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Best Bridal Inc. Consolidated Earnings Report for the Nine Months ended September 30, 2013 (Japanese GAAP)

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(Amounts rounded down to the nearest million yen)

1. Consolidated Performance for the Nine Months ended September 30, 2013 (January 1, 2013 – September 30, 2013)

(1) Consolidated Operating Results				(Percentages i	indicate	year-on-year ch	anges)	
	Net sales		Operating income		Ordinary income		Net income	
	million yen	%	million yen	%	million yen	%	million yen	%
Nine months ended September 30, 2013	32,945	8.4	3,362	11.8	3,464	14.6	1,895	43.0
Nine months ended September 30, 2012	30,400	7.1	3,008	1.7	3,021	7.7	1,326	44.3

Note: Comprehensive income:Nine months ended September 30, 2013:1,988 million yen (50.0 %)Nine months ended September 30, 2012:1,325 million yen (47.0%)

		Diluted net income per
	Net income per share	share
	yen	yen
Nine months ended	38.73	38.53
September 30, 2013	30.73	30.33
Nine months ended	Q7 ∩0	
September 30, 2012	27.08	-

(Note) Effective July 1, 2013, the Company conducted a 1:200 common stock split. Net income per share was calculated assuming that the stock split was effected at the beginning of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012.

(2) Consolidated Financial Position

	Total assets	Net assets	Equity ratio
	million yen	million yen	%
September 30, 2013	52,015	22,223	42.7
December 31, 2012	48,381	20,815	43.0

Reference: Total equity: September 30, 2013: 22,223 million yen December 31, 2012: 20,815 million yen

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Total equity=Shareholders' equity plus total accumulated other comprehensive income.

2. Dividends

	Dividend per share					
	End-Q1	End-Q2	End-Q3	Year-end	Annual total	
	yen	yen	yen	yen	yen	
Year ended December 31, 2012	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	2,000.00	
Year ending December 31, 2013	-	1,000.00	-			
Year ending December 31, 2013 (Forecast)				5.00	-	

Note: No revision has been made to the latest dividends forecast.

Effective July 1, 2013, the Company conducted a 1:200 common stock split. The year-end dividend for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013 (forecast) reflects the stock split.

3. Earnings Forecast for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2013 (January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013)

(Percentages indicate year-on-year changes)

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									Net income	e per
	Net sales	5	Operating i	ncome	Ordinary in	come	Net inco	ne	share	
	million yen	%	million yen	%	million yen	%	million yen	%	yen	
Year ending December 31, 2013	48,200	8.3	7,400	13.5	7,300	10.4	4,300	31.5	8	87.91

Note: No revision has been made to the latest earnings forecast.

Effective July 1, 2013, the Company conducted a 1:200 common stock split. Net income per share for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013 in the above earnings forecast reflects the stock split.

*Notes

- (1) Changes affecting the consolidation status of significant subsidiaries during the period: None
- (2) Use of accounting methods specific to the preparation of quarterly consolidated financial statements: Yes
- (3) Changes in accounting policy, changes in accounting estimates, and retrospective restatement
 - 1) Changes in accordance with amendments to accounting standards, etc.: Yes
 - 2) Changes other than noted in 1) above: None
 - 3) Changes in accounting estimates: Yes
 - 4) Retrospective restatement: None
 - (Note) This relates to Article 10-5 of the Regulations on the Terminology, Format and Preparation of Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements. For details, please refer to "(3) Changes in Accounting Policy, Changes in Accounting Estimates, and Retrospective Restatement" in section "2. Other Information" on page 7 in the accompanying materials.

(4) Shares issued (common stock)

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
 Number of shares issued at end of period (including treasury stock) 	48,960,000	48,960,000
 Number of shares held in treasury at end of period 	135,000	-
	Nine months ended	Nine months ended
	September 30, 2013	September 30, 2012
3) Average number of shares outstanding during the period	48,946,649	48,960,000

Effective July 1, 2013, the Company conducted a 1:200 common stock split. The number of shares issued at end of period (common stock) was calculated assuming that the stock split was effected at the beginning of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012.

* Quarterly Review Status

This report is exempt from the review requirements of Japan's Financial Instruments and Exchange Act. As of this report publication, a review of the consolidated quarterly financial statements in accordance with the Act is underway.

