



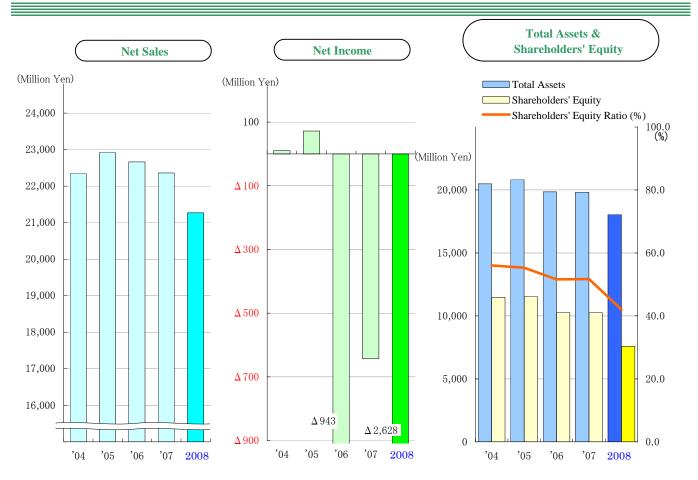
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Financial Highlights

NIKKO COMPANY

Consolidated Data



| | Millions of yen (except per share amounts and %) | | | | Thousands of U. S. dollar (except per share amounts) | |
|------------------------------------|---|------------|------------|------------|---|--------------|
| Consolidated Data | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008 |
| Net Sales | 22,344 | 22,918 | 22,660 | 22,359 | 21,267 | 216,137 |
| Net Income | 1 | 72 | (943) | (643) | (2,628) | (26,709) |
| Total Assets | 20,490 | 20,833 | 19,854 | 19,826 | 18,046 | 183,398 |
| Shareholders' Equity | 11,473 | 11,527 | 10,252 | 10,251 | 7,586 | 77,096 |
| Shareholders' Equity Ratio (%) | 56.0 | 55.3 | 51.6 | 51.7 | 42.0 | |
| Return on Shareholders' Equity (%) | 0.0 | 0.6 | (8.7) | (6.3) | (29.5) | |
| Number of Shares | 17,072,000 | 17,072,000 | 17,072,000 | 19,572,000 | 19,572,000 | |
| Per Share of Common Stock - | | | Yen | | | U. S. dollar |
| Net Income | 0.08 | 4.35 | (57.07) | (38.79) | (139.46) | (1.417) |
| Shareholders' Equity | 680.94 | 691.47 | 621.43 | 541.89 | 403.55 | 4.101 |
| Cash Dividends | 6.00 | 6.00 | 3.00 | 4.00 | 1.00 | 0.010 |

Note: ¥98.40 = U.S.\$1.00; See Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

| | Millions of | ven | Thousands of U. S. dollar |
|--|-------------|------------|------------------------------|
| ASSETS | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Current Assets: | | | |
| Cash and time deposits | ¥3,991 | ¥4,170 | \$40,560 |
| Marketable securities | | 100 | - |
| Notes and accounts receivable: | | | |
| Trade | 4,005 | 4,441 | 40,706 |
| Subsidiaries and affiliates | 52 | 140 | 531 |
| Other | (0) | 0 | (3) |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | (102) | (31) | (1,041) |
| Inventories | 4,046 | 4,350 | 41,122 |
| Deferred tax assets | 5 | 296 | 55 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 327 | 175 | 3,325 |
| Total current assets | 12,325 | 13,645 | 125,256 |
| Investments and Other Assets: Investment securities Stocks of affiliates | 549 219 | 785 189 | 5,581 2,234 |
| Deferred tax assets | - | 554 | - |
| Other | 168 | 405 | 1,715 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts Total investments and other assets | (79) 858 | (68) | (807) 8,723 |
| | 636 | 1,800 | 6,725 |
| Property, plant and equipment, at cost: | | | |
| Land | 1,316 | 1,316 | 13,381 |
| Buildings | 6,571 | 5,890 | 66,784 |
| Machinery and equipment | 7,461 | 7,448 | 75,824 |
| Construction in progress | 38 | 17 | 394 |
| Accumulated depreciation | (10,616) | (10,438) | (107,888) |
| Net property, plant and equipment | 4,772 | 4,234 | 48,496 |
| Intangible Assets and other | 90 | 79 | 922 |
| | 20 | | |
| Total Assets | ¥18,046 | ¥19,826 | \$183,398 |

