

# **PROFILE**

Founded in 1858 as an importer, exporter, and wholesaler of textiles, ITOCHU Corporation has broadly expanded its business areas, adding plants, mineral resources, and IT products and services to its traditional consumer-related businesses including textiles, food, and general merchandise. At present, ITOCHU has become a more multifunctional business organization, adding investment, project management, and other functions to its conventional trading company operations.

In line with ITOCHU's highly efficient profit structure and financial position gained through the advancement of its A&P strategy, the Company has drawn up and implemented a new two-year management plan that will shift its focus to a more offensive footing from fiscal year 2005.

The new mid-term management plan "Frontier-2006: A Shift to Aggressive Business and Enhancement of Solid Management" puts forth ITOCHU's corporate vision of proactively foreseeing social and market changes while consistently pursuing new frontiers. Under this management plan, ITOCHU is aiming to become a high-profit corporate group earning over ¥100 billion in consolidated net income in a steady and sustainable manner by taking on the comprehensive challenge of expanding earnings, creating new businesses, and enhancing solid management including a further improvement of its financial position.



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# TWO-YEAR FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

ITOCHU Corporation and Subsidiaries Years ended March 31

	2005	2004	2005/2004	2005
	Millions of Yen		Increase (Decrease) %	Millions of U.S. dollars
For the fiscal year:				
Total revenue	¥1,991,238	¥1,738,747	14.5%	\$18,542
Gross trading profit	630,761	555,895	13.5	5,874
Net income (loss)	77,792	(31,944)	_	724
(Reference)				
Total trading transactions	9,576,039	9,516,967	0.6	89,171
Adjusted profit*	188,807	100,676	87.5	1,758
At fiscal year-end:				
Total assets	4,472,345	4,487,282	(0.3)	41,646
Stockholders' equity	510,397	422,866	20.7	4,753
Net interest-bearing debts*	1,891,086	1,977,048	(4.3)	17,610
		en wise specified)	Increase (Decrease) %	U.S. dollars (Unless otherwise specified
Per share (Yen and U.S. Dollars):				
Net income (loss)	¥ 49.16	¥ (20.20)	—%	\$0.46
Stockholders' equity	322.54	267.25	20.7	3.00
Cash dividends	7.0	_	_	0.07
Ratios:				
Gross trading profit ratio (%)	6.6	5.8		
ROA (%)	1.7	_		
ROE (%)	16.7	_		
Ratio of adjusted profit to total assets (%)	4.2	2.2		
Ratio of stockholders' equity to total assets (%)	11.4	9.4		
Net debt-to-equity ratio (net DER) (times)	3.7	4.7		

All figures are for fiscal years, which begin on April 1 of the years preceding and extend through March 31.

The Japanese yen amounts for the year ended March 31, 2005, have been translated into United States dollar amounts, solely for the convenience of the reader, at the rate of ¥107.39 = U.S.\$1, the official rate of The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, Ltd., as of March 31, 2005.

Revenue is presented in accordance with "Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF)" No.99-19, "Reporting Revenue Gross as a Principal versus Net as an Agent." Total trading transactions are presented in accordance with Japanese accounting practice.

Total trading transactions consist of sales with respect to transactions in which the companies act as principal and the total amount of transactions in which the companies act as agent.

Net income (loss) per share and stockholders' equity per share are calculated by using the shares that exclude the number of treasury stock from that of common stock issued.

Calculation formula (Fiscal 2005: ¥ billion): 1,891.1 = 2,346.7 – 455.6

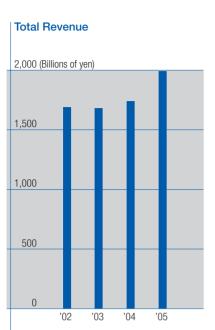
<sup>\*</sup>Adjusted profit=Gross trading profit + Selling, general and administrative expenses + Net financial expenses + Equity in earnings of associated companies\*

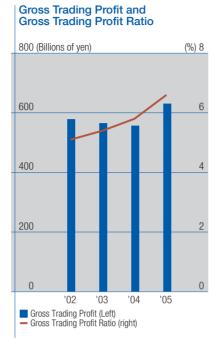
Calculation formula (Fiscal 2005: ¥ billion): 188.8 = 630.8 + (466.8) + (6.9) + 31.8

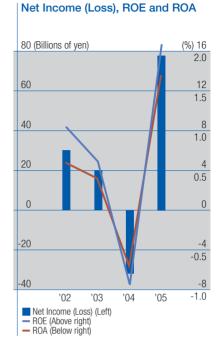
<sup>\*</sup>Net interest-bearing debts = Interest-bearing debts - Cash, cash equivalents and time deposits

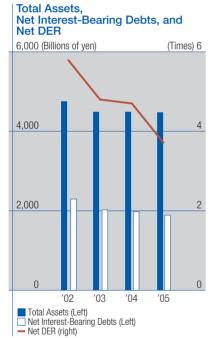
<sup>\*</sup>Selling, general and administrative expenses in fiscal year 2004 includes the amount of net loss on settlement of the substitutional portion of the Employees' Pension Fund of ¥3.2 billion.

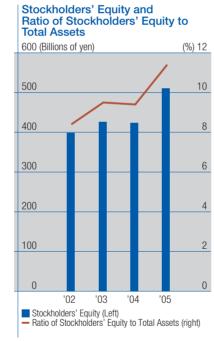
<sup>\*</sup>Equity in earnings of associated companies in fiscal year 2004 includes the amount of gain on negative goodwill for investments in associated companies of ¥2.2 billion.

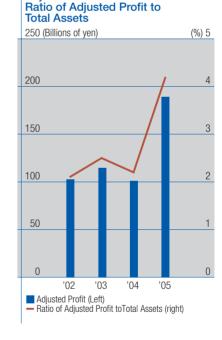












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# Corporate Strategy

# Corporate Performance and Strategy: Shifting from a Defensive to Offensive Footing

Since the launch of "Management Restructuring for Success in the 21st Century" in fiscal year 2000, ITOCHU has been reforming its profit structure and improving its financial position through the implementation of a series of management reforms including the A&P strategy.\* As of fiscal year 2005, the results of these reforms have been a record high net income of ¥77.8 billion; and on the balance sheet side, a reduction in net interest-bearing debts by half, a near doubling of shareholders' equity, and a net DER (debt-to-equity ratio) that has improved to 3.7 times from 12.0 times in fiscal year 2000. ITOCHU has also eliminated major causes for concern over future earnings and the Company is now prepared to shift to a full-fledged offensive footing.

Under the new mid-term management plan, Frontier-2006, ITOCHU will seek to increase its total assets and net interest-bearing debts. At the same time, the Company will further enhance its financial position by reducing net DER to below 3.0 times and striving to become a corporate group that steadily and consistently generates net income above ¥100 billion.

#### \*A&P strategy:

A strategy for enhancing profitability by intensively allocating management resources to areas that are *Attractive* to customers and where ITOCHU is *Powerful*. ITOCHU has advanced the A&P strategy through the implementation of two mid-term management plans: A&P-2002 (fiscal year 2002 – fiscal year 2003) and Super A&P-2004 (fiscal year 2004 – fiscal year 2005).

# Segments through which ITOCHU can Offensively Demonstrate Unique Competence

ITOCHU will demonstrate its unique competence to fulfill its Frontier-2006 plan in the below three areas. In addition, ITOCHU will enhance its prioritized efforts under a system that looks beyond the individual Division Company to develop business across the entire Group.

 Consumer-Related sector: Taking advantage of ITOCHU's expertise gained through its original business activities in the textile industry and subsequent rapid advance into the food retail sector, ITOCHU is in a strong position to better understand consumer needs. In addition, ITOCHU is well prepared to comprehensively develop its business, which spans from downstream to upstream fields (comprehensive vertical strengths).

- Natural Resource Development sector: ITOCHU ranks the highest among general trading companies in asset efficiency in the natural resource development sector.
- North America and Asia, including China:
   ITOCHU has taken the industry lead in penetrating the Chinese market and it has developed a network of contacts, distribution routes, and collaborative relationships with major local Chinese companies.

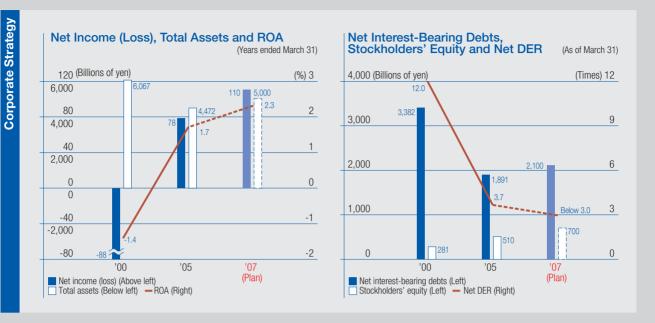
   Also, in the U.S., ITOCHU has expertise in developing local businesses.

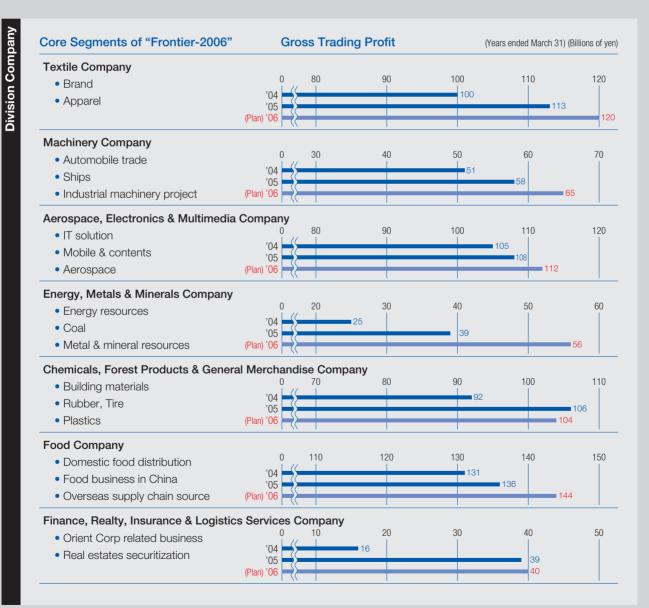
# Past and Future Division Company Earnings —Simultaneous Pursuit of Efficiency and Growth

Each of ITOCHU's seven Division Companies is actively working to increase profits and improve its asset portfolio in respective business fields, including efforts to solidify the performance of group companies. Through such efforts, each Division Company

has successfully increased its gross trading profit and dramatically improved ROA efficiency.

\* For details of the trend in ROA, please refer to the respective Division Company pages.





# DEAR STOCKHOLDERS AND CUSTOMERS

ITOCHU Corporation achieved a historical high net income of ¥77.8 billion for the fiscal year ended March 2005.

Now that ITOCHU has gained financial strength and established a highly efficient profit structure through our past management restructurings and A&P strategy,\* it is time for us to shift in earnest from a defensive to an offensive business approach under our new mid-term management plan, "Frontier-2006."

We will channel our efforts into areas of unique competence that ITOCHU alone can provide. As a Group, we aim to utilize fully our comprehensive lateral strengths across the Division Companies to generate a net income of more than ¥100 billion steadily and sustainedly.



# Performance for Fiscal Year 2005: Record-High Profitability Owing to Improvements in our Business Structure

ITOCHU's net income for fiscal year 2005 was a record high of ¥77.8 billion, exceeding the upwardly revised target of ¥75.0 billion that we forecasted in our semi-annual financial statements for fiscal 2005. Through our efforts, we have made a complete turnaround from the previous fiscal year when we recorded a ¥31.9 billion loss due to an impairment of fixed assets. Although we had suffered the negative impact of a ¥26.6 billion loss after tax due to goodwill impairment relating to shares of FamilyMart Co., Ltd., we were able to absorb this loss and went on to make a significant profit.

Our gross trading profit rose 13% to ¥630.8 billion in fiscal year 2005, exceeding the ¥600 billion level for the first time in four years. Also for the fiscal year, we recorded our highest gross trading profit ratio ever, at 6.6%. In addition, we increased our adjusted profit,\* which we assume to be an indication of our basic earnings power, by 56% to reach a record ¥188.8 billion, excluding the impact of the previous fiscal year's impairment losses. Such results demonstrate ITOCHU's steady strengthening of its earnings power.

Such positive developments are partly the result of external factors such as higher resource prices and increased demand for housing-related materials in the U.S. Nevertheless, we are confident that these developments are primarily the result of our A&P strategy, under which we increased asset efficiency and boosted our financial health, thereby establishing a business structure able to generate steady profits.

Because of the net loss resulting from the early application of impairment accounting in fiscal year 2004, we withheld the term's dividend payment. For fiscal year 2005, however, we have re-instituted a dividend payment of ¥7 per share.

\*A&P strategy: Our strategy for enhancing profitability by intensively allocating management resources to areas that are attractive to customers and where ITOCHU is powerful (A&P segments).

