## AQ INTERACTIVE Inc.

## Business Results for the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year Ending March 2011



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## Company Profile (As of December 31, 2010)

Company- Address
: AQ INTERACTIVE Inc.: Hitachi Solutions Tower B, 4-12-6 Higashi-Shinagawa, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo 140-0002 Japan
$\square$ Founded : March 1, 2000
ㅁ Capital Stock
: $¥ 3.2$ Billion
$\square \quad$ President \& CEO
: Shuichi MotodaFiscal Year Month : March
$\square$ No. of Shares Issued : 54,495 Shares
$\square$ Number of Employees : 329 (Consolidated)
$\square$ Business Description : Planning, developing and marketing/sales of game software
$\square$ URL : http://www.aqi.co.jp
ㅁ 6 Consolidated Subsidiaries: ARTOON Co.,Ltd., cavia inc., feelplus Inc., XSEED JKS, INC., MICRO CABIN INC.,* LINKTHINK INC.
*As of the fourth quarter, MICROCABIN CORP. is no longer a consolidated subsidiary due to a stock transfer made in January $14,2011$.


## Corporate History



## Group Business Description

## <Sales Breakdown>

| Consumer Game |
| :--- |
| Division / |
| Proprietary Sales |
| Consumer Game |
| Division / Commissioned |
| Projects Sales |

Network Content Division

Arcade Game Division / Proprietary Sales

Arcade Game Division / Commissioned Projects Sales

FY3/10 Actual


- Armed with the brand strength of our technological expertise in consumer game development, we have marketed entertainment content across a broad range of outlets.
- By concentrating our business resources in developing network content, which we view as the next area of growth, we aim to emerge as a top player in that area.


## Business Results for Q3 FY3/11

## Global Trend of Home Game Software Market

While the software market for home computer games has been contracting, we expect NINTENDO 3DS, which was released on February 26, and NGP, or next-generation PSP, which should be unveiled at the year-end, will generate greater demand.

Global Shipment Value of Home Game Software


Source: CESA Game White Book

## Trends in Online Game Market

Global: Online game market is growing, led by demand in Asia
 Source: Game White Paper 2010, Ministry of Culture, Korea

Domestic: Growth is expected from games developed for social networking services and the next generation of multifunctional smart phones.


## Cumulative Results for Q3 FY3/11

Net Sales

- Robust network content sales drives up overall performance

Operating
Income

- Contribution from network content division was significant
- A number of titles under development were posted as cost of sales ( $¥ \triangle 482$ million), Posted provision for bad debt as a result of U.S. subsidiary's delayed debt recovery ( $¥ \triangle 40$ million)
Net $\quad$ Posted losses from cancellation of several titles ( $¥ \triangle 157$ million)
Income $\quad$ Special retirement payout $(\nexists\llcorner 66$ million)

| (¥ Million) | Q1-3 <br> FY3/10 |  | Q1-3 <br> FY3/11 |  | YoY <br> Change |  | FY3/11 <br> Forecast |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net Sales | 4,369 | $100 \%$ | 5,460 | $100 \%$ | 1,091 | 6,959 | $100 \%$ | $78.5 \%$ |
| Gross Profit | 1,203 | $27.5 \%$ | 2,668 | $48.9 \%$ | 1,465 | 3,500 | $50.3 \%$ | $76.2 \%$ |
| SG\&A | 1,855 | $42.5 \%$ | 1,805 | $33.1 \%$ | $\Delta 50$ | 2,450 | $35.2 \%$ | $73.7 \%$ |
| Operating Income | $\Delta 652$ | - | 862 | $15.8 \%$ | 1,514 | 1,050 | $15.1 \%$ | $82.1 \%$ |
| Ordinary Income | $\Delta 659$ | - | 820 | $15.0 \%$ | 1,479 | 1,000 | $14.4 \%$ | $82.0 \%$ |
| Pretax Profit | $\Delta 716$ | - | 595 | $10.9 \%$ | 1,311 | 1,000 | $14.4 \%$ | $59.5 \%$ |
| Net Income | $\Delta 767$ | - | 316 | $5.8 \%$ | 1,083 | 500 | $7.2 \%$ | $63.2 \%$ |

