

# **Supplementary Material to Financial Results**

## Second Quarter of the Fiscal Year Ending December 2019

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- Net sales for the Asian Food Global Business increased 4.9% year on year, but decreased 1.9% against the plan. Net sales for the Agricultural & Seafood Products Trading Business decreased 3.6% year-on-year and 8.2% against the plan. As a result, total net sales increased 2.1% year-on-year, but decreased 4.0% against the plan to 92.1 billion yen.
- Operating income for both the Asian Food Global Business and the Agricultural & Seafood Products Trading Business decreased. As a result, total operating income also decreased 16.0% year-on-year and 13.0% against the plan.
- The impact of exchange rates (the yen depreciated against the US dollar by 1.37 yen from the previous fiscal year) when converting to yen for consolidation purposes was plus 0.67 billion yen in terms of net sales and plus 0.02 billion yen in terms of operating income compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year (for North America).

(Unit: billions of yen, Percentage to net sales is stated in parentheses

		FY ended December	FY ending December 2019				
		2018 First half results *	First half results	Changes year-on- year	Second quarter forecast	Difference between results and plan	
	Net sales	90.2 (100.0%)	<b>92.1</b> (100.0%)	+2.1%	96.0 (100.0%)	-4.0%	
results	Gross profit	<b>15.3</b> (17.0%)	15.8 (17.2%)	+3.1%	16.4 (17.1%)	-3.5%	
	Operating income	3.0 (3.4%)	<b>2.5</b> (2.8%)	-16.0%	2.9 (3.1%)	-13.0%	
Operating	Ordinary income	3.0 (3.4%)	<b>2.6</b> (2.9%)	-13.2%	2.9 (3.1%)	-10.7%	
	Net income attributable to owners of parent	<b>2.1</b> (2.4%)	<b>1.8</b> (2.0%)	-13.8%	2.1 (2.2%)	-11.7%	
Yen/Dollar exchange rate (Average rate during the period)		108.68 yen	110.05 yen	+1.37 yen	110.00 yen	+0.05 yen	
Quarterly net income per share		151.75 yen	130.86 yen	-13.8%	148.27 yen	-11.7%	

\* Starting from the first quarter of the fiscal year ending December 2019, we changed the method for calculating the net defined benefit liability of our domestic consolidated subsidiaries from the simplified method from the projected benefit obligations (PBO) method and applied the new method retroactively. Hence, the figures stated for the first half of the fiscal year ended December 2018 are those after the retroactive application.

# Operating Results by Segment for the Second Quarter of the Fiscal Year Ending December 2019



(Unit: billions of ven)

Asian Food Global Business

- Overall net sales increased 4.9% year-on-year, but decreased 1.9% against the plan [a 4.9% increase year-on-year in North America (a 3.5% increase on a local currency basis) and a 5.2% increase year-on-year on a consolidated yen basis and a 10.0% increase on a weighted-average local currency basis in other regions].
- Operating income decreased 4.7% year-on-year and 3.9% against the plan. In the North American region, despite persistently high personnel and logistics expenses and the recording of strategic expenses, the gross profit margin improve. As a result, operating income remained nearly flat from the previous fiscal year, although it fell short of the plan. Operating income in other regions was largely in line with the plan (which anticipated a year-on-year decrease reflecting increases in purchase/procurement personnel within the Group), although it decreased year-on-year as our U.K. subsidiary struggled. (Foreign exchange fluctuations resulting in the weaker yen caused procurement costs to rise, which pressured profits.)

Agricultural & Seafood Products Trading Business

- Overall, net sales decreased 3.6% year-on-year and 8.2% against the plan. This was mainly due to the struggling sales of fruits and vegetables in general (citrus fruits, tropical foods, and vegetables) and falls in unit sales prices in the Japanese market. In addition, our Chinese subsidiary continued to be affected by sluggish sales of U.S.-made citrus fruits from the impact of U.S.-China trade tensions.
- > Operating income decreased year-on-year and fell short of the plan due to across-the-board sales declines in fruits and vegetables, coupled with rises in costs.