\*Adjusted profit = Gross trading profit + Selling, general and administrative expenses + Net financial expenses + Equity in earnings of associated companies

# Reviewing Super A&P-2004: Improving our Financial Position and Reforming our Profit Structure

Fiscal year 2005 was the second and final fiscal year for our Super A&P-2004 mid-term management plan. It was also the year to wrap up the A&P strategy that began in fiscal year 2002, a strategy whose central aim was to reform ITOCHU's profit structure and improve its financial position.

ITOCHU is greatly shifting its profit structure to one that generates high earnings. This shift can be observed through an increase in business profits in all our seven Division Companies, including the Textile Company and the Aerospace, Electronics & Multimedia Company, which were not directly affected by the positive resource market performance.

# 1. Reforming Profit Structure

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Such improvements are the result of reallocating assets to highly-efficient segments, an effort we have focused on under the Super A&P-2004 strategy. While we set our valuation basis to be at least 2% of ROA and at least 8% of RRI,\* we made aggressive strategic investments in highly-efficient business units and reduced or exited from less-efficient business units. As a result, we have increased the ratio of A&P assets and highly-efficient segment assets to 78% of our total assets. We also conducted a major streamlining and restructuring of unprofitable and inefficient group companies, while at the same time we have sought to further develop our profitable companies. Consequently, ITOCHU's ratio of profitable companies increased to 83%, and the net income from group companies\* expanded by 1.5 times to ¥74.5 billion (excluding the effect of the early application of impairment accounting in the previous fiscal year, and the losses due to the impairment of goodwill relating to FamilyMart shares in this fiscal year).

\*RRI (Risk Return Index) = Net income/Risk assets

Risk assets = Maximum potential loss from possession of assets =  $\Sigma$  (Asset book value x Risk weight for each asset) \*Net income (loss) from group companies = The Company's share of net income (loss) from subsidiaries excluding minority interests + Equity in earnings (losses) of associates

# 2. Improving Our Financial Position

Since the previous fiscal year, we have reduced our net interest-bearing debts by ¥86.0 billion to ¥1,891.1 billion. Stockholders' equity, which impairment losses had negatively affected in fiscal year 2004, increased to ¥510.4 billion because of a recovery in the aforementioned net income. As a result, our net DER (debt-to-equity ratio) improved to 3.7 times, successfully lowering below our original target of 4.3 times. Given that net DER at the end of fiscal year 2000, during which we announced Restructuring for Success in the 21st Century, was 12 times, ITOCHU's strong progress to date is evident.

Further, we greatly improved our balance sheet health by adopting impairment accounting for fixed assets in fiscal year 2004 as well as goodwill related to FamilyMart shares in fiscal year 2005. Concerning our overall assets, we will continue with our impairment treatments if necessary based on a strict risk evaluation that we conduct at the end of each fiscal year. I believe, however, that ITOCHU has eliminated any areas of major concern.

# Future Growth Strategy—Frontier-2006: A Shift to Aggressive Business and Enhancement of Solid Management

Through our series of A&P strategies, we have solidified our business foundation. We are now ready to switch to an offensive management approach aimed at accelerating the expansion of our earnings by fully exercising ITOCHU's spirit of "Aggressive Challenges."

Starting in fiscal year 2006, we have launched a two-year mid-term management plan, Frontier-2006. Under the plan, we aim to generate a consolidated net income of ¥110 billion by fiscal year 2007. Nevertheless, we must take care not to push our offensive strategy to

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the point where once again our financial position is damaged. To prevent such an occurrence, we intend to reduce our net DER to below 3 times by the end of fiscal year 2007, while increasing the total assets by ¥500 billion as part of our shift to an offensive business footing. This is to be accomplished by continuing to control the amount of our interest-bearing debts and improving stockholders' equity due to a contribution of net income. At the same time, we will also strengthen steadily our risk management capabilities as we enhance solid management. By adopting a strategy that balances both offensive and defensive approaches, we will strive to make the ITOCHU Group a high-profit yielding entity that generates over ¥100 billion in net profits in a steady and sustainable manner.

The following is the basic outline of the Frontier-2006 strategy. (Please see pages 14–17 for more details.)

# 1. Focusing on segments in which ITOCHU can demonstrate competence

Three priority areas in which the entire Company will exercise its unique capabilities are the Consumer-Related sector, the Natural Resource Development sector, and North America and Asia including China.

In the Consumer-Related sector, we are fully positioned to gain a precise and timely understanding of consumer needs based on expertise acquired through our textile business, in which we have our roots. In addition, we are well prepared to comprehensively develop our business, which spans from downstream to upstream fields (comprehensive vertical strengths).

Our Natural Resource Development sector possesses top-level asset efficiency despite its small scope in comparison to other general trading companies. We expect to generate significant profit through several large-scale projects, such as the Azerbaijan crude-oil development project, that are scheduled to begin in earnest during the period of Frontier-2006.

In our overseas business in North America and Asia including China, we have taken the industry lead in penetrating the Chinese market in particular. Our strength lies in having developed our own network of contacts, distribution routes, and collaborative relationships with major local companies.

# 2. Exhibiting both lateral and vertical comprehensive strengths

The main feature of Frontier-2006 lies in the fact that it focuses on comprehensive strengths in a lateral direction.

Under our past mid-term management plans, each Division Company in the Group focused more on a strategy to exercise comprehensive strengths vertically. In the future, Frontier-2006 will look beyond our individual Division Companies to develop business across the entire Group.

An example of this is our announcement of a business alliance with Orient Corporation (Orico) in February 2005. Our goal for this tie-up is not simply to expand our retail finance business. Instead, we consider the alliance an opportunity to develop a new business model, through which we can provide retail support in the form of various products to Orico's 620,000 affiliated retail outlets, as well as marketing and distribution functions. By advancing our efforts under a comprehensive, cross-company approach, we aim to expand dramatically our earnings.

# I will take on all challenges to maintain a sense of intensity, quicken our pace, and put our plan into action.

# 3. Anticipating social changes to create new business

We will also work on creating new business that is positioned to become the main source of our future profits. In view of changes in social and market environments, such as diversified lifestyles, technological innovation, declining birthrates, and an aging society, we have selected three core fields in which we develop new business: consumer business, healthcare & living services, and innovative technologies. To advance healthcare & living services, a new focus segment introduced in the current mid-term management plan, we set up a Strategic Business Development Department in April 2005. For the other two areas, we will enhance our cross-company efforts through existing organizations under the leadership of the Chief Operating Officer, Division Companies Operation, and our Function and Value (FV) Committee.

# **Realizing Sustainable Growth**

For a corporation to realize sustainable growth, not only is a steady and sure implementation of business strategies necessary, but the support of stakeholders is also vital. Under the newly established CSR & Compliance Division in April 2005, we will increase our efforts to enhance Group compliance as well as CSR. By setting up a Disclosure Committee, we aim to strengthen our internal control over the disclosure of financial and other information, and to establish highly transparent corporate governance.

I strongly believe that ITOCHU should be a group of "good corporate citizens with humanity and high motivation to take on challenges." Every employee should also have their own ambitions, growing and developing to achieve them, and ultimately, the Company as a whole can fulfill the expectations of all its stakeholders.

As president of ITOCHU, I will work with the Company's employees to lead ITOCHU toward future growth by foreseeing changes, always seeking the Frontier, and pursuing the three principles of "Challenge, Create, and Commit." I will take on all challenges to maintain a sense of intensity, quicken our pace, and put our plan into action.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding of ITOCHU and our Group companies.

July 2005

Eizo Kobayashi President and Chief Executive Officer



# ITOCHU'S GROWTH STRATEGY

# **Review of Super A&P-2004**

(from April 2003 to March 2005)

Since the fiscal year ended March 2004, ITOCHU has implemented its two-year mid-term management plan, Super A&P-2004, which represents the final phase of the A&P strategy launched in the fiscal year ended March 2002.

The A&P strategy defines A&P segments as fields and regions attractive to customers and in which ITOCHU is powerful. It then sets the framework for accelerating the reallocation of assets to these highly-efficient segments, thereby boosting asset efficiency and increasing earnings.

Our numerical targets for the fiscal year ended March 2005, as set at the start of the mid-term management plan, were affected by early application in the fiscal year ended March 2004 of impairment accounting for fixed assets under Japan GAAP. Although we fell somewhat short of the plan's initial target of ¥540 billon in stockholders' equity, we essentially reached our main targets for net income, ROA, ROE, and net DER. We also achieved most of our various policy and qualitative targets, and determined that we could achieve fully satisfactory results concerning the reform of our profit structure and an improvement in our financial position, which are the overall objectives of the A&P strategy.

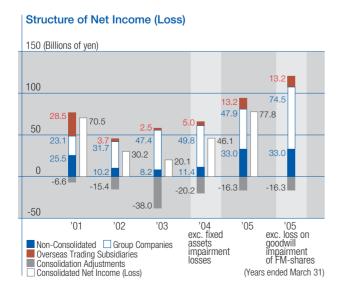
# Enhancing Our Profitability through an Optimized Asset Portfolio

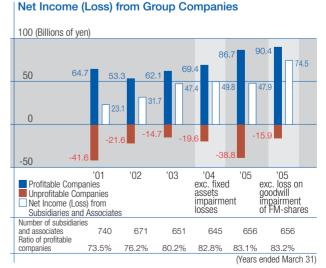
Highly-efficient business units including the A&P segments, namely those with at least 2% of ROA and at least 8% of RRI\*, were targeted for earnings expansion through strategic investment. Meanwhile, less-efficient business units that failed to satisfy these requirements were subject to drastic downsizing and withdrawal measures.

As a result, we succeeded in building a high profit structure by increasing the proportion of total assets accounted for by A&P and other highly-efficient segments from 50% at the end of the fiscal year ended March 2003 to 78% at the end of the fiscal year under review.

ITOCHU set the scope of strategic investment to a total of ¥100 billion over the two-year period and invested particularly in the Consumer and Retail Related segment and in Asia, especially China. These investments include a coal development project in Australia (approximately ¥22 billion), Orient Corporation (approximately ¥22 billion), Prima Meat Packers, Ltd. (approximately ¥6 billion), and a joint venture with Asahi Breweries, Ltd. in the soft drink business in China (approximately ¥3 billion).

- \* RRI (Risk Return Index) = Net income/Risk assets
  Risk assets = Maximum potential loss from possession of assets  $= \sum (Asset book value \times Risk weight for each asset)$
- \*\* The total amount of investment up to the present in Orient Corporation, including investments in the fiscal year ending March 2006, is approximately ¥70 billion.





# Numerical Plan and Results of Super A&P-2004

	Billions of Yen		
_	2003	200	5 (Final Year)
	Results	Plan	Results
P/L (For fiscal years):			
Net income	20.1	75.0	77.8
B/S (As of March 31):			
Total assets	4,486.4	4,400.0	4,472.3
Net interest-bearing debts	2,025.0	1,950.0	1,891.1
Stockholders' equity	426.2	540.0	510.4
Ratio (For fiscal years):			
ROA*	0.4%	1.7%	1.7%
ROE*	4.9%	13.9%	16.7%
Net DER	4.8 times	3.6 times	3.7 times
Equity ratio	9.5%	12.3%	11.4%

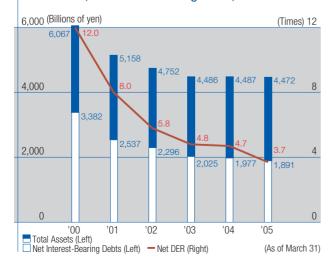
<sup>\*</sup>ROA and ROE plans are calculated using at the year-end figures.

# 2. Boosting Our Ratio of Profitable Companies and Expanding the Profit Contribution from Group Companies

In order to expand the profit from group companies, which are a key constituent of ITOCHU's consolidated net income, we developed and strengthened our core companies, whose profit contributions total more than ¥1.0 billion, and semi-core companies, who make a ¥0.3 billion to ¥1.0 billion profit contribution. For companies could not reach such benchmarks as absolute profit levels, ROA, and RRI indexes, reduction or exit measures were taken.

As a result, a less-than-gratifying ¥47.4 billion profit from group companies in the fiscal year ended March 2003 rose by approximately 1.6 times to ¥74.5 billion (excluding goodwill impairment relating to shares of FamilyMart). These gains led to an increase in the ratio of profitable companies from 80.2% to 83.1%.

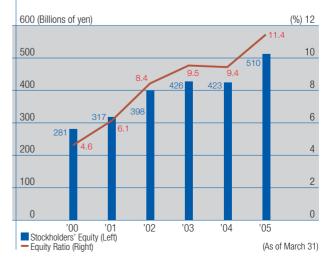
# Total Assets, Net Interest-Bearing Debts, and Net DER



# 3. Further Improving Our Financial Position

Net interest-bearing debts were reduced from ¥2,025.0 billion in the fiscal year ended March 2003 to ¥1,891.1 billion in the fiscal year ended March 2005, exceeding the target under the plan. Meanwhile, stockholders' equity was affected by impairment losses for fixed assets in the previous term and for goodwill on FamilyMart shares in the term under review. Consequently, we did not reach the target of ¥540 billion initially specified in the plan. We did, however, achieve a rise in stockholders' equity from ¥426.2 billion to ¥510.4 billion during the two-year period of the plan, resulting in a reduction of net DER from 4.8 times to 3.7 times, approaching the target of 3.6 times. In addition, with the increase in stockholders' equity being under the planned target, equity ratio just missed the target level. Nevertheless, it still reached 11.4%, an improvement of 1.9 percentage points compared to the fiscal year ended March 2003.

