

# Additional Earnings Briefing Materials for 2Q of the Fiscal Year Ending December 2024

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**Earth Corporation** 

## **Agenda**



- Financial Result Highlights of 2Q FY 12/2024
- Progress in MTBP / Initiatives in 2H
- FY 12/2024 Results Forecast



# Earth Corporation Act For Life Financial Result Highlights of 2Q FY 12/2024

## **Financial Result Highlights**



(Unit: 0.1 billion JPY)

- Increase in sales and income.
- Sales overperformance vs. the forecast coupled with ① COGS ratio and ② SG&A overperformance allowed the Earth Corporation to reach its income targets.
- Delays in the use of sales promotion expenses, leftover disposal-related costs, and the carryover of fixed SG&A expenses. We expect to incur these costs in 2H.

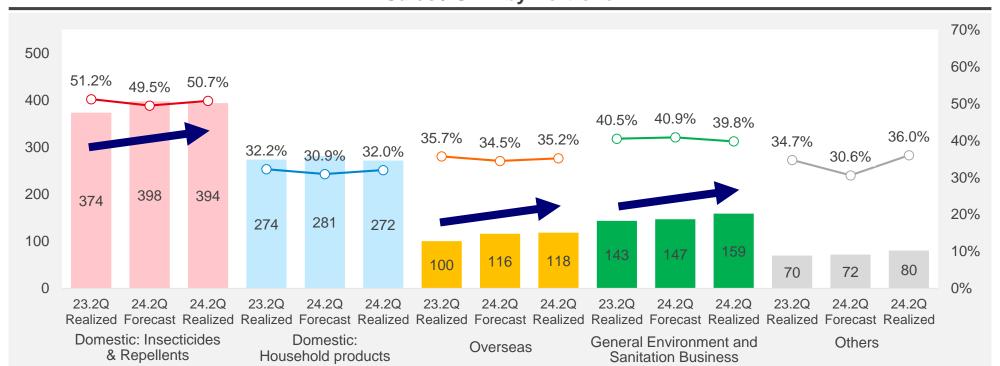
	23.2Q Realized		24.2Q Forecast		24.2Q Realized		Comparison			
	Amount	% Sales	Amount	% Sales	Amount	% Sales	YoY	YoY (%)	vs. Forecast	vs. Forecast (%)
Sales	903.2	100.0%	947.0	100.0%	970.9	100.0%	67.6	107.5%	23.9	102.5%
cogs	513.4	56.8%	546.4	57.7%	556.9	57.4%	43.4	108.5%	10.5	101.9%
Gross Profit	389.8	43.2%	400.5	42.3%	413.9	42.6%	24.1	106.2%	13.4	103.4%
SG&A	290.6	32.2%	321.5	34.0%	306.4	31.6%	15.8	105.4%	- 15.1	95.3%
Operating Income	99.2	11.0%	79.0	8.3%	107.5	11.1%	8.3	108.4%	28.5	136.2%
Ordinary Income	104.2	11.5%	82.0	8.7%	113.3	11.7%	9.1	108.8%	31.3	138.3%
Net Income attributable to owners of parent	70.4	7.8%	54.5	5.8%	76.4	7.9%	6.0	108.6%	21.9	140.3%

# Management Accounting Basis: Sales / GPM (2023 vs. 2024)



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- Domestic Insecticides & Repellents: Sales mostly in line w/ the forecast while profit margin exceeded expectations.
- Domestic Household products: Sales of bath salts & oral hygiene products didn't meet the forecast.
- Overseas: Strong results in ASEAN and China.
- General Environment and Sanitation Business: Strong results thanks to growth in contract numbers/amount.
   Sales / GPM by Portfolio



## Operating Income Change Factors (Vs. Forecast)

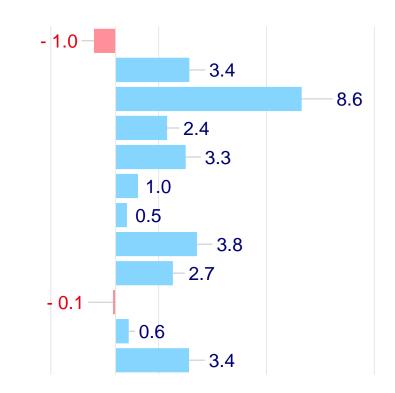


- As of 2Q, we have been able to offset the negative impact of soaring raw material prices through the execution of price revisions.
- We met our sales target, leading to an increase in gross profit. SG&A was also lower than expected and some of these expenses carried over due to the cutoff timing, leading to significant profit growth.
  (Unit: 0.1 billion JPY)