### Sales to external customers

		FY ending December 2019				
	FY ended December 2018					
	First half results	First half results	Changes year-on-year	Second quarter forecast	Difference between results and plan	
Asian Food Global Business	60.56	63.53	+4.9%	64.73	-1.9%	
Agricultural & Seafood Products Trading Business	27.83	26.82	-3.6%	29.21	-8.2%	
Other business	1.85	1.82	-1.7%	2.07	-12.1%	
Total	90.25	92.18	+2.1%	96.02	-4.0%	

### **Operating income**

		FY ending December 2019				
	FY ended December 2018					
	First half results*	First half results Changes year-on-year		Second quarter forecast	Difference between results and plan	
Asian Food Global Business	2.52	2.40	-4.7%	2.50	-3.9%	
Agricultural & Seafood Products Trading Business	0.52	0.19	-62.5%	0.63	-69.1%	
Other business	0.01	0.06	+224.9%	0.05	+6.0%	
Adjustment & Strategic Expense for Group Measures	-0.01	-0.09	—	-0.25	—	
Total	3.05	2.56	-16.0%	2.95	-13.0%	

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		End of December 2018	End of June 2019	Amount/rate of increase (decrease)	Notes
	Current assets	74.9	74.5	-0.3	
	Non-current assets	8.7	8.9	+0.1	
Т	otal assets	83.7	83.5	-0.2	
	Current liabilities	20.1	19.8	-0.3	
	Non-current liabilities	12.0	12.1	+0.0	
Т	otal liabilities	32.1	31.9	-0.2	
Т	otal net assets	51.5	51.5	+0.0	Retained earnings +1.0, translation adjustment −1.0
	otal liabilities and net ssets	83.7	83.5	-0.2	

Shareholders' equity ratio	61.5%	61.7%	+0.2 pt	
Current ratio	371.4%	375.3%	+3.9 pt	

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(Unit: billions of yen)

	First half of FY ended December 2018	First half of FY ending December 2019	Changes year-on-year	Notes
Cash flows from operating activities	3.5	1.1	-2.3	Accounts payable-trade decreased, payment of income taxes increased
Cash flows from investing activities	-0.2	-0.7	-0.4	
Cash flows from financing activities	-3.9	-0.8	3.0	Repayments of short-term/long-term loans payable in the 1H
Translation adjustments	-0.5	-0.4	0.0	

Cas	h and cash equivalents	First half of FY ended December 2018	First half of FY ending December 2019	Changes year-on-year	Notes
	Beginning balance	31.2	28.5	-2.7	
	Changes during the period	-1.2	-0.8	0.4	Operating CF −2.3, investing CF −0.4, financing CF +3.0
	Ending balance	30.0	27.7	-2.3	



### <(Existing) Progress made in efforts to address short-term issues>

Segment	Main issues	Progress status
Asian Food Global/ North America	Profitability improvements to respond to the external environment	<ul> <li>In response to rises in logistics-related expenses (including labor costs) and cost increases due to U.S. tariff hikes on Chinese exports, negotiations are underway for price transfers and reduction of purchase prices.</li> <li>Strict profit management at the individual customer level (continued)</li> </ul>
Asian Food Global/ Other regions	Enhancement of business foundation	<ul> <li>The top line has been firm at 105% of the previous fiscal year's results (110% on a weighted-average local currency basis) as at the end of the first half of FY 2019.</li> <li>Efforts to expand the top line through the development of new customers will continue in the second half and beyond.</li> </ul>
Agricultural & Seafood Products Trading	Broad-based profit improvements Enhancement of business foundation	<ul> <li>In domestic sales, efforts will be made to offset the negative performance in 1H by promoting products with the potential to increase demand and realize a higher profit margin.</li> <li>Efforts will be made to increase profit by further expanding overseas sales network (export of Japanese food, intermediary trade).</li> </ul>

### <(New) Strategic expanses>

	Area	Progress status
	North America: Development of new sales channels	•A team in charge of developing new sales channels (such as local channels for commercial customers) has been organized and has started to work.
Recruitment /	North America: Logistics	•For the reconstruction of the logistics function in North America, multiple projects are underway to improve the efficiency of logistics (delivery and warehousing works) by management-level personnel.
new projects	Contents and platform	<ul> <li>Have already hired experts in the development of global supply chain solution contents.</li> <li>Will continue to work on product contents improvement and the recruitment of experts specializing in each product area.</li> <li>Will also continue efforts to recruit human resources for the development of a platform management structure in Europe and Asia.</li> </ul>
Other	Systems Relocation of the headquarters	<ul> <li>Systems: New systems for international trade administration and product standard management have started operations. Business processes will be streamlined as operation procedures will be revised.</li> <li>Headquarters relocation: Scheduled for September as initially planned.</li> </ul>

