

Press Release

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**Revision of the Financial Forecast and Dividend Forecast (Dividend Increase)
for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2021**

At the Board of Directors meeting held on January 27, 2021, the Company decided to make the following revisions to the financial forecast and dividend forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020, which were originally announced on October 26, 2020. The revisions are based on factors such as recent trends in business results.

1. Revision of Consolidated Financial Forecast

(1) Revision of Consolidated Financial Forecast for the Full Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2021 (April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021)

	Net sales	Operating income	Ordinary income	Profit attributable to owners of parent	Net income per share
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen
Previous forecast (A)	34,100	4,100	4,200	3,300	89.36
Revised forecast (B)	37,100	5,540	5,670	4,310	116.71
Difference (B-A)	3,000	1,440	1,470	1,010	
Change (%)	8.8	35.1	35.0	30.6	
(Reference) Results for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2020	36,585	4,622	4,723	3,538	95.95

(2) Reasons for the Revision of Consolidated Financial Forecast

By using our proprietary LAMP method technology to achieve rapid, simple, and high-accuracy genetic detection and providing genetic testing reagents for COVID-19, we have contributed to infection countermeasures for this pandemic. In preparation for the second and third waves of COVID-19 infections, we established a system for increased production and stable supply of testing reagents. As a result of these efforts, although we were affected by the cancellation of various examination and screening programs and reduced outpatient numbers, our net sales for the current term are expected to exceed the previous forecast figures. In addition, due to the reduction of costs such as sales expenses achieved through revisions made to our activities and methods to suit the current COVID-19 pandemic conditions, both operating income and ordinary income are expected to drastically exceed the previous forecast figures, and we have revised our financial forecast to reflect these changed expectations.

2. Revision of Dividend Forecast

(1) Revision of Dividend Forecast for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2020 (April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020)

	Annual dividend per share		
	End of Q2	Year-end	Total
Previous forecast	Yen —	Yen 15.00	Yen 30.00
Revised forecast	—	21.00	36.00
Results for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021	15.00	—	—
Results for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2020	13.00	17.00	30.00

(2) Reasons for the Revision of Dividend Forecast

Based on our policy for shareholder returns, the Company aims for a consolidated dividend payout ratio of 30% or more. In this revision, in conjunction with the revision to the financial forecast for the full fiscal year, we have revised the year-end dividend forecast from 15 yen per share to 21 yen per share, an increase of 6 yen per share.

Note: The forecasts listed above are based on information currently available to the Company and on certain assumptions deemed rational. Accordingly, the Company cannot make promises to achieve such forecasts. Actual results could significantly differ from the above forecasts due to a variety of factors.