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## Fiscal Year Ended March 2012 Brief Note on Settlement of Accounts (Consolidated)

Name of Company Listed: **Nippon Paper Group, Inc.**  
 Stock Exchange Listings: Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya  
 Code Number: 3893  
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 Planned date of the general meeting of shareholders: June 28, 2012  
 Planned date of the commencement of dividend payments: June 29, 2012  
 Planned date of Financial Report submission: June 28, 2012  
 Availability of support documentation: Yes  
 Holding of financial result briefing: Yes (for institutional investors and investment analysts)

(Amounts indicated are displayed with amounts of less than one million yen rounded off.)

### 1. Consolidated Financial Results of Operations for the Accounting Period of Fiscal Year Ended March 2012 (April 1, 2011–March 31, 2012)

#### (1) Consolidated Results of Operations

(The percentages indicate the percentage increase or decrease compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year.)

	Net sales		Operating income		Ordinary income		Net income	
	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%
Accounting period of fiscal year ended March, 2012	1,042,436	-5.2	36,524	2.6	6,057	-80.8	-41,675	–
Accounting period of fiscal year ended March, 2011	1,099,817	0.4	35,608	-17.5	31,599	-15.8	-24,172	–

Note: Comprehensive income

Accounting period of fiscal year ended March, 2012	-39,477 million yen	(– %)
Accounting period of fiscal year ended March, 2011	-41,839 million yen	(– %)

	Net income per share	Net income per share after adjusting for dilution	Return on equity	Ordinary margin on gross capital	Operating income to net sales
	Yen	Yen	%	%	%
Accounting period of fiscal year ended March, 2012	-359.90	–	-10.9	0.4	3.5
Accounting period of fiscal year ended March, 2011	-208.73	–	-5.6	2.1	3.2

Reference: Investment income and loss accounted for by the equity method

Accounting period of fiscal year ended March, 2012	-21,919 million yen
Accounting period of fiscal year ended March, 2011	5,002 million yen

**(2) Consolidated Financial Status**

	Total assets	Net assets	Equity ratio	Net assets per share
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	%	Yen
As of March 31, 2012	1,527,635	366,652	23.8	3,135.48
As of March 31, 2011	1,560,592	408,762	25.9	3,496.49

Reference: Shareholders' equity As of March 31, 2012 363,066 million yen  
As of March 31, 2011 404,892 million yen

**(3) Consolidated Cash Flow**

	Cash flows from operating activities	Cash flows from investing activities	Cash flows from financing activities	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen
Accounting period of fiscal year ended March, 2012	60,114	-46,626	1,652	119,265
Accounting period of fiscal year ended March, 2011	115,454	-93,467	59,053	104,739

**2. Dividend Status**

	Dividends per share					Amount of total dividends (Annual)	Dividend payout (Consolidated)	Ratio of dividends to net assets (Consolidated)
	First quarter end	Second quarter end	Third quarter end	End of period	Annual			
	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen	Millions of yen	%	%
Accounting period of fiscal year ended March, 2011	–	40.00	–	20.00	60.00	6,970	–	1.6
Accounting period of fiscal year ended March, 2012	–	10.00	–	20.00	30.00	3,484	–	0.9
Accounting period of fiscal year ending March, 2013 (Projection)	–	10.00	–	30.00	40.00		23.2	

**3. Projection of Consolidated Results of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ending March 2013 (April 1, 2012–March 31, 2013)**

(The percentages indicate the percentage increase or decrease compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year.)

	Net sales		Operating income		Ordinary income		Net income		Net income per share
	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Yen
Six Months Ended September 30, 2012	530,000	3.6	15,500	7.3	13,000	–	5,000	–	43.18
Full fiscal year	1,080,000	3.6	41,000	12.3	38,000	527.3	20,000	–	172.72

**4. Others**

[1] Has the Company made any important changes in its subsidiaries (changes in specified subsidiaries as a result of changes in the scope of consolidation)? No

New – (Company name: )

Eliminated – (Company name: )

[2] Changes in accounting principles, changes in accounting estimates, or restatements

(i) Has the Company made any changes in accounting principles following the revision of the Accounting Standard and others? No

(ii) Has the Company made any changes in accounting principles other than those described in (i)? Yes

(iii) Has the Company made any changes in accounting estimates? No

(iv) Has the Company made any restatements? No

[3] Number of issued and outstanding shares (common stock)

(i) Number of issued and outstanding shares (including treasury stock) as of:

March 31, 2012 116,254,892 Shares  
 March 31, 2011 116,254,892 Shares

(ii) Number of treasury stock as of:

March 31, 2012 461,905 Shares  
 March 31, 2011 455,150 Shares

(iii) Average number of shares during the periods of:

Fiscal year ended March, 2012 115,795,726 Shares  
 Fiscal year ended March, 2011 115,807,535 Shares

**(Reference) Non-Consolidated Financial Results of Operations**

**1. Non-Consolidated Financial Results of Operations for the Accounting Period of Fiscal Year Ended March 2012 (April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012)**

(1) Non-Consolidated Results of Operations

(The percentages indicate the percentage increase or decrease compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year.)

	Net sales		Operating income		Ordinary income		Net income	
	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%
Accounting period of fiscal year ended March, 2012	7,583	-73.2	2,726	-88.6	2,692	-88.7	2,639	-88.9
Accounting period of fiscal year ended March, 2011	28,312	45.0	23,871	57.4	23,756	59.7	23,676	70.8

	Net income per share	Net income per share after adjusting for dilution
	Yen	Yen
Accounting period of fiscal year ended March, 2012	22.72	-
Accounting period of fiscal year ended March, 2011	203.81	-

(2) Non-Consolidated Financial Status

	Total assets	Net assets	Equity ratio	Net assets per share
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	%	Yen
Accounting period of fiscal year ended March, 2012	544,864	452,399	83.0	3,894.63
Accounting period of fiscal year ended March, 2011	570,503	453,125	79.4	3,900.69

Reference: Shareholders' equity As of March 31, 2012 452,399 million yen  
 As of March 31, 2011 453,125 million yen

\* Presentation of implementation status of auditing procedures

This brief note on settlement of accounts is not subject to auditing procedures in accordance with the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law and, as of the date of publication of this brief note, the auditing procedures for the consolidated financial statements are currently in progress.

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<http://www.np-g.com/e/ir/presentation.html>

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