Financial Results for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019

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Summary of Business Results for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019 (FY 2019)

Consolidated Financial Results for FY 2019

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	FY 2018 Results	FY 2019 Results	Change	(In millions of yen) % Change
Net sales	12,799	13,686	+887	+6.9%
Gross profit	4,210	4,345	+135	+3.2%
Operating profit	290	54	\triangle 235	\triangle 81.1%
Ordinary profit	310	96	△214	△69.0%
Profit (loss) attributable to owners of parent	225	32	△193	△85.7%
EBITDA	375	145	\triangle 230	△61.4%
ROIC	8.7%	1.7%	_	_

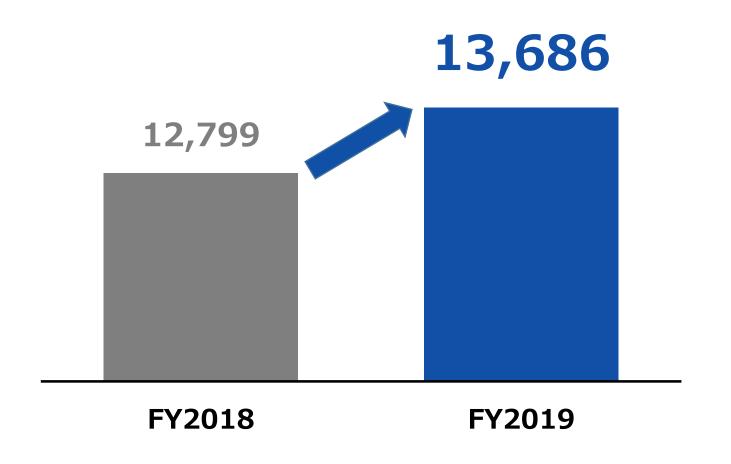
^{*}EBITDA: Operating profit + Depreciation + Amortization of goodwill

^{*}ROIC: Operating profit after tax / (Shareholders' equity + Interest-bearing debts)
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Consolidated Net Sales



(In millions of yen)



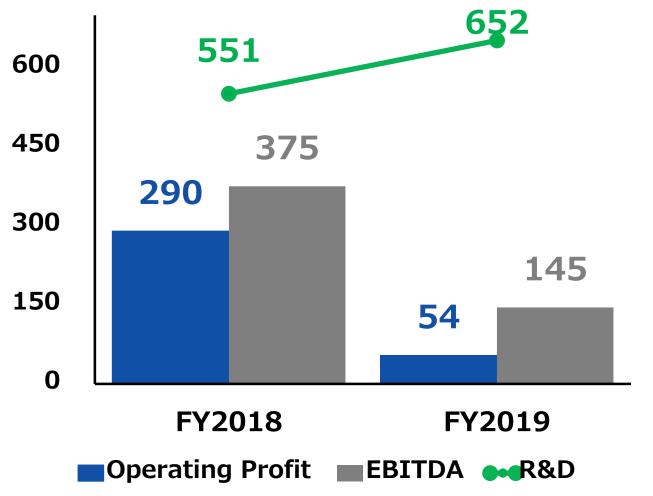
Record-high net sales achieved in FY 2019

(Up 6.9% YoY)

Consolidated Operating Profit, EBITDA, and R&D Spending



(In millions of yen)



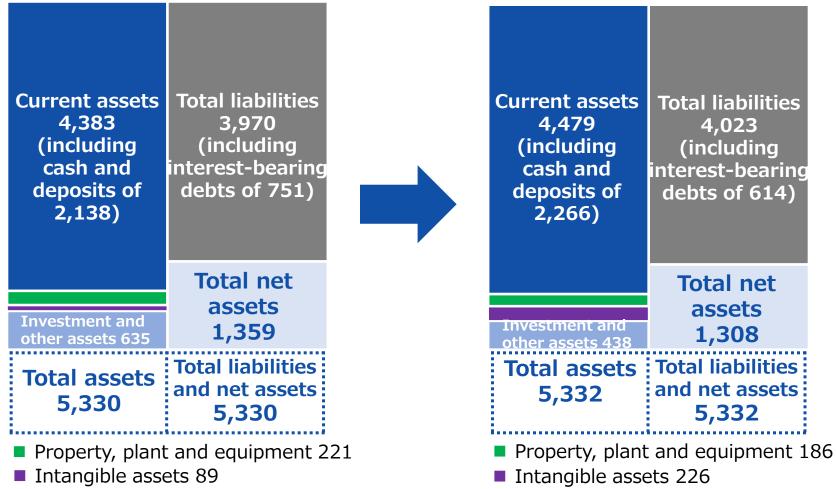
- Operating profit declined by ¥235 million from the previous year.
- R&D spending remained robust.

