Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements Included in the Quarterly Report Meiko Electronics Co., Ltd. and its consolidated subsidiaries

For the second quarter and six months ended September 30, 2021

(ENGLISH TRANSLATION)

NOTE:

This document is an excerpt translation of the Quarterly Report ("Shihanki Houkokusho") of Meiko Electronics Co., Ltd. (the "Company"), for the second quarter and six months ended September 30, 2021, filed with the Director of the Kanto Local Finance Bureau of the Ministry of Finance of Japan pursuant to the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act of Japan on November 11, 2021.

Please note that the quarterly consolidated financial statements in this document are a translation of the reviewed quarterly consolidated financial statements presented in Japanese. The translation of the quarterly consolidated financial statements and notes has NOT been audited by KPMG AZSA LLC, who reviewed the original Japanese figures.

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Financial Information

1 Basis of preparation of the quarterly consolidated financial statements

The quarterly consolidated financial statements of the Company are prepared in accordance with the "Ordinance on the Terminology, Forms, and Preparation Methods of Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements" (Cabinet Office Ordinance No. 64 of 2007).

2 Review reports

The quarterly consolidated financial statements of the Company for the second quarter (July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021), and those for the six months ended September 30, 2021, were reviewed by KPMG AZSA LLC, pursuant to Article 193-2, Paragraph 1 of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act of Japan.

1 Consolidated Financial Statements

(1) Consolidated Balance Sheets

Meiko Electronics Co., Ltd. and its consolidated subsidiaries

		Millions of yen				
	M	Iarch 31, 2021		nber 30, 2021		S. dollars ember 30, 2021
Assets						
Current assets						
Cash and deposits	¥	12,371	¥	12,864	\$	114,910
Notes and accounts receivable-trade		29,504		34,340		306,744
Merchandise and finished goods		6,254		8,895		79,458
Work in process		6,954		6,665		59,534
Raw materials and supplies		8,951		10,280		91,830
Other		2,451		3,047		27,212
Allowance for doubtful accounts		(147)		(150)		(1,344)
Total current assets		66,338		75,941	,	678,344
Non-current assets	_		_		,	
Property, plant and equipment						
Buildings and structures, net		23,672		23,763		212,263
Machinery, equipment and vehicles, net		32,562		35,149		313,969
Land		1,488		1,488		13,294
Construction in progress		7,258		6,194		55,330
Other, net		3,807		3,470		30,992
Total property, plant and equipment		68,787		70,064	,	625,848
Intangible assets	_	928		962	,	8,597
Investments and other assets	*1	5,987	*1	6,101	*1	54,500
Total non-current assets		75,702		77,127		688,945
Total assets	¥	142,040	¥	153,068	\$	1,367,289

		Millions of yen			Thousands of U.S. dollars	
		Millions farch 31, 2021		.120. 2021		
Liabilities	N	March 31, 2021 September 30, 2021		Septe	ember 30, 2021	
Current liabilities						
	¥	20.466	3 7	22 122	ф	107 (02
Notes and accounts payable-trade	*3	- /	¥ *3	22,122	*3	197,602
Short-term borrowings	*3	20,834	*3	29,553	*3	263,985
Current portion of long-term borrowings		8,304	v	7,362	Ü	65,760
Income taxes payable		225		530		4,735
Provision for bonuses		733		853		7,623
Provision for bonuses for directors and other officers		43		_		-
Other	_	8,577	_	9,051		80,853
Total current liabilities	_	59,182	_	69,471		620,558
Non-current liabilities	*3		*3		*2	
Long-term borrowings	*3	38,226	*3	35,017	*3	312,788
Provision for retirement benefits for directors		216		216		1,928
Provision for share awards		_		62		554
Provision for share awards for directors		_		11		96
Retirement benefit liability		2,767		2,745		24,523
Other	_	1,038	_	1,219		10,886
Total non-current liabilities	_	42,247	_	39,270		350,775
Total liabilities		101,429	_	108,741		971,333
Net assets						
Shareholders' equity						
Share capital		12,889		12,889		115,127
Capital surplus		6,464		6,700		59,854
Retained earnings		17,649		21,318		190,423
Treasury shares		(745)		(1,924)		(17,182)
Total shareholders' equity		36,257	_	38,983		348,222
Accumulated other comprehensive income			-			
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities		39		37		328
Deferred gains or losses on hedges		250		(6)		(54)
Foreign currency translation adjustment		4,128		5,389		48,138
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans		(256)		(230)		(2,051
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	_	4,161	-	5,190		46,361
Non-controlling interests	_	193		154		1,373
Total net assets		40,611	_	44,327		395,956
Total liabilities and net assets	¥ -	142,040	¥	153,068	•	1,367,289

