

NIPPON SHOKUBAI Announces Financial Revisions

NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD. [Tokyo Stock Exchange - TOKSE:4114.T] ("NIPPON SHOKUBAI") hereby announces that based on recent performance trends, NIPPON SHOKUBAI has revised its financial forecast announced on May 8, 2008 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009.

Revised Consolidated Financial Forecast for the First Half of the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2009. (Six Months Ended September 30, 2008)

	Sales	Operating Income	Ordinary Income	Net Income	PER
	Million Yen	Million Yen	Million Yen	Million Yen	Yen
Previous Estimates(A)	162,000	7,600	8,500	5,000	27.73
Revised Estimates(B)	172,000	5,800	7,200	2,100	11.66
Variance in Amount(B-A)	10,000	(1,800)	(1,300)	(2,900)	-
Variance in Percentage	6.2	(24)	(15)	(58)	-
Results for the First Half the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2007.	148,455	10,657	12,099	7,827	42.64

Revised Consolidated Financial Forecast for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2009.

	Sales	Operating Income	Ordinary Income	Net Income	PER
	Million Yen	Million Yen	Million Yen	Million Yen	Yen
Previous Estimates(A)	345,000	20,000	22,000	13,600	75.84
Revised Estimates(B)	350,000	15,000	17,000	6,100	34.06
Variance in Amount(B-A)	5,000	(5,000)	(5,000)	(7,500)	-
Variance in Percentage	1.4	(25)	(23)	(55)	-
Full Year Results for Fiscal 2007(Ended March 31, 2008)	302,669	18,379	20,745	11,875	64.91

Revised Financial Forecast for the First Half of the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2009. (Six Months Ended September 30, 2008)

	Sales	Operating Income	Ordinary Income	Net Income	PER
	Million Yen	Million Yen	Million Yen	Million Yen	Yen
Previous Estimates(A)	121,000	6,400	8,600	5,300	29.39
Revised Estimates(B)	125,100	5,200	7,900	3,300	18.32
Variance in Amount(B-A)	4,100	(1,200)	(700)	(2,000)	-
Variance in Percentage	3.4	(19)	(8)	(38)	-
Results for the First Half the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2007.	113,043	8,986	11,568	7,579	41.29

Revised Financial Forecast for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2009.

	Sales	Operating Income	Ordinary Income	Net Income	PER
	Million Yen	Million Yen	Million Yen	Million Yen	Yen
Previous Estimates(A)	250,000	16,300	20,400	12,600	70.25
Revised Estimates(B)	252,000	13,800	17,800	9,500	53.03
Variance in Amount(B-A)	2,000	(2,500)	(2,600)	(3,100)	-
Variance in Percentage	0.8	(15)	(13)	(25)	-
Full Year Results for Fiscal 2007(Ended March 31, 2008)	231,151	16,286	19,815	11,707	63.99

<Reasons For the Revision>

*The First Half of The Fiscal Year 2008

The Price of domestic naphtha, which at the time of the previously announced forecast was estimated at 65,000 JPY/KL, has been revised to 77,700 JPY/KL..

Under this condition, NIPPON SHOKUBAI is making all-out efforts to revise the sales price, but Operating Income is expected to decline compared to the outlook previously released, due to the shrink of margin.

In addition, Net Income is expected to decline because of Impairment Loss of Securities.

*Fiscal Year 2008

NIPPON SHOKUBAI expects its full-year financial results to be lower than the previous forecast because of decreased sales volume due to worsening global economic conditions as well as the effects of stronger Japanese Yen.

For the revised full-year forecast, NIPPON SHOKUBAI assumes an exchange rate of 105 JPY/USD (105 JPY/USD for the previous estimate), 145 JPY/EUR (160 JPY/EUR for the previous estimate) and a domestic naphtha price of 65,000 JPY/KL (65,000 JPY/KL for the previous estimate)

 Note: The above-mentioned outlook constitutes projection based on information available at this point in time, and therefore it involves certain risk and uncertainty. Therefore, there is a possibility that actual performance figures would differ largely from the outlook due to various factors that may arise henceforth.

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