Consolidated Balance Sheets



As of December 31, 2018

As of December 31, 2019 (In millions of yen)

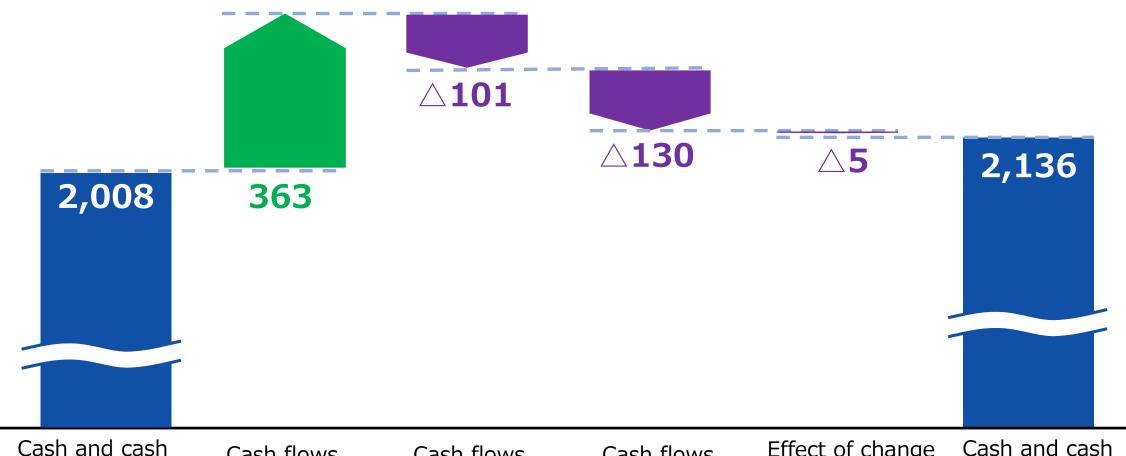


- Intangible assets: an increase of ¥134 million in software in progress
- Net assets: a decrease of ¥94 million in valuation difference on available-for-sale securities

Analysis of Consolidated Cash Flows



(In millions of yen)



equivalents as of December 31, 2018

Cash flows from operating activities

Cash flows from investing activities

Cash flows from financing activities

Effect of change in exchange rate on cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents as of December 31, 2019

YoY Changes in Cash Flows



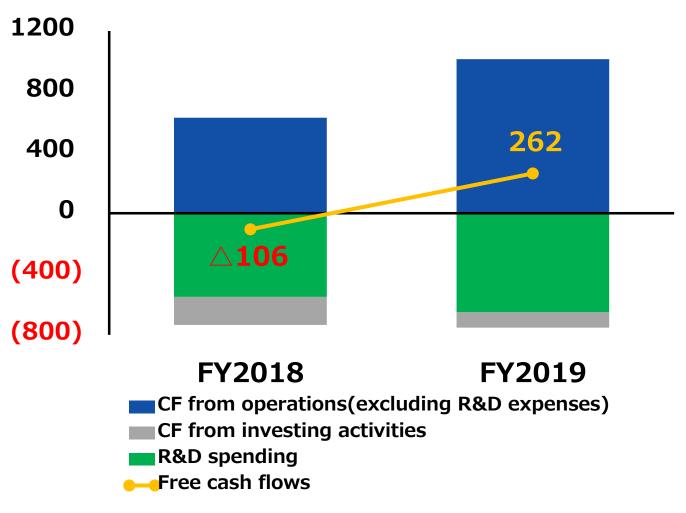
(Millions of yen)