*Appropriate Use of Earnings Forecast and Other Important Information

1. The above forecasts are based on information available as of this report's publication. Actual results may differ from forecasts due to changes in the business environment. For the assumptions underlying the forecasts herein and other notice on the use of earnings forecasts, please refer to "Earnings Forecast for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2013" in the section "Review of Consolidated Financial Results" on page 6 in the accompanying materials.

2. Effective July 1, 2013, the Company conducted a 1:200 common stock split. The forecast of year-end dividend for the year ending December 31, 2013 and the forecast of net income per share for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013 reflect the stock split.

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1. Review of Consolidated Financial Results

(1) Operating Results

In the first nine months of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013, the Japanese economy showed signs of a self-sustaining recovery owing to yen depreciation, a rebound in stock prices, and an upturn in personal consumption fueled by the government's economic stimulus measures and the Bank of Japan's monetary easing policy. Overall, however, the outlook for the economy remained uncertain due to rising electric power and raw materials costs, as well as concerns about a possible downturn in overseas economies.

In this environment, the Best Bridal Group endeavored to increase sales and profitability by continually creating new value in the guest house and wedding business through high-quality, appealing outlets and value-added services, and by taking proactive efforts to enhance business efficiency.

As a result of the above factors, the Group posted net sales of ¥32,945 million in the first nine months of the fiscal year, an increase of 8.4% over the same period of the previous fiscal year. Operating income totaled ¥3,362 million, a year-on-year increase of 11.8%, ordinary income amounted to ¥3,464 million, up 14.6% year on year, and net income totaled ¥1,895 million, up 43.0% year on year.

Results for each business segment were as follows.

1) Domestic operations

The completion of renovations at Hotel InterContinental Tokyo Bay and the successful start of such new businesses as budget weddings and family weddings contributed to higher sales in the Group's domestic operations in the nine months ended September 30, 2013. The sales increase was also supported by steady growth in the number of weddings held at existing outlets.

As a result, net sales in the domestic business totaled ¥30,896 million, a year-on-year increase of 8.9%, and segment income totaled ¥4,329 million, up 11.0% year on year.

2) Overseas operations

The number of weddings held and orders placed in the nine-month period was largely unchanged versus the same period of the previous fiscal year despite a moderate recovery in overall market conditions.

As a result, net sales in the overseas business totaled ¥2,048 million, a year-on-year increase of 1.3%, while segment income declined 85.5% year on year to ¥23 million.

(2) Financial Condition

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets

Total assets at the end of the third quarter (September 30, 2013) amounted to ¥52,015 million, an increase of ¥3,634 million from the end of the previous fiscal year (December 31, 2012). This was largely the result of increases of ¥2,533 million in cash and deposits in conjunction with the issuance of convertible bonds, ¥300 million in marketable securities, and ¥790 million in other investments.

Liabilities at the end of the third quarter totaled ¥29,792 million, an increase of ¥2,226 million compared with the end of the previous fiscal year. This was mainly due to the ¥5,000 million issuance of convertible bonds and a ¥551 million increase in advances received, which

outweighed a ¥1,863 million decrease in income taxes payable and a net decrease of ¥1,032 million in borrowings and bonds.

Net assets at the end of the third quarter totaled ¥22,223 million, an increase of ¥1,407 million from the end of the previous fiscal year. This was mainly due to the booking of ¥1,895 million in net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, which outweighed ¥90 million in acquisition of treasury stock, and ¥489 million in dividends paid from retained earnings.

(3) Earnings Forecast for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2013

There is no change to the consolidated earnings forecasts for the year ending December 31, 2013, which the Company announced on February 14, 2013.

2. Other Information

(1) Changes in Significant Subsidiaries Not applicable.

(2) Application of Specific Accounting Methods for the Preparation of Quarterly Financial Statements

(Simplified accounting methods)

1) Calculation method for depreciation of fixed assets

Depreciation expenses for assets to which the declining-balance method is applied are calculated by allocating a quarterly proportion of the amount for the full fiscal year.

2) Calculation method for deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities

Regarding judgments on the amount of recoverable deferred tax assets, the Company has determined that there have been no significant changes in the economic environment or emergence of temporary differences since the end of the previous fiscal year, and therefore the calculations are based on future earnings forecasts and tax planning methods from the previous fiscal year.