# Forecasts of Operating Results for the Fiscal Year Ending December 2019

Consolidated financial results forecast for the fiscal year ending December, 2019 were unchanged from results released on February 14, 2019





- Net sales will increase 5.9% against the previous fiscal year. Asian Food Global Business will grow by 5.9%, and Agricultural & Seafood Products Trading Business will grow by 5.6%. The outlook for continued stable growth in net sales and gross profit remains unchanged.
- Operating profit will decline by 10.5% against the previous fiscal year. We are anticipating an increase in costs for the group overall from measures to prepare for changes in the external environment in the future.
- > We are anticipating decreases in net income attributable to parent company shareholders by 6.2%, amounting to 4.3-billion yen.

		FY ended December 2018		FY ending De	cember 2019	
		Full-year results*1	First-half forecast	Changes year- on-year	Full-year forecast	Changes year-on- year
	Net sales	182.2 (100.0%)	96.0 (100.0%)	+6.4%	<b>193.0</b> (100.0%)	+5.9%
	Gross profit	31.8 (17.5%)	<b>16.4</b> (17.1%)	+6.9%	33.6 (17.4%)	+5.7%
Operating results	Operating income	6.7 (3.7%)	<b>2.9</b> (3.1%)	-3.3%	6.0 (3.1%)	-10.5%
	Ordinary income	6.5 (3.6%)	<b>2.9</b> (3.1%)	-2.8%	6.0 (3.1%)	-7.9%
	Net income attributable to owners of parent	<b>4.6</b> (2.5%)	<b>2.1</b> (2.2%)	-2.3%	<b>4.3</b> (2.2%)	-6.2%
Orour	Percentage of North America (Net sales)	58.5%	_	_	57.9%	−0.6 pt
Group KPI	Percentage of North America (Operating income)	66.5%		_	76.8%	+10.3 pt
	ROWC *2	20.5%	—	_	17.4%	-3.0 pt
	Yen/Dollar exchange rate erage rate during the period)	110.43 yen	110.00 yen	+1.32 yen	110.00 yen	−0.43 yen
	Net income per share	322.18 yen	148.27 yen	-2.3%	302.20 yen	-6.2%

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\*1) Starting from the first quarter of the fiscal year ending December 2019, we changed the method for calculating the net defined benefit liability of our domestic consolidated subsidiaries from the simplified method from the projected benefit obligations (PBO) method and applied the new method retroactively. Hence, the figures stated for the first quarter of the fiscal year ended December 2018 are those after the retroactive application.

\* 2) Operating income / ((Working capital at the end of the previous fiscal year + Working capital at the end of the current fiscal year) / 2)

### Forecasts of Operating Results by Segment for the Fiscal Year ending December 2019



Asian Food Global Business

- > The Company will maintain stable growth (acquisition of new customers and expansion of sales from existing customers) in existing markets, centered around the North American region with a focus on Japanese food, and engage in initiatives to further expand its business base in regions outside of North America.
- > In the North American region, the Company will also strive to develop new sales channels (corporate accounts, etc.) for non-Japanese foods.

### Agricultural & Seafood Products Trading Business

> The Company will protect net income by maintaining its business in the domestic wholesale market, while aggressively engaging in initiatives to expand sales channels to volume sales, home meal replacements and eating-out, food manufacturers and overseas accounts.

#### Strategic Expenses associated with Group measures

> The Company anticipates an expenditure of 0.95-billion yen for costs associated with measures for the group overall.

### Sales to external customers

(Unit: billions of yen) FY ended December FY ending December 2019 2018 First-half forecast Changes year-on-year Changes year-on-year Full-year forecast Full-year results Asia Food Global Business 125.11 64.73 +6.9%132.49 +5.9% Agricultural & Seafood 52.88 +5.0% +5.6% 29.21 55.82 **Products Trading Business** 4.22 +11.0%Other business 2.07 +11.9%4.68 182.22 96.02 +6.4% 193.00 +5.9% Total

### **Operating income**

	FY ended December	Yended December FY ending December 2019				
	Full-year results*	First-half forecast	Changes year-on-year	Full-year forecast	Changes year-on-year	
Asia Food Global Business	5.40	2.50	-0.8%	5.61	+3.9%	
Agricultural & Seafood Products Trading Business	1.03	0.63	+21.1%	1.07	+4.3%	
Other business	0.25	0.05	+206.5%	0.25	-1.3%	
Strategic Expense for Group Measures, etc.		-0.25	—	-0.95	—	
Total	6.70	2.95	-3.3%	6.00	-10.5%	

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### The external environment is changing drastically

Increasing personnel and distribution costs, climate change and the exploding population, volatile foodstuff costs, the tightening of food related regulations, changing consumer behavior, such as online purchasing, diversification and localization of Japanese cuisine, logistics innovation and expanding IoT...