		Cash flows from operating activities	Cash flows from investing activities	Cash flows from financing activities
Amount of Y	oY changes	Increase of ¥363	Decrease of ¥101	Decrease of ¥130
Breakdown	Increases	 ¥135 resulting from profit before income taxes ¥280 resulting from an increase in notes and accounts payable trade ¥117 resulting from an increase in advances received 		
	Decreases	 ¥142 resulting from an increase in notes and accounts receivable trade ¥109 resulting from a decrease in accrued consumption taxes 	•¥159 resulting from purchase of intangible assets	•¥133 resulting from repayments of long- term loans payable

Cash Flows and Investments



(In millions of yen)



R&D projects and investments funded by an increasing level of cash flows

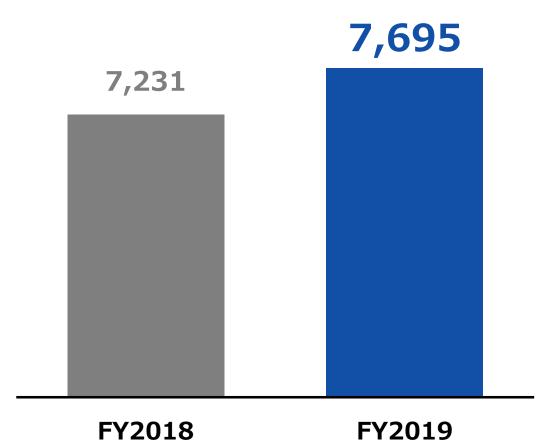
Open System Infrastructure Business



Net sales

7,695 million yen, up 6.4% YoY

(In millions of yen)



- Sales of business-continuity solutions showed a solid increase, fueled by strong demand for our core LifeKeeper* in Japan.
- Sales of software products sourced from Red Hat, Inc.* increased from the previous year.

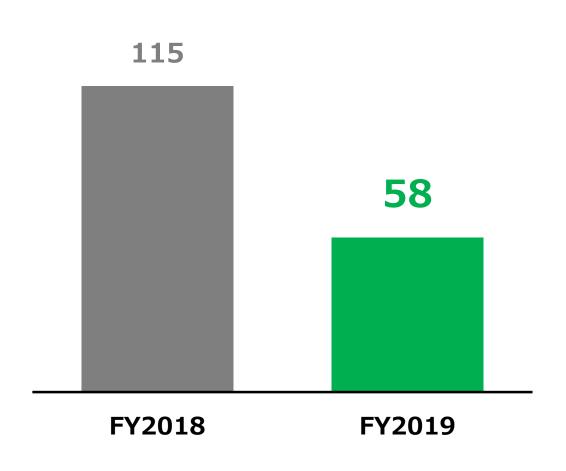
Open System Infrastructure Business



Segment income

58 million yen, down 49.0% YoY

(In millions of yen)



 Segment income declined YoY due to increases in labor cost at a U.S. subsidiary as well as in development cost to upgrade LifeKeeper.

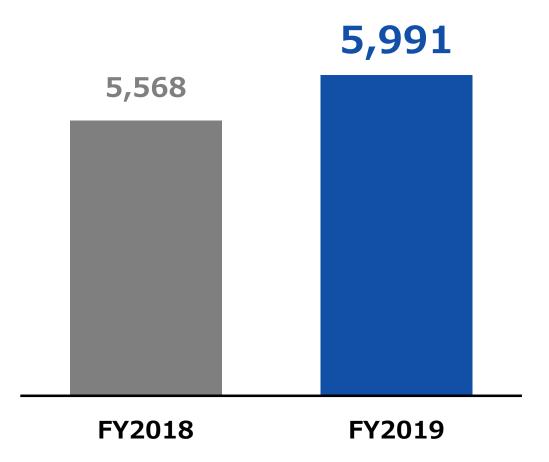
Application Business



Net sales

5,991 million yen, up 7.6% YoY

(In millions of yen)