## Cumulative Results for Q3 FY3/11 by Division

| ( $\ddagger$ Million) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q1-3 } \\ \text { FY3/10 } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q1-3 } \\ \text { FY3/11 } \end{gathered}$ |  | YoY | $\overline{F Y} 3 / 11$ <br> Forecast |  | YTD |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Consumer Game Division | 2,508 | 57.4\% | 1,709 | 39.1\% | $\triangle 799$ | 2,359 | 30.4\% | 72.4\% |
| Network Content Division | 223 | 5.1\% | 2,430 | 55.6\% | 2,207 | 3,130 | 42.0\% | 77.6\% |
| Arcade Game Division | 1,637 | 37.5\% | 1,320 | 30.2\% | $\triangle 317$ | 1,470 | 27.5\% | 89.8\% |
| Net Sales | 4,369 | 100.0\% | 5,460 | 124.9\% | 1,091 | 6,959 | 100.0\% | 78.5\% |
| Consumer Game Division | $\triangle 441$ | - | $\triangle 102$ | - | 339 | $\triangle 142$ | 1.6\% | 71.8\% |
| Network Content Division | $\triangle 58$ | - | 1,263 | - | 1,321 | 1,643 | 19.7\% | 76.9\% |
| Arcade Game Division | 225 | - | 153 | -55.8\% | $\triangle 72$ | 153 | 2.0\% | 100.0\% |
| Divisional Income | $\triangle 274$ | - | 1,315 | -55.8\% | 1,589 | 1,654 | 23.3\% | 79.5\% |
| Shared SG \& A | 377 | - | 452 | - | 75 | 604 | 8.1\% | 74.8\% |
| Operating Income | $\triangle 652$ | - | 862 | - | 1,514 | 1,050 | 15.2\% | 82.1\% |
| Ordinary Income | $\triangle 659$ | - | 820 | - | 1,479 | 1,000 | 14.5\% | 82.0\% |
| Net Income | $\triangle 767$ | - | 316 | - | 1,083 | 500 | 7.2\% | 63.2\% |