(2) Consolidated Statements of Income and Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income Consolidated Statements of Income

For the Six Months Ended September 30, 2021

Meiko Electronics Co., Ltd. and its consolidated subsidiaries

		Million	ns of yen			usands of 5. dollars
	Six m	onths ended		onths ended		onths ended
		ber 30, 2020			September 30, 2021	
Net sales	¥	53,236	¥	69,471	\$	620,553
Cost of sales		46,500		57,310		511,928
Gross profit	_	6,736	_	12,161	_	108,625
Selling, general and administrative expenses	*1	4,921	*1	6,611	*1	59,049
Operating profit	_	1,815		5,550	_	49,576
Non-operating income	_					
Interest income		30		22		198
Dividend income		2		13		118
Insurance claim income		_		78		693
Foreign exchange gains		_		91		812
Other		413		153		1,370
Total non-operating income	_	445		357		3,191
Non-operating expenses	_					
Interest expenses		302		327		2,922
Foreign exchange losses		933		_		_
Other		465		232		2,074
Total non-operating expenses	_	1,700		559	_	4,996
Ordinary profit	_	560		5,348		47,771
Extraordinary income	_		_		-	
Gain on sale of non-current assets		3		3		24
Gain on sale of investment securities		_		10		88
Total extraordinary income	_	3		13		112
Extraordinary losses	_				_	
Loss on sale and retirement of non-current assets		42		59		524
Loss on disaster		25		24		211
Business restructuring expenses		223		_		_
Loss related to COVID-19		_	*2	628	*2	5,612
Other		1		18		164
Total extraordinary losses	_	291		729	_	6,511
Profit before income taxes	_	272		4,632		41,372
Income taxes	_	120		482		4,303
Profit		152		4,150		37,069
Loss attributable to non-controlling interests	_	(43)		(40)		(361)
Profit attributable to owners of parent	¥	195	¥	4,190	\$	37,430

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income For the Six Months Ended September 30, 2021 Meiko Electronics Co., Ltd. and its consolidated subsidiaries

				Thou	isands of
	Millions of yen				. dollars
Six months ended Six months ended		ended Six months en		-	nths ended
Septembe	er 30, 2020 September 30, 2		er 30, 2021	Septeml	ber 30, 2021
¥	152	¥	4,150	\$	37,069
	9		(3)		(25)
	99		(256)		(2,289)
	(435)		1,263		11,282
	19		26		232
	(308)		1,030		9,200
	(156)		5,180		46,269
		_		_	
¥	(108)	¥	5,219	\$	46,617
	(48)		(39)		(348)
	September ¥	Six months ended September 30, 2020 ¥ 152 9 99 (435) 19 (308) (156) ¥ (108)	Six months ended September 30, 2020 \$\frac{\\$\\$\\$\\$\ \}{\\$\\$\ \} \[\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc	Six months ended September 30, 2020 Six months ended September 30, 2021 ¥ 152 ¥ 4,150 9 (3) 99 (256) (435) 1,263 1,263 19 26 (308) 1,030 (156) 5,180 ¥ (108) ¥ 5,219	Millions of yen U.S. Six months ended September 30, 2020 Six months ended September 30, 2021 Six months ended September 30, 2021 September 30, 2021 <th< td=""></th<>

(3) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows For the Six Months Ended September 30, 2021 Meiko Electronics Co., Ltd. and its consolidated subsidiaries

