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ARTERIA Networks Corporation Consolidated Financial Report For the Six-month Period Ended September 30, 2019 [IFRS]

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(Millions of yen; amounts are rounded down to the nearest million yen)

1. Consolidated Financial Results For the Six-month Period Ended September 30, 2019 (April 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019, “the second quarter”)

(1) Consolidated Operating Results

(Percentages are shown as year-on-year changes)

	Net sales		Operating profit		Profit before income taxes		Profit		Profit attributable to owners of the parent		Comprehensive income	
		%		%		%		%		%		%
Six-month period ended September 30, 2019	25,459	7.1	4,237	15.0	4,021	16.4	2,800	11.0	2,614	12.3	2,896	11.1
Six-month period ended September 30, 2018	23,765	2.7	3,683	(3.7)	3,454	(4.5)	2,522	1.4	2,327	(1.6)	2,607	4.2

	Basic earnings per share	Diluted earnings per share
	Yen	Yen
Six-month period ended September 30, 2019	52.29	-
Six-month period ended September 30, 2018	46.56	-

Note

The Company conducted a stock split of 5 shares for each share of common stock with an effective date of September 28, 2018. Basic earnings per share is calculated based on the assumption that the stock split had been conducted at the beginning of the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019.

(Reference) (Percentages are shown as year-on-year changes)

	Adjusted EBITDA	
		%
Six-month period ended September 30, 2019	8,230	10.5
Six-month period ended September 30, 2018	7,446	-

(2) Consolidated Financial Position

	Total assets	Total equity	Equity attributable to owners of the parent	Ratio of equity attributable to owners of the parent to total assets
As of September 30, 2019	86,171	19,858	18,047	% 20.9
As of March 31, 2019	81,968	18,736	16,647	20.3

2. Dividends

	Dividends per share				
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Total
	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen
Fiscal year ended March 31, 2019	-	-	-	26.22	26.22
Fiscal year ending March 31, 2020	-	-			
Fiscal year ending March 31, 2020 (forecasted)			-	51.20	51.20

Note

Revision of forecasted dividend : None

Dividends for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019 were paid from capital surplus. For more details, please refer to “Breakdown of the dividends paid from capital surplus”.

3. Consolidated Financial Results Forecast for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2020 (April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020)

(Percentages are shown as year-on-year changes)

	Net sales		Operating profit		Profit before income taxes		Profit		Profit attributable to owners of the parent		Basic earnings per share
		%		%		%		%		%	Yen
Fiscal year ending March 31, 2020	50,778	3.2	8,372	12.1	7,912	13.2	5,485	8.8	5,119	10.3	102.40

Note

Revision of forecast: None

* Notes

(1) Changes in significant consolidated subsidiaries (which resulted in changes in scope of consolidation) during the six-month period ended September 30, 2019: None

(2) Changes in accounting policies and estimates

(i) Changes in accounting policies required under IFRS: Yes

(ii) Other changes in accounting policies: None

(iii) Changes in accounting estimates: None

Note

For details refer to “Changes in accounting policies” on P.15

(3) Number of outstanding shares (Common stock)

(i) Number of shares outstanding
(including treasury stock)

(ii) Number of treasury stock

(iii) Number of weighted average
common stock outstanding

As of September 30, 2019	50,000,000 Shares	As of March 31, 2019	50,000,000 Shares
As of September 30, 2019	61 Shares	As of March 31, 2019	61 Shares
As of September 30, 2019	49,999,939 Shares	As of September 30, 2018	50,000,000 Shares

Note

The Company conducted a stock split of 5 shares for each share of common stock with an effective date of September 28, 2018.

The number of shares outstanding (including treasury stock) and number of weighted average common stock outstanding are calculated based on the assumption that the stock split had been conducted at the beginning of the previous fiscal year.

* This consolidated financial report is not subject to interim review procedures by certified public accountants or an audit firm.

* Regarding appropriate use of forecasts and other special notes

Regarding appropriate use of forecasts

This report contains statements that constitute forward-looking statements including estimations, forecasts targets and plans. Such forward-looking statements do not represent any guarantee by the Company of future performance. Our actual results may vary materially from those we currently anticipate. Any forward-looking statements in this report are based on the current assumptions and beliefs of the Company in light of the information currently available to it, and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors. Regarding the use and definition of forecasts please refer to “Forecasts” under “1. Qualitative Information.”

