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FY2015 Third Quarter Consolidated Financial Results

(Advantest's consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP) (Period ended December 31, 2015)

(Unaudited)

January 27, 2016 Company name : Advantest Corporation (URL http://www.advantest.com/US/investors) Stock exchange on which shares are listed : First section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange Stock code number : 6857 Company representative : Shinichiro Kuroe, Representative Director, President and CEO : Hiroshi Nakamura, Director, Managing Executive Officer Contact person and Executive Vice President, Corporate Administration Group (03) 3214-7500 Quarterly Report Filing Date (as planned) : February 12, 2016 Quarterly Results Supplemental Materials : Yes Quarterly Results Presentation Meeting : Yes

(Rounded to the nearest million yen) 1. Consolidated Results of FY2015 Q3 (April 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015)

(1) Consolidated Financial Results (Accumulated)

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(% changes as compared with the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year)									
	Net sale	es	Operating income		Income before income taxes		Net income		
	Million yen	% increase (decrease)	Million yen	% increase (decrease)	VIIIIIOn ven	% increase (decrease)	VIIIIIOn Von	% increase (decrease)	
FY2015 Q3	116,648	(2.7)	6,162	(37.2)	6,465	(51.4)	3,624	(60.8)	

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9,811 (Note) Quarterly comprehensive income (loss): FY2015 Q3 (Y) 4,819 million (82.9%); FY2014 Q3 (Y) 28,163 million -%

	Net income per share- basic	Net income per share- diluted
	Yen	Yen
FY2015 Q3	20.76	18.73
FY2014 Q3	53.05	47.96

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(2) Consolidated Financial Position

	Total assets	Net assets	Stockholders' Equity	Equity-to-assets ratio
	Million yen	Million yen	Million yen	%
FY2015 Q3	251,985	142,298	142,298	56.5
FY2014	273,041	140,938	140,938	51.6

2. Dividends

FY2014 Q3

	Dividend per share						
(Record Date)	First quarter end	Second quarter end	Third quarter end	Year end	Annual total		
	yen	yen	yen	yen	yen		
FY2014	—	5.00	—	10.00	15.00		
FY2015	—	10.00	—	N/A	N/A		
FY2015 (forecast)	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.00	20.00		

(Note) Revision of dividends forecast for this period: No

3. Projected Results for FY2015 (April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016)

(% changes as compared with the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year)										
	Net sale	es	Operatir income	-	Income b income t		Net inco	ome	Net income share	per
FY2015	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Million yen	%		Yen
112013	160,000	(2.0)	10,500	(28.2)	10,800	(42.7)	6,700	(48.3)	38.38	

(Note) Revision of projected results for this period: Yes

Please see "(3) Prospects for the Current Fiscal Year" on page 6 for details.

4. Others

- (1) Material changes in subsidiaries during this period (changes in scope of consolidation resulting from changes in subsidiaries): No
- (2) Use of simplified accounting method and special accounting policy for quarterly consolidated financial statements: Yes

(Note) Please see "2. Others" on page 7 for details.

(3) Accounting changes:

- 1) Changes based on revisions of accounting standard: No
- 2) Changes other than 1) above: No
- (4) Number of issued and outstanding stock (common stock):
 - 1) Number of issued and outstanding stock at the end of each fiscal period (including treasury stock): FY2015 Q3 199,566,770 shares; FY2014 199,566,770 shares.
 - 2) Number of treasury stock at the end of each fiscal period:
 - FY2015 Q3 24,993,916 shares; FY2014 25,020,294 shares.
 - 3) Average number of outstanding stock for each period (cumulative term): FY2015 Q3 174,568,038 shares; FY2014 Q3 174,199,488 shares.

Status of Quarterly Review Procedures

This quarterly financial results report is not subject to quarterly review procedures by independent auditors under Japan's Financial Instruments and Exchange Law. At the time of release of this report, such quarterly review procedures under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law have not been completed.

