

Consolidated Financial Results for the First Quarter of the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2019 [J-GAAP]

July 30, 2018

Name of listed company: ARTNATURE INC. Listed on: Tokyo Stock Exchange

Securities code: 7823 URL: http://www.artnature.co.jp/english/index.html

Representative: Yoshikata Igarashi, Chairman and President

Contact: Hiroaki Inoue, General Manager, Finance & Accounting Division

Corporate Officer

TEL: +81-3-3379-3334

Scheduled date of filing the quarterly financial report: August 8, 2018

Scheduled date to start dividends distribution:

Supplementary quarterly materials prepared:

No
Explanation meeting for quarterly financial results:

No

(Figures shown are rounded down to the nearest million yen.)

1. Consolidated results for the first quarter ended June 30, 2018 (April 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018)

(1) Consolidated operating results

(Percentage figures show changes from the previous year.)

	Net sales		Operating income		Ordinary income		Net income (loss) attributable to owners of the parent company	
	Millions of	%	Millions of	%	Millions of	%	Millions of	%
	yen	70	yen	70	yen	70	yen	/0
Three months ended June 30, 2018	8,496	3.1	521	_	564	_	367	_
Three months ended June 30, 2017	8,243	(5.6)	(9)	_	16	(91.3)	(74)	_

Note: Comprehensive income: Three months ended June 30, 2018: ¥251 million (—%)
Three months ended June 30, 2017: ¥-168 million (—%)

Net income (loss) per share Diluted net income per share

 share
 per share

 Yen
 Yen

 Three months ended June 30, 2018
 11.24
 11.20

 Three months ended June 30, 2017
 (2.25)
 —

(2) Consolidated financial position

	Total assets	Net assets	Shareholders' equity ratio	Net assets per share
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	%	Yen
As of June 30, 2018	40,437	23,669	58.3	725.13
As of March 31, 2018	40,888	24,021	58.6	731.51

(Reference) Equity capital: As of June 30, 2018: ¥23,594 million

As of March 31, 2018: ¥23,946 million

2. Dividends

		Dividends per share					
	First quarter- end	Second quarter-end	Third quarter- end	Year-end	Annual		
	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen		
Year ended March 31, 2018	_	14.00	_	14.00	28.00		
Year ending March 31, 2019	_						
Year ending March 31, 2019 (Forecast)		14.00	_	14.00	28.00		

Note: Revisions to the most recently announced dividend forecast during the period: No

3. Consolidated financial forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019 (April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019)

(Percentage figures show changes from the previous year.)

	Net sales	1	Operating income		Ordinary income		Net income attributable to owners of the parent company		Net income per share
	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Yen
Full year	38,000	2.0	2,796	8.4	2,813	3.9	1,517	69.1	46.34

Note: Revisions to the most recently announced earnings forecasts during the period: No

Notes:

- (1) Significant changes to subsidiaries during the period (Transfers of specific subsidiaries with changes in the scope of consolidation): No
- (2) Application of specific accounting methods for preparing the quarterly consolidated financial statements: No
- (3) Changes in accounting policies, accounting estimates and restatement of revisions
 - 1) Changes in accounting policies due to revision of accounting standard, etc.: No
 - 2) Changes in accounting policies other than 1):
 - 3) Changes in accounting estimates: No
 - 4) Restatement of revisions: No
- (4) Number of outstanding shares (common stock):

1)	Number of shares issued and
	outstanding (including treasury
	shares)

2) Number of treasury shares

3) Average number of shares issued and outstanding in each period

As of June 30, 2018	34,393,200	shares	As of March 31, 2018	34,393,200	shares
As of June 30, 2018	1,854,538	shares	As of March 31, 2018	1,657,038	shares
Three months ended June 30, 2018	32,653,735	shares	Three months ended June 30, 2017	33,141,462	shares

- * This quarterly kessan tanshin document is outside the scope of audit procedures conducted by certified public accountants or the independent auditor.
- * Explanation of appropriate use of forecasts of financial results; other important items

(Cautionary statement with regard to the forward-looking statements, etc.)

