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Hasbro Inc. , the nation 's largest toy maker , reported third-quarter earnings increased 73 % from a year earlier on a 9.4 % sales gain , reflecting improved margins .

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Hasbro said it had net income of \$ 31.3 million , or 53 cents a share , up from \$ 18.1 million , or 31 cents a share , a year earlier . when it took a pretax charge of \$ 10 million after dropping development of an interactive video entertainment system .

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Revenue rose to \$ 403 million from \$ 368.4 million .

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The company cited sales gains at its Milton Bradley and Playskool units and in its international business for the increase in revenue .