Explanation on the Appropriate Use of Future Earnings Projections and Other Special Instructions

This document contains "forward-looking statements" that are based on Advantest's current expectations, estimates and projections. These forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause Advantest's actual results, levels of activities, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These factors include: (i) changes in demand for the products and services produced and offered by Advantest's customers, including semiconductors, communications services and electronic goods; (ii) circumstances relating to Advantest's investment in technology, including its ability to timely develop products that meet the changing needs of semiconductor manufacturers, communications network equipment and components makers and service providers; (iii) significant changes in the competitive environment in the major markets where Advantest purchases materials, components and supplies for the production of its products or where its products are produced, distributed or sold; and (iv) changes in economic conditions, currency exchange rates or political stability in the major markets where Advantest procures materials, components and supplies for the production of its principal products or where its products are produced, distributed or sold. A discussion of these and other factors which may affect Advantest's actual results, levels of activities, performance or achievements is contained in the "Operating and Financial Review and Prospects", "Key Information - Risk Factors" and "Information on the Company" sections and elsewhere in Advantest's annual report on Form 20-F, which is on file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

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1. Business Results

(1) Analysis of Business Results

Consolidated Financial Results of FY2015 Q3 (April 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015)

			(in billion yen)
	Nine months ended December 31, 2014	Nine months ended December 31, 2015	As compared to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year increase (decrease)
Orders received	126.1	110.9	(12.0%)
Net sales	119.9	116.6	(2.7%)
Operating income	9.8	6.2	(37.2%)
Income before income taxes	13.3	6.5	(51.4%)
Net income	9.2	3.6	(60.8%)

During the nine-month period ended December 31, 2015, the global economy maintained its trend of overall growth, supported by the continuing solid economic growth and job creation in the U.S. However, due to an economic slowdown in China and other emerging economies, overall growth was moderate and less than initially anticipated.

The semiconductor-related markets saw robust investments in leading-edge technology equipment, particularly for memory semiconductors, in the first half of 2015. However, against the backdrop of worsening macroeconomic visibility, semiconductor manufacturers sought to adjust inventory and limit capital spending starting in the latter half of 2015 as growth in the semiconductor-related markets slowed due to demand for electronic devices, including smartphones, failing to grow as initially anticipated.

Amid this increasing slowdown in the business environment, Advantest focused on promoting sales of semiconductor and component test systems and sought to expand its other businesses, including ATE peripherals. As a result of these efforts, orders received – a leading indicator of operating results – in the third quarter of FY2015 exceeded that of the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year and that of the second quarter of FY2015. However, net sales in the third quarter stagnated due to a downturn in orders received in the second quarter.

As a result, for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2015, orders received were (Y) 110.9 billion (12.0% decrease in comparison to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year) and net sales were (Y) 116.6 billion (2.7% decrease in comparison to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year). Operating income was (Y) 6.2 billion (37.2% decrease in comparison to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year), income before income taxes was (Y) 6.5 billion (51.4% decrease in comparison to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year) and net income was (Y) 3.6 billion (60.8% decrease in comparison to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year). The percentage of net sales to overseas customers was (Y) 92.7% (91.7% in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year).

Conditions of business segments are described below.

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			(in billion yen)
	Nine months ended December 31, 2014	Nine months ended December 31, 2015	As compared to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year increase (decrease)
Orders received	87.8	65.3	(25.6%)
Net sales	80.1	69.4	(13.3%)
Operating income	10.3	2.4	(76.1%)

<Semiconductor and Component Test System Segment>

Due to the slowdown in the semiconductor market, the Semiconductor and Component Test System Segment continued to see demand for non-memory test systems that was lower than the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year, but orders received recovered significantly in the third quarter of FY2015 as customers regained interest in capital investment. Memory test systems continued to post solid sales despite being impacted by revisions to capital expenditure plans of certain customers.

As a result of the above, orders received were (Y) 65.3 billion (25.6% decrease in comparison to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year), net sales were (Y) 69.4 billion (13.3% decrease in comparison to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year), and operating income was (Y) 2.4 billion (76.1% decrease in comparison to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year).

< Mechatronics System Segment >

			(in billion yen)
	Nine months ended December 31, 2014	Nine months ended December 31, 2015	As compared to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year increase (decrease)
Orders received	20.5	23.9	16.9%
Net sales	20.2	24.9	23.0%
Operating income	2.6	4.0	53.7%

The Mechatronics System Segment was impacted by the capital expenditure cycle of certain customers in the third quarter of FY2015, but Advantest sought to continue the profit expansion initiatives, such as expanding sales of device interfaces for non-memory semiconductors, that it commenced in the beginning of the period.

