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Notice of Differences between Consolidated Financial Forecasts and Results and Revision of Dividends Forecast

SQUARE ENIX HOLDINGS CO., LTD. (the "Company") announces that its consolidated financial results for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018, which were announced today, differ from the consolidated financial forecasts for the relevant fiscal year, which were announced on May 11, 2017.

The Company also announces that it has revised the year-end dividends forecast for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018 as shown below.

1. Differences between Consolidated Financial Forecasts and Results of the Year Ended March 31, 2018 (April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018)

		(April 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018)				
		Net sales	Operating Income	Ordinary Income	Profit attributable to owners of parent	Earnings per share
		Millions of yen				Yen
Previous forecasts	(A)	240,000 ~260,000	25,000 ~30,000	25,000 ~30,000	16,500 ~19,500	135.20 ~159.78
Actual results	(B)	250,394	38,176	36,124	25,821	215.33
Change	(B-A)	(9,606) ~10,394	8,176 ~13,176	6,124 ~11,124	6,321 ~9,321	
Rate of change	(%)	(3.7) ~4.3	27.3 ~52.7	20.4 ~44.5	32.4 ~56.5	
[Reference] Results for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017		256,824	31,295	31,128	20,039	164.20

2. Reasons for the Differences

The Square Enix group's actual financial results of operating income, ordinary income and profit attributable to owners of parent exceeded the previous forecasts respectively, due to following reasons.

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018, high-margin download sales of previously released catalogue titles performed strongly in the area of console games. Moreover, revenues from operation and expansion disc sales of massively multiplayer online role playing games such as "FINAL FANTASY XIV" and "DRAGON QUEST X" are sustaining their strong performances.

3. Revision of Dividends Forecasts Per Share for the FY ended March 31, 2018

	Interim	Year-end	Annual
Previous Forecasts	¥ 10.00	¥ 30.00 ~ 38.00	¥ 40.00 ~ 48.00
Revised Forecasts	¥ 10.00	¥ 55.00	¥ 65.00
Dividends for the FY ended March 31, 2017	¥ 10.00	¥ 40.00	¥ 50.00

4. Reasons for the Revision of Year-end Dividends Forecast

The Square Enix group (the "Group") recognizes the return of profits to shareholders as one of its most important management tasks. The Group attaches continued importance to the shareholder returns, primarily by means of cash dividends, in an optimal balance between the performance-based payout and the stable returns. The amount of dividends is determined by setting a consolidated payout ratio target of approximately 30%, paying attention to stable payment of dividends.

Based on the results of the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018, the Company has revised the year-end dividends forecast for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018 from the previously announced amount to 55 yen per share (together with the interim dividends of 10 yen per share paid in the last December, the amount of annual dividends will be 65 yen per share). The Company's Board of Directors' Meeting to be held on May 17, 2018 will pass a resolution to pay the year-end dividends accordingly.

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