## Quarterly Results by Division



| ( $¥$ Million) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q1 } \\ \text { FY3/10 } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q2 } \\ \text { FY3/10 } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q3 } \\ \text { FY3/10 } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q4 } \\ \text { FY3/10 } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q1 } \\ \text { FY3/11 } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q2 } \\ \text { FY3/11 } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q3 } \\ \text { FY3/11 } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q4 } \\ \text { FY3/11(Fcst.) } \end{gathered}$ |  |
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| Consumer Game Division | 366 | 47.9\% | 1,382 | 64.5\% | 760 | 52.0\% | 1,548 | 54.7\% | 404 | 25.3\% | 659 | 32.9\% | 645 | 34.7\% | 650 | 43.3\% |
| Network Content Division | 4 | 0.5\% | 33 | 1.5\% | 185 | 12.7\% | 652 | 23.1\% | 776 | 48.6\% | 818 | 40.9\% | 835 | 44.9\% | 700 | 46.7\% |
| Arcade Game Division | 393 | 51.4\% | 727 | 33.9\% | 516 | 35.3\% | 627 | 22.2\% | 416 | 26.1\% | 523 | 26.1\% | 380 | 20.4\% | 150 | 10.0\% |
| Net Sales | 764 | 100\% | 2,143 | 100\% | 1,461 | 100\% | 2,828 | 100\% | 1,596 | 100\% | 2,001 | 100\% | 1,861 | 100.0\% | 1,500 | 100.0\% |
| Consumer Game Division | $\triangle 344$ |  | $\triangle 56$ |  | $\triangle 40$ | - | 308 | 10.9\% | $\triangle 120$ | - | 85 | 4.2\% | $\triangle 67$ | -3.6\% | $\triangle 40$ | -2.7\% |
| Network Content Division | $\triangle 37$ |  | $\triangle 39$ | - | 18 | 1.2\% | 383 | 13.5\% | 473 | 29.6\% | 449 | 22.4\% | 341 | 18.3\% | 380 | 25.3\% |
| Arcade Game Division | $\triangle 88$ |  | 263 | 12.3\% | 50 | 3.4\% | 148 | 5.2\% | 47 | 2.9\% | 106 | 5.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Divisional Profit | $\triangle 471$ | - | 167 | 7.8\% | 29 | 2.0\% | 840 | 29.7\% | 400 | 25.1\% | 640 | 32.0\% | 273 | 14.7\% | 340 | 22.7\% |
| Shared SG\&A | 122 | 16.0\% | 111 | 5.2\% | 161 | 11.0\% | 130 | 4.6\% | 156 | 9.8\% | 145 | 7.2\% | 151 | 8.1\% | 152 | 10.1\% |
| Operating Income | $\triangle 593$ | - | 55 | 2.6\% | $\triangle 132$ | - | 728 | 25.7\% | 244 | 15.3\% | 495 | 24.7\% | 123 | 6.6\% | 188 | 12.5\% |
| Ordinary Income | $\triangle 594$ | - | 41 | 1.9\% | $\triangle 124$ | - | 740 | 26.2\% | 221 | 13.8\% | 475 | 23.7\% | 123 | 6.6\% | 180 | 12.0\% |
| Net Income | $\triangle 555$ | - | 141 | 6.6\% | $\triangle 353$ | - | 825 | 29.2\% | 84 | 5.3\% | 152 | 7.6\% | 78 | 4.2\% | 185 | 12.3\% |


| $\begin{gathered} \text { Q1-3 } \\ \text { FY3/11 } \end{gathered}$ |  | FY3/11(Fcst.) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1,709 | 31.3\% | 2,359 | 33.9\% |
| 2,430 | 44.5\% | 3,130 | 45.0\% |
| 1,320 | 24.2\% | 1,470 | 21.1\% |
| 5,460 | 100.0\% | 6,959 | 100.0\% |
| $\triangle 102$ | -1.9\% | $\triangle 142$ | -2.0\% |
| 1,263 | 23.1\% | 1,643 | 23.6\% |
| 153 | 2.8\% | 153 | 2.2\% |
| 1,315 | 24.1\% | 1,654 | 23.8\% |
| 452 | 8.3\% | 604 | 8.7\% |
| 862 | 15.8\% | 1,050 | 15.1\% |
| 820 | 15.0\% | 1,000 | 14.4\% |
| 316 | 5.8\% | 500 | 7.2\% |

## Consolidated Balance Sheets for Q3 FY3/11

- Current assets
- Surplus cash invested in marketable securities
- Amortization of several titles under development led to reduced inventory

| ( $¥$ Million) | Mar.31, 2010 |  | Dec.31, 2010 |  | YoY Change | Dec.31, 2009 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash and Deposits | 2,582 | 33.2\% | 2,789 | 35.1\% | 344 | 2,445 | 35.4\% |
| Notes and accounts receivable | 2,141 | 27.5\% | 1,492 | 18.8\% | 243 | 1,249 | 18.1\% |
| Marketable securities | 38 | 0.5\% | 1,293 | 16.3\% | 1,293 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Inventory | 1,058 | 13.6\% | 694 | 8.7\% | $\triangle 569$ | 1,263 | 18.3\% |
| Current assets | 6,377 | 82.0\% | 6,650 | 83.6\% | 1,119 | 5,531 | 80.2\% |
| Fixed assets | 1,403 | 18.0\% | 1,300 | 16.4\% | $\triangle 69$ | 1,369 | 19.8\% |
| Total assets | 7,780 | 100.0\% | 7,951 | 100.0\% | 1,051 | 6,900 | 100.0\% |
| Current liabilities | 1,186 | 15.2\% | 1,107 | 13.9\% | $\triangle 34$ | 1,141 | 16.5\% |
| Noncurrent liabilities | 169 | 2.2\% | 194 | 2.4\% | 21 | 173 | 2.5\% |
| Total liabilities | 1,356 | 17.4\% | 1,301 | 16.4\% | $\triangle 14$ | 1,315 | 19.1\% |
| Total net assets | 6,424 | 82.6\% | 6,649 | 83.6\% | 1,064 | 5,585 | 80.9\% |
| Total liabilities and net assets | 7,780 | 100.0\% | 7,951 | 100.0\% | 1,051 | 6,900 | 100.0\% |