As a result of the above, orders received were (Y) 23.9 billion (16.9% increase in comparison to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year), net sales were (Y) 24.9 billion (23.0% increase in comparison to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year), and operating income was (Y) 4.0 billion (53.7% increase in comparison to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year).

<Services, Support and Others Segment>

			(in billion yen)
	Nine months ended December 31, 2014	Nine months ended December 31, 2015	As compared to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year increase (decrease)
Orders received	17.9	21.7	21.1%
Net sales	19.7	22.4	13.8%
Operating income	2.4	3.9	60.3%

In the Services, Support and Others Segment, profit expansion initiatives in the field services business, such as increasing the number of annual maintenance contracts, progressed and SSD test systems, a new business,

attracted growing customer interest.

As a result of the above, orders received were (Y) 21.7 billion (21.1% increase in comparison to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year), net sales were (Y) 22.4 billion (13.8% increase in comparison to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year), and operating income was (Y) 3.9 billion (60.3% increase in comparison to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year).

(2) Analysis of Financial Condition

Total assets at December 31, 2015 amounted to (Y) 252.0 billion, a decrease of (Y) 21.1 billion compared to March 31, 2015, primarily due to a decrease of (Y) 16.6 billion and (Y) 2.2 billion in cash and cash equivalents and property, plant and equipment, respectively. The amount of total liabilities was (Y) 109.7 billion, a decrease of (Y) 22.4 billion compared to March 31, 2015, primarily due to a redemption of (Y) 10.0 billion in corporate bonds and a decrease of (Y) 8.0 billion in trade accounts payable. Stockholders' equity was (Y) 142.3 billion. Equity to assets ratio was 56.5%, an increase of 4.9 percentage points from March 31, 2015.

(Cash Flow Condition)

Cash and cash equivalents held at December 31, 2015 were (Y) 80.9 billion, a decrease of (Y) 16.6 billion from March 31, 2015. Significant cash flows during the nine-month period of this fiscal year and their causes are described below.

Net cash used in operating activities was (Y) 2.1 billion (net cash inflow of (Y) 12.5 billion in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year). This amount was primarily attributable to a decrease of (Y) 7.8 billion and (Y) 5.2 billion in trade accounts payable and accrued expenses, respectively, and adjustments of non cash items such as depreciation and amortization in addition to the net income of (Y) 3.6 billion.

Net cash used in investing activities was (Y) 1.9 billion (net cash outflow of (Y) 0.9 billion in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year). This amount was primarily attributable to payments for acquisition of tangible fixed assets in the amount of (Y) 2.2 billion.

Net cash used in financing activities was (Y) 13.4 billion (net cash outflow of (Y) 1.6 billion in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year). This amount was primarily attributable to redemption of corporate bonds (Y) 10.0 billion and dividends paid of (Y) 3.3 billion.

(3) Prospects for the Current Fiscal Year

Advantest expects that the trend for a society with greater safety and comfort, as embodied in the global adoption of smartphones and acceleration of computerization of automobiles, will drive future growth in the semiconductor industry and related markets.

Regarding the business environment in the current fiscal year, Advantest saw difficult conditions after the summer of 2015 due to a slowdown in the global semiconductor market. However, starting in the third quarter of FY2015, it began to see a recovery in interest in capital investment from non-memory test system customers, and it also expects to see more robust customer interest in memory test systems going forward since memory semiconductor manufacturers are planning to expand their production of high-speed DRAM for smartphones.

Additionally, in the Mechatronics System Segment and the Services, Support and Others Segment, Advantest anticipates steady progress with the profit expansion initiatives that it is currently undertaking.

As a result, Advantest revises its consolidated results forecast for the full FY2015 as follows. Figures in brackets are those announced in October 2015. Based on recent business conditions, Advantest's orders received and sales forecast remains unchanged from those announced in October 2015. Regarding profit and loss, based on the ratio of sales of higher-margin products in the fourth quarter that is expected to be higher than initially anticipated as well as other income recorded to date, Advantest now expects operating income of (Y) 10.5 billion ((Y) 10.0 billion) and income before income taxes of (Y) 10.8 billion ((Y) 9.5 billion). Advantest's net income forecast of (Y) 6.7 billion remains unchanged, taking into account increase in tax expenses associated with

income from overseas subsidiaries. These fourth quarter forecasts are based on foreign exchange rates of 120 JPY to 1 USD and 130 JPY to 1 Euro.

