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May 2019 Operating Results

The Company released data today on results for May 2019. For details on total logistics amounts of the B-to-C business, non-consolidated net sales, and year-on-year growth in sales per customer and the number of customers of the B-to-B business, see the Supplementary Information.

Net sales

Total logistics amounts of the B-to-C business for May period this year (from April 21, 2019 to May 20, 2019) declined 5.9% on a year-on-year basis.

Non-consolidated net sales for May period this year declined 2.2% on a year-on-year basis. Non-consolidated net sales of mainstay B-to-B business declined 0.4% on a year-on-year basis but would have grown 7.0% on a year-on-year basis after adjustment for the differences in the number of business days as compared to May 2018. These differences include two fewer weekdays and one fewer Saturday as compared to May 2018, as well as three national holidays during the 10-day Golden Week holiday period, namely April 30, May 1 and 2, on which the B-to-B business was in operation.

Non-consolidated net sales of LOHACO declined 10.8%. The growth rates of the total logistics amounts of the B-to-C business and the non-consolidated net sales of LOHACO for the period were affected by the decrease in sales for overseas demand, as well as the extended Golden Week holiday this year. After excluding the Golden Week holiday period (from April 27 to May 6, 2019), the sales for domestic demand grew 3.0%.

(Reference) B-to-B business: Business days in May

(days)

FY ending/ended May 20	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	national holiday	Total
2019	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	21
2018	3	4	4	3	3	4	0	21
Difference	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	3	0

Notes:

1. Under the section “(2) Non-consolidated net sales,” there was an error in the “Operation Days (YoY Change)” in the B-to-B business for the 1st half, which was meant to be “-1 day.” The corrected figure is underlined.
2. For monthly operating results for this fiscal year, accounts are settled as of the 20th of each month on a provisional basis.
3. The monthly operating results will be disclosed on or around the sixth business day after the 20th of each month.
4. For the schedule of the release of our monthly operating results, please see the following page of our Investor Relations website: <https://www.askul.co.jp/kaisyai/english/ir/calendar.html>

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5. The operating results disclosed herein have not been audited by certified public accountants or auditing firms. Therefore, figures June differ from those in our quarterly and full-year financial statements.
6. The results data include total logistics amounts of the B-to-C business in addition to net sales of LOHACO. Total logistics amounts of the B-to-C business is calculated by adding net sales of Charm Co., Ltd. and transactions via LOHACO Market Place (excluding the Charm Co., Ltd. portion) to net sales of LOHACO.

(1) Total logistics amounts of the B-to-C business

(million yen)

FY ending/ ended May 20	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	1st half	
2019	5,610	5,213	5,473	5,479	5,663	5,946	33,387	
2018	2,630	2,764	2,730	4,120	4,459	4,419	21,124	
YoY change (%)	113.3	88.6	100.4	33.0	27.0	34.6	58.0	

FY ending/ ended May 20	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	2nd half	Full year
2019	6,067	5,132	5,903	5,415	5,905	5,001	33,427	66,815
2018	4,886	4,854	4,869	4,838	5,595	5,317	30,361	51,485
YoY change (%)	24.2	5.7	21.2	11.9	5.6	-5.9	10.1	29.8

(2) Non-consolidated net sales

FY ending/ ended May 20	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	1st half	
Total	2019	29,678	27,819	25,423	29,029	27,600	29,740	169,111
	2018	25,874	25,360	22,323	26,793	26,714	26,565	153,631
	YoY change (%)	14.7	9.7	13.1	8.3	3.3	12.0	10.1
B-to-B business	2019	25,244	23,793	21,115	24,871	23,273	25,091	143,390
	2018	23,254	22,612	19,616	23,771	23,360	23,137	135,752
	YoY change (%)	8.6		7.6		-0.4	8.4	5.6
	YoY change adjusting for the number of business days (%)	4.1	5.2	4.9	4.7	5.3	2.6	Operation Days (YoY Change) Weekday +2days Saturday -1day
LOHACO business	2019	4,434	4,026	4,128	4,157	4,326	4,648	25,721
	2018	2,619	2,748	2,706	3,022	3,353	3,427	17,879
	YoY change (%)	69.3	46.5	52.5	37.6	29.0	35.6	43.9

FY ending/ ended May 20	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	2nd half	Full year
Total	2019	30,481	22,576	30,953	29,934	32,969	24,588	171,423
	2018	28,682	23,525	27,650	28,353	32,435	25,134	165,782
	YoY change (%)	6.3	-4.0	11.9	5.6	1.6	-2.2	3.4
B-to-B business	2019	25,720	18,785	26,331	25,855	28,386	20,750	145,834
	2018	24,894	19,805	23,850	24,630	27,901	20,833	141,915
	YoY change (%)		-5.2	10.4		1.7	-0.4	2.8
	YoY change adjusting for the number of business days (%)	3.3	6.2	5.7	5.0	4.3	7.0	Operation Days (YoY Change) Weekday -5days Saturday +1day national holiday +3days
LOHACO business	2019	4,760	3,791	4,622	4,078	4,583	3,837	25,589
	2018	3,788	3,719	3,800	3,722	4,533	4,301	23,866
	YoY change (%)	25.6	1.9	21.6	9.6	1.1	-10.8	7.2

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(3) Growth in sales per customer (non-consolidated B-to-B business; YoY change %)

FY ending/ ended May 20	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	1st half	
2019	4.1	2.4	3.6	1.5	-1.5	4.1	2.3	
2018	3.6	2.3	-2.2	4.9	2.0	1.2	2.1	

FY ending/ ended May 20	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	2nd half	Full year
2019	0.8	-4.8	4.7	1.0	-1.4	-2.6	-0.1	1.1
2018	1.3	0.1	1.4	6.0	-1.7	-1.2	0.9	1.5

(4) Growth in the number of customers (non-consolidated B-to-B business; YoY change %)

FY ending/ ended May 20	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	1st half	
2019	4.3	2.7	3.9	3.1	1.2	4.2	3.2	
2018	2.6	2.1	0.8	3.3	3.2	2.7	2.5	

FY ending/ ended May 20	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	2nd half	Full year
2019	2.5	-0.4	5.4	3.9	3.2	2.2	2.8	3.0
2018	2.2	1.7	1.6	5.9	1.8	1.5	2.4	2.4