# Stockholders' Equity and Equity Ratio



# The New Mid-Term Management Plan, "Frontier-2006" (from April 2005 to March 2007)

# Moving Toward "Aggressive" Management Based on Our Achievements

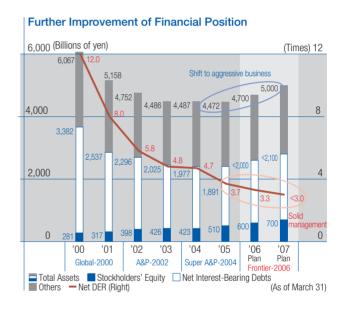
Due to the thorough implementation of the A&P strategy, ITOCHU has built a business foundation geared to sustained growth with a reformed profit structure and an improved financial position. Going forward, we aim to shift gears by adopting a more aggressive approach to business to take on the "challenge" of expanding earnings and to "create" new businesses. We are also "committed" to adhering to solid management, namely a further improvement of our financial position and strengthening of risk management capabilities, and evolving into a highly profitable corporate group capable of stable and consistent performance achieving more than ¥100 billion in net income. With these objectives, we formulated our new mid-term management plan, Frontier-2006.

# **Summary of Frontier-2006**

Frontier-2006, which is aimed at the two-year period from the fiscal year ending March 2006, envisions a net income of ¥110 billion in the final fiscal year of the plan. The plan seeks to establish an earnings structure capable of consistently generating more than ¥100 billion in net income, irrespective of changes in the business environment.

In contrast to the A&P strategy in which we focused on improving asset efficiency, Frontier-2006 seeks to increase total assets while maintaining a highly-efficient structure, reflecting our aggressive stance. Specifically, the plan calls for an increase in investments of ¥200 billion

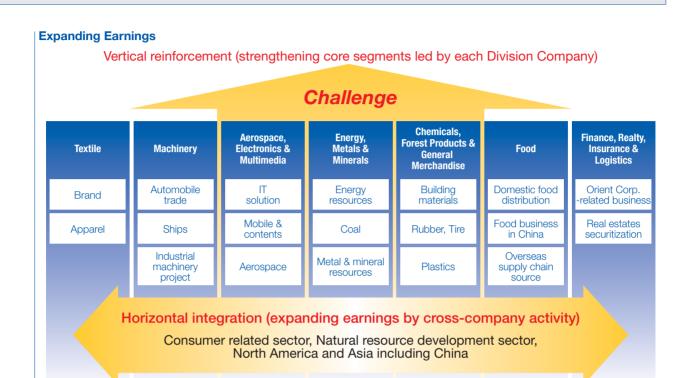
and an expansion of trade receivables by the fiscal year ended March 2007, thereby raising total assets by ¥500 billion from the end of the term under review to a projected ¥5 trillion. Meanwhile, solid management will also be implemented through a reduction of net DER to a level below 3.0 times by the end of the fiscal year ending March 2007. Specifically, net interest-bearing debts will increase from ¥1,891.1 billion at the end of the term under review, but they will still be held to a level under ¥2,100 billion. The plan also expects an increase in stockholders' equity of approximately ¥200 billion from the end of the term under review due to the contribution of net income.



#### **Numerical Plan and Summary**

A&P-2002 Super A&P-200	4 From	ntier-2006	2006-2	007
		Chall	enge to expand ear	rnings
—"Selection & Concentrat	ion"—"Asset Real	location & Upgrad	ing"—	
		Create new business		
2002-2003 2004-2005		Commit		
		Billions of Yen		
	2005 (Result)	2006 (Plan)	2007 (Plan)	(Years Ending March 31)
Net Income	77.8	100	110	
Total Assets	4,472	4,700	5,000	
Net DER	3.7 times	3.3 times	Below 3.0 times	

Establish a highly profitable corporate group that constantly achieves more than 100 billion yen in net income



# **Priority Measure 1: Expansion of Our Earnings**

# Vertical Reinforcement through Division Company Leadership and Lateral Integration Across the Entire Company

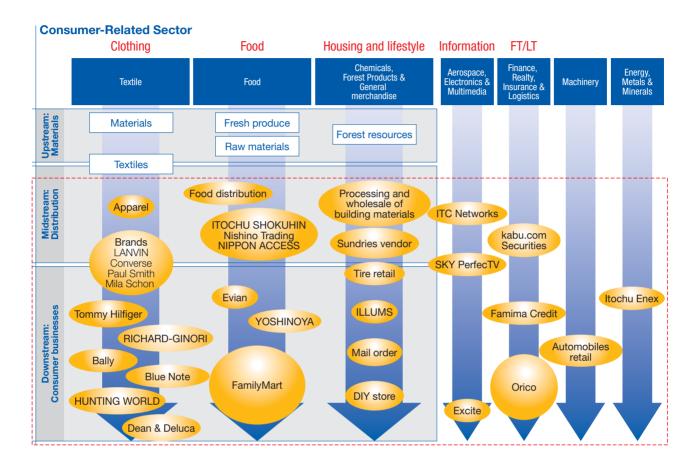
Under the previous mid-term management plan, we selected priority A&P segments based on the major definition of Divisions or Division Companies. Reflecting the results that the assets of A&P segments accounted for nearly 80% of the total assets, under Frontier-2006 we will select priority segments in much smaller units to speed up selection and concentration aimed at expanding earnings. Specifically, the Division Companies will each specify core segments and proceed with the selection and concentration of management resources, thereby increasing the earnings of Division Companies. We also will continue to emphasize asset efficiency, setting a minimum requirement for all Division Companies to clear the hurdle of 2% ROA and 8% RRI (vertical reinforcement).

Conversely, to strengthen lateral business development across the Company beyond the framework of Division Companies, we will exhibit our Group strength under the primary leadership of the Function and Value (FV) Committee, focusing on those fields requiring a cross-company effort such as the Consumer-Related sector, Natural Resource Development sector, and markets in North America and Asia, including China (lateral integration).

# 2. Cross-Company Focus Area 1: Consumer-Related Sector

ITOCHU is developing a broad spectrum of businesses in a variety of fields associated with clothing, food, and housing. Among these is the textile business, where we boast overwhelming strength in fields ranging from raw material development to the brand business. Also in the foods business, we excel at grasping consumer needs at our FamilyMart convenience stores and our leading food distribution network. Other segments include chemicals, forest products, and general merchandise, where we manage operations ranging from the interior shop Illums to global trade in materials such as rubber and pulp.

Along with these comprehensive vertical strengths, ITOCHU is accelerating business development through ongoing efforts to apply its comprehensive lateral strengths, namely the formation of cross-Division Company linkages. Examples include the expansion of credit card operations of the Finance, Realty, Insurance & Logistics Services Company through the FamilyMart convenience stores of the Food Company. Other linkages are being formed involving the Aerospace, Electronics & Multimedia Company, which create logistics control systems by attaching the wireless IC tag " $\mu$  chips" they handle to the brand products of the Textile Company. In particular, our plan is for lateral integration at FamilyMart and Orient Corporation to become a cornerstone of our efforts.



# 3. Cross-Company Focus Area 2: Natural Resource Development Sector

For the period of Frontier-2006, we instituted an earnings plan for the natural resource development business that takes into account the mildly conservative assumption of the natural resource market. At the same time, we will carefully select new investments in light of the increasing price of acquiring stakes in natural resources. Also, we will expand earnings while maintaining a high earnings structure by increasing primarily investments in existing businesses and increasing our acquisitions of stakes in natural resources. We also expect to increase earnings from existing projects by commencing and expanding production in which we already hold stakes. Specific examples include increased production in a large-scale oil field development project in Azerbaijan and the commencement of production at a new coal mining operation in Australia.

Efforts will also be concentrated in segments other than energy, metal, and mineral resources, such as those associated with the natural resource development business. For example, we seek to expand upstream interests in the paper pulp segment and thereby secure a stable earnings source.

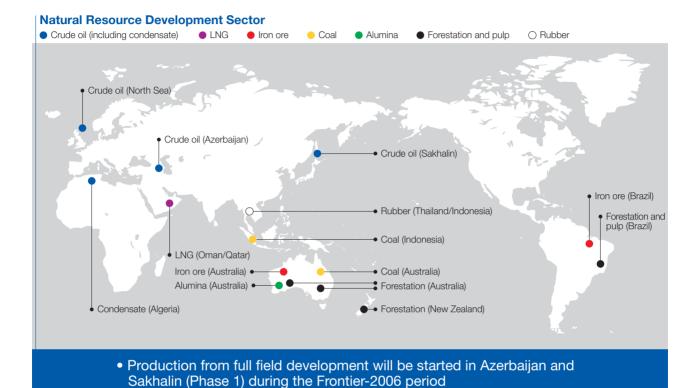
# Cross-Company Focus Area 3: Markets in North America and Asia Including China

ITOCHU will work to expand overseas earnings by continuing to position two regions as priority markets. One is Asia, especially China, where strong growth can be expected for the foreseeable future, and the other is North America, where we will take advantage of our existing business foundation and the large market.

Asia, especially China, is a region where ITOCHU is well positioned. To utilize this potential, we will conduct strategic investments in the Consumer-Related sector, particularly foods, and in infrastructure and natural resource businesses. We will also seek to increase regional and third-country transactions.

In North America, we will use our strong profit base, especially in the fields of housing materials, the brand business, and automobiles, to underpin an expansion of earnings. At the same time, efforts will be devoted to acquiring new earnings sources through new investments.

Plans also call for the laying of a cornerstone for development in emerging markets where significant growth is anticipated, such as Russia, India, and Brazil.



Pulp, iron ore and coal, for which increased production is being considered to

## **Priority Measure 2: New Business Creation**

Changes in social and market trends such as the diversification of lifestyles, low birthrates, the aging of society, and technological innovation have a major impact on business. A key priority in Frontier-2006 is to anticipate these changes and embark on the exploration of new business areas that can serve as profit mainstays for our Company.

meet demand increases in China, etc.

New business exploration and development will focus on three priority segments. One is the consumer business, where our comprehensive lateral strengths will be used to create new value-added products and services based on consumer businesses handled at each Division Company. Another is the field of healthcare & living services, which promises a strong market for future growth. The third is innovative technologies where a cornerstone has already been laid through strategic alliances. One of the areas identified as a field for new focus in the current mid-term management plan is that of healthcare & living services, which includes such segments as health, health care, and medical treatment, and a new business aimed at active seniors.

## **Priority Measure 3: Maintaining Solid Management**

Frontier-2006 maintains a firm position toward not only an aggressive business approach but also the enhancement of solid management. As mentioned above, we will increase interest-bearing debts by shifting gears to an offensive business approach, and also reinforce our financial position by continuing to improve net DER. Risk management capabilities at the consolidated level will be strengthened through a comprehensive examination of the risks our Company bears and the use of methods such as risk maps, which are tools for assessing risk in terms of the importance and frequency of occurrence.

We will also establish a highly transparent system of corporate governance based on the appointment of corporate auditors. A Disclosure Committee was established to strengthen internal controls relating to information disclosure, with a particular focus on financial reports.

In addition, positive steps will be taken toward the issue of corporate social responsibility (CSR), such as strengthening Group compliance and promoting dialogue with stakeholders. The CSR Compliance Committee as well as the CSR & Compliance Division will be the principal administrators of these efforts.

# Further Advancing ITOCHU's Growth Model through Its ConsumerRelated Business

At ITOCHU, the consumer-related field is our key area of expansion. One of our most important growth models involves making use of our comprehensive vertical strengths. This means diverse shifts in consumer needs are correctly grasped downstream, products that meet those needs are manufactured efficiently and at a low cost upstream, and these products are supplied in a timely fashion through our midstream operations.

In addition to using our comprehensive vertical strengths, we are also pursuing a new growth model that is based on comprehensive lateral strengths. This approach goes beyond our traditional vertical framework of sectionalized Division Companies to provide products and services that satisfy consumers under a comprehensive cross-company system.

Our third growth model is designed to develop these two models together on a global scale to expand the business foundation itself.

ITOCHU strives to combine these three business models to establish an advanced growth model that is unique to our Company. Further explanation is given below, using our food business as an example.

# 1. Developing Comprehensive Vertical Strengths Centered on Our FamilyMart Business

In the food segment, we have established a consistent product development process as a general trading company, which is carried through our downstream, midstream, and upstream operations as well as a nationwide system of procurement and supply having convenience store FamilyMart at the forefront of the retail area. We maximize our Group's comprehensive strengths by establishing such value chains in cooperation with FamilyMart and by enhancing their individual functions.