#### **Decrease factors (-1.1)**

**Increase factors (+29.7)** 

Soaring raw material prices
Cost pass-throughs
Sales vs. forecast (Excl. price revisions)
Model mix; Others
Personnel expenses
Distribution expenses
Sales promotion expenses
Advertising expenses
R&D expenses
Depreciation expenses
Expenses from sales activities
Other expenses



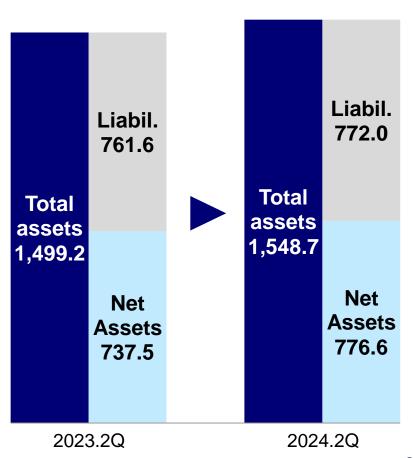
### **Consolidated: Balance Sheet**



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- 1 Inventories (-4.3 B JPY): Benefits from inventory optimization starting in 2H LFY.
- ② Borrowings (-3.7 B JPY): Inventory optimization led to lower cash requirements.

	2023.2Q	2024.2Q	Change
Total assets	1,499.2	1,548.7	+49.4
Cash & deposits	187.2	236.0	+48.7
Trade receivables	381.1	394.0	+12.8
Inventories	336.4	293.4	- 43.0(
Property, plant, & equipment	311.4	314.5	+3.0
Intangible assets	80.5	87.7	+7.1
Investment & other assets	176.0	195.1	+19.0
Liabilities	761.6	772.0	+10.3
Trade payables	383.0	413.4	+30.3
Borrowings	107.2	70.0	- 37.2 (
Net assets	737.5	776.6	+39.0
Equity ratio	45.7%	46.6%	+0.9pt



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# **Progress in MTBP / Initiatives in 2H**

# Earth Group's Medium-to-long-term Concept

SLOGAN

#### Our Group Working Together Toward a Bright Tomorrow for EARTH



2021

2022

2023

2024

2025

2026

2027

2028

COMPASS 2023

COMPASS 2026

**Next MTBP** 

Transform the earnings structure & build a framework

Expand Profit Foundation in Asia

Generate Cost Synergies

ESG / Open Innovation Reform Corporate Compass &

Infrastructure

Grow market share

Cultivate markets

**Drive sales: Overseas** 

Review businesses

**Drive revenue: Domestic** 

Shift the business portfolio

Optimize resource allocation

Enhance global expansion

Nurture a second revenue pillar after Insecticides & Repellents

**Build a foundation: Group** 

Enhance oversight of Overseas/Group companies

**Enhance M&A capabilities** 

Enhance investment profitability

Maximize Group sales & profits

Build a foundation for diverse business development

Group restructuring & enhanced profit structure

Operating Income Margin

# **Progress in Earnings Structure Transformation**



- Steady progress in the execution of reform initiatives to the earnings structure.
- While some efforts are already starting to bear fruit, we expect the bulk of the benefits to materialize in FY 12/2025 and beyond.

#### **Initiatives**

- Active investment in bath salts& oral hygiene products.
- Optimize marketing costs.

 Concentrate on core brands & SKUs.

 Enhance manufacturing/sales integration.
 (Supply chain structural transformation)

#### **Progress & Future initiatives**

- In light of a challenging 1H, Earth is now working on a recovery in 2H.
- Allocate a larger share of marketing resources to household products and execute initiatives to enhance our brand/sales.
- Good progress in reduction of SKU numbers.
- Further room to concentrate on core brands.
- CF improvements from inventory optimization carried out in 2H 2023.
- We expect further cash efficiency improvements from more granular supply/demand adjustments.

### Offensive & Defensive Structural Transformation

### EARTH Act For Life

#### ~Future Initiatives~

- Two-pronged structural transformation combining Offense = future growth and Defense = improve operational efficiency.
- Discussions toward Group restructuring are proceeding as planned. We expect to share further details in 3Q.

#### **Offensive Structural Transformation**

- Comprehensive overhaul of pricing policy (price reflecting value) toward further profit expansion.
- Review supply/demand & sales policies for Insecticides & Repellents/Household products to reduce product returns/disposal.
- Reorganize our business portfolio to focus on domestic & overseas operations, General Environment and Sanitation, and MA-T.
- Active financial strategy and use of M&A.

