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NON-CONSOLIDATED RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 (unaudited)

Financial highlights

	Six months ended September 30		
	2004	2003	Change
(Millions of yen)			%
Net sales	¥188,724	¥166,225	13.5
Operating income	5,727	4,787	19.6
Ordinary income	4,651	2,836	64.0
Net income	3,243	3,072	5.6
(Yen)			
Net income per share	¥ 6.01	¥ 5.69	

Financial position

-	As of September 30, 2004	As of March 31, 2004
(Millions of yen)		
Total assets	¥ 574,263	¥ 566,471
Shareholders' equity (%)	230,540	231,175
Shareholders' equity to total assets (Yen)	40.1%	40.8%
Shareholders' equity per share	¥ 426.91	¥ 427.78

Non-consolidated balance sheets

	As of September 30,	As of March 31,	
(Millions of yen)	2004	2004	Increase
			Decrease
Assets			
Current assets	¥ 200,391	¥ 217,925	¥ -17,534
Cash and deposits	13,126	27,552	-14,426
Notes receivable	1,088	986	102
Accounts receivable – trade	106,446	105,320	1,126
Marketable securities	8,572	8,496	76
Inventories	18,269	16,230	2,039
Accounts receivable – other	24,403	24,280	123
Deferred income taxes	6,298	7,308	-1,010
Other current assets	22,256	27,780	-5,524
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	-69	-28	-41
Non-current assets	373,871	348,546	25,325
Property, plant and equipment	74,335	72,876	1,459
Buildings and structures	29,187	29,518	-331
Machinery and equipment	25,327	23,847	1,480
Vehicles and transportation equipment	98	107	-9
Tools and spare parts	2,045	2,009	36
Land	15,128	15,154	-26
Construction in progress	2,548	2,238	310
Intangible fixed assets	2,022	1,778	244
Investments and other assets	297,513	273,891	23,622
Investment securities	56,724	59,698	-2,974
Investments in affiliated companies	171,469	170,865	604
Long-term loans	30,083	17,567	12,516
Prepaid pension costs	35,669	21,972	13,697
Other investments and assets	4,657	4,874	-217
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	-1,091	-1, 087	-4
Total assets	¥ 574,263	¥ 566,471	¥ 7,792

Non-consolidated balance sheets (Continued)

	As of September 30,	As of March 31,	
(Millions of yen)	2004	2004	Increase
			Decrease
Liabilities			
Current liabilities	¥ 205,088	¥ 197,907	¥ 7,181
Notes payable	2,407	3,268	-861
Accounts payable – trade	99,170	94,394	4,776
Short-term loans	57,655	47,672	9,983
Current portion of corporate bonds	10,000	20,000	-10,000
Current portion of convertible bonds	16,989	16,989	, <u> </u>
Accounts payable – other	10,275	7,358	2,917
Accrued expenses	7,954	7,733	221
Accrued income taxes	223	63	160
Other current liabilities	412	427	-15
Long-term liabilities	138,633	137,389	1,244
Corporate bonds	70,000	70,000	
Long-term loans	49,500	52,500	-3,000
Deferred tax liabilities	13,056	12,851	205
Accrued officers' retirement benefits	138	1,729	-1,591
Other long-term liabilities	5,938	308	5,630
Total liabilities	343,722	335,296	8,426
Shareholders' equity			
Common stock	67,176	67,176	
Capital surplus	77,924	77,924	0
Capital reserve	77,923	77,923	
Other reserves	0	0	0
Gain on disposal of NSK treasury stoc		0	0
Retained earnings	72,628	71,695	933
Legal reserve	10,292	10,292	
Other reserve	57,460	57,501	-41
Unappropriated retained earnings at the end of p		3,902	974
Unrealized holding gains on securities	16,869	18,416	-1,547
NSK treasury stock	-4,058	-4,038	-20
Total shareholders' equity	230,540	231,175	-635
Total liabilities and shareholders' equit	y ¥ 574,263	¥ 566,471	¥ 7,792

Non-consolidated statements of operations

Six months ended September 30			
(Millions of yen)	2004	2003	Change
			%
Net sales	¥ 188,724	¥ 166,225	13.5
Cost of sales	164,504	143,296	14.8
Selling, general and administrative expen		18,141	1.9
Operating income	5,727	4,787	19.6
Non-operating income:	1,759	2,068	-15.0
Interest and dividend income	1,173	1,545	-24.1
Other	585	522	12.0
Non operating expanses:	2,834	4,019	-29.5
Non-operating expenses: Interest expenses		1,734	-29.5
Other	1,555	,	
Other	1,279	2,284	-44.0
Ordinary income	4,651	2,836	64.0
Extraordinary income:	1,011	2,206	-54.2
Gain on sales of investment securities	756	2,206	-65.7
Gain on transfer to defined contribution pens	sion plan 254	,	—
Extraordinary losses:	90	_	_
Loss on devaluation of investment securities			
Income before income taxes	5,571	5,043	10.5
Income taxes:			
Current	82	87	-5.7
Deferred	2,246	1,884	-5.7 19.2
Deletted	2,240	1,004	19.2
Net income	¥ 3,243	¥ 3,072	5.6
Unappropriated retained earnings brought forwa	rd 1,633	2,084	
Interim dividends paid	_	_	
Unappropriated retained earnings at end of period	od <u>¥ 4,876</u>	¥ 5,156	

Forecast for the year ending March 31, 2005

	(Millions of yen)
Net sales	¥ 392,000
Operating income	12,500
Ordinary income	10,000
Net income	6,500
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Cash dividends per share to be paid Interim	¥ 5.50
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Annual (total)	11.00

Notes

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