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1. Financial Highlights (Quarterly)

- Sales and profits increased qoq due to balanced growth from all major IPs
- Operating margin reached 32% driven by an increase in high-margin overseas royalty revenue

(Unit: KRW MN) Sales **Operating Profit** ↑ 21% QoQ 48% QoQ 87,382 236.975**†** 1% ↓ 14% ŶοΥ 235,145 217,538 74,915 195,671 188,113 67,098 50,586 44,867 1Q 15 4Q 15 4Q 14 2Q 15 3Q 15 4Q 14 1Q 15 2Q 15 3Q 15 4Q 15 Pre-tax Income **Net Income** 93,653 62,337 57,859 77,047 62,189 ↑ 20% QoQ ↑ 38% QoQ 51,851 48,423 35,601 **↓ 34% YoY** 30,645 4Q 14 1Q 15 2Q 15 3Q 15 4Q 15 4Q 14 1Q 15 4Q 15 2Q 15 3Q 15

1. Financial Highlights (Yearly)

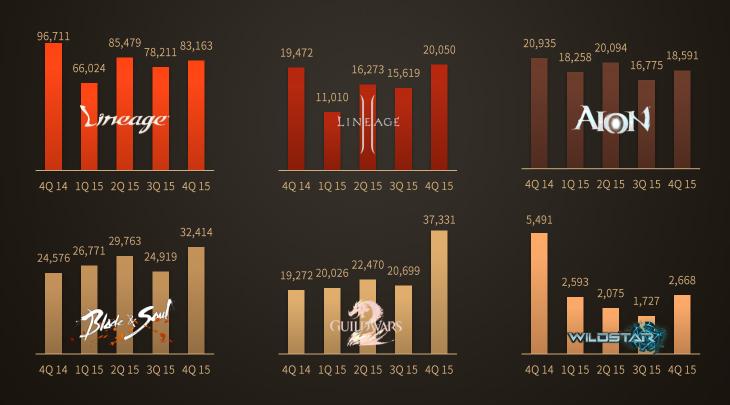
- 2015 total sales KRW 838.3 billion, equal to historic peak of 2014
- Operating profit KRW 237.5 billion is weaker yoy, due to less overseas royalty revenue,
 but still represents continuous profit growth



2. Sales Breakdown (Quarterly by IPs)

- L1, L2, and B&S recorded strong sales on the back of contents updates and in-game item promotions
- GW2 sales surged, driven by the launch of the expansion pack

(Unit: KRW MN)



2. Sales Breakdown (Yearly by IPs)

- L1 and B&S both hit a new full-year sales record, fueled by contents development and global expansion respectively
- GW2 solidified its position as a main revenue driver, by adding on expansion pack sales to stable in-game item sales



2. Sales Breakdown (by Regions)

- In 4Q, Korea sales increased on the back of across-the-board growth by all major IPs; while royalty revenue enhancement was driven by B&S China and GW2 China
- In 2015, Korea's contribution grew, due to L1 growth; while Taiwan sales increased from the successful B&S launch



3. Costs Breakdown

- Labor Cost: 4Q declined qoq, due to an adjustment in incentives, while full 2015 increase was limited to 5% yoy as a result of efficient
 cost management
- Variable Costs: 4Q was up qoq, as a result of stronger sales, and full 2015 increased, due to the addition of higher-fee payment options,
 such as culture gift certificates
- Marketing: 4Q increased qoq, due to GW2 expansion pack launch and game show participation; 2015 total spend was similar yoy due to GW2 expansion pack and WS launch in 2015 and 2014 respectively
- Others: 4Q and 2015 total both grew due to an increase in baseball team related expenses and in fees paid

항 목	4Q 14	1Q 15	2Q 15	3Q 15	4Q 15	QoQ	YoY	FY14	FY15	YoY
Labor cost	81,712	85,932	81,407	80,855	76,658	-5%	-6%	308,830	324,851	5%
Variable expenses	13,302	12,612	14,838	12,741	14,473	14%	9%	47,481	54,665	15%
Payment processing fee	6,368	8,145	9,290	9,223	9,447	2%	48%	23,855	36,105	51%
Royalty	2,994	2,706	2,482	2,031	1,853	-9%	-38%	13,177	9,072	-31%
Box production fee	405	192	445	159	1,378	769%	240%	2,318	2,173	-6%
Others	3,534	1,569	2,621	1,329	1,795	35%	-49%	8,131	7,314	-10%
Marketing	8,556	4,291	8,371	8,030	13,526	68%	58%	32,741	34,218	5%
D&A	8,454	8,897	8,295	9,180	7,850	-14%	-7%	36,979	34,222	-7%
Others(*)	35,740	31,514	37,529	34,278	49,554	45%	39%	134,498	152,876	14%
Total	147,764	143,246	150,441	145,085	162,060	12%	10%	560,530	600,831	7%

^{* 4}Q15 Others includes Bandwidth costs(4,004), Rent(1,919), Wage for outsourced staff(15,028) and Outsourced R&D(2,360)

(Unit: KRW MN)

4. Consolidated Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Position

	31 DEC 2014	31 DEC 2015
Assets		
I. Current Assets	1,019,546	1,082,774
Cash & cash equivalents	202,757	248,092
Short-term financial Instruments	498,597	306,198
Account receivables	89,755	88,963
Others	228,437	439,520
II. Non-Current Assets	679,280	1,136,423
Investment assets	290,628	797,343
Tangible assets	240,839	233,822
Intangible assets	94,559	64,226
Others	53,254	41,033
Total Assets	1,698,826	2,219,197

(Unit: KRW MN)

	31 DEC 2014	31 DEC 2015
Liabilities		
I. Current Liabilities	245,386	337,541
Payables	27,943	31,338
Current tax liabilities	34,787	105,851
Other provisions	490	490
Others	182,166	199,862
II. Non-Current Liabilities	77,845	92,721
Defined benefit obligations	54,045	64,247
Long-term employee benefits	4,776	5,058
Others	19,023	23,416
Total Liabilities	323,232	430,262
Stockholders Equity		
I. Capital stock	10,965	10,965
II. Other paid-up Capital	123,297	431,516
III. Other Components of Equity	(7,942)	(3,312)
IV. Retained Earnings	1,234,257	1,330,351
V. Non-Controlling Interests	15,018	19,416
Total Stockholders Equity	1,375,595	1,788,935
Total Liabilities and Stockholders Equity	1,698,826	2,219,197

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Comprehensive Income Statement

comprehensive income statement	(Unit : KRW MN)		
	2014	2015	
Sales	838,718	838,298	
Cost of Sales	220,277	202,683	
Gross Profit	618,441	635,614	
Selling & Administrative Expense	340,253	398,148	
Operating Profit	278,188	237,466	
Other Income	40,035	40,020	
Other Expense	29,214	37,977	
Income before Income Tax Expense	289,009	239,510	
Income Tax Expense	61,490	73,159	
Net Income	227,519	166,350	
Non-Controlling Interests	(2,439)	957	
Equity Attribution to the owners of the Parent Company	229,958	165,393	

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