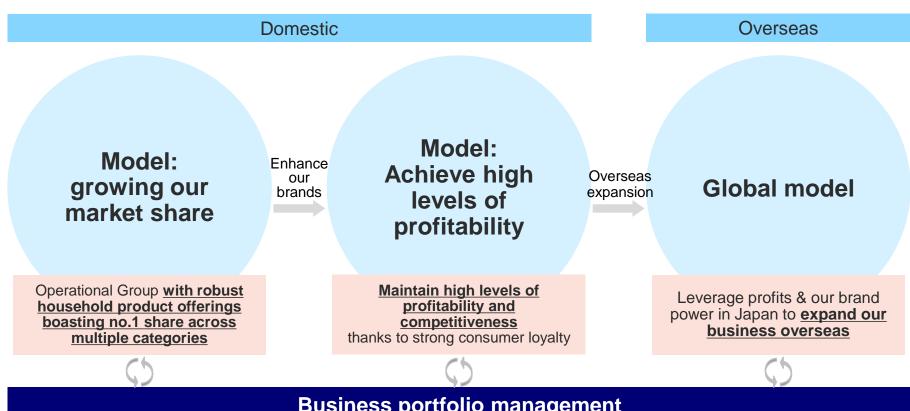
#### **Defensive Structural Transformation**

- Project teams to oversee reorganization:
  - → Discussions toward Group restructuring are ongoing.
- Reduce low-profitability assets/brands.
- **■** Enhance global governance:
  - Create Global Production Strategy Division.
  - Enhance the management/oversight structure overseas.
- Promote use of M&A & enhance oversight of investment profitability.
- Reduce inventories to improve cash flow.

### Goal of Structural Transformation



The Earth Group will work to expand its market share, enhance our brands to achieve profitability improvements, and accelerate growth through overseas expansion – with the goal of further enhancing our value and competitiveness.



**Business portfolio management** 

(Manage/oversee investment and approaches optimized for each category and each business phase)

## **Portfolio Targets**



- Our current portfolio is overly dependent on insecticides & repellents in Japan.
- Going forward, we seek to grow revenue/profits through a portfolio grounded on the 4 pillars of: domestic and overseas operations, the General Environment and Sanitation business, and MA-T-related.

#### **Domestic**



Achieve No.1 market share in:

- · Insecticides & repellents
- Bath salts
- · Repellents for clothing



Secure profits by growing our market presence in:

- Mouthwashes
- Air fresheners
- Non-surgical face masks



**Growth categories:** 

- Gardening products
- Pet supplies

#### **Overseas**



Achieve No.2 position in the global market for insecticides & repellents.



Expansion strategy focused on 24 countries (including regional subsidiaries and exports).



Nurture global brands in:

- Insecticides & repellents
- · Oral hygiene
- Air fresheners

### General Environment and Sanitation



Put in place a 3pronged framework consisting of R&D capabilities, training, and expertise.



Further improve our Environment Doctor service, offering quality assurance support to our clients.



Offer services in new domains and shift to a business foundation capable of supporting sustained growth.

#### MA-T



Secure stable profits/revenue through MA-T-based solutions.



Build a business model through license PF.



Real-world implementation of MA-T® technology to provide solutions to social problems.

# Initiatives in 2H | Bringing a New Product to Market (Insecticides & Repellents)



- Speedy release of new product to combat the ongoing "super" bed bug epidemic.
- Earth will be releasing a new product this fall to capture rising demand for insecticides & repellents in the fall/winter season. We will work to reduce seasonal sales variance by offering products covering different seasons and securing sales space throughout the year.



- Single application once a year offers full protection (Longest lasting of Earth's product lineup)
- Much more effective than traditional insecticide products against insecticideresistant cockroaches and super bed bugs!
- Just spray it into spaces and crevices!

Quasi-pharmaceutical product for prevention or extermination

# Initiatives in 2H | Recovery in the Household Product Category



- Raise the sales & profit baseline by releasing new & thematic products outside the scope of the planned release schedule for FY 12/2024.
- Dedicate more marketing resources to this category, including through the execution of new communication initiatives.

**Bath salts** 

**Oral Hygiene Products (Mouthwashes)** 

















# Initiatives in 2H | Additional Cost Pass-Throughs



- Price revisions to our product lineup of Sukki-ri! brand air fresheners (total of 53 SKUs), with the objective of improving profitability.
- Enhance sales efforts through, for example, the use of TV commercials to underscore these products' value proposition, making for a smoother transition to the new price regime.