2. Others

(1) Use of Simplified Accounting Method and Special Accounting Policy for Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements

Tax expense is measured using an estimated annual effective tax rate. Advantest makes, at the end of the cumulative third quarter, its best estimate of the annual effective tax rate for the full fiscal year and uses that rate to provide for income taxes on a current year-to-date basis. The estimated effective tax rate includes the deferred tax effects of expected year-end temporary differences and carryforwards, and the effects of valuation allowances for deferred tax assets.

3. Consolidated Financial Statements

(1) Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

		Yen (M	fillions)
Assets	_	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2015
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	¥	97,574	80,929
Trade receivables, net		24,960	21,703
Inventories		37,210	37,347
Other current assets	_	5,057	6,595
Total current assets	-	164,801	146,574
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Investment securities		2,249	2,273
Property, plant and equipment, net		38,480	36,293
Intangible assets, net		4,085	3,501
Goodwill		54,590	54,747
Other assets	-	8,836	8,597
Total assets	¥_	273,041	251,985

	Yen (Millions)			
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2015		
Current liabilities:				
Trade accounts payable ¥	18,101	10,103		
Accrued expenses	10,482	5,364		
Income taxes payable	2,106	2,419		
Accrued warranty expenses	1,525	1,721		
Corporate bonds - current portion	10,000			
Customer prepayments	4,900	3,561		
Other current liabilities	2,572	3,541		
Total current liabilities	49,686	26,709		
Corporate bonds	15,000	15,000		
Convertible bonds	30,119	30,096		
Accrued pension and severance costs	35,034	35,919		
Other liabilities	2,264	1,963		
Total liabilities	132,103	109,687		
Commitments and contingent liabilities				
Stockholders' equity:				
Common stock	32,363	32,363		
Capital surplus	43,770	43,761		
Retained earnings	141,104	141,177		
Accumulated other comprehensive income	18,387	19,582		
Treasury stock	(94,686)	(94,585)		
Total stockholders' equity	140,938	142,298		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity ¥	273,041	251,985		

(2) Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)

		Yen (M	illions)
	-	Nine months ended December 31, 2014	Nine months ended December 31, 2015
Net sales	¥	119,902	116,648
Cost of sales	_	53,342	51,694
Gross profit	_	66,560	64,954
Research and development expenses		22,814	23,396
Selling, general and administrative expenses		33,724	35,396
Impairment charge	_	211	
Operating income	-	9,811	6,162
Other income (expense):			
Interest and dividend income		150	245
Interest expense		(103)	(79)
Gain on sale of investment securities		677	22
Other, net	_	2,770	115
Total other income (expense)	_	3,494	303
Income before income taxes		13,305	6,465
Income taxes (benefit)	_	4,064	2,841
Net income	¥	9,241	3,624

		Yen		
		months ended mber 31, 2014	Nine months ended December 31, 2015	
Net income per share:				
Basic	¥	53.05	20.76	
Diluted		47.96	18.73	

		Yen (M	(illions)
	-	Three months ended December 31, 2014	Three months ended December 31, 2015
Net sales	¥	40,959	29,983
Cost of sales	-	17,645	11,979
Gross profit	_	23,314	18,004
Research and development expenses		7,792	7,418
Selling, general and administrative expenses Impairment charge		11,892 211	11,172
Operating income (loss)	-	3,419	(586)
Other income (expense):			
Interest and dividend income		62	91
Interest expense		(35)	(24)
Gain on sale of investment securities		118	22
Other, net	-	1,724	657
Total other income (expense)	-	1,869	746
Income before income taxes		5,288	160
Income taxes (benefit)	_	632	967
Net income (loss)	¥	4,656	(807)

		Yen		
		months ended nber 31, 2014	Three months ended December 31, 2015	
Net income (loss) per share:	V	26.72	(1.(2))	
Basic Diluted	¥	26.73 24.15	(4.63) (4.63)	

(3) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) (Unaudited)