# With these in mind, the Company will maintain growth in its existing businesses during the 2019 business year while proceeding to implement measures for the future



## **Major Expenditure for Future Growth**

Investment in the North American region (recruitment)

• Experts in optimizing and strengthening distribution infrastructure, and human resources for developing new sales channels (corporate accounts, etc.) (Inclusive of funds required to develop new sales channels)

Investments outside the North American region (recruitment)

• Human resources for the formation of area management organization in the European, Asian and Chinese regions.

Investments in product content and platforms (recruitment and IT investment, etc.)

- Experts in food products and foodstuffs to enhance product content, experts in food technology.
- Recruitment and investment to develop and strengthen platforms (the distribution and system infrastructure of the entire group)

Relocation of the Tokyo office

• Relocation of the Tokyo office is planned for the second-half of 2019. Consolidating the office space currently spread out over 4 floors into a single floor should promote active communication; the integration of our workers, organization and products; and increased operational efficiency.

(The current lease of the Nihonbashi office is due to expire by November 2019.)





FY ended December 2018 results

FY ending December 2019 forecast

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# Medium-term Business Plan

(through FY ending December 2021)





### Vision:

# A global solution company that resolves various global food industry issues to create and provide new value

Nishimoto Wismettac imports and sells foods composed mainly of fruits and vegetables from all regions of the world. When Asian foods developed into widespread global foods, our company catered to customer demand for them along with meeting the various needs and requirements of customers in countries throughout the world.

We have evolved from a food trading company into an enterprise also equipped with functions that include growing fruits and vegetables along with planning, development, logistics, sales and risk management of foods. Currently, we are in the process of building an internal framework that can provide customers with external solutions including the newest technologies in a variety of domains.

Nishimoto Wismettac will continue to evolve and grow as a new eco-platform company that will resolve customers' needs and issues by using its own and its partners' latest solutions.



## Business plan for FY 2021

- ···After securing stable profit in existing businesses even as we face major changes in the external environment,
- Aim to establish an overwhelming business strength in multiple niche markets through our business portfolio (the combination of Contents and Platform), to create an organization that can continually reproduce it, and thereby to establish a foundation that will assure the sustainable growth of the Group.
- Boldly carry out investments and expenditure (mainly in human resources and systems) to expand the functions of Contents, international trade administration, and Platform on a global basis.







 $\rightarrow$  For Wismettac as a global solutions company, <u>all changes represent business opportunities</u>.





Sources of the strengths in the Asian Food Global Business: Five factors + FS

We need to proactively change this business model amid major changes in the external environment



## **Outlook of the Asian Food Global Business in North America**

A sense of urgency that if we do not carry out a reform now, we may be headed for a decline  $\rightarrow$  We can step up to a new growth stage be getting the reform on track



### Further profitability increase in the Asian Food Global Business in North America

## Realignment of the Group's Basic Structure



# Global human resources are the key for strengthening the functions of each organizational entity



## **Contents & Platform Development**



### **Contents development scheme**

<u>Global human resources</u> are the key for strengthening the functions of each organizational entity

◆ Strengthen contents for the deeper exploitation of existing markets and the development of new markets to develop multiple business portfolios on an ongoing basis → Aim to achieve a quasi-monopoly in niche markets





### **Platform development scheme**

<u>Global human resources</u> are the key for strengthening the functions of each organizational entity

- Build a platform for each of the five geographic regions to ensure a more intimate approach to local markets and speedy management.
- Deploy high value-added contents both on a global and regional basis using our ability to ascertain customer needs based on our close relationships with them, ultimately to develop them into a business portfolio.
- Construct a more advanced commercial flow and logistics by, for example, achieving an efficient global/regional combination based on digitalization and accumulation of knowledge.