	Million	s of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars
	Six months ended September 30, 2020	Six months ended September 30, 2021	Six months ended September 30, 2021
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit before income taxes	¥ 272	¥ 4,632	\$ 41,372
Depreciation	3,656	3,777	33,742
Amortization of goodwill	20	20	181
Increase (decrease) in allowance for doubtful accounts	8	(0)	(4)
Increase (decrease) in provision for bonuses	78	118	1,054
Increase (decrease) in provision for bonuses for directors and other of	, ,	(43)	(384)
Increase (decrease) in provision for retirement benefits for directors	(1)	_	_
Increase (decrease) in provision for share awards	_	62	554
Increase (decrease) in provision for share awards for directors	_	11	96
Increase (decrease) in retirement benefit liability	47	4	36
Interest and dividend income	(32)	(35)	
Interest expenses	302	327	2,922
Insurance claim income	_	(78)	(693)
Foreign exchange losses (gains)	395	(173)	(1,542)
Loss (gain) on sale and retirement of property, plant and equipment	39	56	500
Loss (gain) on sale of investment securities	_	(10)	(88)
Loss on disaster	25	24	211
Business restructuring expenses	223	_	_
Loss related to COVID-19	_	628	5,612
Decrease (increase) in trade receivables	(986)	(4,983)	(44,510
Decrease (increase) in inventories	(609)	(3,365)	(30,058
Increase (decrease) in trade payables	(1,614)	1,318	11,773
Decrease (increase) in other assets	(102)	(278)	(2,487)
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	99	1,316	11,757
Other, net	415	10	86
Subtotal	2,195	3,338	29,813
Interest and dividends received	31	37	335
Interest paid	(310)	(335)	(2,996
Proceeds from insurance income	_	78	693
Payments for business restructuring expenses	(134)	_	_
Payments for loss related to COVID-19	(108)	(513)	(4,586)
Income taxes refund (paid)	(365)	(261)	(2,319
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	1,309	2,344	20,940
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(5,466)	(4,620)	(41,270)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	569	4	39
Purchase of intangible assets	(132)	(108)	(969
Purchase of investment securities	(109)	(100)	(895)
Proceeds from sale of investment securities	_	11	102
Purchase of insurance funds	(1)	(1)	(11)
Proceeds from maturity of insurance funds	25	_	_
Other, net	(588)	87	783
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	¥ (5,702)	¥ (4,727)	\$ (42,221)

						usands of
		Million	U.S. dollars			
		onths ended		nths ended	Six months e	
	Septem	ber 30, 2020	Septem	ber 30, 2021	Septem	ber 30, 2021
Cash flows from financing activities						
Net increase (decrease) in short-term borrowings	¥	6,709	¥	8,541	\$	76,296
Proceeds from long-term borrowings		42,608		_		_
Repayments of long-term borrowings		(43,875)		(4,152)		(37,086)
Repayments of lease obligations		(296)		(189)		(1,690)
Purchase of treasury shares		_		(956)		(8,537)
Proceeds from disposal of treasury shares		_		0		3
Dividends paid		(393)		(520)		(4,655)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	_	4,753	_	2,724	_	24,331
Effect of exchange rate change on cash and cash equivalents		(109)		152		1,358
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	_	251	_	493	_	4,408
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		13,646		12,122		108,278
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents resulting from change	_	220	_		_	
in scope of consolidation		229		_		_
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	*1 ¥	14,126	*1 ¥	12,615	*1 \$	112,686
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Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

Matters concerning Going Concern Assumption

Not applicable

Basis of Presenting Consolidated Financial Statements

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of Meiko Electronics Co., Ltd. (the "Company") have been prepared in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act of Japan and its related accounting regulations, and in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in Japan ("Japanese GAAP"), which are different in certain respects as to application and disclosure requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards.