**Examples of target SKUs** 







Sukki-ri! toilet air fresheners

Sukki-ri! room air fresheners

Sukki-ri air! toilet sprays



## FY 12/2024 Results Forecast

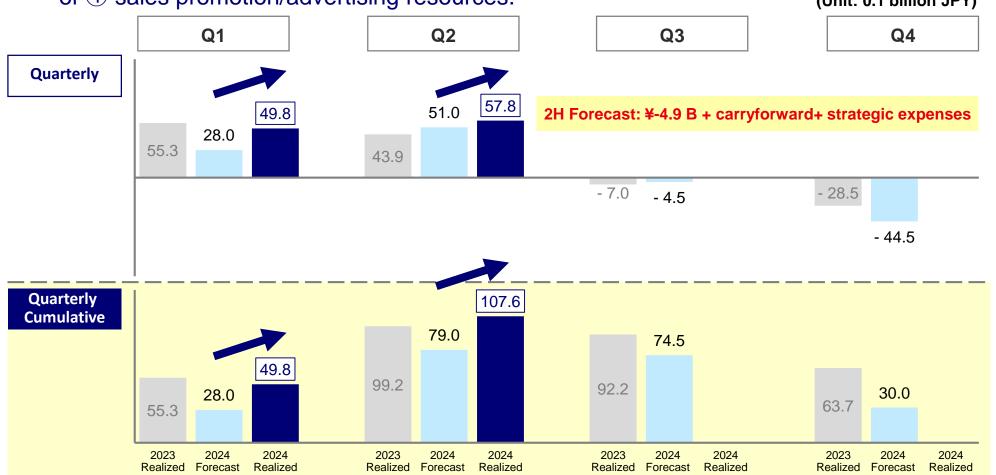
## Progress Vs. OI Target (Quarterly/Cumulative)



■ We do expect an overperformance for 2H, as well, but we face challenges from:

① weather-related risk factors, ② higher COGS than expected, ③ recording of expenses not used in 1H. Additionally, we will also consider the strategic deployment of ④ sales promotion/advertising resources.

(Unit: 0.1 billion JPY)



### **2024 Results Forecast**



While we are hopeful for a year-end results overperformance, the forecast targets disclosed 02/13/2024 remain unchanged.

Earth Corp. is evaluating various factors/risk scenarios and will aim for transparent (Unit: 0.1 billion JPY)

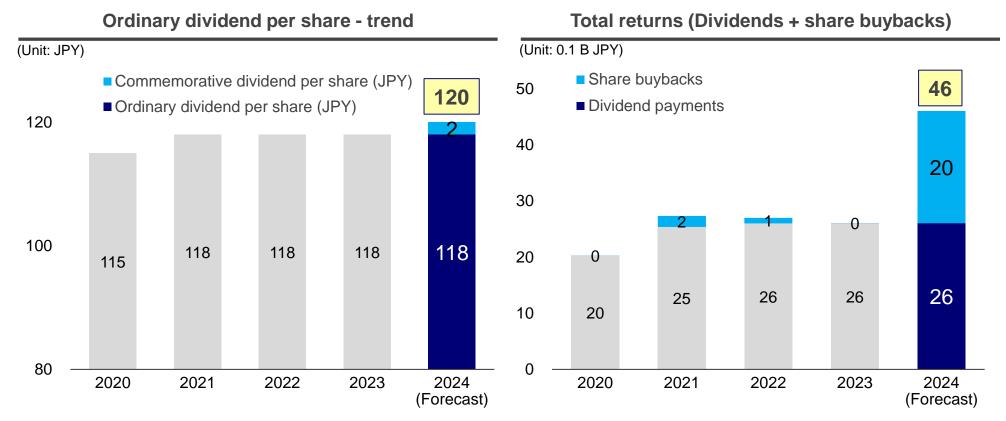
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	2024 Forecast	Topics	2023 Realized
Sales	1,650	<ul> <li>We forecast sales growth in all 5 classifications within management accounting.</li> <li>Plans to execute price revisions in Insecticides &amp; Repellents in Japan this fiscal year, as well.</li> </ul>	1,583
Gross Profit	658.3	<ul> <li>Expected COGS impact from soaring raw material prices of 1.1 B yen</li> <li>Profitability impact for Domestic Insecticides &amp; Repellents and Household products.</li> </ul>	636.2
SG&A	628.3	<ul> <li>This FY we expect 1.5 B yen in expenses related to structural transformation.</li> <li>We expect +1.6 B yen in human resources investment and +1.1 B yen in brand incubation investment.</li> </ul>	572.5
Operating Income	30.0	Temporary decrease in OI due to structural transformation.	63.7
Net Income attributable to owners of parent	17.9	<ul> <li>Non-operating income &amp; expenses expected to be in line with LFY.</li> <li>We don't expect any major extraordinary income/loss items.</li> </ul>	41.0
ROE	2.7%	Due to a temporary decrease in profitability.	6.3%

### **Shareholder Returns**



- Shareholder Returns Policy: Stable dividend distribution with a DOE target of around 4%. Consider an agile approach to dividend raises and share buybacks.
- 2024 dividend target: 120 JPY/share (incl. a 2 JPY/share commemorative dividend).
- Completed share buyback: 2.0 B JPY; 417,000 shares; 1.9% of shares outstanding.





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