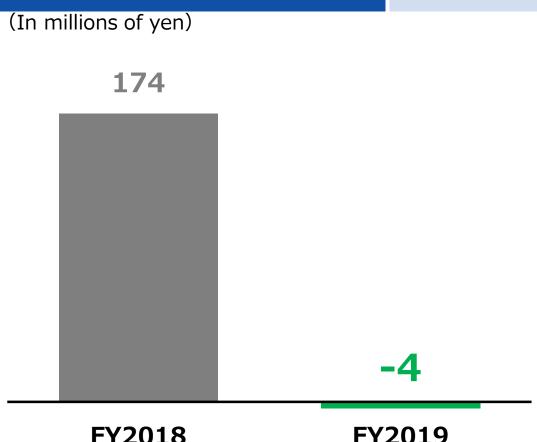
- Revenues from the provision of support for system development and implementation to financial institutions achieved steady growth.
- Revenues from the Gluegent series*
 maintained momentum of growth.
- Sales of our core software applications for MFPs* declined, affected by a new subscription business* launched in the fourth quarter.

Application Business



Segment income

Loss of 4 million yen, compared with an income of 174 million yen the year before



- Segment income declined YoY partly because the loss from unprofitable projects undertaken in the first half of the year to provide support for system development and implementation to financial institutions was not fully offset in the second half,
- and partly because sales of the following high-margin products developed in-house were weak.
 - Software applications for MFPs
 - Management support system for financial institutions



Business Challenge 1: Software Applications for MFPs





A larger-than-expected number of corporate customers switched from a perpetual licensing model for our high-margin software applications for MFPs to a subscription model launched in the fourth quarter of FY 2019, and the recognition of some of the subscription revenues was deferred to FY 2020, bringing the FY 2019 revenues from these applications down.



It is inevitable that revenue or profit of a software product declines temporarily while we make a transition from a perpetual licensing model to a subscription model. We intend to bolster sales to new and existing customers by offering products and services that meet their needs and releasing regular functional updates.

Business Challenge 2: Business with Financial Institutions



(1) Provision of support for system development and implementation

Challenge

Profit in this business declined due to unprofitable projects undertaken and delayed in the first half of FY 2019. We conducted more stringent preliminary assessments to screen out unprofitable projects.

Action

Continue to perform a stringent assessment of a proposed project before closing a deal

(2) Sale of management support system

Challenge

The recognition of revenues from orders received in the fourth quarter of FY 2019 was deferred to FY 2020, which made it impossible to make up in the second half of the year for the shortfall in sales and profit posted in the first half.

Action

Offer clients subscription options as part of our efforts to change the nature of this business fundamentally



Medium-Term Business Plan for FY 2020-2022 and Business Forecasts for FY 2020

Primary Objective and Management Metrics Established in Medium-Term Business Plan for FY 2020-2022



Primary Management Objective

Under the mission of making the impossible possible for the people of the world, the SIOS Group works toward achieving its primary management objective of pursuing innovative solutions to resolve issues affecting people and to contribute to a better society.

Management Metrics

The Group uses **EBITDA** and **ROIC** as its key management metrics to continue to generate positive cash flow. Positive cash flow enables the Group to invest in the three driving forces for our growth—people, research and development, and a corporate culture that fosters innovation—and to return profit to our shareholders and stakeholders. Through these efforts, the Group works toward achieving its primary management objective.

