# Second Quarter, Fiscal Year Ending March 2018

# **Financial Results**



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# Vision

# Become the leading internet firm in Japan

Mission

Create new value through continued challenges and contribute to society

## **Our Business**

Aim to nurture businesses by investing intensively in Ad Technology Segment and High Growth Businesses within Content Segment Continue to invest in Investment Segment and utilize cash effectively



- \*1 "Advertising Segment" has been renamed "Ad Technology Segment" from FY2017.
- \*2 "Smartphone Content Business" has been renamed "High Growth Businesses," which includes KiRAMEX CORPORATION from FY2017.
- \*3 "Other Content Business" has been renamed "Stable Growth Businesses," which excludes KiRAMEX CORPORATION from FY2017.

Bypass	Ad Technology Segment Video ad distribution platform	ssp			
High Growth Businesses	Content Segment				
Crash Fever" "CocoPPa Play" Games	Smarpr!se Smarprise, Inc. Fogg, inc.	KIRAMEX ALAN•PRODUCTS, Inc. *			
Stable Growth Businesses		CORPORATION (Formerly Goroo, Inc.)			
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	Investment Segment				
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% Goroo, Inc. has been renamed ALAN•PRODUCTS, Inc. from October 2, 2017.

# 1. Financial Highlight





Consolidated Sales: Increased by 7% despite the impact of discontinued Agency Business in FY2016 Consolidated Operating Income: Up 1,612% YoY mainly led by Content Segment and Investment Segment

Overall	Consolidated	Sales: ¥6,899 million (YoY up 7%) Operating Income: ¥950 million (YoY up 1,612%) Net Income: ¥566 million (loss to profit)
	Ad Technology Segment	Sales: ¥3,811 million (YoY 0%) Operating Income: ¥389 million (YoY down 12%) • Sales and operating income from continuing businesses grew by 32% and 1% YoY respectively (excluding discontinued Agency Business)
Segments	Content Segment	Sales: ¥2,821 million (YoY up 12%) Operating Income: ¥649 million (loss to profit)
	Investment Segment	Sales: ¥285 million (YoY up 24%) Operating Income: ¥250 million (YoY up 55%)

## Comparison with H1 FY2016: H1 FY2017 Sales and Operating Income by Segment

Ad Technology Segment: Sales excl. discontinued business (Agency Business) continued to grow

Content Segment: Has moved to the profit generating period and turned from loss to profit



# Consolidated P/L Statement H1 FY2017 (Three Months Ended September 30, 2017)

Sales: Up 7% YoY despite the impact of withdrawal from Agency Business in FY2016 Gross Profit: Up 99% YoY as large-scale ads\* for Content Segment were conducted in H1 FY2016 SG&A Expenses: Increased by 26% YoY due to increase in HR expenses and share-based compensation expenses, and amortization of goodwill of ALAN•PRODUCTS, Inc. (formerlyGoroo, Inc.) Operating Income: Increased by 1,612% as game business in Content Segment moved to profit generating phase and group companies grew

• Approx. ¥1,083 million advertising investment conducted for former Smartphone Content Business, mainly "Crash Fever" (million yen)

	FY2017	FY2016	YoY
	H1	H1	%
Sales	6,899	6,476	+7%
Ad Technology Segment	3,811	3,815	0%
Content Segment	2,821	2,520	+12%
Investment Segment	285	229	+24%
Adjustments	△19	△89	-
Gross Profit	2,401	1,206	+99%
Ad Technology Segment	729	761	<b>∆ 4%</b>
Content Segment	1,404	254	+452%
Investment Segment	268	190	+41%
Adjustments	△0	riangle <b>0</b>	-
SG&A expenses	1,451	1,150	+26%
Operating Income	950	55	+1,612%
Ad Technology Segment	389	442	<b>△ 12%</b>
Content Segment	649	△253	-
Investment Segment	250	161	+55%
Headquarter Expense	∆339	∆ <b>29</b> 4	-
Ordinary Income	944	104	+807%
Net Income attributable to owners of parents	566	△60	-
Extraordinary profit and loss	∆4	△68	-
Taxes etc.	∆374	∆95	-

Interim dividends will be paid based on our dividend policy "targeting consolidated dividend payout ratio of approx. 20%"