# Numerical targets for FY 2021

- Consolidated net sales 240.0 billion yen
- Consolidated operating income 8.0 billion yen
- Consolidated operating income after subtracting human resources expenditure 6.5 billion yen

Figures shown above include the following forecasts for new businesses in North America as per FY 2021 plan				
Net sales	4.3 billion yen			
Operating income 0.2 billion yen				





(Unit: billions of yen)

	FY ended December 2018		FY ending December 2019			FY ending December 2021	
	Full-year results	Percentage of total	Full-year forecast	Percentage of total		Full-year plan	Percentage of total
North America	106.6	58.5%	111.8	57.9%	$\left[ \right]$	124.3	51.8%
Europe	6.2	3.4%	6.9	3.6%		* 28.6	11.9%
Asia/Australia	9.7	5.3%	10.5	5.5%		14.6	6.1%
Japan	59.6	32.7%	63.7	33.0%		72.4	30.2%
Total	182.2	100%	193.0	100%		240.0	100%

\*

Sales in Europe for FY 2021 reflect the planned change in the consolidation scope of subsidiaries accounted for under the equity method scheduled to be completed by the end of FY 2020.



We will actively hire experts and management-level human resources to expand the existing businesses and drastically reform our business model.

"Human resources expenditure"

•••Human resources expenditure that is not accounted for as segment expenses. It is recognized as a group overhead expense and then allocated to each segment based on actual job responsibilities.

Estimated amount of expense: Approximately 2,500 million yen for FY 2020–2021

Category	Job category and responsibility
Platform	A staff team in charge of the digitalization of the platform and increases in expertise
Contents	The global head and the development team in charge of product and solution development
Group overhead	Construction of a management structure and revision of the compensation system from the global company perspective

## (Expected areas of human resources expenditure)

# Policy of Returning Profits to Shareholders





## Policy

- The Company's basic policy for returning profits to shareholders is to continue providing stable dividends while striving to maintain retained earnings to develop its businesses in the future and to improve its financial strength.
- The Company plans to pay dividends twice a year (interim and year-end).
  - → The annual dividend forecast for the fiscal year ending December 2019 is 95 yen (forecasts of a 40 yen interim dividend and a 55 yen year-end dividend).



## Dividend per share

# **Corporate Profile**





Founded in 1912, Nishimoto Wismettac has grown into a global company supplying food ingredients and food products to markets worldwide

Company name	Nishimoto Co., Ltd.		
Head Office	Onward Park Building, 3-10-5 Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo		
Established	May 1912		
Representative directors	Yoshiro Susaki, Chairman & CEO, Takayuki Kanai, President & COO		
Number of Employees	1,676 (including 1,404 in the Asian Food Global Business) [As of December 31st, 2018.]		
Business	<ul> <li>Development and sales of Asian food worldwide</li> <li>Imports and sales of fruit, vegetables and related processed products, and supply of food ingredients to food manufacturers and the restaurant sector</li> </ul>		
Subsidiaries and Affiliates	10 subsidiaries, 5 affiliates		
Business Sites	47 worldwide (including 23 in North America) Locations in Japan, the U.S., Canada, Singapore, Australia, Netherlands, U.K., Germany, France, China, Hong Kong, Thailand, Vietnam and South Korea		
Consolidated net sales	182.2 billion yen (FY ended December 2018) * Overseas sales ratio 67.3%		
Ordinary income	6.5 billion yen (FY ended December 2018)		
Shareholders' equity ratio	61.5% (FY ended December 2018)		



Developing businesses worldwide with 47 global locations
 23 locations in the North American region (the U.S. and Canada)



"WF" shown in the figure is an abbreviation for "Wismettac Foods"

## Major Business Segment: Asian Food Global Business



 Distribution of Asian food ingredients and food products with a focus on Japanese food around the world, centered on North America. Successful implementation of its own integrated operations from product development and planning through to sales and distribution.





We import and procure Asian food products and ingredients, with a focus on Japanese food, including from the U.S., Japan, China and South East Asia, and distribute approximately 8,000 items on a global basis, principally in North America.





- Imports and sales, with a focus on fresh fruits and vegetables in the Japanese market.
- As the sole import agent of Sunkist Growers Inc., in Japan, we maintain high market share of imported citrus. In particular, our market share\* of lemon is about 50% and of orange is about 30%.



\* In-house company calculation based on Ministry of Finance trade statistics

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