The forward-looking statements in this document, including forecasts, are based on information available at the time of disclosure and on certain assumptions deemed to be reasonable by the Company. Actual results may differ materially from forward-looking statements due to a number of factors. For more details about these assumptions and other conditions that form the basis of these forecasts, please refer to page 2 of the supplementary materials, "1. Analysis of operating results and financial position, (3) Qualitative information on consolidated financial forecasts."

Contents

1. Analysis of operating results and financial position	2
(1) Analysis of operating results	
(1) Analysis of operating results	
(2) Analysis of financial position	2
(3) Qualitative information on consolidated financial forecasts	2
2. Quarterly consolidated financial statements and related notes	3
(1) Quarterly consolidated balance sheets	3
(2) Quarterly consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income	
(Quarterly consolidated statements of income)	5
(Quarterly consolidated statements of comprehensive income)	6
(3) Notes on quarterly consolidated financial statements	7
(Notes on the going concern assumption)	7
(Notes on significant fluctuation in amounts of shareholders' equity)	7
(Additional information)	7

1. Analysis of operating results and financial position

(1) Analysis of operating results

Operating results for the first three months of fiscal 2019

In the first three months of fiscal 2019 (April – June 2018), the Japanese economy continued to face an unpredictable outlook due to uncertainties in overseas economies and other factors, but domestic corporate earnings strengthened, the employment environment continued to improve and consumer spending increased, albeit at a moderate pace.

Against this backdrop, the Group worked towards the goals of its medium-term management plan, the "ARTNATURE REBORN Plan" launched at the start of fiscal 2018. Specifically, the Company implemented a range of initiatives to progress the plan's four key areas of focus – customer satisfaction, systemic reform, personnel training and employee satisfaction – into four outcomes.

As a result, for the first three months of fiscal 2019, net sales rose 3.1% year on year to \(\frac{\text{\$\frac{\text{\$\genty}}}}{8,496}\) million. Supported by the increase in net sales and efficient control of business costs, the Company reported operating income of \(\frac{\text{\$\genty}}{521}\) million (compared with an operating loss of \(\frac{\text{\$\genty}}{9}\) million in the same period last year), ordinary income of \(\frac{\text{\$\genty}}{564}\) million (compared with ordinary income of \(\frac{\text{\$\genty}}{16}\) million in the same period last year) and net income attributable to owners of the parent company of \(\frac{\text{\$\genty}}{74}\) million in the same period last year).

< Men's business >

Sales in the men's business rose 4.4% year on year to \(\frac{\pmathbf{4}}{4}\),752 million. The business implemented a range of initiatives such as reinforcing the customer supervisor system to improve customer retention and strengthening the technical skills and customer service of sales staff to increase customer satisfaction.

< Ladies' business >

Sales in the ladies' business declined 0.9% year on year to ¥2,821 million. The business implemented various initiatives, such as efficiently and effectively holding trial fitting events, enhancing the skills, customer service and product proposal capabilities of sales staff, and building systems to create lasting long-term relationships with customers. However, sales were mainly affected by sluggish orders at trial fitting events.

< Ladies' ready-made wigs business >

Sales in the JULLIA OLGER business, which sells ladies' ready-made wigs, declined 5.9% year on year to ¥617 million due to weak sales at existing stores, despite various initiatives such as highly targeted sales promotions at each salon and efforts to improve the skills, customer service and product proposal capabilities of sales staff.

(2) Analysis of financial position

Assets, liabilities and net assets

(Assets)

As of the end of the first quarter, total assets were \(\frac{\pmathbf{4}}{4}0,437\) million, a decline of \(\frac{\pmathbf{4}}{4}50\) million from the end of the previous fiscal year. Current assets decreased \(\frac{\pmathbf{4}}{6}51\) million while non-current assets increased \(\frac{\pmathbf{2}}{2}00\) million.

(Liabilities)

As of the end of the first quarter, liabilities totaled ¥16,767 million, a decline of ¥98 million from the end of the previous fiscal year. That mainly reflected decreases of ¥67 million in current liabilities and ¥31 million in non-current liabilities.

(Net Assets)

As of the end of the first quarter, net assets were \(\frac{\text{\frac{4}}}{23,669}\) million, a decline of \(\frac{\text{\frac{4}}}{352}\) million from the end of the previous fiscal year. This reflected purchase of treasury shares and decreases in retained earnings and foreign currency translation adjustment.