Regarding (Reference) information

- (1) Adjusted EBITDA = profit + income taxes – finance income + finance costs + depreciation and amortization + loss on disposal of supplies and equipment installed at customers’ premises + IPO preparation expenses
- (2) IPO preparation expenses consist of expenses incurred in preparing for our IPO that are not expected to recur. Such expenses include fees paid to accounting and other advisors in connection with preparation for our IPO and are included as part of IPO related costs.
- (3) Loss on disposal of supplies and equipment installed at customers’ premises consist of such losses recorded as part of cost of sales and other expense in our consolidated statement of income.
- (4) Adjusted EBITDA is not prepared in accordance with article 193-2 (1) of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act of Japan and has not been audited or reviewed by the Company’s independent auditors.
- (5) Adjusted EBITDA reflects some expenses incurred in preparing for our IPO that are not expected to recur after the completion of our IPO and do not reflect the underlying performance of our business. These non-IFRS measures are supplemental financial measures that we believe are useful for investors to assess the operating performance and profitability of our business.
- (6) Adjusted EBITDA excludes certain items which impacts profit. These non-IFRS measures should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the most comparable financial measures presented in accordance with IFRS. These indices are meant to be illustrative only and are calculated based on assumptions which might differ from those used by other companies and should therefore not be used as a basis for comparison.

Breakdown of the dividends paid from capital surplus

The breakdown of the dividends as of March 31, 2019 which were paid from capital surplus is as follows:

Resolution	As of March 31, 2019	Total
Dividends per share (yen)	26.22	26.22
Total dividends (Millions of yen)	1,310	1,310

Note

Net asset diminution rate: 0.354

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1. Qualitative Information / Consolidated Financial Statements, etc.

(1) Operational Results

At the backdrop of the intensified tension over trade issues on the world economy, uncertainty regarding the future became stronger during the second quarter. While capital expenditures in some industries are weak in Japan, the employment and income environment continue to improve and the Japanese economy is gradually on its way to recovery.

In the information and telecommunications market, where the Group operates, dramatic changes in the level of convenience in people's lives and in the productivity of every industry are occurring with the spread of artificial intelligence (AI), the internet of things (IoT), online video consumption, cloud-based services, 5G, and so forth. The market is expected to expand going forward as data traffic increases. Furthermore, the information and telecommunications business is to play a more important role in society, including strengthening security against increasingly advanced and sophisticated cyberattacks and operating social systems that enable people to live securely.

In this business environment, we ranked No.1 in customer satisfaction in the "Fixed-line Network Services" category of the Nikkei Computer's Customer Survey (by Nikkei Business Publications, Inc. 2019-2020, announced on August 22, 2019), as a result of ranking first place in 4 out of 5 evaluation categories "functionality," "operability," "cost" and "support." We will aim to continue to cater to the market and our customers' needs.

In internet services, while migration to the cloud continues, demand for our low congestion services ARTERIA Hikari Internet Access and UCOM Hikari Internet Access sustains a strong trend. The service area in which ARTERIA Hikari Internet Access is provided was expanded in the previous fiscal year. Orders in the newly added Osaka region as well as orders for the fastest in Japan*¹ maximum 10Gbps (uplink and downlink, launched in January 2019) best effort base service show strong trends hereby contributing to our business growth.

In network services, at the backdrop of the increase in traffic volume and the roll out of 5G, OTTs*² are proactively investing in the enforcement of proprietary backbone networks. We have successfully been catering to these needs and orders for leased circuits have increased. By expanding the number of partners who offer our router pack service, which provides total support from the fiber lines to the router and hereby tackles the recent shortage in engineering resources, VPN services orders have increased. Average revenue per user is also increasing and contributing to net sales growth.

In condominium internet services, our subsidiary Tsunagu Network Communications Inc., which provides building-wide internet services to condominiums, obtained No. 1 market share*³ in the building-wide ISP services to condominiums for the 6th consecutive year. By providing high speed & quality internet services such as 10Gbps and All Hikari orders for newly built condominiums and medium to large size rental apartments are showing a strong trend.

