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Notice Regarding Differences Between the Financial Results Forecasts and Actual Results for the Six Months Ended November 30, 2024, and Revisions of the Financial Results Forecasts for the Year Ending May 31, 2025

SAKATA SEED CORPORATION announces today that there are differences between the consolidated financial results forecast for the six months ended November 30, 2024, which were announced on July 12, 2024, and the actual results for the period announced on January 14, 2025. The Company also announced revisions of the consolidated financial results forecasts for the year ending May 31, 2025, which were also announced on July 12, 2024.

1. Differences between the forecast for the consolidated financial results and the actual results for the Six Months Ended November 30, 2024 (June 1, 2024–November 30, 2024)

	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 forecasts (A)	45,000	5,200	5,000	3,500	79.82
Actual results (B)	42,325	5,672	5,650	5,123	116.84
Change (B–A)	(2,674)	472	650	1,623	
Change (%)	(5.9)	9.1	13.0	46.4	
Reference: Results for the previous fiscal year (six months ended November 30, 2023)	40,872	5,292	5,698	3,226	72.75

(Reasons for the differences)

In the current interim consolidated accounting period (1 June–30 November 2024), sales increased year-on-year due to strong sales of vegetable seeds in Europe and the Middle East, South America and Japan. On the other hand, sales in North and Central America and Asia were lower than expected, and the exchange rate was higher than expected, total sales fell 5.9% short of the forecast. Despite an increase in selling, general and administrative expenses, operating profit and ordinary profit exceeded forecasts by 9.1% and 13.0% respectively, due to a better-than-expected gross profit margin. Furthermore, profit attributable to owners of parent exceeded the forecast by 46.4%, mainly due to a smaller-than-expected amount of flood damage to a consolidated subsidiary in Brazil and gain on the sale of fixed assets in the USA.

2. Revisions of the Consolidated Financial Results Forecasts for the Year Ending May 31, 2025 (June 1, 2024–May 31, 2025)

	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)	93,500	11,000	11,000	8,000	182.44
Revised forecast(B)	93,500	11,000	11,000	9,000	205.25
Change (B–A)	0	0	0	1,000	
Change (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5	
Reference: Results for the previous fiscal year (year ended May 31, 2024)	88,677	10,495	11,124	16,162	365.22

(Reasons for the revisions)

Based on the results of the current interim accounting period and future sales forecasts, the full-year forecasts for net sales, operating profit, and ordinary profit are unchanged, and the forecast for profit attributable to owners of parent is revised upward.

Regarding exchange rates used for forecasting, the assumed exchange rates for USD and EUR were left unchanged at JPY 150/USD and JPY 160/EUR. The Brazilian real and Asian currencies were changed to late-December levels.

Note: The forecast figures for earnings and other matters in this document are based on information currently available to the Company and certain assumptions deemed reasonable. Actual results may differ materially from the forecasts due to various factors.