One specific example of a successful model is the development of FamilyMart's growing product category of fast foods and original snack brand. Together with

Vertical and Lateral Comprehensive Strengths across the Group with FamilyMart at the Forefront of the Retail Area

FamilyMart, we quickly grasp consumer needs to develop ideas for new products. At the same time, we use the procurement capabilities of our Group to propose the most suitable raw materials and packaging. Developing products and procuring raw materials in cooperation with ITOCHU's worldwide network of suppliers has allowed us to supply competitive products at a fast pace. In this

#### Overseas **Domestic FamilyMart** Taiwan, South Korea, Thailand, China, U.S. (Downstream) e-retail, etc. Sundries and Packaging **Family Corporation** Ting Tong (China) famima Famima Credit Siam DCM Nishino Trading VC.I Distribution CTC TDC (Taiwan) ITOCHU ITOCHU Networks NIPPON ACCES Pulp & Paper (Midstream) I-FOODS Family Food (South Korea) **ITOCHU Rice** Production and Processing ITOCHU Narai Packaging Aerospace, Electronics & Multimedia Company ITOCHU Ping Roun Food Feed Mills Yavoi Foods (Taiwan) Finance, Realty, Insurance & **Logistics Services Company ITOCHU Plastics** (U.S.A.) (Singapore) (U.S.A.) Chemicals, Forest Products & General Merchandise Company **Food Company**

**ITOCHU Corporation & Group Companies** 





way, we capture consumer needs, which are applied to subsequent product development and materials procurement, creating a valuable information reflow.

In the midstream area, food whole-salers belonging to our Group have built the industry's top-class distribution network. This network accommodates all temperature ranges, improving the structure and efficiency of FamilyMart's procurement system. Not only do we deliver products efficiently to FamilyMart stores nationwide, but also we utilize our well-organized operation in the procurement of materials for their deli and other prepared foods. We will further enhance our midstream distribution function to maximize our comprehensive strengths.

In the upstream area, we have developed a system that widely distributes safe and competitive foodstuffs, such as grains, edible oils and fats, and agricultural and livestock food products, which are supplied by our domestic and overseas group companies and other supply bases.

# 2. Taking Advantage of Our Comprehensive Lateral Strengths to Meet Diversified Consumer Needs as a Group

In addition to providing support in merchandising centered on food, we also introduce new products and services by taking advantage of FamilyMart's information and distribution infrastructure, which we have jointly established. By making use of our Group's comprehensive lateral strengths, we aim to added more value to FamilyMart stores.

In cooperation with our Financial Services Division, FamilyMart created the first credit card in the convenience store industry in 2002. Also in 2002, the multimedia terminal FamiPort was installed by ITOCHU TECHNO-SCI-ENCE Corporation. These terminals provide a wide range of services. Customers can make payments for goods and services they ordered by way of Internet shopping, and tickets for travel and recreation. FamilyMart has also launched an Internet shopping site "famima.com" in collaboration with our IT & Business Solutions Division. Not only media contents such as books, CDs, and DVDs, but also a wide range of other products including fashion products, sports-related items, and character goods can be purchased through this site and be picked up at a FamilyMart store.

# 3. Accelerating Advancements Overseas to Expand Our Business Foundation

FamilyMart strives to expand profits through aggressive overseas develop-

ment. Our vertical and horizontal strengths, as well as global business development capabilities, have great significance in this area as well.

In China, where the first FamilyMart branch was formally opened in Shanghai in July 2004, we have made a strategic alliance with the country's top food business group Ting Hsin International Group to speed up the opening of additional stores in the future. FamilyMart plans to establish 2,000 stores throughout China by February 2009. We plan to make further use of our supply chain (vertical strengths), the establishment of which we are also promoting in China, which links upstream and downstream operations. In addition, we also expect to utilize our various comprehensive support functions (lateral strengths) offered by each Division Company there.

The first FamilyMart in the U.S. will be opened in July 2005, and the target is to establish 200 stores there by February 2009. We will provide powerful support in FamilyMart's business expansion by utilizing our distribution network and the know-how that we have thus far cultivated in Japan.

Further, ITOCHU will cooperate with FamilyMart in its aim to establish 20,000 stores worldwide by February 2009, mainly in the Pan Pacific area of Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, South Korea, China, and the U.S.

# Top in the Brand Business among General Trading Companies

The brand business is ITOCHU's foremost business. Over the years, we have held the leading position in the industry, successfully and profitably adding value in areas from apparel to food and household goods, bringing abundance and comfort to the lives and hearts of our consumers.

# **A Positive Cycle of Brands Generating New Brands**

Our brand business does not merely trade in the intangible assets of brands and trademarks. A brand is the embodiment of people's love and support over many long years. ITOCHU assumes a pivotal role in "brand marketing": we discover brands and draw out the history and culture inherent in them, offering suitable merchandise for the Japanese market and delivering it to consumers. We maximize a brand's value through comprehensive brand marketing in cooperation with licensees and distributors, taking the initiative in aspects of product marketability such as design,



quality, and price, as well as in managing promotions, retail stores, service, logistics, and aftercare.

The beginning of our brand business dates to 1978, when an employee saw a mother and daughter choosing suits for the father at a men's tailor. Encouraged by this, the employee later began creating a brand for high-end men's wear fabrics with which women could easily identify, focusing on making the added value of a product clearly understandable to purchasers. This employee's initiative is what led to our launch of a fullfledged brand business.

Since that time, we have always moved ahead of our competitors in developing new platforms for business. We have been expanding our fields of operation from importation to licensing, expanding sales channels from department stores to general merchandising stores, and expanding the number of items we handle in addition to acquiring new brands through alliances and acquisitions. Since changing the name of our brand business organization from the Import Textile & Fashion Goods Division to the Brand Marketing Division\* in September 2001, we have

encountered many opportunities not only from the textile industry but also from different industries as well. Indeed, our brand business is in a cycle of "a brand giving birth to a new brand business." Besides targeting new customers, ITOCHU's brand business has developed new business opportunities among existing customers with whom we have time-honored relationships, contributing to greater profitability for the Company as a whole, from materials to textiles to apparel.

\*Brand Marketing Divisions 1 & 2, as of today.

# From Fashion Brands to Lifestyles, From Japan to Asia

Our brand business covers the whole spectrum of lifestyles, from fashion (clothing) to character goods, fashion goods, shoes, high-quality pottery, luxury foods, music, and health-related products. We currently handle approximately 130 different brands and are incubating new brand businesses, the most recent of which includes the fusion of food and music, expansion of gourmet food stores, and collaboration with celebrities. In recent years, we have expanded our business to Asian countries such as China and we are promoting our brand business on an overwhelming scale, even by international standards.

## **Examples of ITOCHU's Brand Business**

# **Luxury Brands**

- LANVIN (Apparel, fashion goods)
- Paul Smith (Apparel, fashion goods)
- BALLY (Shoes, apparel, fashion goods)
- SCAVIA (Jewelry)
- LA PERLA (Lingerie)
- TANINO CRISCI (Shoes)
- HUNTING WORLD (Bags, fashion goods)
- WOLFORD(Stockings & body wear)
- CHROME HEARTS (Jewelry, leather goods, fashion goods)

## **Fusion of Food and Music**

- DEAN & DELUCA(Gourmet food store)
- Blue Note (Jazz restaurant)
- Richard-Ginori (Fine porcelain)

## Collaboration with Celebrities

- Kana nia Ellesse (Mikako Kotani)
- DIOID (Daichi Suzuki)
- PP rikorino (Noriko Sakai)

#### Sports, Sports Casual Wear Brands

- CONVERSE (Footwear, sports casual wear, fashion goods)
- HEAD (Sports, casual wear, fashion goods)
- Sports Graphic Number (Collaboration with the magazine, apparel, shoes, fashion goods)
- PRO-Keds (Shoes)
- new balance (apparel, fashion goods)

#### **Brands Marketed in China and Asia**

- Marco Azzali (men's suits)
- renoma PARIS (High-quality men's clothing: Japan and China)
- · CIMARRON (Stretch denim: Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Korea)



A DEAN & DELUCA shop (Shinagawa, Tokyo)

# Creating Lateral Synergy in Our Consumer Business through an Alliance with Orico

ITOCHU Finance Corporation, one of our subsidiaries, started a financing business for consumer finance companies in 1998. Since that time, we have been striving to outpace other general trading companies in accumulating a base of expertise and working to expand our retail finance business. As part of our efforts, we established an Internet-based consumer finance company and purchased stakes in credit card companies.

In 2005, ITOCHU invested approximately ¥70 billion to acquire 21% of the common stocks (and preferred shares) in Orient Corporation (Orico), making it the firm's leading shareholder. Through this alliance with Orico, we will expand not only our retail finance business but also our high-value-added businesses by applying our functions and expertise in logistics, marketing, and other areas to Orico as well as its member merchants in a cross-company and comprehensive manner.

# ITOCHU's Functions Provided to Member Merchants of Orico

# 1. Provision of Retailer Support Functions

ITOCHU provides various solutions to improve business efficiency at Orico's 620,000 member merchants.

We have been advancing measures not realized by other general trading companies. One such measure is the "Retail Platform," which has been implemented by approximately 20 ITOCHU group companies and which provides a one-stop-solution for retailers in a cross-company fashion. Another measure is the establishment of the Function and Value (FV) Committee, which aims to realize cross-company lateral syntheses.

Using our keen understanding of the retail market, we plan to help strengthen

the business base of Orico and its member merchants by providing functions and products under lateral integration.

#### 2. Provision of Financial Services

We will provide financial products such as business loans based on the financial needs of Orico's member merchants. In April 2005, as our first project, we introduced inventory loans for automotive dealers. (See page 37 for details.)

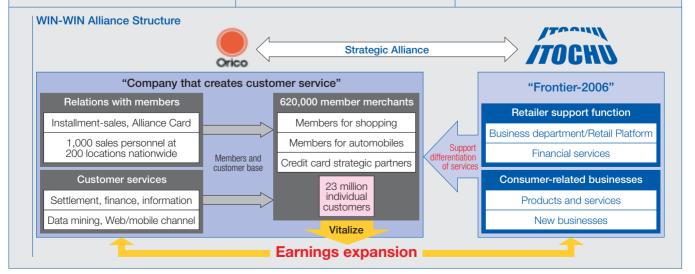
# Provision of ITOCHU's Products and Services through Orico's Member Merchants

We will increase sales at Orico's affiliates and expand ITOCHU's sales opportunities by introducing a large range of products and services from the ITOCHU Group to the 23 million customers of Orico's member merchants.

# Joint Development of New Businesses, Taking Advantage of ITOCHU and Orico Strengths

ITOCHU and Orico will develop new businesses by utilizing the IT and logistics functions of the ITOCHU Group as well as its business partner network in various areas of focus. The development of new businesses will also extend to the automobile-related market, where Orico has a dominant position and established expertise. Furthermore, we are now considering the possibility of joint projects in China, where ITOCHU's position is strong, and in other Asian countries.

Based on the above, we are expecting a profit contribution of about \\$8 billion from Orico (an estimate based on Orico's current management plan) in the fiscal year ending March 2008.



# ITOCHU's Advantages in Minerals and Energy Resource Development Businesses: In Pursuit of Asset Efficiency

ITOCHU has a number of highly efficient and profitable projects related to metals and minerals as well as energy development, which produce a level of asset efficiency that ranks among the top for general trading companies. Our fundamental strategy is to strengthen and expand ITOCHU's profit base in the natural resource development business by expanding investment in existing business projects and working to develop new, superior projects while sustaining a high level of asset efficiency.

# Example of an ITOCHU Natural Resource Development Project in Its Pursuit of Asset Efficiency

# 1. Active Advancement of the Azerbaijan Project

We expect that the ACG Crude Oil Development Project in Azerbaijan and the BTC Pipeline Project, which is to transport the crude oil from the Caspian Sea to the Mediterranean Sea, will become one of the main profit sources for ITOCHU's energy resource development sector over the mid to long term.

In February 2005, we commenced production on a commercial scale at the Central Azeri oil field, one of the ACG Project's main oil deposits. The plan for the future is to expand production, establishing a production capability that entails a peak capacity of 1 million barrels per day by 2010. In addition, the laying of pipeline to transport such a volume of oil efficiently is progressing on schedule and we anticipate it will be operational on a full scale by the end of 2005.

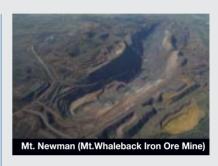
ITOCHU is the only general trading company with active oil exploration projects in the region. We hold stakes of 3.9% and 3.4% in the ACG Project and BTC Pipeline Project, respectively, and



anticipate vastly expanded profit growth as crude oil production and shipment volumes increase.

# 2. "Consolidating Operations" and "Configuring a Natural Resource Portfolio" in Australia

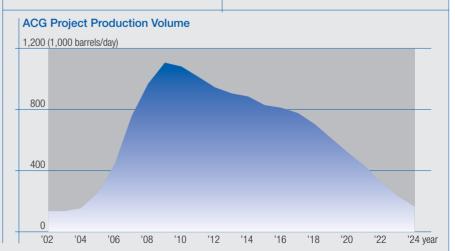
In March 2004, ITOCHU consolidated all its Australian group companies in which it had a natural resource development equity share including iron ore, coal, aluminum, and crude oil by establishing ITOCHU Minerals & Energy of Australia Pty Ltd (IMEA). Through the consolidation, we have secured the following advantages: (1) pursue more comprehensive alliances with major resource companies than on a sector-bysector basis; (2) enjoy a more efficient use of capital by having a stronger financial background; and (3) enhance our inhouse project evaluation capability by securing and training specialists, taking advantage of our scale as a comprehensive resource development company. As the full advantages of consolidation come to bear, we anticipate a dramatic



expansion in our earnings base for the natural resource development business in this region.