As a result, during the second quarter net sales increased by 1,693 million yen (7.1%) year on year to 25,459 million yen. While there was no re-occurrence of IPO-related costs recognized last fiscal year, one-time costs related to compliance etc. increased. However, mainly as a result of higher sales and gross margin on sales, operating income increased by 554 million yen (15.0%) year on year to 4,237 million yen, profit before income taxes for the period increased by 567 million yen (16.4%) year on year to 4,021 million yen. Profit for the period attributable to owners of the parent increased by 286 million yen (12.3%) year on year to 2,614 million yen.

Notes:

1 In the FTTH best effort base service for enterprises market (as of end of December 2018, Company research).

2 Over The Top

3 MM Research Institute Building-wide ISP Services to Condominiums Market Share Survey (as of end of March 2019)

(2) Financial Position

	March 31, 2019	September 30, 2019	Change
Total assets (millions of yen)	81,968	86,171	4,202
Total equity (millions of yen)	18,736	19,858	1,121
Equity attributable to owners of the parent (millions of yen)	16,647	18,047	1,399
Ratio of equity attributable to owners of the parent (%)	20.3	20.9	0.6
Balance of borrowings (millions of yen)	41,694	40,929	(764)

During the second quarter, total assets increased by 4,202 million yen from the end of the previous fiscal year, to 86,171 million yen. Equity attributable to owners of the parent increased by 1,399 million yen year on year, to 18,047 million yen due to an increase in retained earnings, while there was a decrease in capital surplus due to payment of dividend. As a result, the ratio of equity attributable to owners of the parent amounted to 20.9%.

Overview of Cash Flows

During the second quarter, the balance of cash and cash equivalents increased by 3,088 million yen year on year, to 8,780 million yen.

(Cash flows from operating activities)

A decrease in income taxes paid and other payables resulted in an increase of 1,679 million yen year on year in cash generated by operating activities, to 6,053 million yen.

(Cash flows from investing activities)

As a result of acquiring and selling fixed assets, cash used for investing activities decreased by 408 million yen year on year, to 3,121 million yen.

Consequently, free cash flow (*) in the second quarter increased by 2,087 million yen year on year to 2,931 million yen cash generated.

(Cash flows from financing activities)

Cash used for financing activities increased by 1,009 million yen year on year, to 3,439 million yen, due to dividends payment and an increase in repayments of lease liabilities upon the adoption of IFRS 16, while there was a decrease in repayments of borrowings.

* Free cash flow: cash flows from operating activities + cash flows from investing activities.

(3) Forecasts

For the consolidated earnings results forecast refer to the forecast which the Company disclosed on May 14, 2019, "Corporation Consolidated Financial Report For the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2019".

2. Quarterly Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

(1) Quarterly Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

	Previous fiscal year (March 31, 2019)	Second quarter of the current fiscal year (September 30, 2019)
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	9,288	8,780
Trade and other receivables	6,608	6,041
Other financial assets	30	12
Inventories	372	166
Income and other taxes receivables	186	-
Other current assets	1,348	1,635
Total current assets	17,834	16,636
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	30,621	36,312
Goodwill	12,646	12,646
Intangible assets	16,214	15,777
Other financial assets	2,872	3,018
Deferred tax assets	1,201	1,102
Other non-current assets	578	676
Total non-current assets	64,134	69,534
Total assets	81,968	86,171

	Previous fiscal year (March 31, 2019)	Second quarter of the current fiscal year (September 30, 2019)
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen
Liabilities and Equity		
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Borrowings	1,634	1,786
Trade and other payables	5,240	3,662
Other financial liabilities	748	2,188
Income and other taxes payable	817	992
Provisions	182	182
Other current liabilities	4,241	3,793
Total current liabilities	12,864	12,605
Non-current liabilities		
Borrowings	40,060	39,143
Other financial liabilities	2,827	7,343
Retirement benefit liabilities	598	671
Provisions	2,797	2,834
Deferred tax liabilities	2,880	2,795
Other non-current liabilities	1,203	920
Total non-current liabilities	50,367	53,707
Total liabilities	63,231	66,312
Equity		
Common stock	5,150	5,150
Capital surplus	5,951	4,640
Retained earnings	5,575	8,190
Treasury stock	(0)	(0)
Other components of equity	(28)	66
Total equity attributable to owners of the parent	16,647	18,047
Non-controlling interests	2,089	1,811
Total equity	18,736	19,858
Total liabilities and equity	81,968	86,171