The consolidated financial statements are stated in Japanese yen, the currency of the country in which the Company is incorporated and operates. The translation of Japanese yen amounts into U.S. dollar amounts is included solely for the convenience of readers outside Japan and have been made at the rate of \\$111.95 to \\$1, the approximate rate of exchange at September 30, 2021. Such translation should not be construed as representation that the Japanese yen amounts could be converted into U.S. dollars at that or any other rate.

Changes in Accounting Policies

(Application of Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition, etc.)

The Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition (ASBJ Statement No. 29, March 31, 2020), etc. have been applied since the beginning of the first quarter ended June 30, 2021. Accordingly, revenue is recognized at the time control of the promised goods or services is transferred to the customer and at the price expected to be received in exchange for said goods or services. By applying the alternative treatment set forth in paragraph 98 of the Implementation Guidance on Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition, if the period from the time of shipment to the time of transfer of control of said goods or services is a normal period for domestic sales of goods or services, revenue is recognized at the time of shipment.

The application of the Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition, etc. is carried out in accordance with the transitional treatment set forth in the proviso of paragraph 84 of the Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition. Therefore, the cumulative impact of when the new accounting policies are applied retrospectively to before the beginning of the first quarter ended June 30, 2021, is added to or deducted from retained earnings at the beginning of the quarter, and the new accounting policies are applied to said beginning balance.

This has no impact on the profit/loss of the six months ended September 30, 2021. Furthermore, this has no impact on the beginning balance of retained earnings.

In accordance with the transitional treatment set forth in paragraph 28-15 of the Accounting Standard for Quarterly Financial Reporting (ASBJ Statement No. 12, March 31, 2020), the breakdown information of revenue generated from contracts with customers pertaining to the six months ended September 30, 2020, is not stated.

(Application of Accounting Standard for Fair Value Measurement, etc.)

The Accounting Standard for Fair Value Measurement (ASBJ Statement No. 30, July 4, 2019), etc. have been applied since the beginning of the first quarter ended June 30, 2021. Accordingly, new accounting policies set forth by said Accounting Standard, etc. will be applied in the future in accordance with the transitional treatment set forth in paragraph 19 of the Accounting Standard for Fair Value Measurement and paragraph 44-2 of the Accounting Standard for Financial Instruments (ASBJ Statement No. 10, July 4, 2019). This has no impact on quarterly consolidated financial statements.

Specific Accounting Treatments Adopted in Preparing the Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements

(Computation of Tax Expense)

Tax expenses are calculated by reasonably estimating the effective tax rate after the adoption of tax-effect accounting that is applicable to profit before income taxes for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022, and multiplying profit before income taxes for the period under review by this estimated effective tax rate.

Additional Information

(Accounting Estimates Relating to the Spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19))

There are no material changes in assumptions including the future spread and timing of subsidence of COVID-19 that were stated in "Accounting Estimates Relating to the Spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)" from "Additional Information" of the annual report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021.

Consolidated Balance Sheets

*1 Amount of allowance for doubtful accounts directly deducted from the amount of assets

					Thous	ands of
	Millions of yen			U.S. dollars		
	March 31, 2021		September 30, 2021		Septem	ber 30, 2021
Investments and other assets·····	¥	112	¥	113	\$	1,008

2 Discounted notes receivable-trade are summarized below:

		Million	s of yen		U.S. o	
	March 2	31, 2021	Septembe	er 30, 2021	Septemb	er 30, 2021
Discounted notes receivable-trade·····	¥	45	¥	27	\$	239

*3 Financial covenants

Consolidated fiscal year ended March 31, 2021

Of short-term borrowings and long-term borrowings (including borrowings scheduled for repayment within one year), ¥54,753 million have financial covenants attached under which the breaching of any of the following will require the accelerated repayment of the obligation in the corresponding funding agreement (when there is more than one covenant, the one with stricter conditions is stated).

- (1) Two consecutive ordinary losses shall not be recorded in the consolidated statements of income for each fiscal year.
- (3) The total amount of interest-bearing debt recorded in the consolidated balance sheet as of the close of each fiscal year shall be no more than the amount of net sales recorded in the consolidated statement of income for the same fiscal year, divided by 12 and multiplied by 8.
- (4) The total amount of interest-bearing debt recorded in the consolidated balance sheet as of the close of each fiscal year divided by the amount of total net assets less the amount of foreign currency translation adjustment shall be maintained at 2.5 or less for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021, 2.3 or less for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022, 2.1 or less for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023, 1.9 or less for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024, and 1.7 or less for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.

