MISUMI Group FY2009 1Q Consolidated Business Performance

Sales and profit down due to economic recession

MISUMI Group Inc. (Headquarters in Koto-ku, Tokyo. Chairman & CEO: Tadashi Saegusa) announces its consolidated financial results for FY2009 1Q (April 1 to June 30, 2009). Major performance measures are as follows.

	FY2008 1Q	FY2009 1Q	Change
	Million Yen	Million Yen	%
Net sales	32,039	17,782	- 44.5
Operating income	4,040	242	- 94.0
Net income	2,302	- 204	-
Earnings per share	¥25.99	- ¥ 2.31	-

< Highlights of FY2009 1Q consolidated financial results >

1. Net sales and profits down due to economic downturn

- Both sales and profits declined in the April-June quarter. Net sales were ¥17.7 billion (down 44.5% compared to the same period in the previous year) and operating income was ¥0.2 billion (down 94.0%). The quarter resulted in a net loss of ¥0.2 billion (a decline of ¥2.5 billion).
- In the first quarter, the decline in economic conditions bottomed out as production at our major customers in the automotive and electronics industries started to recover mainly in Asia. Compared to last year, however, levels remain stagnant. Furthermore, capital expenditures continue to shrink substantially. Indicators correlated to our business declined significantly. Japan's machine tool orders shrank 77% year-on-year and Japan's semiconductor production equipment orders fell 59%.
- Even in the midst of such harsh conditions MISUMI strives to improve profitability by issuing new catalogs with revised price structures, bolster earnings at overseas operations, cut costs at distribution and marketing centers and implement structural reforms at SURUGA SEIKI. At the same time, we continue to implement growth measures to leverage our web customer order system and web catalogs, strengthen new product offerings and expand overseas businesses.

2. Sales declined in all business units

Quarterly sales by business segment were as follows.

Business segment	Net sales	Year-on-year
	(Yen)	comparison
Factory Automation	9.7 billion	-46.7%
Die Components	4.8 billion	-41.5%
Electronics	1.4 billion	-52.5%
Diversified	1.7 billion	-28.6%

- Customers in all major segments from automotive to LCD and semiconductor saw production embark on a recovery trend, but continued to exhibit caution on capital investment plans. As a result, sales declined significantly in all of our business units.
- Beginning this year, we have changed the categorization of our business segments.
 Optical-related businesses are now included within Factory Automation businesses.
 Figures for FY2008 Factory Automation are provided using the new business segmentations.

3. Overseas businesses increased to 24.6% of total sales

Quarterly sales by geographical region were as follows.

Geographical region	Net sales	Year-on-Year	
	(Yen)	comparison	
Japan	13.4 billion	-46.3%	
Asia	3.0 billion	-39.6%	
North & South America	0.7 billion	-36.6%	
Europe	0.5 billion	-31.4%	

 Sales declined both in Japan and overseas. However, MISUMI continued to aggressively pursue overseas expansion, with sales outside of Japan accounting for 24.6% (up 2.5 percentage points year-on-year) of total quarterly sales.

4. Forecast for FY2009 consolidated business performance

Consolidated earnings forecast for FY2009 (April 1, 2009, to March 31, 2010)

	Net sales	Operating	Ordinary	Net income	Earnings per
	Net Sales	income	income		share
	Million Yen	Million Yen	Million Yen	Million Yen	Yen
Consolidated first-half forecast	39,000	1,000	1,000	200	2.26
Consolidated full-year forecast	83,000	5,000	5,000	2,200	24.82

^{*} No change to forecasts announced May 15, 2009.

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