(2) Quarterly Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income and Quarterly Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income
(Quarterly Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income for the six month period ended September 30)

	For the six-month period ended September 30, 2018 (From April 1, 2018 To September 30, 2018)	For the six-month period ended September 30, 2019 (From April 1, 2019 To September 30, 2019)
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen
Net sales	23,765	25,459
Cost of sales	15,924	16,934
Gross profit	7,840	8,525
Selling, general and administrative expenses	3,717	4,229
Other income	36	100
Other expenses	475	159
Operating profit	3,683	4,237
Finance income	16	50
Finance costs	246	266
Profit for the period before income taxes	3,454	4,021
Income taxes	931	1,221
Profit for the period	<u>2,522</u>	<u>2,800</u>
Profit for the period attributable to:		
Owners of the parent	2,327	2,614
Non-controlling interests	194	185
Profit for the period	<u>2,522</u>	<u>2,800</u>
Earnings per share		
Basic earnings per share (yen)	46.56	52.29
Diluted earnings per share (yen)	-	-

(Quarterly Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the six month period ended September 30)

	For the six-month period ended September 30, 2018 (From April 1, 2018 To September 30, 2018)	For the six-month period ended September 30, 2019 (From April 1, 2019 To September 30, 2019)
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen
Profit for the period	2,522	2,800
Other comprehensive income		
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss		
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	85	95
Total items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	85	95
Total other comprehensive income, net of tax	85	95
Comprehensive income for the period	<u>2,607</u>	<u>2,896</u>
Comprehensive income for the period attributable to:		
Owners of parent	2,413	2,710
Non-controlling interests	194	185
Comprehensive income for the period	<u>2,607</u>	<u>2,896</u>

(3) Quarterly Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity
For the six-month period ended September 30, 2018 (From April 1, 2018 To September 30, 2018)

	Equity attributable to owners of the parent					
	Common stock	Capital surplus	Retained earnings	Treasury stock	Other components of equity	
					Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	Total
Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	
As of Apr 1, 2018	5,150	5,883	953	-	(114)	(114)
Profit for the period	-	-	2,327	-	-	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	85	85
Comprehensive income for the period	-	-	2,327	-	85	85
Cash dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-
As of September 30, 2018	5,150	5,883	3,281	-	(28)	(28)

	Equity attributable to owners of the parent		
	Equity attributable to owners of the parent	Non-controlling interests	Total
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen
As of Apr 1, 2018	11,872	2,099	13,972
Profit for the period	2,327	194	2,522
Other comprehensive income	85	-	85
Comprehensive income for the period	2,413	194	2,607
Cash dividends	-	(409)	(409)
Total transactions with owners	-	(409)	(409)
As of September 30, 2018	14,285	1,884	16,169

For the six-month period ended September 30, 2019 (From April 1, 2019 To September 30, 2019)

	Equity attributable to owners of the parent					
	Common stock	Capital surplus	Retained earnings	Treasury stock	Other components of equity	
					Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	Total
Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	
As of Apr 1, 2019	5,150	5,951	5,575	(0)	(28)	(28)
Profit for the period	-	-	2,614	-	-	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	95	95
Comprehensive income for the period	-	-	2,614	-	95	95
Cash dividends	-	(1,310)	-	-	-	-
Total transactions with owners	-	(1,310)	-	-	-	-
As of September 30, 2019	5,150	4,640	8,190	(0)	66	66

	Equity attributable to owners of the parent	Non-controlling interests	Total
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen
As of Apr 1, 2019	16,647	2,089	18,736
Profit for the period	2,614	185	2,800
Other comprehensive income	95	-	95
Comprehensive income for the period	2,710	185	2,896
Cash dividends	(1,310)	(463)	(1,774)
Total transactions with owners	(1,310)	(463)	(1,774)
As of September 30, 2019	18,047	1,811	19,858