Supported by an upward price trend and greater demand, net income for IMEA in fiscal year 2005 exceeded our initial forecast by \(\frac{\psi}{7}\).2 billion, recording a 160% year-on-year increase to \(\frac{\psi}{13}\).9 billion. In addition, we expect further profit expansion in the next fiscal year as our Rolleston coal mining project in Queensland and Cliff Head crude oil development project in Western Australia begin operations and start contributing to profits.

\*Please refer to page 31 for the information on the Company's major resource projects.





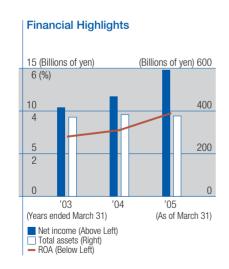


Masahiro Okafuji President, Textile Company

# **Textile Company**

The Textile Company records profits far in excess of other general trading companies in the area of textiles, with its gross trading profit more than four times that of the next leading general trading company.

The Textile Company's strengths include: (1) a high capability to develop and commercialize products of advanced materials; (2) integrated business development ranging from product development and procurement, to planning, manufacturing, and distribution (vertical integration); (3) global expansion including third-country transactions (including market penetration in China before any other trading company; and (4) strong marketing power for our brand business.



# **Business Performance and Priority Policies in Fiscal Year 2005**

Business conditions in the domestic market remained challenging in fiscal year 2005. Clothing sales declined 6% for department stores and 8% for other volume retailers

Despite difficult circumstances, we developed new businesses based on a consumer-oriented marketing strategy, characterized by: (1) the acquisition of new brands such as LA PERLA and HEAD; (2) the launch of a new brand business, renoma PARIS, in China; (3) the acquisition of many new business contracts in the uniform industry; and (4) the expansion of applications of advanced materials including high quality Egyptian cotton and Tasmanian wool through cooperation with apparel makers.

Internationally, we also expanded our market opportunities. Import restrictions within Europe and the U.S. concerning the quantity of textile products made in China and other Asian countries were fully removed in January 2005. Also, it now appears that foreign companies in China will have the opportunity to acquire domestic distribution rights. We see these developments as an opportunity to expand our sales within China and promote China-based trade with Europe and the U.S. To this end, we have strengthened ties with leading local companies in China and established a stronger framework for exporting goods to Europe and the U.S. through our subsidiaries, ITOCHU Textile (China) Co., Ltd. and Prominent Apparel Ltd. We have also expanded our manufacturing bases located in various parts of Asia.

In addition to these advancements, we generated positive results in our brand business including LANVIN and

Number of Employees

Consolidated*	5,223
Non-consolidated	683

As of March 31, 2005

\*The number of consolidated employees is based on actual working employees excluding temporary staff.

#### **Number of Subsidiaries and Associates**

Domestic	40
Overseas	25

#### **Products & Services**

• Yarn • Wool • Textile • Knit fabrics • Secondary textile products • Fashion goods • Bedding fabrics • Interior fabrics • Industrial fibers • Inorganic fibers and related products



CONVERSE. As such, our gross trading profit for fiscal year 2005 rose by ¥12.5 billion to ¥1,128 billion, and net income increased by ¥3.1 billion to ¥14.8 billion. ROA improved 0.8 percentage points to 3.9%, signifying our high asset efficiency and stability.

#### | Net Income from Major Group Companies\*

\*ITOCHU's share of net income

Years ended March 31 (Billions of yen)	2004	2005
Prominent Apparel Ltd.	¥0.4	¥0.2
Leilian Co., Ltd.	0.2	0.2
• TOMMY HILFIGER JAPAN, INC.	0.7	0.6

# Successive Acquisition of Master Licenses of Sports-Related Brands

The sports-related market, which attracts attention for not only its high product functionality but also collaboration with the fashion sector, is a brand business on which we are focusing.

We acquired exclusive manufacturing and distribution rights in Japan in fiscal year 2005 for the three sports and sport casual brands listed below. We plan to expand our business activity for these brands, focusing mainly on apparel and general merchandise.

# Austrian sports brand "HEAD"

# 1. PRO-Keds, a U.S. shoe brand

PRO-Keds is a high potential brand with a large market, selling one million pairs of shoes annually in Japan. ITOCHU will develop all of PRO-Keds items excluding shoes. (Expected sales: ¥5 billion in fiscal year 2008)

# 2. HEAD, an Austrian sports brand

HEAD is a traditional brand popular around the world for mostly its ski and tennis accessories. ITOCHU plans to develop sports and casual wear under this brand. (Expected sales: ¥20 billion for fiscal year 2010)

# 3. SPALDING, a U.S. brand

SPALDING is a comprehensive sports brand recognized by basketball and other sports fan worldwide. ITOCHU's subsidiary, ITOCHU Fashion System Co., Ltd., will act as SPALDING's exclusive manufacturer and distributor in Japan. It will support product planning and coordinate distribution as part of its integrated brand management and marketing endeavors. (Expected sales: ¥30 billion in fiscal year 2008\*)

\*Expected sales are based on retail prices.

For a broad overview of ITOCHU's brand business, please refer to page 20.



Jiro Takemori President, Machinery Company

# **Machinery Company**

# | Net Income from Major Group Companies\*

Years ended March 31 (Billions of yen)	2004	2005
ITOCHU Sanki Corporation	¥0.3	¥0.3
Century Medical, Inc.	0.2	0.3
MCL Group Ltd.	0.5	0.2
ITOCHU Automobile America Inc.	0.6	1.1
Century Leasing System, Inc.	1.0	1.1
*ITOCHU's share of net income		

One hallmark of the Machinery Company is its highly efficient management, underpinned by an ROA that is among the best for general trading companies in the machinery segment. With nearly one-third of its headquarters personnel stationed at key branches overseas, the Machinery Company also has the best overseas network among ITOCHU's Division Companies. Historically active in overseas markets, we have a particularly strong position in specific markets such as North America, Algeria, Indonesia, Central and Eastern Europe, and the CIS. In addition, we are active in many different types of business fields in the strikingly high-growth BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India, China) countries, including oil and gas projects in Brazil, automotive exports to Russia, electric power plants

in India, and automotive exports and railway projects in China. In line with ITOCHU's core segments, we are aggressively advancing our activities in the consumer-related automobile retail business, natural resource development-related plant business, and innovative technology-related business as priority areas for the entire Company.

# **Business Performance and Priority Policies in Fiscal Year 2005**

Business performance in fiscal year 2005 was favorable, with trading-related profits trending upwards. North America and the CIS, in particular, exhibited growing demand in the automotive and construction machinery markets and brisk market conditions for shipping/maritime transport also boosted our performance.

Within our primary markets, we concluded the following large-scale contracts: railway transport (subway cars for Guangzhou, increasing the speed of the existing line) in China; electric power (a power plant in Zouxian, Shangdong, etc.), steel manufacturing (rolled stainless steel), and electric power (Bakreswar thermal power plant) in India, and an LNG ship in Algeria. We also made a strategic, forward-looking investment through the purchase of preferred shares in Isuzu Motors Ltd. and new technology and natural resource development advancements through equity investments in H2Gen Innovations, Inc., a US company involved in developing small-scale hydrogen generators for on-site use, and in Pearl Energy Ltd., a crude oil and gas company in Singapore engaged in oil and gas field development.



Number of Employees

Consolidated*	5,442
Non-consolidated	571

As of March 31, 2005

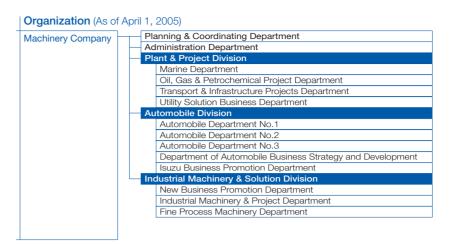
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#### **Number of Subsidiaries and Associates**

Domestic	24
Overseas	49

#### **Products & Services**

Oil, gas and petrochemical plants 
 Ships Vehicles Rolling stock 
 Power generating equipment 
 Construction machinery Textile machinery Industrial machinery 
 Medical devices Electronic device and equipment



These activities fueled a dramatic rise in profits for fiscal year 2005. Gross trading profit rose ¥6.9 billion to ¥58.0 billion and net income increased ¥6.6 billion (approximately 170%) to ¥10.5 billion, spurred on by increased profits from equity in the earnings of associated companies. ROA also improved dramatically, rising 1.6 percentage points to 2.4%.



# Expanding Our Automotive Business through an Additional Investment in Isuzu Motors Ltd.

In November 2004, we expanded the scope of our automotive business with the purchase of ¥19.1 billion of outstanding preferred shares of Isuzu Motors.

Although high growth is not expected for the domestic Japanese auto market, we anticipate continued high growth overseas, primarily in Asia and the BRICs. Isuzu Motors has des-

ignated overseas business as a pillar of its growth strategy and plans to double overseas auto sales to 300,000 units by March 2008 through a strengthening of its local production and sales networks.

We have previously collaborated with Isuzu Motors in developing automotive operations overseas, establishing joint manufacturing and sales ventures in Vietnam and Indonesia as well as a distributorship for North America.

Moreover, we operate a number of businesses in North America that provide comprehensive distribution services ranging from parts procurement to vehicle transportation.

Our aim in purchasing the preferred shares is to strengthen further our relationship with Isuzu Motors. To this end, we established a new department called the Isuzu Business Promotion Department in April 2005. Our objective going forward is to develop and expand aggressively new business in regions such as North America and China.



Latest Isuzu commercial vehicle lineup



Shigeki Nishiyama President, Aerospace, Electronics & Multimedia Company

# Aerospace, Electronics & Multimedia Company

ITOCHU boasts top-class profitability in the information and telecommunication field, possessing subsidiaries that are industry leaders in sectors where sustained growth is expected. These subsidiaries include the IT service providers ITOCHU TECHNO-SCIENCE Corporation and CRC Solutions Corp., web portal business Excite Japan Co., Ltd., mobile services business ITC NETWORKS CORPORATION, and aerospace business ITOCHU Aviation Co., Ltd.

Carrying on our tradition of a frontier spirit in creating new industries and new fields of business, we are also actively working to cultivate new technologies and businesses that we expect to be the cornerstone of our future earnings growth.



#### Net Income from Major Group Companies\*

Years ended March 31 (Billions of yen)	2004	2005
• ITOCHU TECHNO-SCIENCE Corporation	¥3.5	¥5.1
CRC Solutions Corp.	0.2	1.0
• SPACE SHOWER NETWORKS INC.	0.1	0.1
*ITOCHU's share of net income		

# Business Performance and Priority Policies in Fiscal Year 2005

The overall business environment for fiscal year 2005 was favorable. Despite slow growth in new mobile phone subscribers due to a maturation of the market and falling prices of IT products and services, a recovery in IT investment was accompanied by improving corporate profits and strong Internet advertising market growth was observed.

Amidst these trends, we focused on establishing new businesses that will make up the Division Company's core businesses in the future. As such, we launched our VOD (Video on Demand) business and established JAPAN AEROSPACE CORPORATION, which took over the aerospace business of the former KAWASHO CORPORATION. We also focused on developing group companies targeted for future stock listings.

Number of Employees

Consolidated*	7,375
Non-consolidated	334

As of March 31, 2005

\*The number of consolidated employees is based on actual working employees excluding temporary staff.

#### **Number of Subsidiaries and Associates**

Domestic	62
Overseas	13

#### **Products & Services**

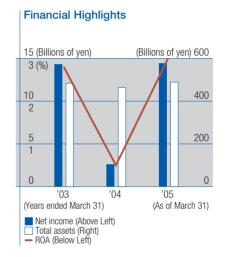
• Programing supply and entertainment business • Mobile-phone and related equipment and services • IT services and related equipment • e-business and services • Aerospace and Defence systems • Security and electronics systems

#### Organization (As of April 1, 2005)

Aerospace, Electronics & Multimedia Company Planning & Coordinating Department
Accounting & Control Department
Affiliate Administration & Support Department
Aerospace & Electronic Systems Division
Aerospace & Defence Department
Commercial Aerospace & Electronics Department
IT & Business Solutions Division
Information Technology Business Department
Business Solutions Department
Media Business Division

Network & Content Business Department Mobile & Wireless Department

Gross trading profit for the fiscal year increased by ¥2.9 billion to ¥108.4 billion despite decreased earnings by some group companies, fueled by positive financial results by JAPAN AEROSPACE and favorable conditions for the mobile phone business. Net income recorded a sizeable increase from the previous fiscal year's ¥2.6 billion, rising to ¥14.4 billion. Contributing factors were the stock listing of Excite Japan and a reduction in losses due to business reorganization during the previous fiscal year. ROA also recorded a large gain of 2.5 percentage points to 3.0%.