## Consolidated Cash Flows for Q3 FY3/11

- Cash flows from operating activities: Increase from income before taxes and income tax return ( $¥ 1,975$ million); decrease in notes and accounts receivabletrade ( $¥ 612$ million); increase from income tax return and others ( $¥ 128$ million)
- Cash flows from investing activities: Reduced due to transfer of surplus cash to fixed deposit ( $¥ \triangle 1,500$ million) and acquisition of investment securities ( $¥ \triangle 1,277$ million)
- Cash flows from financing activities : Reduced due to decline in short-term borrowings ( $¥ \triangle 133$ million) and from dividend payments ( $¥ \triangle 80$ million)

| (\#Million) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q1-3 } \\ \text { FY3/10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q1-3 } \\ \text { FY3/11 } \end{gathered}$ | YoY Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash flows from operating activities | $\triangle 528$ | 1,975 | 2,503 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | $\triangle 366$ | $\triangle 2,646$ | $\triangle 2,280$ |
| Free cash flow | $\triangle 894$ | $\triangle 671$ | 223 |
| Cash flows from financing activities | 67 | $\triangle 216$ | $\triangle 283$ |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of term | 2,345 | 1,587 | $\triangle 758$ |

## Consumer Game Division: Q3 FY3/11 Cumulative Results



- Proprietary Sales: 3 titles for North American market
- Commissioned Projects Sales: Steady progress after acquiring new contract from major domestic publisher

Divisional
Income
Despite having to post cost of sales for several titles under development ( $¥ \triangle 288$ million) and a bad debt provision following XSEED JKS, INC.'s delayed debt recovery ( $¥ \triangle 40$ million), we managed to substantially reduce our deficit balance from the previous term as a result of cost reductions gained through structural reforms.

| ( $\ddagger$ Million) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q1-3 } \\ \text { FY3/10 } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q1-3 } \\ \text { FY3/11 } \end{gathered}$ |  | YoY | FY3/11 <br> Forecast |  | YTD |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Proprietary Sales Segment | 605 | 24.1\% | 346 | 20.2\% | $\triangle 259$ | 535 | 22.7\% | 64.7\% |
| Commissioned Projects Segment | 1,903 | 75.9\% | 1,362 | 79.7\% | $\triangle 541$ | 1,824 | 77.3\% | 74.7\% |
| Net Sales | 2,508 | 100\% | 1,709 | 100\% | $\triangle 799$ | 2,359 | 100\% | 72.4\% |
| Divisional Income | $\triangle 441$ | -17.6\% | $\triangle 102$ | -6.0\% | 339 | $\triangle 142$ | -6.0\% | 71.8\% |

## Consumer Game Division: Business Strategy

## Preparations for business operations and future growth compatible with market environment

- Secure profitability through structural reforms. Aggressively amortize development costs for future titles ( $¥ \triangle 288$ million).
- Given current market environment, will continue focus on securing projects commissioned from major publishers for foreseeable future. Marshal strength while establishing credibility and track record
- Strengthen project proposal and presentation expertise to win commissions for larger projects
- Begin developing titles sold through proprietary sales channels for new hardware (Nintendo 3DS)
"Cubic Ninja" to be released on April 7, 2011
"Animal Resort" slated for release in spring 2011
Note: "Animal Resort" is being co-developed with Marvelous Entertainment Inc.