| | | | Thousands of |
|---|---------------|---------|--|
| LIADU TTIES AND SUADELIOI DEDS'EOUTTY | Millions of | | U. S. dollar |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Current liabilities: | | | |
| Notes and accounts payable: | V2 004 | VA OCT | ¢20,400 |
| Trade | ¥3,884 | ¥4,067 | \$39,480 |
| Subsidiaries and affiliates | 432 | 367 | 4,400 |
| Other | 8 | 11 | 82 |
| Short-term loans payable | 2,534 | 2,205 | 25,756 |
| Construction notes payable | 540 | 59 | 5,493 |
| Accrued expenses | 223 | 183 | 2,269 |
| Accrued income taxes | 55 | 53 | 567 |
| Reserve for bonuses | 431 | 428 | 4,380 |
| Reserve for guarantee for after-care of products | 94 | 82 | 955 |
| Other | 1,015 | 1,001 | 10,318 |
| Total current liabilities | 9,220 | 8,459 | 93,705 |
| Long-term liabilities: | | | |
| Reserve for directors' retirement benefits | 76 | 74 | 782 |
| Reserve for loss on business of affiliates | - | 66 | |
| Reserve for retirement benefits | 1,035 | 882 | 10,520 |
| Other | 127 | 92 | 1,294 |
| Total long-term liabilities | 1,239 | 1,115 | 12,597 |
| Total Liabilities | 10,460 | 9,574 | 106,302 |
| Minority Interests | | | |
| winonty increas | | | |
| Shareholders' Equity: | | | |
| Common stock, ± 50 par value per share | | | |
| Authorized-60,000,000 shares; | | | |
| Issued-19,572,000 shares in 2008 | | | |
| and 19,572,000 shares in 2007 | 3,200 | 3,200 | 32,520 |
| Additional paid-in capital (Capital reserve) | 3,620 | 3,620 | 36,790 |
| Retained earnings | 1,296 | 3,981 | 13,174 |
| Net unrealized loss on securities | (116) | (115) | (1,182) |
| Translation adjustment | (94) | (152) | (959) |
| Treasury stocks | (319) | (281) | (3,247) |
| 773,364 shares in 2008 and 653,379 shares in 2007 | | | . , |
| Total shareholders' equity | 7,586 | 10,251 | 77,096 |
| Total Liabilities, Minority Interests | | | |
| and Shareholders' Equity | ¥18,046 | ¥19,826 | \$183,398 |
| | 110,010 | 117,020 | <i>\(\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\</i> |

| | Millions of yen | | Thousands of U. S. dollar | |
|---|-----------------|---------|---------------------------|--|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | |
| Net Sales | ¥21,267 | ¥22,359 | \$216,137 | |
| Cost of Sales | 16,035 | 16,560 | 162,957 | |
| Gross profit | 5,232 | 5,798 | 53,180 | |
| Selling, General and Administrative Expenses | 6,279 | 6,069 | 63,812 | |
| Operating income (loss) | (1,046) | (270) | (10,632) | |
| Other (Income) Expenses: | | | | |
| Interest expenses | 16 | 16 | 165 | |
| Interest and dividend income | (4) | (4) | (44) | |
| (Gain) on sale or loss on disposal of property, net | 36 | 32 | 374 | |
| Other, net | 630 | 23 | 6,406 | |
| Income before taxes (loss) | (1,725) | (338) | (17,534) | |
| Income taxes-current | 49 | 32 | 505 | |
| Income taxes-deferred | 853 | 271 | 8,669 | |
| Income taxes | 902 | 304 | 9,175 | |
| Net income (loss) | ¥(2,628) | ¥(643) | \$(26,709) | |

| | Yen Yen | | U. S. dollar |
|------------------------------------|-----------|----------|--------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Amounts Per Share of Common Stock: | | | |
| Net Income (loss) | ¥(139.46) | ¥(38.79) | \$(1.417) |
| Cash dividends | 1.00 | 4.00 | 0.010 |
| | | | |

Consolidated Statement of Shareholders' Equity NIKKO COMPANY Years ended October 31, 2008 and 2007

| | Number of | | Millions of yen | | |
|---------------------------|--|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| | shares of common stock (thousands) | Common stock | Capital surplus | Retained earnings | |
| Balance, October 31, 2007 | 19,572 | ¥3,200 | ¥3,620 | ¥3,981 | |
| Net income for the year | — | _ | _ | (2,628) | |
| Cash dividends | - | _ | _ | (56) | |
| Balance, October 31, 2008 | 19,572 | ¥3,200 | ¥3,620 | ¥1,296 | |

| | Thousands of U.S. dollars | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------|----------|--|
| | Common | Capital | Retained | |
| | stock | surplus | earnings | |
| Balance, October 31, 2007 | \$27,879 | \$31,540 | \$34,685 | |
| Net income for the year | _ | _ | (26,709) | |
| Cash dividends | _ | — | (575) | |
| Balance, October 31, 2008 | \$32,520 | \$36,790 | \$13,174 | |