Six months ended September 30, 2021

Of short-term borrowings and long-term borrowings (including borrowings scheduled for repayment within one year), ¥55,922 million have financial covenants attached under which the breaching of any of the following will require the accelerated repayment of the obligation in the corresponding funding agreement (when there is more than one covenant, the one with stricter conditions is stated).

- (1) Two consecutive ordinary losses shall not be recorded in the consolidated statements of income for each fiscal year.
- (2) The total amount of net assets recorded in the consolidated balance sheet as of the close of each fiscal year shall be at least the higher of: (i) ¥20,589 million; or (ii) 75% of the total amount of net assets recorded in the consolidated balance sheet as of the close of the immediately preceding fiscal year.
- (3) The total amount of interest-bearing debt recorded in the consolidated balance sheet as of the close of each fiscal year shall be no more than the amount of net sales recorded in the consolidated statement of income for the same fiscal year, divided by 12 and multiplied by 8.
- (4) The total amount of interest-bearing debt recorded in the consolidated balance sheet as of the close of each fiscal year divided by the amount of total net assets less the amount of foreign currency translation adjustment shall be maintained at 2.5 or less for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021, 2.3 or less for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022, 2.1 or less for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023, 1.9 or less for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024, and 1.7 or less for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.

Consolidated Statements of Income

*1 Main items and corresponding amounts recorded as selling, general and administrative expenses are shown below:

		Millio	ns of yen			ısands of . dollars
		Six months ended September 30, 2020		ths ended er 30, 2021	Six months ended September 30, 2021	
Salaries and allowances·····	¥	1,048	¥	1,153	\$	10,298
Provision for bonuses·····		171		208		1,859
Provision of allowance for doubtful accounts · · · · ·		5		(0)		(2)
Provision for share awards ······		_		68		604
Provision for share awards for directors ·······		_		11		96
Retirement benefit expenses · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		52		58		522
Research and development expenses · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		368		1,243		11,105

*2 Loss related to COVID-19

Six months ended September 30, 2020 Not applicable

Six months ended September 30, 2021

In response to requests by the governments of China, Vietnam, etc. concerning COVID-19, the Company booked a loss related to COVID-19 of ¥464 million, an amount equivalent to fixed costs (personnel expenses, depreciation, etc.) incurred while operations were suspended at overseas subsidiaries, and ¥164 million for infection control measures under extraordinary losses.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

*1 The relationship between cash and cash equivalents as of September 30, 2021, and the amounts shown on the Consolidated Balance Sheets are shown below:

					Tho	usands of
		Millions of yen				5. dollars
	Six months ended September 30, 2020				Six months ended September 30, 202	
Cash and deposits·····	¥	14,373	¥	12,864	\$	114,910
Time deposits with tenors exceeding 3 months · · · ·		(247)		(249)		(2,224)
Cash and cash equivalents · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	¥	14,126	¥	12,615	\$	112,686

Total Shareholders' Equity

Six months ended September 30, 2020

1 Cash dividends paid

Resolution

Board meeting on May 25, 2020

Type of shares · · · · Common shares

Record dateMarch 31, 2020Effective dateJune 10, 2020Dividend resourceRetained earnings

2 Of the dividends whose record date falls during the six months ended September 30, 2020, those dividends whose effective date fell after the last day of the second quarter

Not applicable

Six months ended September 30, 2021

1 Cash dividends paid

Resolution

Board meeting on May 24, 2021

Record dateMarch 31, 2021Effective dateJune 10, 2021Dividend resourceRetained earnings

2 Of the dividends whose record date falls during the six months ended September 30, 2021, those dividends whose effective date will fall after the last day of the second quarter

Resolution

Board meeting on November 5, 2021

Type of shares · · · · Common shares

Record dateSeptember 30, 2021Effective dateNovember 30, 2021Dividend resourceRetained earnings

Note: Total dividends include ¥3 million in dividends on Company shares held as trust assets of the Board Benefit Trust and the Employee Stock Ownership Plan (J-ESOP).

