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Notice Regarding the Record of Non-Operating Income and Revision to Consolidated Financial Results Forecast for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024

CERES INC. (the Company), hereby announces that it expects to record share of profit of entities accounted for using equity method under non-operating income for the three months ending December 31, 2024 (January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024). The Company also announces it has decided to revise the consolidated financial results forecast for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 (January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024) announced on February 9, 2024.

1. Recording of non-operating income

As the Company's Equity-method affiliate company bitbank, Inc. is expected to record a net profit for the period in the first quarter of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, the Company expects to record share of profit of entities accounted for using equity method of ¥ 370 million in the first quarter of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.

2. Revision to consolidated financial results

(1) Revision to consolidated financial results forecast for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024
(January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024)

	Net sales	EBITDA	Operating profit	Ordinary profit	Profit attributable to owners of parent	Earnings per share
Previously announced forecast (A)	(million yen) 27,000	(million yen) 2,100	(million yen) 1,600	(million yen) 1,600	(million yen) 800	(yen) 70.09
Revised forecast (B)	27,000	2,500	1,600	2,000	1,200	104.48
Amount of change (B-A)	-	400	-	400	400	-
Percentage change (%)	-	19.0%	-	25.0%	50.0%	-
[Reference] Results for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023	24,070	1,707	1,118	1,217	451	39.57

(2) Reasons for the revision

As stated in "1. Recording of non-operating income above, equity in earnings of entities accounted for using the equity method was recorded in the first three months of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. As a result, the forecasts of consolidated financial results for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 have been revised for profit items below ordinary profit.

Net sales were largely in line with expectations. Operating profit was higher than expected due to an improvement in the gross profit margin in Moppy and strong performance of the D2C business. Although no specific Risks, etc. are expected, the Company has decided to leave the operating profit forecast unchanged at this stage in order to carefully assess the future situation.

(Note) The above figures are based on judgements derived from information available as of the date of this announcement. Actual results may differ from the estimated figures shown herein due to a variety of factors.

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