| | Millions of yen | | Thousands of U. S. dollar | |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities: Income (Loss) before income taxes | ¥(1,725) | ¥(338) | \$(17,534) | |
| Depreciation | 427 | 328 | 4,346 | |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | 81 | 37 | 829 | |
| Increase (Decrease) in reserve for bonuses | 3 | (13) | 30 | |
| Increase (Decrease) allowance for investment loss of affiliates | 19 | (10) | 196 | |
| Increase (Decrease) in reserve for loss on business of affiliates | (66) | 10 | (670) | |
| Increase (Decrease) in reserve for guarantee for after-care of products | 12 | 82 | 121 | |
| Increase (Decrease) in reserve for retirement benefits | 152 | 150 | 1,551 | |
| Interest and dividend income | (12) | (12) | (126) | |
| Loss on retirement of fixed assets | 36 | 32 | 374 | |
| Loss (Gain) on valuation of investments in securities | 287 | _ | 2,922 | |
| Loss (Gain) on valuation of derivatives | 4 | (62) | 49 | |
| Interest expenses | 16 | 16 | 165 | |
| (Increase) Decrease in notes and accounts receivables | 477 | 132 | 4,857 | |
| (Increase) Decrease in inventories | 304 | (38) | 3,093 | |
| Increase (Decrease) in notes and accounts payables Other | (118) 180 | (260) (69) | (1,208) | |
| | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 1,837 | |
| | 82 | (16) | 838 | |
| Interest and dividend income received | 12 | 12 | 126 | |
| Interest expenses paid | (16) | (16) | (165) | |
| Income taxes paid | (37) | (18) | (377) | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | ¥41 | ¥(38) | \$421 | |
| Net cash used in investment activities: | | | | |
| Purchase of marketable securities | (51) | (3) | (522) | |
| Proceeds from sales of marketable securities | <u> </u> | 50 | <u> </u> | |
| Proceeds from sales of fixed assets | 119 | — | 1,209 | |
| Purchase of fixed assets | (619) | (645) | (6,297) | |
| Acquisition of investments in affiliates | (30) | _ | (304) | |
| Other | (34) | 26 | (346) | |
| Net cash used in investment activities | ¥(616) | ¥(572) | \$(6,261) | |
| Net cash used in financing activities: | | | | |
| Increase in short-term loans payable | 329 | (170) | 3,345 | |
| Purchase of treasury stock | (38) | (31) | (386) | |
| Cash dividends paid | (56) | (33) | (576) | |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock | _ | 775 | | |
| Net cash used in financing activities: | ¥234 | ¥540 | \$2,382 | |
| Effect of exchange rate change on cash and cash equivalents | 57 | 13 | 587 | |
| Increase (Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (282) | (57) | (2,870) | |
| Cash at beginning of period | 3,996 | 4,053 | 40,616 | |
| Cash at end of period | ¥3,714 | ¥3,996 | \$37,746 | |

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

NIKKO COMPANY

1. Basis of Presenting Consolidated Financial Statements

(1) Accounting Principles and Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared from the accounts maintained by Nikko Company (the "Company") and its consolidated subsidiaries (the "Companies") in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Japanese Commercial Code and other countries' regulations and in conformity with accounting principles and practices generally accepted in Japan, which are different in certain respects as to application and disclosure requirements from International Accounting Standards.

Certain items presented in the consolidated financial statements filed with the Ministry of Finance (the "MOF") in Japan have been reclassified for the convenience of readers outside Japan.

The consolidated financial statements are not intended to present the consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows in accordance with accounting principles and practices generally accepted in countries and jurisdictions other than Japan.

Amounts in U.S. dollars are included solely for the convenience of readers outside Japan. The rate of \$98.40=U.S.\$1 the approximate rate of exchange at October 31, 2008, has been used in translation. The inclusion of such amounts is not intended to imply that Japanese yen have been or could be readily converted, realized or settled in U.S. dollars at the rate or any other rate.

(2) Scope of Consolidation

The Company had 3 subsidiaries as at October 31, 2008 (2 subsidiaries as at October 31, 2007). The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and 3 (2 for 2007) of its subsidiaries. The consolidated subsidiaries are listed below:

| | As at October 31, 2008 | | | |
|------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|--|
| | Equity ownership percentage, including indirect ownership | Capital stock (thousands) | | |
| Nikko Ceramics, Inc. | 100.00 % | \$1,250 | | |
| Nikko Hanbai Co., Ltd. | 94.85~% | ¥470,000 | | |
| Nikko ME Co., Ltd. | 100.00 % | ¥30,000 | | |

(3) Consolidation and Elimination

For the purposes of preparing the consolidated financial statements, all significant intercompany transactions, account balances and unrealized profits among the Companies have been eliminated, and the portion thereof attributable to minority interests is charged to minority interests.

The cost of investments in the common stock of consolidated subsidiaries is eliminated with the underlying equity in net assets of such subsidiaries. The material difference between the cost of an investment and the amount of underlying equity in net assets of such subsidiary is deferred and amortized over a reasonable period within 5 years on a straight-line basis.