Outline of Interim Dividend				
FY2017FY2016FY201InterimTerm-endInterimDividendDividendDividend				
Record Date	September 30, 2017	March 31, 2017		
Dividend per Share	¥ 5.00	¥8.00	Not yet determined	
Total Dividends	¥114million	¥ 183million	—	
Net Earnings per Share	¥24.62	¥40.16	riangle ¥ 2.63	

# 2. Business Review Q2 FY2017





# **1** Ad Technology Segment



# H1 FY2017 Sales (excluding discontinued business) up 32% YoY

- H1 sales including discontinued business were flat YoY
- Q2 sales increased by 1% QoQ, resulting from growing video ads and proactively tackling ad fraud\*

\*Ad fraud: Fraudulent advertising involved in invalid impressions and clicks generated by bots (automated computer programs)



Note 1: "Advertising Segment" has been renamed "Ad Technology Segment" from FY2017 due to withdrawal from Agency Business inFY2016. Note 2: In the quarterly sales trend graph, quarterly sales figures up to FY2016 were based on sales of the former "Ad-Tech Business" (our own ad platform and external DSP portion in Agency Business) in Q1 FY2017 result presentation. However, those figures are based on sales of "Ad Technology Segment" (our own ad platform only) in this presentation. Such a change is made in order to make sales trend for continuing businesses clear.

Up-front investment in Q2 mainly for expanding video ad inventories for "VidSpot," a video ad distribution platform Plan to enhance investment in H2 FY2017 onward and expect sales growth



Gross Margin Trend in Ad Technology Segment

Note: In the graph, gross margin figures up to FY2016 were based on gross margin of the former "Ad-Tech Business" (our own ad platform and external DSP portion in Agency Business) in Q1 FY2017 result presentation. However, those figures are based on gross margin of "Ad Technology Segment" (our own ad platform only) in this presentation. Such a change is made in order to make gross margin trend for continuing businesses clear.

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"VidSpot" is a video ad distribution platform for mobiles Aim to optimize advertising effectiveness for advertisers as well as to maximize revenue and profit for media

### Features of "VidSpot"

### 1. Ad Optimization Technology

• High matching accuracy between ads and ad spaces, led by ad optimization technology accumulated by "Bypass," a DSP

### 2. Abundant Video Ad Inventories

• Secure diversified video ad inventories, leveraging connected partners of "Bypass," a DSP and "adstir," an SSP

• With our knowledge of video ads, acquire video ad spaces of premium media such as "LINE LIVE"

#### **Video Ad Distribution Flow**



Concluded the partnership agreement regarding sales and operation of video ad spaces in "LINE LIVE" provided by LINE Corporation

By promoting further acquisition of high quality video ad spaces, will expand business going forward





Overall Business Strategy: Enhance existing products and develop new products aiming to become No1 domestic ad tech player



Note: "Demand-Side" is a service for advertisers and advertising agencies to place ads. "Supply-Side" is a service for publishers to maximize their revenue and profit.

# Ad Technology Segment: Medium-term Business Strategy

Accelerated business growth triggered by the up-front investment in H2 FY2016 Going forward, up-front investment for focused products will be conducted in appropriate timing, aiming for business expansion Simultaneously, develop new products







Up to FY 2016: Content business, focusing particularly on smartphone apps, expanded by setting "Smartphone Content Business" as core business FY2017 onward: Investing aggressively in a broad range of high growth potential businesses under our "High Growth Businesses"



- \*1 Details of "High Growth Businesses" and "Stable Growth Businesses" are shown on page 5.
- \*2 Major services of "Games" and "Non-game contents" are shown on page 18.
- \*3 KIRAMEX CORPORATION, formerly in "Other Content Business," is reclassified in "Non-game contents" within "High Growth Businesses."

# High Growth Businesses in Content Segment: Sales Trend

## H1: YoY up 15%

- YoY: Increase in sales triggered by growth in "CocoPPa Play" and KiRAMEX CORPORATION as well as the acquisition of ALAN•PRODUCTS, Inc. as a subsidiary
- QoQ: Despite downward sales trend, "Crash Fever" contributed to profit as it moved to the profit generating period



Note: "Smartphone Content Business" and "Other Content Business" have been renamed "High Growth Businesses" and "Stable Growth Businesses" respectively since FY2017. KIRAMEX CORPORATION, formerly in "Stable Growth Businesses," is reclassified in "High Growth Businesses."