## Network Content Division: Q3 FY3/11 Cumulative Results



- "Browser Sangokushi (Romance of the Three Kingdoms)" continued to post strong sales after increasing items to be sold and enhancing degree of excitement
- Opened new channel to broaden user-membership base to include existing and new customers

Divisional
Income

Posted amortized software expenses ( $¥ \triangle 139$ million) related to development costs of "Derby Master" and titles for iPhone to address possible decline in future profits

| (¥ Million) | Q1-3 <br> FY3/10 |  | Q1-3 <br> FY3/11 |  | YoY |  | FY3/11 <br> Forecast |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Network Content Division Sales | 223 | $100 \%$ | 2,430 | $100 \%$ | 2,207 | 3,130 | $100 \%$ | $77.6 \%$ |
| Divisional Income | $\Delta 58$ | - | 1,263 | $52.0 \%$ | - | 1,643 | $52.5 \%$ | $76.9 \%$ |

## Network Content Division: Key Business Focus

Strategy for Existing Titles

"Browser Sangokushi": Sales sustained through launch of new items and promotional activities
"Browser Baseball": New user-membership achieved through aggressive promotional activities


Genre: Multiplayer Simulation

| Channeling Status of "Browser Sangokushi" |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Site | Service Launch <br> Date | Site | Service Launch <br> Date |
| Vector | Jul.2009 | Han Game | Jan.2010 |
| mixi | Aug. 2009 | Gungho Game | Feb.2010 |
| @games | Oct.2009 | @nifty game | May 2010 |
| Gamechu | Oct.2009 | So-net game | May 2010 |
| goo game | Dec.2009 | Yahoo! MOBA | Oct. 2010 |
| OCN game | Dec.2009 | Nico nico Applications | Dec.2010 |

Strategy for New Titles

Reinforcing effort in games for cellphones, a market that is performing very well

Currently setting up development system enabling us to release new titles every month from April

# [Reference] "Browser Sangokushi" Sales Trend 



## [Reference] "Browser Sangokushi" ARPU Trend



Jul- Aug- Sep- Oct- Nov- Dec- Jan- Feb- Mar- Apr- May- Jun- Jul- Aug- Sep- Oct- Nov- Dec- Jan$\begin{array}{lllllllllllllllllll}09 & 09 & 09 & 09 & 09 & 09 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 11\end{array}$

## Arcade Game Division: Q3 FY3/11 Cumulative Results

Driven primarily by "Pokemon Battrio", an arcade machine for kids; "Cube Mall," a small, proprietary crane game; and token-based "Minna de Derby" race game
*Sales are expected to decline from Q4, following MICROCABIN CORP.'s exclusion as a consolidated subsidiary

Divisiona
Income
Several titles under development amortized and product inventory value reviewed ( $¥ \triangle 55$ million)

| (¥ Million) | Q1-3 <br> FY3/10 |  | Q1-3 <br> FY3/11 |  | YoY |  | FY3/11 <br> Forecast |  | YTD |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Proprietary Sales Segment | 1,131 | $69.1 \%$ | 850 | $64.4 \%$ | $\Delta 281$ | 1,000 | $68.0 \%$ |  |  |
| Commissioned Projects Segment | 506 | $30.9 \%$ | 470 | $35.6 \%$ | $\Delta 36$ | 470 | $32.0 \%$ |  |  |
|  | 1,637 | $100 \%$ | 1,320 | $100 \%$ | $\Delta 317$ | 1,470 | $100 \%$ |  |  |
| Arcade Game Div. Sales | 225 | $13.7 \%$ | 153 | $11.6 \%$ | $\Delta 72$ | 153 | $10.4 \%$ |  |  |
| Divisional Income |  |  |  | $100.0 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |

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