(4) Investments in Unconsolidated Subsidiaries and Affiliates

At October 31, 2008, the Company had 5 affiliates. They have not been accounted for by the equity method for the following reasons: insignificant amount of net income and retained earnings. The investments in affiliates are stated at cost.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(1) Valuation of Securities

The accounting standard for financial instruments requires that securities be classified into three categories: trading, held-to-maturity or other securities. Trading securities are carried at fair value and held-to-maturity securities are carried at amortized cost. Marketable securities classified as other securities are carried at fair market value with any changes in unrealized gain or loss, net of the applicable income taxes, included directly in shareholders' equity. Non-marketable securities classified as other securities are carried at cost. The cost of securities sold is determined by the moving average method.

(2) Inventories

Inventories held by the Company and the domestic consolidated subsidiary are stated at cost. Cost is determined by the periodic average method for finished goods and goods in process, by the moving average method for raw materials and supplies, and by the specific identification method for construction in process. Inventories held by the overseas consolidated subsidiary are valued at lower cost, which is determined by the FIFO method.

(3) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation of property, plant and equipment except for buildings of the Company is computed on the declining-balance method and depreciation of buildings is computed on the straight-line method, at rates based on the estimated useful lives of the assets. Depreciation of property, plant and equipment of the domestic consolidated subsidiary is computed on the declining-balance method and buildings (except for structures attached to the buildings) acquired on and after April 1, 1998 have been depreciated by the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives are based on the prescribed by the Japanese income tax laws. The overseas consolidated subsidiary has computed by the straight-line method. Normal repairs and maintenance, including minor renewals and improvements, are charged to income as incurred.

(Additional information)

Pursuant to the amended corporation tax law of Japan, as for property, plant and equipment acquired before April 1, 2007, the Company and the domestic consolidated subsidiary previously depreciated up to the depreciable limit of 5% of the acquisition cost in accordance with the corporation tax law of Japan. Effective from this period, the residual value is depreciated over five years using the straight-line method from the fiscal year following the year in which the depreciable limit is reached pursuant to the amended corporation tax law of Japan. As a result, operating income and income before income taxes decreased by \$55million (\$563 thousand), respectively.

(4) Foreign Currency Translation

Foreign currency amounts except for those covered by forward exchange contracts are translated into Japanese yen on the basis of the rates of exchange in effect at the balance sheet date for monetary current assets and current liabilities, and at historical rates for other assets and liabilities unless they have accrued significant exchange losses. Foreign currency amounts covered by forward exchange contracts are translated into Japanese yen at the relevant contract rates. Historical rates are used for translation of income and expenses.

(5) Recognition of Income Taxes

The Companies adopted deferred tax accounting, whereby tax effects on temporary differences are adequately reflected and recognized as additions to or deductions from "Income Taxes" in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income.

(6) Translation of Foreign Currency Financial Statements

(Accounts of Overseas Subsidiaries and Affiliates)

Financial statements of foreign subsidiary is translated into Japanese yen at the current exchange rates as of the balance sheet date for all balance sheet accounts except for shareholders' equity accounts, which is translated at the historical exchange rate. The annual average rate is used for revenue and expense accounts.

(7) Amortization

The amortization of intangible assets of the Company and the domestic consolidated subsidiary are computed by the straight-line method, at rates based on the prescribed by the Japanese income tax laws.

Expenditures related to computer software intended for internal use are amortized over the useful life of the respective assets (5 years).

The overseas consolidated subsidiary has computed by the straight-line method.

(8) Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Allowance for doubtful accounts is calculated based on the aggregate amount of estimated credit losses for doubtful receivables plus an amount for receivables other than doubtful receivables calculated using historical write-off experience from certain prior periods.

(9) Reserve for guarantee for after-care of products

As warranty expenses for certain products sold by the Company are subsequently realized, a provision for product warranty has been recorded in order to reflect the results of their operations more accurately.

(10) Derivatives

Derivatives are valued at fair value if hedging accounting is not appropriate or where there is no hedging designation, and the gains or losses on derivatives are recognized in the current earnings.

(11) Accounting for Leases

Finance leases other than those which are deemed to transfer the ownership of the leased assets to lessees are accounted for by the method similar to that applicable to ordinary operating leases.

(12) Net Income and Dividends per Share

"Net income per share" of common stock is based upon the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during each year. Cash dividends per share shown for each year in the Consolidated Statements of Income represent dividends declared as applicable to the respective year, rather than those paid in each year.

(13) Cash Equivalents

Cash Equivalents are short-term investments that are readily convertible into cash and that are exposed to in significant risk of changes in value. Cash equivalents include time deposits and investment trusts that represent short-term investments, all of which mature or become due within three months of the date of acquisition.

