

Optorun Co., Ltd. Earnings Announcement For the First Half of the Fiscal Year Ending December 2018

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Financial Highlights (Consolidated)



Big increases in sales and earnings

Higher sales of optical thin film coaters in the smartphone and LED sectors; coaters for surveillance camera lenses and IoT applications (biometric authentication, automotive components, etc.) are major sources of growth.

Negative impact of U.S.-China trade friction and low stock prices in China was small; close ties with customers are essential as their demands increase for more advanced film formation technologies and faster deliveries.

			(Million yen
	1H FY12/2017	1H FY12/2018	Growth
Net sales	8,971	21,811	+143.1%
Gross profit	4,009	8,985	+124.1%
Gross profit margin	44.7%	41.2%	—
Operating profit	1,750	5,425	+210.0%
Operating margin	19.5%	24.9%	—
Ordinary profit	1,733	5,719	+229.9%
Profit attributable to owners of parent	819	3,972	+385.0%

Orders Received and Order Backlog





Vacuum deposition equipment is 70% of orders and sputtering coaters is 30%, pointing to growth of the equipment category

Smartphones

Large volume of orders in China, Korea and other East Asian countries Strong orders for coaters for 3D and glass back covers

Camera lenses

More growth in orders for high-performance coaters from Chinese surveillance camera manufacturers

Biometric authentication

Increase in orders involving 3D (facial) authentication

Automobiles

Increase in orders involving cameras and sensor panels

Net Sales





- Higher sales for smartphone applications to manufacturers in North America as well as in China and Korea; strong demand for decorative coatings for smartphone 3D and glass backings
- Sales divided evenly between smartphones and all other categories
 - → Increase in sales involving surveillance cameras, the IoT and LEDs

Camera lenses (surveillance)

Increase in sales to surveillance camera manufacturers in China

IoT (biometric authentication)

Increase in sales for 3D (facial) authentication

IoT (automobiles)

Increase in sales involving cameras, sensors and LCD screens

LEDs

The LED lighting market is growing and potential growth of the market for micro-LEDS has increased significantly

Net Sales by Categories



The growth of applications for optical thin films

Many companies in North America, China, Korea, etc. require coaters for smartphone applications. Other market sectors are growing too, particularly surveillance camera lenses, the IoT (biometric authentication, automobiles) and LEDs. Demand for coaters is strong as a result.



Operating Profit





- 1. Sales of sputtering coaters in North America, China and Korea contributed to earnings.
- 2. Higher sales of vacuum deposition equipment also contributed to earnings growth.
- 3. Use of outsourcing to cut time used at factories for production processes raised the volume of products shipped.

Research and Development Expenses





- 1. Using resources for R&D is the highest priority due to the reliance of Optorun on R&D activities.
- 2. Reinforced the R&D infrastructure consisting of the Japan head office and operations in China and Taiwan and increased the R&D workforce.
- 3. Focusing on new smartphone functions, increasing speed of IoT sector progress (biometric authentication, automotive use), increasing performance of surveillance cameras and LEDs, and equipment that combines semiconductor and optical technologies

Balance Sheet



					(Million yen)	
	Dec. 31 2	. 31 2017 June 30 (1H FY2018)		18)		
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Change	
Current assets	52,255	92.6%	52,316	91.8%	+60	
Cash and deposits	19,893	35.3%	11,022	19.3%	(8,871)	Inventory growth and repayment of debt
Notes and accounts receivable - trade	3,380	6.0%	8,088	14.2%	+4,707	
Inventories	25,107	44.5%	30,012	52.7%	+4,904	
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(181)	(0.3)%	(392)	(0.7)%	(210)	
Other	4,055	7.2%	3,585	6.3%	(469)	
Non-current assets	4,169	7.4%	4,682	8.2%	+512	
Total assets	56,425	100.0%	56,998	100.0%	+ 573	
Current liabilities	32,038	56.7%	30,096	52.8%	(1,941)	
Notes and accounts payable - trade	7,303	12.9%	4,928	8.6%	(2,375)	
Short-term interest- bearing debt	9,193	16.3%	5,366	9.4%	(3,827)	Increase in advances along with growth
Other	15,541	27.5%	19,802	34.7%	+4,260	in orders
Non-current liabilities	1,780	3.2%	2,224	3.9%	+ 444	
Long-term interest- bearing debt	432	0.8%	331	0.6%	(101)	
Other	1,347	2.4%	1,893	3.3%	+ 545	Increase in retained earnings
Total liabilities	33,818	59.9%	32,321	56.7%	+1,497	
Total net assets	22,606	40.1%	24,677	43.3%	+2,070	
Total liabilities and net assets	56,425	100.0%	56,998	100.0%	+ 573	



(Million yen)

	1H FY2017	1H FY2018			
	Amount	Amount	Change	Major factors	
Cash flows from operating activities	(6,425)	(2,304)	+4,121	 Increase in net income Increase in advances along with growth in orders 	
Cash flows from investing activities	(2,062)	(926)	+1,136	 Cash used for investments increased 	
Cash flows from financing activities	8,626	(5,413)	(14,040)	 Repayments of short-term loans payable Dividend payments 	
Effect of exchange rate change on cash and cash equivalents	(18)	(226)	(208)		
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	119	(8,871)	(8,990)		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	5,357	19,893	+14,536		
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	5,477	11,022	+ 5,545		

I. Appendix

- Forecast for FY12/2018 (Consolidated)
- Shareholder Distributions
- FY2020 Target (Medium-term management plan 2018-2020)



	FY12/2017	FY12/2018 (Forecast)	(Million yen)
	(Actual)	(Forecast)	Change
Net sales	33,385	43,800	+31.2%
Operating profit	7,327	8,100	+10.5%
Operating margin	21.9%	18.5%	—
Ordinary profit	7,095	8,200	+15.6%
Profit attributable to owners of parent	4,815	5,700	+18.4%

- In 2018, we anticipate a continuation of demand for high-performance optical thin film coaters as new smartphones continue to add more advanced capabilities. The reduction in smartphone output early in 2018 will probably have only a small negative effect.
- In the LED sector, we expect orders for film coaters to remain strong for lighting products and LEDs used in smartphone biometric authentication systems.
- We also foresee growth in orders for automotive applications, including cameras, proximity sensors to prevent collisions, head-up displays and other products.
- Continuing progress involving the IoT will probably broaden demand for optical thin film coating used to make lenses and optical sensors.



Consistently returning earnings to shareholders

Dividend Policy

The policy is maintain sufficient funds for R&D activities, strengthening manufacturing operations, starting new businesses and other requirements and to use remaining funds as much as possible for shareholder distributions.

The goal is consistent dividend payments with a **consolidated payout ratio of about 30%**.



* There was a 1-to-1,000 share split on March 18, 2017 and a 1-to-3 share split on October 13, 2017. Earnings per share in 2015, 2016 and 2017 have been adjusted to reflect these stock splits.



Sales & Operating profit



Strategic priorities

Use strengths as a company with highly advanced technology development skills to speed up R&D for the creation of thin film formation equipment with new capabilities.

Leverage aggregate business capabilities that rank among the best in the world by building a stronger infrastructure for the unified management of activities (R&D, production, sales, administration) in Japan, Shanghai and Taiwan.



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