(Special accounting treatments)

Calculation of taxes

The Company calculates tax liabilities by producing a reasonable estimate of the effective tax rate after applying tax-effect accounting to income before income taxes and minority interests for the fiscal year, which encompasses the nine months ended September 30, 2013, and then multiplying income (loss) before income taxes and minority interests by this estimated effective tax rate. In cases where this estimated effective tax rate cannot be used, the statutory effective tax rate is used.

(3) Changes in Accounting Policy, Changes in Accounting Estimates, and Retrospective Restatement

(Changes in accounting policies that are difficult to distinguish from changes in accounting estimates)

In accordance with the revision of the Corporation Tax Act of Japan, the depreciation method for tangible assets acquired on or after January 1, 2013, has been changed to the method under the revised Act from the first quarter of this fiscal year.

The impact of this change on the Company's profits is minimal.

(Changes in accounting estimates)

In accordance with the completion of refurbishment of some buildings used under the tenancy agreement, the Best Bridal Group has reduced in the third quarter of the current fiscal year the estimated restitution cost expected to arise in the future.

As a consequence, operating income, ordinary income, and income before income taxes and minority interests for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, were ¥18 million higher compared with what they would have been under the previous accounting method.

3. Consolidated Financial Statements

	(millions of yen)
	(minutes of year)
December 31, 2012	September 30, 2013
Amount	Amount
11,314	13,847
333	366
-	300
39	3
327	350
1,188	1,317
(48)	(48)
13,154	16,137
16,247	15,664
4,760	4,756
1,216	1,295
22,224	21,716
1,042	982
231	196
1,273	1,178
5,827	6,263
5,870	6,660
11,697	12,923
35,195	35,818
32	59
48,381	52,015
	Amount 11,314 333 - 39 327 1,188 (48) 13,154 16,247 4,760 1,216 22,224 1,042 231 1,273 5,827 5,870 11,697 35,195 32

(1) Consolidated Balance Sheets

	December 31, 2012	(millions of yen) September 30, 2013
	Amount	Amount
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable - trade	2,157	2,081
Short-term debt	-	460
Current portion of long-term debt	3,191	2,942
Current portion of bonds	612	484
Income taxes payable	2,237	373
Advances received	942	1,494
Provision for loss on cancellation of rental contract	52	52
Other	2,527	2,283
Total current liabilities	11,722	10,172
Fixed liabilities		
Bonds	1,590	1,156
Convertible bonds	1,000	5,000
Long-term debt	11,230	10,549
Provision for employees' retirement benefits	268	276
Provision for directors' retirement benefits	594	626
Provision for loss on cancellation of rental contract	100	61
Asset retirement obligations	1,068	1,079
Other	992	871
Total fixed liabilities	15,844	19,620
Total liabilities	27,566	29,792
	27,500	23,132
Net assets		
Shareholders' equity	470	470
Capital stock	472	472
Capital surplus	634	634
Retained earnings	19,729	21,136
Treasury stock	-	(90)
Total shareholders' equity	20,836	22,152
Accumulated other comprehensive income		
Net unrealized gain on available-for-sale securities	41	52
Deferred gain (loss) on derivatives under hedge	10	20
accounting	13	29
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(76)	(10)
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	(21)	70
Total net assets	20,815	22,223
Total liabilities and net assets	48,381	52,015

(2) Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income Consolidated Statements of Income

		(millions of yen)
	Nine months ended	Nine months ended
	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2013
	Amount	Amount
Net sales	30,400	32,945
Cost of sales	20,603	22,063
Gross profit	9,797	10,881
Selling, general and administrative expenses	6,789	7,519
Operating income	3,008	3,362
Non-operating income		
Interest income	41	47
Gain on investments in silent partnership	108	122
Foreign exchange gains	45	65
Other	102	144
Total non-operating income	297	380
Non-operating expenses		
Interest expenses	235	194
Loss on valuation of derivatives	29	75
Other	18	8
Total non-operating expenses	283	278
Ordinary income	3,021	3,464
Extraordinary income		
Gain on sales of fixed assets	0	0
Total extraordinary income	0	0
Extraordinary loss		
Shop closing expenses	-	6
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	74	36
Total extraordinary loss	74	42
Income before income taxes and minority interests	2,947	3,421
Income taxes	1,621	1,525
Income before minority interests	1,326	1,895
Net income	1,326	1,895