(14) Shareholders' Equity

The amount of retained earnings available for dividends under the Commercial Code of Japan is based on the amount stated in the statutory financial statements of the Company. Dividends are approved by the shareholders at a meeting held subsequent to the fiscal year to which the dividend is applicable. In addition, a semi-annual interim dividend payment may be made by resolution of the Board of Directors subject to certain limitations imposed by the Commercial Code.

(15) Research and Development Costs

Expenses relating to research and development activities are charged to income as incurred. Such research and development expenses were included in cost of goods sold and selling, general and administrative expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of income and amounted to ¥275million (\$2,797 thousand) and ¥305million (\$2,660 thousand) for the years ended October 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

3. Short-term Bank Loans

Short-term bank loans of subsidiaries are secured by the Company, at an annual weighted average interest rate of 1.97% at October 31, 2008.and 2.08% at October 31, 2007.

| | Millions of | of yen | Thousands of U.S. dollars |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------|------------------------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Short-term bank loans | ¥2,534 | ¥2,205 | \$25,756 |

4. Pledged Assets

The carrying amounts of assets pledged as fixed collateral at October 31, 2008 and 2007, the Company had no liabilities.

| | Millions of yen | | Thousands of U.S. dollars |
|--|-----------------|------|------------------------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Property, plant and equipment – net of accumulated depreciation | ¥217 | ¥209 | \$2,212 |

5. Contingent Liabilities

Contingent liabilities in respect of guarantees of indebtedness of employees amounted to \$8million (\$91 thousand) at October 31, 2008 and \$8 million (\$77 thousand) at October 31, 2007.

6. Retirement Plans and Severance Indemnities

(1) The Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries have defined benefit plans, tax-qualified pension plans, covering substantially all employees who are entitled to lump-sum or annuity payments, the amounts of which are determined by reference to their basic rates of pay, length of service, and the conditions under which termination occurs.

The following table sets forth the funded and accrued status of the plans, and the amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheet as of October 31, 2008 and 2007 for the Company's and the consolidated subsidiaries' defined benefit plans

(2) Components of accrued pension and severance costs as of October 31, 2008 and 2007 are as follows:

| | Millions of yen | | Thousands of U.S. dollar |
|--|-----------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Retirement benefit obligation at end of year | ¥(3,107) | ¥(3,092) | \$(31,585) |
| Plan assets | 1,280 | 1,712 | 13,013 |
| Unfunded retirement benefit obligation | (1,827) | (1,380) | (18,571) |
| Unrecognized net retirement benefit obligation at transition | 478 | 547 | 4,865 |
| Unrecognized actuarial loss | 313 | (48) | 3,185 |
| Unrecognized prior service cost | _ | _ | _ |
| Net amount recognized on the balance sheet | (1035) | (882) | (10,520) |
| Prepaid pension expenses | — | _ | — |
| Accrued retirement benefits | (1035) | (882) | (10,520) |

A consolidated subsidiary use the simplified method.

| | Millions | Thousands of U.S. dollar | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|---------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Service cost | ¥206 | ¥190 | \$2,101 |
| Interest cost | 59 | 58 | 602 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (32) | (31) | (333) |
| Amortization of transition obligation | 68 | 68 | 695 |
| Amortization of actual loss | 11 | 20 | 119 |
| Amortization of prior service cost | 16 | 8 | 164 |
| Retirement benefit expenses | 329 | 315 | 3,349 |

(3) Components of retirement benefit expenses for the year ended October 31, 2008 and 2007 are as follows

Retirement expenses under the simplified method are included in service cost.

(4) Assumptions used for calculation of retirement benefits for the year ended October 31, 2008 and 2007 are as follows:

| | 2008 | 2007 |
|--|------------|------------|
| Method of attributing the project benefits to periods of service | Straight-l | ine method |
| Discount rate | 2.0 % | $2.0 \ \%$ |
| Expected return on plan assets | 2.0 % | $2.0 \ \%$ |
| Amortization period of unrecognized actuarial gains or losses | 13 ye | ears |
| Amortization period of net transition obligation | 15 ye | ears |

7. Deferred Tax

Deferred tax assets and liabilities (both current and non-current) consisted of the following elements:

| | Thousands | Thousands of U.S. dollar | |
|--|-----------|--------------------------------|------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Deferred tax assets: | | | |
| Allowance for bonuses not deductible until paid | ¥174 | 1172 | \$1,769 |
| Reserve for guarantee for after-care of products | 37 | 33 | 385 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | 67 | 33 | 689 |
| Loss on valuation of inventories | 290 | 249 | 2,956 |
| Loss on disposal of inventories | 76 | 43 | 780 |
| Impairment loss on fixed assets | 96 | 117 | 978 |
| Accrued directors' and statutory auditors' retirement benefits | 31 | 29 | 316 |
| Liabilities for retirement benefits | 418 | 356 | 4,250 |
| Loss on valuation of investments in memberships | — | 21 | — |
| Allowance for operating loss of subsidiaries | _ | 332 | _ |
| Unrealized profit on securities | 47 | 47 | 478 |
| Tax loss carried forward | 1,355 | 971 | 13,779 |
| Other | 125 | 126 | 1,275 |
| Subtotal | 2,721 | 2,536 | $27,\!659$ |
| Allowance for valuation | (2,716) | (1,678) | (27,605) |
| Net deferred tax assets | \$5 | ¥858 | \$53 |
| Deferred tax liabilities: | | | |
| Deferred gains on sales of property | (6) | (7) | (68) |
| Net deferred tax liabilities | ¥(6) | ¥(7) | \$(68) |

The reconciliation of the statutory tax rate to the income tax rate reflected in the Consolidated Statements of Income for the year ended October 31, 2008 and 2007 are not shown since the operating result for the year was a loss before provision for income taxes.

8. Accounting for Leases

The following pro forma information of leased property such as acquisition cost, accumulated depreciation, accumulated loss on impairment, obligations under finance leases, depreciation expense, interest expense of finance leases that do not transfer ownership of the leased property to the lessee on an "as if capitalized" basis for the years ended October 31, 2008 and 2007, was as follows. (from 2008 The amounts of acquisition costs and obligations under finance leases exclude the imputed interest expense portions.)

| | Millions | Millions of yen | |
|--------------------------------|----------|-----------------|---------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Acquisition cost | | | |
| Machinery and equipment | ¥848 | ¥467 | \$8,621 |
| Other assets | 112 | 121 | 1,141 |
| | ¥960 | ¥588 | \$9,762 |
| Accumulated depreciation | | | |
| Machinery and equipment | ¥272 | ¥302 | \$2,773 |
| Other assets | 54 | 54 | 552 |
| | ¥327 | ¥357 | \$3,326 |
| Accumulated loss on impairment | | | |
| Machinery and equipment | ¥102 | ¥104 | \$1,040 |
| Other assets | _ | _ | _ |
| | ¥102 | ¥104 | \$1,040 |
| Net book value | | | |
| Machinery and equipment | ¥472 | ¥60 | \$4,806 |
| Other assets | 57 | 62 | 588 |
| | ¥530 | ¥122 | \$5,395 |
| | | | |

Obligations under finance leases as of October 31,2008 and 2007, are as follows:

| | Millions | of yen | Thousands of U.S. dollars |
|---------------------|----------|--------|------------------------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Due within one year | ¥94 | ¥44 | \$955 |
| Due after one year | 441 | 81 | 4,491 |
| | ¥536 | ¥125 | \$5,447 |

The imputed interest expenses portion which is computed using the interest method is excluded from the above obligations under finance leases.

Depreciation expenses and interest expenses under finance leases as of 2008 and 2007, were as follows:

| | Millions | Thousands of U.S. dollars | |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------------------------|---------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Lease expenses for the year | ¥52 | ¥59 | \$5 34 |
| Depreciation expense | 47 | 59 | 486 |
| Interest expenses | 6 | | 64 |
| Loss on impairment | 57 | 47 | 580 |

Depreciation expenses and interest expense, which are not reflected in the accompanying consolidated statement of income, computed by the straight-line method and the interest method.

9. Investments

In accordance with the accounting standard for financial instruments, investment securities include equity securities, bonds and other, of which the aggregate cost, gross unrealized gains/losses and fair value pertaining to available-for-sale securities and held-to-maturities at October 31, 2008 and 2007 were as follows.

| Availa | able-for-sale se | curities | | | | | |
|---------------|---|--|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Sec | urities with boo | ok values exceedi | ng | Other securities | | | |
| | | Millions of yen | | Millions of yen | | | |
| | 2008 | | | | 2008 | | |
| | Acquisition cost | Book value | Difference | Acquisition cost | Book value | Difference | |
| | ¥1 | ¥1 | $\Psi 0$ | ¥565 | ¥448 | ¥(116) | |
| | Thousands of U.S. dollars | | | Thousands of U.S. dollars | | | |
| _ | 2008 | | | 2008 | | | |
| | Acquisition cost Book value Difference | | | | | | |
| | • | Book value | Difference | Acquisition cost | Book value | Difference | |
| | • | Book value \$16 | Difference \$3 | | Book value \$4,562 | Difference \$(1,185) | |
| | cost | \$16 | | cost | | | |
| Availa | cost \$12 able-for-sale set | \$16 | \$3 | cost | | | |
| Availa | cost \$12 able-for-sale set | \$16 curities | \$3 | <u>cost</u> \$5,748 | | | |
| Availa | cost \$12 able-for-sale set | \$16 curities ok values exceedi | \$3 | <u>cost</u> \$5,748 | \$4,562 | | |
| Availa Sec | cost \$12 able-for-sale set | \$16 curities ok values exceedi Millions of yen | \$3 | <u>cost</u> \$5,748 | \$4,562 Millions of yen | | |