3 Significant changes in shareholders' equity

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors on March 22, 2021, the Company acquired 314,000 treasury shares during the six months ended September 30, 2021. In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors on the same day, it also disposed of 109,500 treasury shares through a third-party allotment to the Custody Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust Account E) on April 16, 2021, following the introduction of an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (J-ESOP). Furthermore, in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors on August 6, 2021, the Company disposed of 32,800 treasury shares through a third-party allotment to the Custody Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust Account) on August 24, 2021, following the introduction of a Board Benefit Trust. The 140,200 Company shares remaining in the trust have been booked as treasury shares.

This has resulted in increases of \(\frac{\pmathbf{\text{236}}}{236}\) million in capital surplus and of \(\frac{\pmathbf{\text{1}}}{1,179}\) million in treasury shares to \(\frac{\pmathbf{\text{46}}}{6,700}\) million and \(\frac{\pmathbf{\text{1}}}{1,924}\) million, respectively, as of September 30, 2021.

Segment Information

As the Group's businesses are primarily in PCB design, manufacturing, sales, and ancillary operations, the description of other businesses is omitted as they are of little significance.

Revenue Recognition

The regional breakdown of revenue generated from contracts with customers is as follows.

Millions of yen Six months ended September 30, 2021 22,929 Japan 17,373 China Vietnam 8,558 Asia 11,524 6,929 North America Europe 2,145 Other 13 69,471 Revenue generated from contracts with customers Other revenue

Per Share Information

Sales to external customers

The basis for calculating profit per share is shown below:

Item	Six months ended	Six months ended
nem	September 30, 2020	September 30, 2021
Profit per share (Yen)	7.44	161.72
Basis for calculation		
Profit attributable to owners of parent (Millions of yen)	195	4,190
Amounts not attributable to common shareholders	_	_
(Millions of yen)		
Profit attributable to owners of parent pertaining to	195	4,190
common shares (Millions of yen)	-, -	4,190
Average number of common shares outstanding for the period	26,173,893	25,911,140
(Shares)	20,173,093	43,911,140

69,471

Notes 1. Diluted profit per share is not disclosed, as there were no diluted shares.

2. The average number of common shares outstanding for the period that was used to calculate profit per share has been calculated by including Company shares held as trust assets of the Board Benefit Trust and Employee Stock Ownership Plan (J-ESOP) in deductible treasury shares. The average number of treasury shares for the period that were deducted to calculate profit per share was 106,904 for the six months ended September 30, 2021.

Significant Subsequent Events

Not applicable

2 Other

(1) Dividends of surplus

With regard to interim dividends for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022, the Board of Directors passed a resolution at its meeting on November 5, 2021 to pay interim dividends to shareholders who are recorded in the shareholder registry as of September 30, 2021 as follows:

1) Total dividends 517 million yen 2) Dividend per share 20.00 yen

3) Effective date of claim for payment and payment commencement date

November 30, 2021

Note: Total dividends include ¥3 million in dividends on Company shares held as trust assets of the Board Benefit Trust and the Employee Stock Ownership Plan (J-ESOP).

(2) Litigation

Legal action was brought against Meiko Tech Co., Ltd., a consolidated subsidiary of the Company, by Hohsen Corp. on September 27, 2017. According to the complaint, Hohsen Corp. had been demanding compensation for losses totaling ¥291 million from the Company's subsidiary, etc. on the grounds that it suffered such losses due to fictitious trades that were carried out at Hohsen Corp. under the direction of a former executive of the Company's subsidiary. Said demand was dismissed on March 17, 2021. Hohsen Corp. has appealed against the decision, and the case is currently pending.

The Company recognizes that there are no obligations or grounds to respond to the demand claimed by the plaintiff, and intends to make such claims in the litigation.