#### **Excite Japan Listing on JASDAQ**

The web portal Excite Japan gained a listing on JASDAQ in November 2004.

Since ITOCHU became the largest shareholder of Excite Japan in February 2002, the portal undertook developments such as creating sites for women, establishing an Internet café under the "Excite" brand, and expanding content services such as online gaming and music downloads. We are currently well on our way to achieving differentiation as an Internet medium for young urban consumers in their 20s and 30s.

ITOCHU has positioned Excite Japan as a key platform for the e-business field. We will continue to improve Excite Japan's content and services in support of its users.





Akira Yokota President, Energy, Metals & Minerals Company

# **Energy, Metals & Minerals Company**

The Energy, Metals & Minerals Company has been taking active steps to expand its natural resource development business, a key sector for ITOCHU in expanding profits. Many of our projects implemented to date have been high in profitability, producing a top-ranked ROA in comparison to the energy, metals, and minerals sector of other general trading companies.

We have participated in a number of development projects primarily in Australia related to iron ore, coal, and alumina. As of April 2005, we held an equity share in metals and mineral resources with the following output totals: iron ore, 8 million tons; coal, 9 million tons; and alumina, 200,000 tons. Demand for coking coal as well as iron ore, a raw material for steel, has been increasing in Asia and in particular China, suggesting that prices should remain firm over the mid to long term.

Natural gas and liquefied natural gas (LNG) development projects are progressing as scheduled in Algeria, Qatar, and Oman, thereby contributing substantially to

earnings growth in the energy resource development sector. With respect to oil exploration, production on a commercial scale has commenced for the ACG Project at the Central Azeri oil field in Azerbaijan. In addition, production of crude oil is scheduled to begin by the end of this year for the Sakhalin-I Project, which is currently under exploratory development. We have also acquired an equity share in an oil field develop-

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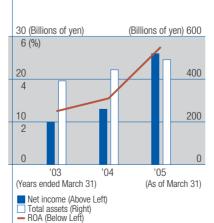
Years ended March 31 (Billions of yen)	2004	2005
• ITOCHU Non-Ferrous Materials Co., Ltd.	¥0.5	¥ 0.8
• ITOCHU Petroleum Japan Ltd.	1.5	0.4
• ITOCHU Minerals & Energy		
of Australia Pty Ltd	5.3	13.9
Marubeni-Itochu Steel Inc.	3.1	9.7
• ITOCHU Oil Exploration (Azerubaijan) Inc.	2.3	2.0
• JAPAN OHANET OIL & GAS CO., LTD.	0.0	0.1

\*ITOCHU's share of net income

ment project in the British North Sea, which we expect will immediately contribute to Company profits.

We aim to improve further our profitability in natural resource development through an aggressive pursuit of high-value-added businesses. Such projects include a large-scale pipeline for shipping oil from Azerbaijan, an LNG ship-holding business that transports LNG from Oman, and a coke production business in China.





# Business Performance and Priority Policies in Fiscal Year 2005

Business performance for the period improved greatly due to sustained high prices and volume levels for coal, iron ore, crude oil, and all other products we handle. Gross trading profit increased by ¥14.4 billion to ¥39.1 billion, primarily due to an increase in the volume of coal handled following our purchases of an additional equity share during the fiscal year ended March

As of March 31, 2005 **Number of Employees** 473 Consolidated\* 308 Non-consolidated \*The number of consolidated employees is based on actual working employees excluding temporary staff. **Number of Subsidiaries and Associates** Domestic 11 Overseas 16 **Products & Services** Crude oil • Petroleum products, LPG
LNG • Iron ore • Coal • Aluminium • Steel scrap • Steel products



2004. Net income for the period doubled (for an increase of ¥12.7 billion) to ¥25.7 billion. This was due to an increase in gross trading profit and higher dividends related to LNG projects and an increase in equity in earnings of associated companies stemming from a favorable trend for steel products businesses. ROA also improved greatly, increasing by 2.4 percentage points to 5.5%.

As mentioned before, we expect that demand and prices will continue to remain firm. In order to expand the business scale while maintaining profitability, we will continue to expand our earnings base by accelerating ongoing efforts in the natural resource development business, primarily by increasing investments to expand existing businesses, acquiring new

equity shares premised on securing profits through the futures market, and participating in projects covered by long-term trading contracts.

We have already decided to add further investments for the expansion of production and shipping capacity for our existing iron ore mine development business in Australia during the fiscal year ending March 2005. We have also concluded a long-term LNG trading agreement with the Omani government and we have decided to participate in the LNG shipholding business to transport the LNG from there.

#### ITOCHU Corporation Primary Equity Projects (As of May 2005)

(Units: 1,000 t)

Region	Project Name (Mine Name)	ITOCHU's Equity Share (%)	Production Capacity (annual)	Quantity of Equity Share	
Coal					
Australia	NCA Joint Venture	35.0	13,000 4,55		
	Oaky Creek Joint Venture	20.0	10,000	2,000	
	Rolleston Joint Venture	12.5 8,000		1,000	
Iron Ore					
Australia	Iron Ore Resource Development Project (Mt. Newman, Yandi, Mt. Goldworthy)	8.0	100,000 8,000		
Petroleum an	d Gas	Production Capacity			
Algeria	Ohanet	10.5	Condensate 2,900 t/day,		
		LPG 2,000 t/day, Gas 15 million m³/day			
Azerbaijan	ACG	3.9	Crude Oil 320,000 barrels/day (at peak during 2005)		
North Sea, UK	Alba	8.0	Crude Oil 70,000 barrels/day Crude Oil 11,000 barrels/day		
	Caledonia	10.06			
	Hudson	20.62			
Qatar	Ras Laffan LNG	4.0	LNG 6.4 million t/year		
Oman	Oman LNG	0.92	LNG 7.1 million t/year		
Russia	Sakhalin I	The ITOCHU Group is the primary private stockholder in Sakhalin Oil			
	and Gas Development Co., Ltd. (SODECO) with an 18.12% share.				
(SODECO retains 30% share in the Sakhalin I Project.)					

<sup>\*</sup> Please refer to page 22 for information on the Company's advantages in energy and metals resource projects.



Hiroshi Kitamura
President, Chemicals, Forest Products & General Merchandise Company

# Chemicals, Forest Products & General Merchandise Company

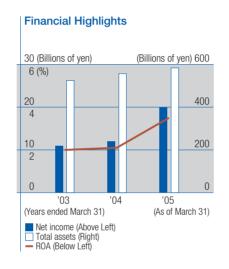
The Chemicals, Forest Products & General Merchandise Company is comprised of two divisions and one department, which is under the direct control of this Division Company.

1. Forest Products & General Merchandise Division, for which the following businesses form the core components of profits: global trade in natural rubber and tires; building materials focused on Japan and the U.S.

markets; forestation in Oceania and South America; pulp manufacturing in Brazil and the global pulp trade; and the manufacture and sale of ceramic materials and products.

- 2. Chemicals Division, which is engaged in trade in organic and inorganic chemicals and commodity resins; the sale of functional chemicals; pharmaceuticals, life science-related products, and synthetic resin products; and the processing business of synthetic resin both domestically and overseas.
- 3. Life & Living Department, which handles retail sales and retail support businesses for lifestyle goods.

Since we cover a wide range of businesses, we clearly distinguish the roles of each, including those of the group companies. We manifest our strengths through integrated global operations of products and services from upstream to downstream.



Our Forest Products & General Merchandise Division occupies the lead position among general trading companies in terms of gross trading profit, and net income for this fiscal year as well. Following fiscal year 2004, the Chemicals Division again achieved recordhigh profits in fiscal year 2005, assuming the lead in terms of ROA among general trading companies after reorganizing our portfolio to increase highly efficient assets.

# Business Performance and Priority Policies in Fiscal Year 2005

The business environment for this period was favorable overall. Despite cost increases in the chip and pulp manufacturing business overseas due to a rise of the local currency and the negative impact due to demand adjustment in the electronic materials sector, demand was strong for building and other materials in both the U.S. and Japan. Continued high prices for the chemical products market also contributed to favorable results.

We remain committed to the midstream and retail fields and are strengthening upstream fields centering on large-scale projects. In the midstream and retail fields, our subsidiary I.C.S. Co., Ltd. acquired Autotech Corp., an auto accessories and supplies retailer. We also made a capital investment in the Japanese local subsidiary of China's largest pharmaceutical company, Sanjiu Enterprise Group, putting in place a structure for the development of the pharmaceuticals business in Chinese herbal medicine and

#### **Number of Employees**

Consolidated*	7,330
Non-consolidated	452

As of March 31, 2005

\*The number of consolidated employees is based on actual working employees excluding temporary staff.

#### **Number of Subsidiaries and Associates**

Domestic	43
Overseas	48

#### **Products & Services**

 Logs & Lumber
 Pulp & Paper Natural rubber and tires • Ceramic products . Basic chemicals . Fine chemicals • Pharmaceutical products • Inorganic chemicals • Plastics • Various consumer products

#### Organization (As of April 1, 2005)

Forest Products & General Merchandise Company

Planning & Coordinating Department Accounting, Affiliates Administration & Credit Control Department Life & Living Department

#### Forest Products & General Merchandise Division Wood Products & Materials Department Paper Materials & Products Department

Tire & Rubber Department General Merchandise Department

#### Chemicals Division

Organic Chemicals Department No.1 Organic Chemicals Department No.2 Inorganic Chemicals Department

Plastics Department

# **Decision to Increase Production Capacity for Cenibra Pulp Operations**

This Division Company maintains an investment in Celulose Nipo-Brasileira S.A. (Cenibra) in Brazil through Japan Brazil Paper and Pulp Resources Development Co., Ltd. Cenibra's eucalyptus forestation has achieved the world's top-class growth volumes due to Brazil's warm climate and abundant rainfall. Cenibra's pulp is the most cost competitive in the world due to the advantage of raw material costs. Cenibra is also practicing sustainable forestry management. With 100% of its logs obtained from the forestation, Cenibra has established an environmentally friendly operation.

In order to make an effective use of the abundant forest resources, we have decided to invest an additional ¥26.0 billion by 2007, boosting annual production from the current 1.0 million tons to 1.2 million tons. We will also promote sales to China and Asia, as well as Europe and other markets, in



which we anticipate a continuing increase in demand.

With Cenibra as our core operation, the Division Company is targeting the number one position worldwide in terms of volume handled for pulp trading. With Cenibra's increased capacity and expanded procurement from other existing supply sources, we are targeting sustained profit increases by actively expanding sales to Asian markets, such as Japan and China, as well as to the European and North American markets.

generic drugs. In the upstream field, we decided to double the capacity of the manufacturing facilities for P.T. Aneka Bumi Pratama, a natural rubber-manufacturing subsidiary in Indonesia. In addition, we are considering participating in a major petrochemical project in Asia, and construction is also progressing as scheduled for our PTA (high purity terephthalic acid) business in Daxie, China, in which we decided upon an investment in fiscal year 2004.

The above operations resulted in gross trading profit totaling ¥105.9 billion in fiscal year 2005, with a ¥14.0 billion year-on-year increase. Net income registered an ¥8.7 billion increase to ¥20.3 billion and ROA rose 1.4 percentage points to 3.5%.

# | Net Income from Major Group Companies\*

Years ended March 31 (Billions of yen)	2004	2005
ITOCHU Kenzai Corp.	¥1.0	¥1.5
ITOCHU Pulp & Paper Corp.	0.6	0.5
• ITOCHU CHEMICAL FRONTIER Corpora	tion 1.2	1.0
• ITOCHU PLASTICS INC.	1.7	1.8
Prime Source Building Products, Inc.	3.2	7.5
CIPA Lumber Co., Ltd.	0.3	0.9

\*ITOCHU's share of net income



Kouhei Watanabe President, Food Company

# Food Company

The Food Company seamlessly brings together all levels of the foodstuff field, from the development of food materials in Japan and overseas to manufacturing and processing, distribution, and the retail business. We are developing our business by applying a Strategic Integrated System (SIS), which features the building of a supply and demand system based on customer needs.

In the domestic distribution sector, the Company has built the top-level food distribution network in the industry. The three wholesalers ITOCHU SHOKUHIN Co. Ltd., Nishino Trading CO., LTD., and NIPPON ACCESS, INC. form the core of this nationwide, multi-temperature distribution network.

| Net Income from Major Group Companies\*

Years ended March 31 (Billions of yen)	2004	2005
Nishino Trading Co., Ltd.	¥0.9	¥0.7
Japan Foods Co., Ltd.	0.1	0.2
• FamilyMart Co., Ltd.	4.2	4.0
• CGB ENTERPRISES, INC.	0.1	0.6
*ITOCHU's share of net income		

In the retail sector, we are developing FamilyMart convenience stores. In addition to aggressively opening stores in Japan and overseas, the Company is operating FamilyMart as a major component of its SIS strategy at the forefront of its retail operations. These stores function as strategic bases, providing feedback on consumers' needs to mid and upstream operations and offering information to consumers through new products and services. We expect that these functions will continue to be enhanced.