(3) Qualitative information on consolidated financial forecasts

The Company has not revised its consolidated forecasts for fiscal 2019 announced on May 15, 2018.

2. Quarterly consolidated financial statements and related notes

(1) Quarterly consolidated balance sheets

,		(Millions of yen)
	As of March 31, 2018	As of June 30, 2018
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and deposits	16,530	16,067
Notes and accounts receivable - trade	2,895	2,706
Securities	140	125
Merchandise and finished goods	1,385	1,412
Work in process	105	101
Raw materials and supplies	1,510	1,417
Others	859	945
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(1)	(1)
Total current assets	23,426	22,774
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment		
Buildings and structures, net	5,210	5,346
Others, net	3,957	3,928
Total property, plant and equipment	9,167	9,275
Intangible assets		
Others	846	819
Total intangible assets	846	819
Investments and other assets		
Others	7,504	7,625
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(56)	(56)
Total investments and other assets	7,447	7,568
Total non-current assets	17,462	17,662
Total assets	40,888	40,437

(Millions of yen)

	As of March 31,	(Millions of ye
	2018	As of June 30, 201
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable – trade	151	231
Current portion of long-term loans payable	400	400
Accounts payable – other	2,413	1,314
Income taxes payable	162	363
Advances received	4,576	4,717
Provision for bonuses	845	1,267
Provision for directors' bonuses	110	37
Provision for product warranties	39	37
Provision for point card certificates	93	96
Others	995	1,255
Total current liabilities	9,788	9,721
Non-current liabilities		
Long-term loans payable	398	298
Net defined benefit liability	3,472	3,543
Asset retirement obligations	1,332	1,350
Others	1,873	1,853
Total non-current liabilities	7,077	7,045
Total liabilities	16,866	16,767
Net assets		
Shareholders' equity		
Capital stock	3,667	3,667
Capital surplus	3,557	3,558
Retained earnings	17,560	17,469
Treasury shares	(821)	(967)
Total shareholders' equity	23,963	23,726
Accumulated other comprehensive income		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	1	(8)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	88	(27)
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	(106)	(96)
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	(16)	(132)
Subscription rights to shares	61	61
Non-controlling interests	13	13
Total net assets	24,021	23,669
Total liabilities and net assets	40,888	40,437

(2) Quarterly consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income (Quarterly consolidated statements of income)

(Millions of yen)

	Three months ended June 30, 2017	Three months ended June 30, 2018
Net sales	8,243	8,496
Cost of sales	2,734	2,894
Gross profit	5,509	5,602
Selling, general and administrative expenses	5,518	5,080
Operating income (loss)	(9)	521
Non-operating income		
Interest income	24	20
Foreign exchange gains	4	23
Others	14	12
Total non-operating income	42	56
Non-operating expenses		
Interest expenses	1	1
Guarantee commission	9	11
Others	4	1
Total non-operating expenses	16	14
Ordinary income	16	564
Extraordinary losses		
Loss on retirement of non-current assets	0	_
Impairment loss	4	2
Total extraordinary losses	4	2
Income before income taxes	11	561
Income taxes – current	104	311
Income taxes – deferred	(18)	(117)
Total income taxes	86	194
Net income (loss)	(74)	367
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests	0	0
Net income (loss) attributable to owners of the parent company	(74)	367

(Quarterly consolidated statements of comprehensive income)

(Millions of yen)

		(, , ,
	Three months ended June 30, 2017	Three months ended June 30, 2018
Net income (loss)	(74)	367
Other comprehensive income		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	12	(9)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(119)	(116)
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	13	10
Total other comprehensive income	(94)	(115)
Comprehensive income	(168)	251
(Comprehensive income attributable to)		
Owners of the parent company	(168)	251
Non-controlling interests	0	(0)

(3) Notes on quarterly consolidated financial statements

(Notes on the going concern assumption)

There is no related information.

(Notes on significant fluctuation in amounts of shareholders' equity)

There is no related information.

(Additional information)

Effective from the first quarter of the current fiscal year, the Company has applied "Partial Amendments to Accounting Standard for Tax Effect Accounting" (ASBJ Statement No. 28, February 16, 2018). As a result, the Company now classifies deferred tax assets as investments and other assets, and deferred tax liabilities as non-current liabilities.