Games	Native Social Game Apps	Crash Fever	"Smash! Pop☆RPG" game app Joint business with Wonderplanet, Inc., one of our investment portfolio companies
		CocoPPa Play	Dressing-up avatar app operated solely by United since March 2016
Games		<b>?</b> New game title	Planned release Spring 2018
		<b>?</b> New game title	Planned release H2 FY2018
	In-app Purchase Platform	SMART SMART GAME GAME (Smarprise, Inc.)	Platform service related to in-app purchases in iOS apps, which gives users points equivalent to a proportion of in-app purchases
	Idol Cheering Apps	CHE ERZ (Fogg, Inc. )	App for cheering female idols Also offer app for cheering male idols, "CHEERZ for JUNON" Start to provide to NTT docomo's "Sugotoku-Contents"
Non- Game Content	EdTech	TechAcademy (KiRAMEX CORPORATION)	Offer online learning for programming, design etc.
	vertical media	ALAN•PRODUCTS, Inc. (Formerly Goroo, Inc.)	Offer vertical media businesses
	Other	Apps for mobile carriers	Provide in-house developed apps to NTT docomo's "Sugotoku-Contents" and au's "Smart Pass"

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Has moved into the profit generating period since Q3 FY2016 after conducting large-scale ad campaigns for "Crash Fever" in Q1 and Q2 FY2016 In Q2 FY2017 onward, continue to invest in games and non-game contents for future growth, while striving to generate profit



# **③** Investment Segment



The amount of operational investment securities as of the end of Q1 FY2017: ¥2,996 million In Q2 FY2017, capital gains and fund management gains were recorded Continue new investments in seed and early stage ventures and expect sales and profit contribution from the investment portfolio







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Set up a new subsidiary in order to commence preparation for entering virtual currency trading related business Utilize "U-START," our unique start-up support system

% "U-START": Our start-up support system for employees with high entrepreneur spirit who had outstanding performance record

Company Outline		
Name	COINAGE, Inc.	
Company Representative	CEO Ryohei Yamazaki	
Paid-in Capital	¥10 million	
Shareholders	United 67%, Ryohei Yamazaki 33%	

## "U-START," our start-up support system









Plan for increase in sales but decrease in operating income in Ad Technology Segment, and both sales and operating income growth in Content Segment Plan to increase consolidated sales and operating income (Note: This outlook is revised from the one as at May 9, 2017)





% As we consider it difficult to produce a rational forecast for Investment Segment at this point, FY2017 consolidated forecast will be disclosed once we are able to rationally make a forecast.

	Q2 FY2017	Q3 FY2017 Onward	
Consolidated	Increase in sales and operating income YoY (YoY change, %) Sales ¥ 6,899 million (up 7%) Operating Income ¥ 950 million (up 1,612%) Net Income ¥ 566 million (loss to profit)	• Aim to increase consolidated sales and operating income for FY2017, and simultaneously strengthen nurturing of new businesses for mid- to long-term growth	
Ad Technology Segment	<ul> <li>Continuously grew sales and operating income based on continuing businesses (excluding discontinued Agency Business)</li> <li>Started up-front investment for video ads and enhanced allocation of staff</li> <li>Proactively tackling ad fraud problem</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Further enhancing up-front investment for video ad field, especially "VidSpot"</li> <li>Proactively tackling ad fraud problem</li> </ul>	
Content Segment	<ul> <li>Games moved to the profit generating period and the segment turned from loss to profit</li> <li>Non-game content sales grew</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Games continue to generate profit and invest in new game development</li> <li>As for non-game contents, keep working on nurturing new businesses</li> </ul>	

# 4. Reference Material





Q2: Consolidated sales grew by 7% YoY (up 24% for continuing businesses, excluding discontinued business) and operating income grew by 1,612% YoY



(\*) Gain on sales of shares related to IPO of our investing companies etc. affected Investment Segment sales and operating income by ¥1,274 million and ¥1,231 million respectively.

## Consolidated P/L Statement Q2 FY2017 (Three Months Ended September 30, 2017)

Sales: Up 9% YoY despite the impact of withdrawal from Agency Business in FY2016 Gross Profit: Up 89% YoY as large-scale ads\* for Content Segment were conducted in Q2 FY2016 SG&A Expenses: Increased by 22% YoY due to increase in HR expenses and share-based compensation expenses, and amortization of goodwill of ALAN•PRODUCTS, Inc. (formerly Goroo, Inc.) Operating Income: Turned from loss to profit in consolidated operating income as Content Segment turned into black

\* Approx. ¥530 million advertising investment conducted for former Smartphone Content