Available-for-sale securities whose fair value is not readily available as of October 31, 2008 and 2007 comprise following:

| | Millions | of yen | Thousands of U.S. dollars |
|-----------------|----------|--------|------------------------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Unlisted stocks | ¥268 | ¥48 | \$2,728 |
| Others | 50 | _ | 508 |
| Total | 318 | 48 | 3,236 |

10. Segment Information

(1) Industry Segment Information The Companies operate principally in the following three industrial segments:

| Housing & Environmental Equipment | FRP bath-tubs, Bathroom units, Septic tanks, Water treatment facilities, Tiles, Wind turbine system | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Tabletop | Fine bone china, Fine vitrified china, Fine porcelain, Oven ware | | | | | |
| Electro-Ceramics | Alumina substrates, Hybrid IC, LTCC substrates, Dielectric ceramics | | | | | |

The segment information of the Companies ended October 31, 2008 and 2007 are presented below:

| C | Millions of yen | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|----------|----------------------|----------------|---------|----------------------------|-------------|--|
| | 2008 | | | | | | | |
| | Housing & Environmental Equipment | Tabletop | Electro- Ceramics | Other | Total | Eliminations/ Corporate | onsolidated | |
| Sales: | | | | | | | | |
| Sales to customers | ¥11,174 | ¥6,436 | ¥3,633 | $\mathbf{¥}24$ | ¥21,267 | — | ¥21,267 | |
| Intersegment sales | _ | _ | _ | _ | | _ | | |
| Total sales | 11,174 | 6,436 | 3,633 | 24 | 21,267 | _ | 21,267 | |
| Operating expenses | 11,109 | 6,420 | 3,979 | 49 | 21,558 | 755 | 22,314 | |
| Operating income (loss) | 64 | 15 | (346) | (25) | (290) | (755) | (1,046) | |
| Total assets: | ¥4,400 | ¥5,323 | ¥2,780 | ¥9 | ¥12,514 | ¥5,532 | ¥18,046 | |
| Depreciation: | 166 | 131 | 133 | 1 | 432 | 19 | 451 | |
| Capital expenditure: | 161 | 111 | 270 | 11 | 555 | 522 | 1,078 | |

| | Thousands of U.S. dollars 2008 | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|----------|----------------------|-------|-----------|----------------------------|--------------|
| | Housing & Environmental Equipment | Tabletop | Electro- Ceramics | Other | Total | Eliminations/ Corporate | Consolidated |
| Sales: | | | | | | | |
| Sales to customers | \$113,557 | \$65,412 | \$36,922 | \$245 | \$216,137 | · <u> </u> | \$216,137 |
| Intersegment sales | _ | _ | _ | _ | | · | _ |
| Total sales | 113,557 | 65,412 | 36,922 | 245 | 216,137 | · <u> </u> | 216,137 |
| Operating expenses | 112,898 | 65,254 | 40,439 | 502 | 219,094 | 7,675 | 226,769 |
| Operating income (loss) | 659 | 158 | (3,517) | (256) | (2,956) | (7,675) | (10,632) |
| Total assets: | \$44,718 | \$54,099 | \$28,259 | \$99 | \$127,177 | \$56,221 | \$183,398 |
| Depreciation: | 1,694 | 1,334 | 1,355 | 13 | 4,397 | 194 | 4,591 |
| Capital expenditure: | 1,644 | 1,135 | 2,748 | 119 | 5,648 | 5,311 | 10,959 |

| | Millions of yen | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|-----------|----------------------|-------|---------|----------------------------|--------------|
| | | 2007 | | | | | |
| | Housing & Environmental Equipment | Tabletop | Electro- Ceramics | Other | Total | Eliminations/ Corporate | Consolidated |
| Sales: | | | | | | | |
| Sales to customers | ¥11,655 | ¥6,653 | ¥4,035 | ¥14 | ¥22,359 |) — | ¥22,359 |
| Intersegment sales | — | — | — | — | _ | | — |
| Total sales | 11,655 | $6,\!653$ | 4,035 | 14 | 22,359 |) — | 22,359 |
| Operating expenses | 11,373 | 6,362 | 4,213 | 33 | 21,982 | 647 | 22,630 |
| Operating income (loss) | 282 | 290 | (177) | (19) | 376 | 647) | (270) |
| Total assets: | ¥4,555 | \$5,058 | ¥3,514 | ¥10 | ¥13,138 | ¥6,687 | ¥19,826 |
| Depreciation: | 125 | 105 | 81 | 0 | 312 | 13 | 326 |
| Capital expenditure: | 94 | 160 | 229 | 0 | 485 | 315 | 800 |

(Change in accounting policies)

Pursuant to the amended corporation tax law of Japan, effective from this period, the residual value of property, plant and equipment acquired before April 1, 2007, is depreciated over five years using the straight-line method from the fiscal year following the year in which the depreciable limit (5% of the acquisition cost) is reached pursuant to the amended corporation tax law of Japan. As a result, the operating income of the Housing & Environmental Equipment, Tabletop, Electro-Ceramics and Other decreased by \$15million (\$154 thousand), \$15million (\$160 thousand), \$22million (\$226 thousand), \$0million (\$3 thousand), respectively.