Basis for Achieving the SIOS Group Mission



Make the business foundation more solid

Raise the level of customer satisfaction

Carry out M&A

Release new products and services

Maintain good relationships with stakeholders

Enhance existing products and services

Make the business foundation more solid

Increase sales and gross profit

Optimizing SG&A expenses

Reduce interest-bearing debts

Improve performance on key management metrics

Generate positive cash flows

Achieve greater EBITDA and ROIC

Invest to achieve the mission Return profit to shareholders and other stakeholders

Invest in people, R&D, and a corporate culture that fosters innovation

Return profit to shareholders and other stakeholders

Review of FY 2019 1



Release new products and services

Released SIOS bilink, a platform that supports companies operating under subscription business models

Enhance existing products and services

Released an AI-enabled service solution for MFPs that recognizes confidentiality designations on documents for greater information security

Reduce interestbearing debts Repaid ¥130 million of loans payable

Review of FY 2019 2



Invest in people, R&D, and a corporate culture that fosters innovation

- Rolled out a new container* platform business to meet the growing needs among corporate clients to pursue digital transformation (DX)*
- Introduced new talent management programs, such as OKR* and 1 on 1*

Return profit to shareholders and other stakeholders

 Resumed dividend payment of ¥5.0 per share for the first time in five years

Medium-Term Business Plan for FY 2020-2022



We will use the transition to a subscription business model to lay the groundwork for sustained growth under the three-year plan and will work toward achieving EBITDA of ¥560 million and ROIC of 14.7% in FY 2022.

(In millions of yen)

	2019	2020	2021	2022
EBITDA	145	180	310	560
ROIC	1.7%	2.7%	7.1%	14.7%

Key Initiative: Transition to a Subscription Business Model ①



Background and Benefits of Making a Transition to a Subscription Model

Background

As companies have been investing aggressively in implementing DX, more and more of them have been switching from perpetual licensing of software to subscription.

- User benefits of switching to a subscription model
 - 1 Lower initial cost
 - (2) Ease of cancellation
 - 3 Ability to continue to use up-to-date products and services
- Software vendor's benefits of switching to a subscription model
 - 1) Ability to create a steady and recurring stream of revenue and profit
 - ② Ability to collect information about customers' usage of products and services to continually improve their quality

Key Initiative: Transition to a Subscription Business Model 2



Why We are Making a Transition to a Subscription Model

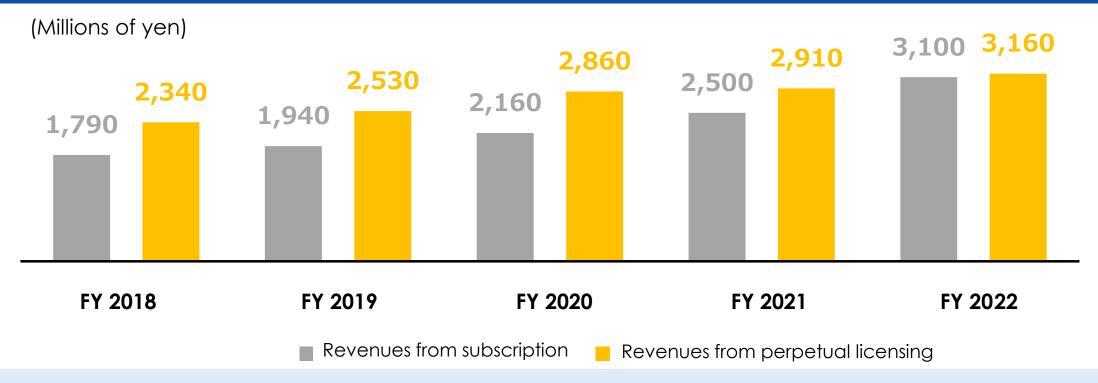
Offer corporate customers subscription options for our products and services developed in-house

We can better assist our corporate customers in their efforts to implement DX by offering them subscription options for our products and services, which is a critical business model for our long-term growth.

Key Initiative: Transition to a Subscription Business Model 3



Projected Revenues from Subscription Business for Products and Services Developed In-House



- We intend to make a transition to subscription business not only for software applications for MFPs but also for our other software products.
- Revenues from subscription are projected to reach the level of those from perpetual licensing business in FY 2022.

Consolidated Business Forecasts for FY 2020



We intend to maintain our momentum of growth for 10 consecutive fiscal years and achieve net sales of ¥14.3 billion in FY 2020.