		Yen (Mi	illions)
	-	Nine months ended December 31, 2014	Nine months ended December 31, 2015
Comprehensive income (loss)			
Net income	¥	9,241	3,624
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax			
Foreign currency translation adjustments		18,440	51
Net unrealized gains (losses) on investment securities		(302)	38
Pension related adjustments	_	784	1,106
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	_	18,922	1,195
Total comprehensive income (loss)	¥	28,163	4,819

		Yen (Millions)		
	-	Three months ended December 31, 2014	Three months ended December 31, 2015	
Comprehensive income (loss)				
Net income (loss)	¥	4,656	(807)	
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax				
Foreign currency translation adjustments		11,779	605	
Net unrealized gains (losses) on investment securities:		69	159	
Pension related adjustments	-	252	368	
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	-	12,100	1,132	
Total comprehensive income (loss)	¥	16,756	325	

(4) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

	Yen (Millions)		
	-	Nine months ended December 31, 2014	Nine months ended December 31, 2015
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	¥	9,241	3,624
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash		,	,
provided by (used in) operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization		3,769	3,968
Deferred income taxes		(75)	435
Gain on sale of investment securities		(677)	(22)
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Trade receivables		(5,617)	2,897
Inventories		(1,551)	(130)
Trade accounts payable		718	(7,753)
Other account payable		953	(125)
Accrued expenses		1,096	(5,172)
Income taxes payable		3,208	288
Accrued warranty expenses		(216)	188
Customer prepayments		493	(1,502)
Accrued pension and severance costs		323	2,022
Other		810	(854)
Not each provided by (used in) expertise estivities	-	12.475	
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	-	12,475	(2,136)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Proceeds from sale of available-for-sale securities		1,806	54
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		59	509
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(2,486)	(2,151)
Purchases of intangible assets		(307)	(292)
Other	-	27	(51)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	-	(901)	(1,931)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Redemption of corporate bonds		_	(10,000)
Dividends paid		(1,666)	(3,339)
Other	-	114	(22)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	-	(1,552)	(13,361)
Net effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	-	6,126	783
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	-	16,148	(16,645)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	-	68,997	97,574
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	¥	85,145	80,929

(5)Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(Notes on Going Concern): None

(Notes on Significant Changes to Stockholders' Equity): None

(Segment Information)

		Yen	(Millions)		
		Nine months e	nded Decembe	r 31, 2014	
	Semiconductor and Component Test System Business	Mechatronics System Business	Services, Support and Others	Elimination and Corporate	Total
Net sales to unaffiliated customers	¥ 79,972	20,217	19,713		119,902
Inter-segment sales	80			(80)	_
Net sales Operating income (loss) before stock	80,052	20,217	19,713	(80)	119,902
option compensation expense Adjustment: Stock option compensation expense	10,255	2,620	2,440	(5,504)	9,811
Operating income				¥	9,811

			Yen	(Millions)			
	Nine months ended December 31, 2015						
	Cor Tes	conductor and nponent t System usiness	Mechatronics System Business	Services, Support and Others	Elimination and Corporate	Total	
Net sales to unaffiliated customers	¥	69,344	24,865	22,439		116,648	
Inter-segment sales		40			(40)		
Net sales Operating income (loss) before stock		69,384	24,865	22,439	(40)	116,648	
option compensation expense Adjustment:		2,450	4,026	3,911	(4,225)	6,162	

Stock option compensation expense

Operating income

¥ 6,162

		Yen ((Millions)		
		Three months	ended Decembe	er 31, 2014	
Co Te	and omponent est System	Mechatronics System Business	Services, Support and Others	Elimination and Corporate	Total
¥	25,047	9,117	6,795		40,959
	14			(14)	
	25,061	9,117	6,795	(14)	40,959
	2,351	1,906	872	(1,710)	3,419
				-	
				¥_	3,419
		Yen	(Millions)		
		Three months	ended Decembe	er 31, 2015	
Co Te	and omponent est System	Mechatronics System Business	Services, Support and Others	Elimination and Corporate	Total
¥	18,176	4,607	7,200		29,983
	16			(16)	
	18,192	4,607	7,200	(16)	29,983
	(329)	(483)	1,580	(1,354)	(586)
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(Notes)

1. Adjustments to operating income (loss) in Corporate principally represent corporate general and administrative expenses and research and development expenses related to fundamental research activities that are not allocated to operating segments.

2. Advantest uses the operating income (loss) before stock option compensation expense for management's analysis of business segment results.