(4) Quarterly Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

	For the six-month period ended September 30, 2018 (From April 1, 2018 To September 30, 2018)	For the six-month period ended September 30, 2019 (From April 1, 2019 To September 30, 2019)
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit for the period before income taxes	3,454	4,021
Depreciation and amortization	3,278	3,892
Finance income	(16)	(50)
Finance costs	246	266
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	60	101
(Increase) decrease in trade and other receivables	(57)	591
(Increase) decrease in inventories	(65)	125
(Decrease) increase in trade and other payables	(588)	(651)
Other	(337)	(1,591)
Subtotal	<u>5,973</u>	<u>6,704</u>
Interest received	0	0
Dividend income received	-	33
Interest paid	(174)	(193)
Income taxes paid and refunds	(1,424)	(491)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>4,374</u>	<u>6,053</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(3,215)	(2,848)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	126	39
Disposals of property, plant and equipment	(111)	(128)
Purchases of intangible assets	(130)	(139)
Other	(199)	(44)
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	<u>(3,530)</u>	<u>(3,121)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayments of long-term borrowings	(1,320)	(817)
Repayments of lease liabilities	(508)	(840)
Dividends paid	-	(1,309)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	(409)	(463)
Other	(191)	(8)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	<u>(2,430)</u>	<u>(3,439)</u>
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(1,585)	(507)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	7,278	9,288
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	<u>5,692</u>	<u>8,780</u>

(5) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(Going Concern Assumption)

Not applicable.

(Changes in accounting policies)

The Group has applied IFRS 16 *Leases* (“IFRS 16”) from the beginning of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020. Due to the adoption of IFRS 16, operating leases are accounted for based on the right-of-use model. Under this model, a lessee gains right-of-use of the underlying asset over the lease period while recognizing the liabilities for lease payments to the lessor at the inception of the lease. Hence, when applied to the Group’s operating leases, an increase in assets and liabilities is likely to arise. In addition, under IAS 17 *Leases* (“IAS 17”), lease payments on operating leases were recognized as rent fees, but under IFRS 16, depreciation of right-of-use assets and interest expenses of the lease liabilities are recognized as profit and loss.

At the initial application date, the lease liabilities from lease contracts are measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at that date. Subsequently, the carrying amount of the lease liabilities is adjusted to reflect the rate of interest on the lease liabilities and lease payments made. Right-of-use assets are measured at the initial measured value of the lease liabilities and adjusted for lease prepayments, etc. The right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the lease periods.

(a) Impact of the application of the Standards on the Group

The difference between the total amount of minimum lease payments based on the non-cancellable operating lease agreements, as disclosed on March 31, 2019 according to IAS 17, and the lease liabilities recognized at the initial application date according to IFRS 16 was 4,347 million yen. This mainly reflects the impact of the review and change of lease periods on adopting IFRS 16. Accordingly right-of-use assets included in property, plant and equipment increased by 4,381 million yen and lease liabilities included in other financial liabilities increased by 4,360 million yen from this fiscal year. There was no material impact on the quarterly condensed consolidated statement of income.

With the adoption of IFRS 16, the cash flows relating to operating leases, previously included within cash flows from operating activities, are now included in cash flows from financing activities. Payments for leases ending within 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets are exempt from this change. As a result, in the second quarter net cash provided by operating activities increased by 451 million yen and net cash used in financing activities increased by 451 million yen.

(b) Method of transition

Upon application of the standards, the Group has adopted the transitional provisions to recognize the cumulative effect of applying the standards as an adjustment to the beginning balance of retained earnings retrospectively at the date of initial application. As a result of adopting this method, the impact for the cumulative effect at the date of initial application was immaterial. The practical expedients permitted by the standards for the exemption for leases ending within 12 months or less and the exemption of initial direct costs at the date of initial application have been applied.

The weighted average lessee’s incremental borrowing rate applied to lease liabilities recognized in the quarterly condensed consolidated statement of financial position at the date of initial application was 0.3%.

(Accounting Estimates and Judgements involving Estimates)

In preparing the consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS, management is required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that may affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. However, actual results may differ from those estimates and assumptions.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. The effect of any changes in accounting estimates is recognized in the period in which the estimates are changed.

Estimates and assumptions, which may have a material impact on the amounts recognized in the quarterly condensed consolidated financial statements of the current fiscal year are the same as those for the consolidated financial statements of the previous fiscal year.