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To Whom It May Concern:

Notice Regarding Differences between Consolidated Forecasts and Actual Results for the Second Quarter (Interim Period) of the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2027 and Revision of Full-Year Consolidated Forecast

Chikaranomoto Holdings Co., Ltd. (the "Company") hereby announces that differences have arisen between the consolidated forecasts for the second quarter (interim period) of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2027 announced on May 14, 2026 and the actual results. In addition, in light of recent business trends and other factors, the Company has revised the full-year consolidated financial results forecast announced on the same date, as follows.

Details

1. Differences between Consolidated Forecasts and Actual Results for the Second Quarter (Interim Period) of the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2027

Consolidated financial results for the second quarter (April 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026)

	Net sales (Millions of yen)	Operating profit (Millions of yen)	Ordinary profit (Millions of yen)	Profit attributable to owners of parent (Millions of yen)	Earnings per share (Yen)
Previous forecast (A)	19,152	930	957	626	20.67
Actual results (B)	18,504	460	496	173	5.76
Change (B) – (A)	△648	△470	△460	△453	-
Percentage change (%)	△3.4	△50.5	△48.1	△72.3	-
(Reference) Previous fiscal year second quarter actual (second quarter of the fiscal year ended March 31, 2026)	17,295	956	990	1,007	33.50

2. Revision to the Full-Year Forecast

Consolidated financial results forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2027 (April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027)

	Net sales (Millions of yen)	Operating profit (Millions of yen)	Ordinary profit (Millions of yen)	Profit attributable to owners of parent (Millions of yen)	Earnings per share (Yen)
Previous forecast (A)	40,125	2,595	2,638	1,807	59.61
Revised forecast (B)	38,408	1,512	1,564	843	28.02
Change (B) – (A)	△1,717	△1,083	△1,074	△964	-
Percentage change (%)	△4.3	△41.7	△40.7	△53.3	-
(Reference) Previous fiscal year actual (fiscal year ended March 31, 2026)	36,261	2,325	2,582	1,829	60.78

3. Reasons for the Differences and the Revision

In the Domestic Store Operations segment, net sales remained firm, supported by new store openings and the launch of summer-limited products, but fell short of initial expectations because of a decline in inbound demand from China and a drop in customer traffic at some stores caused by the intense summer heat. On the profit side, the cost of sales ratio rose 0.9 percentage points from the same period of the previous year owing to higher raw material and logistics costs. In addition, one-time factors, such as initial costs associated with new store openings and the temporary closure of a large store for relocation, together with higher personnel and other costs, lowered the operating margin, and segment profit came in below initial expectations. The Company will work to improve profitability through a higher average spend per customer following the price revision of certain products implemented on August 12, 2026, as well as through the strengthening of its "frontline-capability promotion blocks" and DX initiatives. However, it does not expect to make up for the first-half shortfall in the second half.

In the International Store Operations segment, customer traffic declined amid weaker consumer sentiment due to persistent inflation, abnormal weather and changes in foot traffic, and net sales fell short of initial expectations. On the profit side, cost increases, including higher raw material prices, wages and rents, caused segment results to fall below initial expectations, resulting in an operating loss. In addition to optimizing its portfolio through the strategic closure of unprofitable stores and the reselection of store opening areas, the Company has begun operating new models in new trade areas, including the new format "Ramen Mania" and stores in locations such as Bentonville in the U.S. Midwest. Executing the business restructuring is expected to take a certain period of time and incur costs, but the Company will steadily advance the recovery of profitability.

In the Merchandising segment, the Company is expanding its sales channels in Japan and overseas, but net sales fell short of initial expectations. On the profit side, higher raw material, logistics and personnel costs, among others, caused results to fall below initial expectations. The Company will continue to expand its sales channels and product lineup and strive to improve net sales and profit.

As described above, because the results for the interim period fell below the previous forecast and full-year results are expected to fall below the previous forecast, the Company has revised its full-year consolidated financial results forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2027. There is no change to the dividend forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2027 (¥12.00 interim, ¥12.00 year-end, ¥24.00 annual).

Among the factors behind the above decline in profit, the Company regards the initial costs of opening new stores and the relocation and temporary closure of stores as one-time in nature. In response to the rise in the cost of sales

ratio, it has implemented price revisions and reviews of procurement and logistics. Net sales at existing stores in Japan have continued to exceed the previous year's level, and profit and loss at new stores that have passed their initial opening period has improved. Overseas, year-on-year existing-store sales on a local-currency basis have recently been improving in the United States and Australia, and have been holding at around the previous year's level in Singapore. The Company is also pursuing expansion into new areas and markets, including the opening of a new store in Bentonville in the U.S. Midwest and the launch of the halal-compliant new format "Ramen Mania" in Indonesia, and will advance business expansion going forward. Although a recovery in results is expected to take a certain period of time, the Company will steadily execute these measures and put itself back on a growth trajectory over the medium to long term.

(Note) The forecast figures above are based on information currently available to the Company, and actual results may differ from the forecasts due to various factors going forward.

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