In Asian markets centering on China and Thailand, which are experiencing a rapid expansion, we are also pursuing strategic alliances with leading local partners such as the Ting Hsin International Group (China). Our strategy is to rapidly and actively pursue the establishment of a supply base for Japan and to break into new consumer markets by transplanting to overseas markets the technology, brand power, and SIS strategy know-how we have cultivated in Japan.

# **Business Performance and Priority Policies in Fiscal Year 2005**

Regarding the macro environment for the industry, reorganization of the domestic food industry on all levels is progressing. In overseas markets, we are seeing sustained high growth for the food sector in China, which experiencing close to double-digit growth. Business opportunities are also expanding in China with the easing of restrictions on foreign investment in the wholesale industry in December 2004.

Number of Employees

Consolidated*	6,637
Non-consolidated	361

As of March 31, 2005

\*The number of consolidated employees is based on actual working employees excluding temporary staff.

#### **Number of Subsidiaries and Associates**

Domestic	75
Overseas	23

#### **Products & Services**

Wheat, barley • Vegetable oils •
Soybeans, corn • Juice, coffee • Sugar
 Dairy products • Marine, livestock, agri products • Frozen foods •
Processed foods • Pet foods • Soft drinks • Liquor

## Organization (As of April 1, 2005)





Coffee & Beverage Marketing Department
Fresh Food & Food Business Solutions Division

Marine Products Department
Meat Products Department

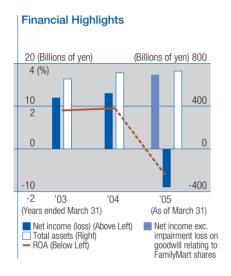
Food Marketing Development Department

Agri Products Department

#### Food Products Marketing & Distribution Division

Food Products Marketing & Distribution Department No.1
Food Products Marketing & Distribution Department No.2

FamilyMart Department



Against this background, the Company is currently working to strengthen distribution functions for mid-stream operations and plans to establish a high-level supply infrastructure that better responds to customer needs. We have made an additional investment in NIPPON ACCESS, INC. and have established Dolce Co., Ltd., a wholesale company of confectionary.

Due to increases in the transaction volume of raw materials and food distribution subsidiaries, gross trading profits for fiscal year 2005 rose by ¥5.2 billion year-on-year to ¥136.2 billion. Despite this, we posted a net loss of ¥9.3 billion for the period due to recognition of a ¥45.1 billion impairment loss on goodwill relating to shares of FamilyMart Co., Ltd. Excluding the impairment loss, this virtually marks a profit increase of ¥4.0 billion and a 0.4 percentage point rise in ROA to 2.3%.

# Accelerating the Establishment of FamilyMart Stores Overseas

Making use of the know-how we have cultivated domestically, the Company intends to pursue an aggressive expansion of FamilyMart convenience stores overseas in cooperation with FamilyMart Co., Ltd. Following previous launches in Taiwan, South Korea, and Thailand, we conducted an official debut in Shanghai, China in July 2004. In addition, we opened a store on the U.S. West Coast in July 2005, with the intention of making optimal use of our functions as a trading company to provide full support for the FamilyMart's "Global 20,000 Store Plan," while continuing to strengthen ties with peripheral industries such as food supplies, logistics, and vendor operations.

\* Please refer to pages 18-19 for the feature article on FamilyMart-related business.



Opening of a FamilyMart store in Shanghai, China



Akira Kodera
President, Finance, Realty, Insurance & Logistics Services Company

# Finance, Realty, Insurance & Logistics Services Company

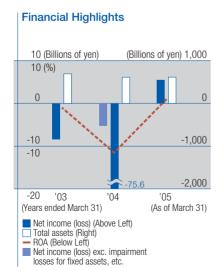
The Finance, Realty, Insurance & Logistics Services Company's primary businesses are retail finance, housing, insurance intermediation, and third-party logistics (3PL). In each of these businesses, we have a leading position among general trading companies.

For the retail finance business, our Division Company has a particularly strong position. In February 2005, we decided to become the primary shareholder in Orient Corporation (Orico), securing 21% of the voting rights through a capital investment of approximately ¥70 billion. This marks the first full-scale entry by a general trading company into this sector. Our goal is to actively support Orico's affiliated retail outlets and increase its corporate value. Support will not only come from our Financial Services Division, but will instead be provided by all ITOCHU's business units.

Another strength of our Division Company lies in its

businesses expansion by way of cross-divisional collaboration. For example, the Division Company has been active in real estate securitization due to closer cooperation between the Construction & Realty Division and the Financial Services Division.

We are also actively expanding operations across the entire Asian region, including China. To facilitate our distribution, we have established both a main-line distribution and terminal delivery networks that cover all regions of China. This system of networks will strongly support ITOCHU's China Strategy, which focuses on downstream fields such as the consumer and retail-related sectors. In the insurance sector, we have established a tie-up with Ingosstrakh Insurance Company, Ltd., the third largest Russian insurance company. This partnership will provide insurance support for the anticipated rapid increase of Japanese companies entering the Russian market.



# **Business Performance and Priority Policies in Fiscal Year 2005**

The business environment was comparatively strong in fiscal year 2005. Housing construction starts continued to improve and demand for the 3PL market has expanded substantially due to a greater need for distribution cost reductions.

In such an environment, we have secured a profit base in our retail finance business by forming the alliance with Orico as a starting point, while simultaneously expanding our businesses offering high asset efficiency, such as the securitization business. We have also placed a priority on profit growth in the insurance and logistics services sectors.

#### Number of Employees

Consolidated*	2,461
Non-consolidated	373

As of March 31, 2005

\*The number of consolidated employees is based on actual working employees excluding temporary staff.

#### **Number of Subsidiaries and Associates**

Domestic	51
Overseas	41

#### **Products & Services**

 Structuring and sales of financial products • Agency and consulting services of insurance and reinsurance • Warehousing • Logistics services • Developments and operations of real estate

#### Organization (As of April 1, 2005)

Finance, Realty, Insurance & Logistics Services Company Planning & Coordinating Department
Administration Department
Orico Business Integrated Department
Financial Services Division
Forex & Securities Department
Financial Solutions Business Department
Financial Business Development Department
Construction & Realty Division
Construction & Realty Department
Overseas Construction & Realty Department
Osaka Construction & Realty Department
Insurance Services Division
Insurance Business Development Department

Marine Insurance Department
Logistics Services Division

Logistics Department No.1 Logistics Department No.2

#### Net Income from Major Group Companies<sup>11</sup>

Years ended March 31 (Billions of yen)	2004	2005	
ITOCHU Finance Corporation <sup>-2</sup>	¥4.1	¥2.7	
• CENTURY 21 REAL ESTATE OF JAPAN L	TD. 0.2	0.2	
• i-LOGISTICS CORP.	0.2	0.4	
• kabu.com Securities Co., Ltd. <sup>-2</sup>	0.7	0.9	

<sup>&</sup>quot;ITOCHU's share of net income

In the fiscal year ended March 2004, the Finance, Realty, Insurance & Logistics Services Company booked impairment losses on fixed assets and proceeded to liquidate real estate inventories due to the early application of impairment accounting for fixed assets under Japan GAAP. This led to a positive result, and along with strong condominium sales, gross trading profit rose by ¥3.2 billion to ¥39.3 billion for fiscal year 2005, excluding the losses resulting from the aforementioned application of impairment accounting and other factors during the previous period. With the additional contribution from the stock listing of kabu.com Securities Co., Ltd., a ¥10.6 billion improvement over the previous fiscal year's loss resulted in a net income of ¥5.4 billion for the period, excluding the losses resulting from the application of impairment accounting during the previous fiscal year, and thus our Division Company restored overall profitability.



Orico Card "UPty"

#### First Project Related to Tie-up with Orico: Commencement of Inventory Loans for Auto Dealers

The Division Company began in April 2005 to handle inventory loans for major automotive dealers affiliated with Orico. We have set a limit of ¥300 million for each car dealer and we expect to handle ¥100 billion in total per year within three years through a country-wide expansion.

This plan enables a new type of capital funding for auto dealers, using inventory as collateral and ultimately enabling auto dealers to make vast improvements to their sales force. ITOCHU Finance Corporation will provide credit for the plan while Orico will manage disbursements and collections, monitor collateral, and oversee affiliated dealers.

Our alliance with Orico is not simply a means to provide financial services to Orico's customers and affiliated retail outlets. This tie-up will create value for the business by providing ITOCHU's broad range of solutions including marketing functions, retail strategy, and consulting with respect to cost-cutting measures.

Please refer to page 21 for an overview of the Company's joint efforts with Orient Corporation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup>The net income of ITOCHU Finance Corporation includes that of kabu.com Securities Co., Ltd.

#### **OVERSEAS OPERATIONS**







Driven by the IT revolution, a liberalization of trade and investment, and an expansion of free trade agreements, we have experienced rapid globalization and dramatic changes to the business activities of general trading companies. It has thus become vital to move away from traditional business methods based solely on trading and to establish a new highly profitable business model that looks ahead to meet future needs. Using its advantageous global network cultivated over many years as well as reliable information gleaned through close ties to local markets, ITOCHU has been making strategic business advancements overseas.

Under the A&P strategy, we have shifted management resources to businesses that generate the most profit. North America and Asia in particular were designated as priority markets, and many new investments have been made in these regions.

#### 1. North America

#### Performance for Fiscal Year 2005

ITOCHU's North American operations center on ITOCHU International Inc. (III). For fiscal year 2005, III's net income was ¥8.6 billion, a dramatic year-on-year improvement compared to the previous fiscal year's ¥1.4 billion. We saw positive developments overall, due to favorable economic conditions in the U.S. Because the North American housing market in particular showed steady growth, building materials companies such as Prime Source Building Products, Inc. and Master-Halco, Inc., an equipment materials distributor, helped boost our overall profit. Also, Multiquip, Inc., a construction equipment and small-sized power generator distributor achieved a significant recovery in its performance during the last fiscal year and is continuing to perform well.

#### Measures Taken during Fiscal Year 2005

 Power plant operations and maintenance service is one of ITOCHU's key businesses in North America. Through Tyr Energy Inc., an III subsidiary, we established Tyr Capital, LLC., an investment fund for power plants. To promote independent ownership of power-related assets, we also made an equity investment in top-level independent power producers (IPP), whose operation and maintenance were provided by III subsidiary North American Energy Services Inc.

- In the consumer and retail-related segment, ITOCHU made an investment in and established a global strategic relationship with high-end gourmet store operator Dean & Deluca, with which ITOCHU has been active in developing operations in Japan.
- In the medical biotechnology segment, by making use of a cooperative relationship with its strategic business partner MPM Capital, L.P. ITOCHU invested in ARYx Therapeutics, Inc., a venture company developing new medicines, as a channel to promote a joint business with a Japanese pharmaceutical company.

#### 2. China and Other Parts of Asia

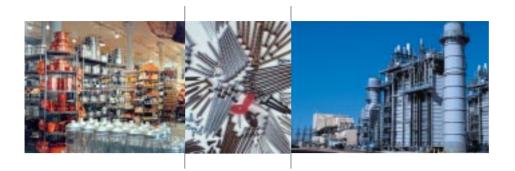
#### Performance for Fiscal Year 2005

Asian economies have generally shown a growth trend, although actual growth conditions vary from country to country. In fiscal year 2005, ITOCHU's business in Asia, in particular China and Thailand, was robust, with year-on-year net income in the region rising from ¥6.3 billion to ¥9.2 billion. Financial business in Hong Kong and trade in the consumer and retail-related segment showed particularly positive results.

#### Measures Taken during Fiscal Year 2005

China, considered to be the production center of the world, is rapidly growing as a giant consumer market. As China is ITOCHU's most important market, we are expanding our business to take advantage of China's increasing demand and changes brought on by its deregulation and the opening of its market. We have also aggressively developed our local business activities. For example, we have formed partnerships with leading Chinese corporations.

 In the textile sector, the easing of export quotas on Chinese products boosted our exports to Europe and the



U.S. In the brand business, we also established a joint venture with a Chinese local partner and launched the "renoma PARIS" brand in China.

- In the consumer and retail-related segment, we set up a
  joint venture with Asahi Breweries, Ltd. in the tea beverage manufacturing business, where the Ting Hsin
  International Group, China's largest food business group,
  has the top share of the tea beverage market.
- In the retail segment, we opened general merchandise stores in Beijing and Chengdu through a joint venture with Ito-Yokado Co., Ltd. Our FamilyMart franchise, which we have already developed in Taiwan, South Korea, and Thailand, has opened stores in China, rapidly bringing us closer to the goal of 20,000 stores worldwide.
- To enhance our distribution function in China, we have made an equity investment in Tingtong (Cayman Islands)
   Holding Corp., a trucking company under the umbrella of the Ting Hsin International Group.
- In the natural resource development segment, we focused on expanding coal and iron ore trading with China, where there has been a dramatic increase in demand. We also made an investment in Pearl Energy Ltd. in Singapore.
- In response to the Chinese government's Northeastern Provinces' Revival Campaign, we opened branch offices in Shenyang, Harbin, and Changchun to establish bases for business operations in the region.