(2) Information by Geographic Segment

As more than 90% of the consolidated net sales for the two years in the period ended October 31, 2008 and 2007 were made in Japan, the disclosure of geographic segment information has been omitted.

(3) Export Sales and Sales by Overseas Subsidiaries

Export sales of the Companies (meaning the amounts of export made by the Company and its domestic subsidiaries plus the sales of overseas consolidated subsidiaries) ended October 31, 2008 and 2007 are presented below:

| | | Millions 20 | · | |
|---|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| Export sales and sales by overseas subsidiaries: | Americas | Asia | Other | Total |
| Overseas sales | ¥1,321 | ¥1,096 | ¥156 | ¥2,574 |
| Net sales | | | | 21,267 |
| Percentage of such sales against consolidated net sales | 6.2% | 5.2% | 0.7% | 12.1% |
| | ŋ | Thousands of | f U.S. dollars | |
| | 2008 | | | |
| Export sales and sales by overseas subsidiaries: | Americas | Asia | Other | Total |
| Overseas sales | \$13,432 | \$11,141 | \$1,589 | \$26,162 |
| Net sales | | | | 216,137 |
| | Millions of yen | | | |
| | 2007 | | | |
| Export sales and sales by overseas subsidiaries: | Americas | Asia | Other | Total |
| Overseas sales | ¥1,654 | ¥1,046 | ¥149 | ¥2,851 |
| Net sales | | | | 22,359 |
| Percentage of such sales against consolidated net sales | 7.4% | 4.7% | 0.7% | 12.8% |

11. Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company has entered into forward exchange contracts and currency swaps with banks as hedges against receivables denominated in foreign currencies and into commodity swap with banks as hedges against purchase price of fuel. These derivative financial transactions are utilized solely for hedging purposes under the internal control rules and the supervision by the Board of Directors.

The following tables summarize market value information as of October 31, 2008 and 2007, of derivatives for which hedge accounting has not been applied.

| Currency Related | Millions of yen | | Thousands of U.S. dollars |
|--|-----------------|------|------------------------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Foreign Exchange Forward Contracts: Selling U.S. dollar | | | |
| Contract amount | ¥21 | ¥105 | \$217 |
| Due after one year | — | _ | — |
| Fair value | 19 | 102 | 199 |
| Unrealized Gain/(loss) | 1 | 3 | 18 |
| Currency Swaps: U.S. dollar payment/Yen receipt | | | |
| Contract amount | _ | ¥901 | _ |
| Due after one year | _ | _ | _ |
| Fair value | _ | (4) | _ |
| Unrealized Gain/(loss) | _ | (4) | |

| Commodity Related | Millions | Thousands of U.S. dollars | |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Oil Swap Contracts: | | | |
| Receive floating/ Pay Fixed | | | |
| Contract amount | ¥53 | ¥151 | \$543 |
| Due after one year | 10 | 53 | 109 |
| Fair value | 35 | 241 | 361 |
| Unrealized Gain/(loss) | 35 | 241 | 361 |

12. Amounts Per Share Common Stock

Net income per share is computed by dividing income available to common shareholders by the weightedaverage number of shares of common stock outstanding during the respective years.

Chairman

Akitoshi Sakai

Chief Executive Officer

Makoto Yoshida

| Board Director | , Executive | Managing | Officer |
|----------------|-------------|----------|---------|
| | | | |

| Kazuto Futamata | (Housing & Environmental Equipment Division, General Manager) |
|------------------|---|
| Shigekazu Kaneda | (Finance & Administration, General Manager) |
| | |

| Board D | Director, | Mana | ging | Officer |
|---------|-----------|---------|------|---------|
| | Kei | nji Kit | a | |

| Kenji Kita | (Tabletop Division, General Manager) |
|------------------|---|
| Yoshiaki Iwasaki | (Tabletop Division, Head-Factory Manager) |
| Nobuyasu Oda | (Housing & Environmental Equipment Division, Product Planning Division, |
| | Manufacturing Division, Administraion Division Manager) |
| Kazuo Miyanabe | (Production Engineering Dept, General Manager |
| | Electro-Ceramics Division, Manufacturing Director) |
| Makoto Aoki | (Electro-Ceramics Division, General Manager) |

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