	FY 2019 Results	FY 2020 Forecasts	Change	(In millions of yen) % Change
Net sales	13,686	14,300	+613	+4.5%
Operating profit	54	80	+25	+45.6%
Ordinary profit	96	100	+3	+3.9%
Profit (loss) attributable to owners of parent	32	40	+7	+23.6%
EBITDA	145	180	+34	+24.0%
ROIC	1.7%	2.8%		_

Key Strategies for FY 2020 ①



Raise the level of customer satisfaction

Conduct stakeholder surveys to better serve our customers and improve the quality of our products and services

Enhance existing products and services

Update existing products and add more value to them to better serve customers in their greater use of subscription and cloud

Optimizing SG&A expenses

Optimize resource allocation within the Group to achieve greater efficiency and better manage subcontractors

Key Strategies for FY 2020 ②



Invest in people, R&D, and a corporate culture that fosters innovation

Implement programs intended to assist every employee in achieving their full professional potential

- Ensure employees embrace new talent management programs, such as OKR and 1 on 1
- Offer employees more flexible working arrangements
- Expand the scope of CSR activities

Return profit to shareholders and other stakeholders

Continue dividend payment of ¥5.0 per share

Cash Dividends for FY 2019 and 2020





Fiscal year ended December 31, 2019

Dividend payment of ¥5.0 per share resumed

Fiscal year ending December 31, 2020 (Projected)

Dividend payment of ¥5.0 per share planned

About SIOS Corporation



SIOS is Innovative Open Solutions

Listed on the Second Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, SIOS Corporation is a holding company that manages subsidiaries having a wealth of expertise and assets in open source software, including Linux, AI and cloud technologies, and Fintech.

Under the mission of making the impossible possible for the people of the world, the SIOS Group pursues innovative solutions to resolve issues affecting people and to contribute to a better society.

Headquarters	SIOS Building, 2-12-3 Mina	ımi Azabu Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan	
Capital	1,481 million yen		
Established	May 23, 1997		
No. of employees	432 on a consolidated basis (as of December 31, 2019)		
Main consolidated subsidiaries	Japan: SIOS Technology, Inc. Gluegent, Inc. Keyport Solutions, Inc. Profit Cube Inc.	U.S.A.: SIOS Technology Corp.	



Glossary



Page	Term	Description
11	LifeKeeper	A failover software product that automatically switches a failed primary server to a backup server.
11	Software products sourced from Red Hat, Inc.	Open-source software products developed by Red Hat, Inc., a provider of open-source solutions.
13	Gluegent series	"Gluegent Gate" which manages ID in the cloud, "Gluegent Apps group scheduler" etc. which added team calendar schedule management function etc to Google Calendar etc. We support business efficiency by using enterprise cloud.
13	Software applications for multifunction printers (MFPs)	A multifunction printer (MFP) is a piece of office equipment that incorporates print, scan, copy, and fax capabilities into one unit. The Group develops, markets, and updates document management software applications, such as Quick Scan and Speedoc, that run on an MFP.
13	Subscription model	A business model that charges customers a recurring monthly or annual fee to access a software product or service.
22	Digital transformation (DX)	A process in which a company uses data and digital technology to transform its products, services, and business models to more effectively respond to constantly changing business environments and deliver greater value to customers and society as well as to transform its business processes and organizational structure and culture to gain greater competitive advantage.
22	Container	A standard unit of software into which the host OS is divided logically and that packages everything needed to run an application, such as codes and system libraries, to make it work like an independent server.
22	OKR	Objectives and Key Results. A goal management framework for establishing ambitious objectives with measurable results and tracking progress.
22	1 on 1	A one-on-one meeting that a manager conducts with an employee to assist her or him in achieving professional growth and improving their job performance.

Cautionary Statement



Forward-looking statements about the Company's business outlook contained in this document reflect management's assumptions and judgments made on the basis of available information, and may include risks and uncertainties. We caution that significant risks and uncertainties could cause actual performance to differ materially from what is discussed in the forward-looking statements. Significant risks and uncertainties that might affect our performance include, but are not limited to, the economic environment and market conditions in which we operate.

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