761 | 26,435 |
| On and (100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 10 | 1,128,417 | 10,309,886 | 1,050,806 |
| Operating income (loss) | (0.040) | (05.754) | (4.700) |
| Basic Chemicals | (3,913) | (35,751) | (4,796) |
| Petrochemicals & Plastics | 4,496 | 41,078 | 3,855 |
| IT-related Chemicals | 14,494 | 132,426 | 21,705 |
| Health & Crop Sciences | 11,413 | 104,276 | 11,574 |
| Pharmaceuticals Others | 15,439 | 141,060 | 20,630 |
| Others | 2,695 | 24,623 | 3,416 |
| Adjustments | (8,447) | (77,178) | (10,052) |
| | 36,177 | 330,534 | 46,332 |

(Note)

^{*:}U.S. dollar amounts are translated from yen, for convenience only, at the rate of ¥109.45= \$1 prevailing on September 30, 2014.