		(millions of yen)
	Nine months ended	Nine months ended
	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2013
	Amount	Amount
Income before minority interests	1,326	1,895
Other comprehensive income		
Net unrealized gain on available-for-sale securities	30	10
Deferred gain (loss) on derivatives under hedge accounting	(3)	16
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(32)	45
Share of other comprehensive income of affiliates accounted for under the equity method	4	20
Total other comprehensive income	(0)	92
Comprehensive income	1,325	1,988
(Breakdown)		
Comprehensive income attributable to owners of the parent	1,325	1,988
Comprehensive income attributable to minority interests	-	-

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

(3) Note on the Going-concern Assumption

Not applicable

(4) Note on Significant Changes in the Amount of Shareholders' Equity

During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Company acquired 135,000 shares of its capital stock for ¥90 million based on the resolution made at the board of directors' meeting held on September 3, 2013. As a result, as of the end of the third quarter of the current fiscal year (September 30, 2013), treasury stock amounted to 135,000 shares worth ¥90 million.

(5) Segment and Other Information

I. Nine Months ended September 30, 2012 (January 1 to September 30, 2012)

1. Net sales and income/loss by reportable segment

	Re	portable segme	ent		(millions of yen) Amount recorded
	Domestic	Overseas	Total	Adjustments (note 1)	on consolidated statements of income (note 2)
Net sales		I			
Sales to outside customers	28,378	2,022	30,400	-	30,400
Inter-segment sales and transfers	5	0	5	(5)	-
Total	28,384	2,022	30,406	(5)	30,400
Segment income	3,900	159	4,060	(1,052)	3,008

Note: 1. The minus ¥1,052 million adjustment for segment income includes ¥11 million elimination of inter-segment sales and minus ¥1,064 million of unallocated corporate expenses. The main component of these unallocated corporate expenses is SG&A expenses that are not attributable to reportable segments.

2. Segment income adjustments are based on operating income reported on the quarterly consolidated statements of income for the corresponding period.

2. Impairment loss on fixed assets or goodwill by reportable segment Not applicable

II. Nine months ended September 30, 2013 (January 1 to September 30, 2013)

1. Net sales and income/loss by reportable segment

	Re	portable segme	ent		(millions of yen) Amount recorded	
	Domestic operations	Overseas operations	Total	Adjustments (note 1)	on consolidated statements of income (note 2)	
Net sales						
Sales to outside customers	30,896	2,048	32,945	-	32,945	
Inter-segment sales and transfers	5	0	5	(5)	-	
Total	30,901	2,049	32,950	(5)	32,945	
Segment income	4,329	23	4,352	(990)	3,362	

Note: 1. The minus ¥990 million adjustment for segment income includes ¥11 million yen elimination of inter-segment sales and minus ¥1,002 million yen of unallocated corporate expenses. The main component of these unallocated corporate expenses is SG&A expenses that are not attributable to reportable segments.

2. Segment income adjustments are based on operating income reported on the quarterly consolidated statements of income for the corresponding period.

2. Impairment loss on fixed assets or goodwill by reportable segment Not applicable

4. Supplementary Information Weddings Held, Orders Received, and Sales volume

	Nine months ended	Nine months ended	Year ended December			
	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2013	31, 2012			
O a surra a surt	Number of weddings	Number of weddings	Number of weddings			
Segment	held (cases)	held (cases)	held (cases)			
Domestic operations	6,508	7,049	9,543			
Overseas operations	2,097	2,092	2,974			
Total	8,605	9,141	12,517			

1) Number of weddings held

2) Orders received

	Nine months ended September 30, 2012		Nine months ended		Year ended December	
			September 30, 2013		31, 2012	
	Orders	Order	Orders	Order	Orders	Order
Segment	received	backlog	received	backlog	received	backlog
	(cases)	(cases)	(cases)	(cases)	(cases)	(cases)
Domestic operations	8,166	7,120	7,535	6,682	10,277	6,196
Overseas operations	2,376	1,733	2,355	1,685	2,942	1,422
Tota <u>l</u>	10,542	8,853	9,890	8,367	13,219	7,618

3) Sales volume

	Nine months ended	Nine months ended	Year ended December	
	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2013	31, 2012	
Segment	million yen	million yen	million yen	
Domestic operations	28,378	30,896	41,633	
Overseas operations	2,022	2,048	2,861	
Total	30,400	32,945	44,494	

Notes: 1. Inter-segment transactions have been eliminated from the amounts shown above.

2. The above amounts do not include consumption tax.