Business, mainly "Crash Fever" FY2017 FY2016 YoY FY2017 QoQ % Q2 Q2 Q1 % Sales 3,644 3,340 +9% 3,254 +12% Ad Technology Segment 1,940 1,902 +2% 1,870 +4% **Content Segment** 1,474 1,425 +3% 1,346 +9% **Investment Segment** 241 46 +414% 44 +444% Adjustments △12 ∆34  $\triangle 6$ **Gross Profit** 1,351 714 +89% 1,050 +29% Ad Technology Segment 368 413 △11% 361 +2% **Content Segment** 755 257 +193% 648 +17% **Investment Segment** 228 42 +433% 40 +467% **Adjustments**  $\triangle 0$  $\triangle \mathbf{0}$ 0 SG&A expenses 722 592 +22% 728  $\triangle$  1% **Operating Income** 628 121 +418% 321 +96% Ad Technology Segment 204 245  $\triangle$  17% 185 +10% **Content Segment** 375 +7,302% 274 +37% 5 **Investment Segment** 219 28 +669% 30 +616% **Headquarter Expense** △170 △157  $\triangle$ 168 Ordinary Income 623 182 +242% 320 +94% Net Income attributable to owners 373 11 +3,102% 192 +94% of parents **Extraordinary profit and loss** △0 △61 ∆4 Taxes etc. △249  $\triangle$ 109 △124

- Current Assets
   Up ¥701 million mainly due to increase in cash and deposits (up ¥851 million)
- Current Liabilities
   Up ¥ 50 million led by increase in other current liabilities (up ¥ 188 million), decrease in accounts payable (down ¥133 million) etc.

			(Unit: million yen)
	End of Q2 FY2017 (Sep. 30, 2017)	End of Q4 FY2016 (Mar. 31, 2017)	Difference
<b>Current Assets</b>	10,790	10,089	+701
(Cash & Deposits)	(5,813)	(4,962)	(+851)
Non Current Assets	1,914	2,027	△112
Current Liabilities	2,601	2,551	+50
Non Current Liabilities	10	13	△2
Net Assets	10,092	9,551	+540

# Number of Consolidated Employees and Directors

Number of consolidated employees (incl. temporary employees) and directors increased by 69 YoY (+22%)

Increase led by new employees and a newly acquired subsidiary, ALAN•PRODUCTS, Inc.



## Our Ad Tech Business with unique features is continuously growing

# Feature 1: Specializing in the smartphone segment, a growing market

< Estimate/forecast of programmatic market size by device (unit: 100 million yen) >



(Source: Joint survey by VOYAGE GROUP/Seed Planning in August 2015)

#### **Advantages**

#### DSP [Bypass]

- Accumulation of knowhow on bidding & CPA optimization logic in smartphone DSP
- $\cdot$  Quick adjustment to new distribution technique in smartphone  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{DSP}}$

#### SSP [adstir]

- The largest-scale inventory of smartphone ads in Japan acquired from the early stage of the start of the services ahead of other companies
- Quick adjustment to advertising format unique to smartphone

#### Feature 2: Open platform strategy

We have DSP and SSP within the company and have direct contact with both advertisers and publishers.

#### **Advantages**

- Functions can be developed/improved from multiple viewpoints including opinions of advertisers and media
- Trials and effect validation of new functions can be quickly completed internally

#### Feature 3: Open platform strategy

Connection with external SSP & DSP has been proactively promoted for our DSP & SSP since the service launch in April 2012.

#### **Advantages**

- DSP & SSP grew as products by winning in fierce market competition
- Both market expansion and competitor increase can be used advantageously
- $\rightarrow$  Example: New competitor entry in DSP segment leads to the scale expansion of SSP

The scale of the video ad market has been expanding and is forecasted to reach ¥230 billion in 2020, approx. 80% of which will be video ads for smartphones



#### [The Scale of Japanese Video Ad Market (by device) 2015-2022]

# Flow of RTB Advertisement Transaction until Closing [(1) to (4) below take place within 0.05 second]

- (1) Impression occurs
- (2) Through SSP, device (browser) information such as frame size and user ID is sent to DSP as a bid request
- (3) Based on information of the bid request, an auction takes place at a preset price within DSP, selecting the advertiser with the highest bidding price
- (4) The advertiser with the highest bidding price among DSPs wins the bidding and their ad is displayed



Able to efficiently place ads for each impression only to users they wish to display ads

Able to offer ad space for bidding to multiple advertisers and maximize profits