#### 3. Overseas Strategies for the Future

Our goal under the new mid-term management plan, "Frontier-2006," is to reach a consolidated net income of over ¥100 billion steadily and sustainably. We expect to earn approximately half of this—over ¥50 billion—through our overseas operations.

We will pursue strategies to maintain steady growth in the natural resources sector. Many business opportunities exist in North America, and higher growth can be anticipated in China and other parts of Asia. Targeting these regions as important markets for ITOCHU, we will exercise our strength in the consumer business and infrastructure segments to expand profitability. To make this possible, in

North America we will carry out thorough portfolio management and strengthen profitability by reallocating assets. At the same time, we will continue to make large-scale investments in China and other Asian countries and enhance our management systems there, and expand profitability by increasing local and regional transactions.

Further, we plan to make strategic advancements in the newly emerging Russian, Indian, and Brazilian markets. We will strive to expand profitability in the future in the areas of natural resource development; the export of consumer goods including automobiles, tires, and apparel; and ODA-related projects such as building large plants and infrastructure. We also aim to expand our local and third-country transactions by enhancing alliances with leading Chinese corporations. Additionally, we plan to foster local specialists.

To further advance our overseas operations, ITOCHU consolidated all of its headquarters organizations related to overseas businesses in April 2005, and established the Overseas Operations, Administration & Development Department. Its purpose is to enhance information sharing between Division Companies and overseas offices, as well as among overseas offices. At the same time, the Division Companies' strategies for core segments and regional market strategies will be integrated to create a system that strives for a further expansion of profitability. While we will enhance our risk management and aim for thorough compliance with laws and regulations, we will also work on the promotion of nationalization.

#### Net Income from Major Overseas Trading Subsidiaries\*

\*ITOCHU's share of net income

#### THE HEADQUARTERS

ITOCHU has appointed a Chief Operating Officer, Division Companies Operation as well as a Chief Administrative Officer. These two Chief Officer-level positions will add lateral functionality across the entire Company to ITOCHU's operational structure, in contrast to the typical vertical organization of Division Companies divided by business area or product. The Chief Operating Officer, Division Companies Operation provides, as necessary, instruction and guidance from a

# **Chief Operating Officer, Division Companies Operation**



ITOCHU is accelerating efforts to develop various new businesses through cross-divisional collaboration and integration, putting priorities on the three business areas identified in Frontier-2006 as pillars of future earnings: consumer business; life care and human care-related business; and innovative technology business. The Chief Operating Officer, Division Companies Operations, is responsible for adding a horizontal and cross-divisional aspect to each Division Company's new business development, thereby creating a better combined strength and an added value for the ITOCHU Group.

The Function and Value (FV) Committee will promote these activities together with the Corporate Development Office, the Innovative Technology Business Development Office, and the Strategic Business Development Department (established in April 2005), which collectively serve as the corporate development group.

#### • Function and Value (FV) Committee

Capitalizing on its activities from the previous fiscal year, this committee, chaired by the Chief Operating Officer, Division Companies Operation, continues to operate to enhance the combined strength of the ITOCHU Group. Its specific tasks are to consolidate and strengthen the ITOCHU Group's functions in the above three areas and to create more value within the ITOCHU Group.

#### Corporate Development Office

This office supports the development of cross-divisional and long-term strategic projects in the consumer business sector. In addition, it promotes business related to small and medium-sized enterprises that involve alliances with local governmental bodies and investment funds such as the Gambare Japanese Company Fund. The office also conducts CO<sub>2</sub> emissions trading.

# Innovative Technology Business Development Office

This office focuses on such businesses as functional food, biopharmaceuticals, security, and nanotechnology. For example, it promotes investment in genetic based drug discovery and development ventures and joint development of environmental technology, through strategic alliances with the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) of Japan and MPM Capital in the U.S., the world's largest biotech venture capital firm.

#### Strategic Business Development Department (Established in April 2005)

This office promotes business in areas new to ITOCHU and untapped by ITOCHU, including projects requiring cross-divisional integration and long term strategic projects. The office also creates new markets for life care and human care-related business, meeting such societal changes as the aging population. It also takes actions to accelerate revenue generation in the innovative technology business through joint ventures as well as mergers and acquisitions.

Makoto Kato

Chief Operating Officer, Division Companies Operation

cross-company point of view to Division Company presidents in order to exploit fully ITOCHU's comprehensive strengths, maximize profit, and integrate and optimize our businesses policies as a whole. The Chief Administrative Officer oversees all administrative divisions and provides overall administrative coordination for individual divisions to ensure smooth and sophisticated administrative operations in support of ITOCHU's overall management policy and achievement of targets.

#### **Chief Administration Officer**

The Chief Administrative
Officer assumes responsibility
for safeguarding the goals in
relation to solid management
under Frontier-2006, namely to
improve the financial position
and enhance risk management, reinforce internal controls and pursue corporate
social responsibility, and
establish highly transparent
corporate governance.

We instituted the following organizational changes in April 2005 to strengthen ITOCHU's administrative functions.



#### • Enhance Risk Management

To enhance risk management, we consolidated the Risk Management Division and the Affiliate Administration Division to create the Affiliate Administration & Risk Management Division. We will continue to enhance risk management on a consolidated basis by utilizing a "risk map," which helps to evaluate and fully control risks based on an assessment of their importance and frequency of occurrence.

#### • Pursue Corporate Social Responsibility

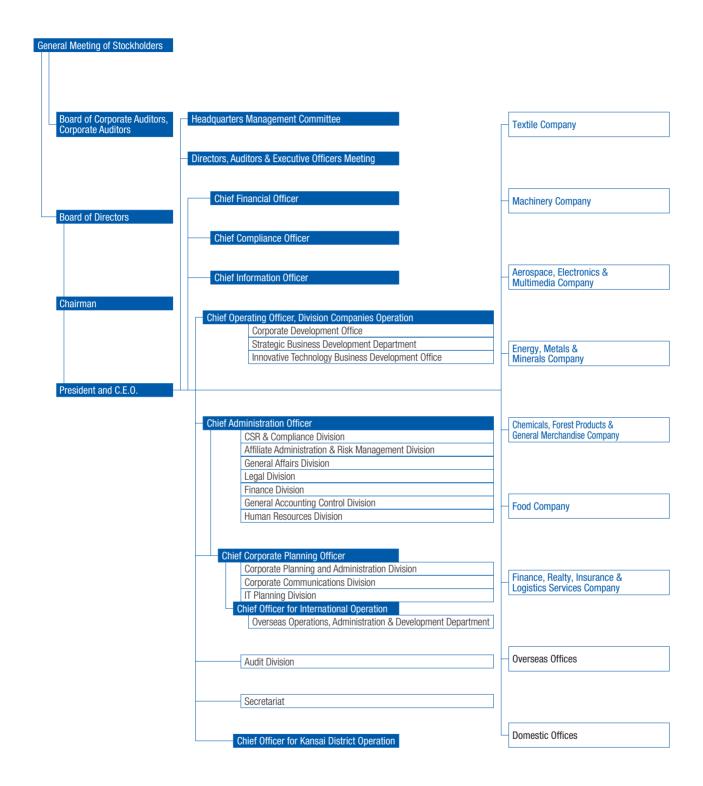
To pursue corporate social responsibility, we established the CSR & Compliance Division to consolidate all functions pertaining to corporate social responsibility and compliance. We also created the CSR Promotion Office within the division and will, henceforth, be even more active in promoting corporate social responsibility. In addition, we changed the name of the Business Ethics and Compliance Committee to the CSR Compliance Committee, making it clear that the new committee's principal mission is to promote corporate social responsibility. The CSR Compliance Committee and the CSR & Compliance Division are considering publishing a CSR report in the near future to improve our level of accountability to ITOCHU's stakeholders.

#### Establish Highly Transparent Corporate Governance

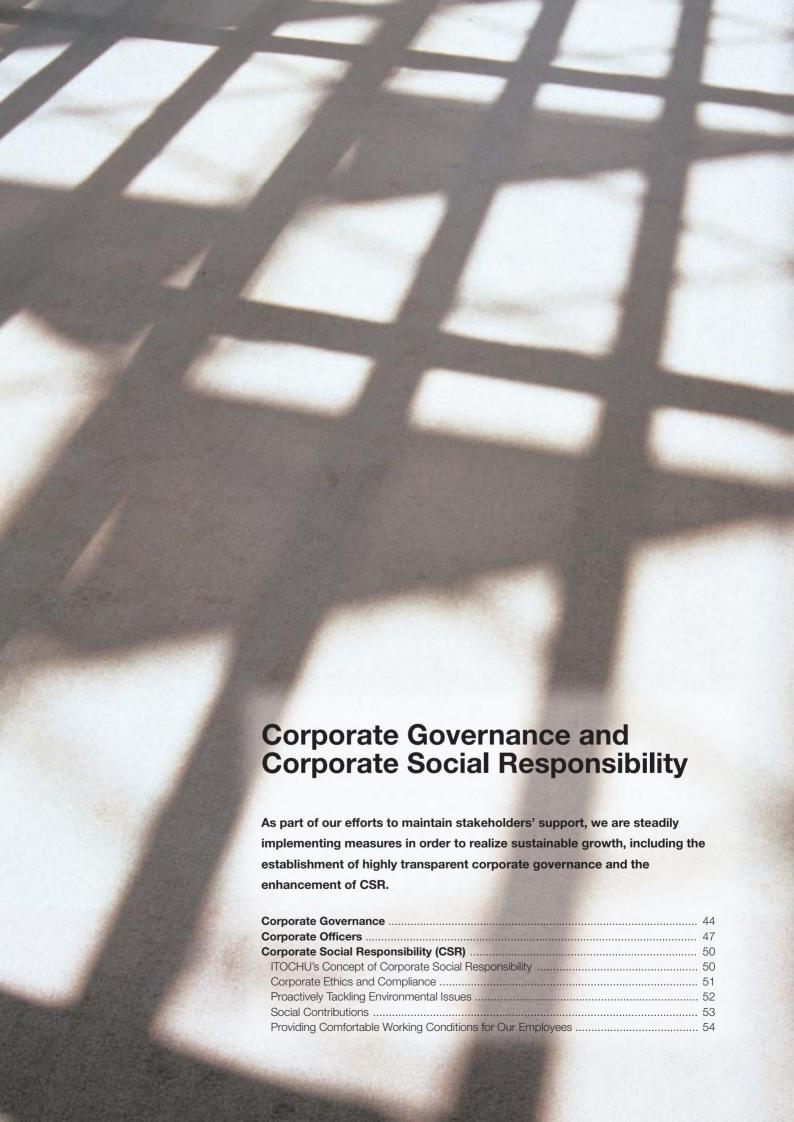
To ensure highly transparent corporate governance, we have established a Disclosure Committee for which the CFO Office will serve as the administrative bureau. This committee will work to ensure that internal controls are established for the ITOCHU Group by examining internal control policies and disclosure measures for financial reports, and verifying the accuracy of financial statements.

Sumitaka Fujita
Chief Administration Officer,
Chief Financial Officer,
Chief Compliance Officer

ORGANIZATION As of July 1, 2005



In addition to the above organization, the GMC (Group Management Committee) was established to heighten the overall value of the ITOCHU Group.



#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

ITOCHU proactively works to reinforce corporate governance, recognizing it as one of the most important issues for management. Our basic policy is to establish a highly transparent management system that benefits stakeholders, including stockholders, through the following approaches:

- 1. Enhance transparency in decision-making processes
- 2. Strengthen corporate information disclosure and management accountability
- 3. Thoroughly manage risk, which includes compliance with laws and regulations
- 4. Maintain business ethics through the strict application of rewards and punishments

#### **Management System**

ITOCHU has established a management system to facilitate the work of the Board of Directors and its members. The system maintains the number of Board members at a level that allows swift decision-making. It also separates business execution from management supervisory functions by introducing the executive officer position, thus

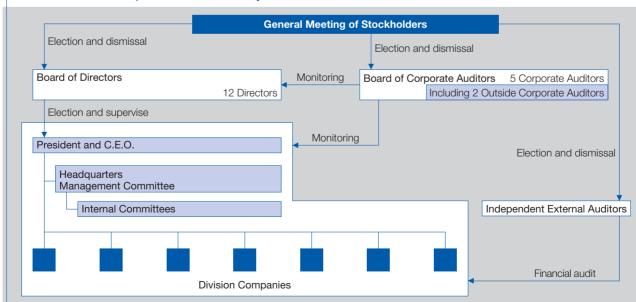
permitting directors and executive officers to carry out each of their roles more effectively.

We have established a compensation system for directors and executive officers that is tied to business performance and evaluates how well they have fulfilled their required functions. In addition, we will bring more clarity to the tie between performance and directors' compensation by discontinuing the directors' retirement and severance system after the regular general meeting of stockholders in 2005.

We also have an Advisory Board composed of outside experts from various fields. The Board's independence allows us to obtain useful opinions on management from an objective point of view.

Instead of creating a company with a Committees System, we will continue to reinforce our corporate governance system by enhancing the current corporate auditors system, which is predicated on management supervision by the Board of Corporate Auditors, an organization that is independent of the Board of Directors, because we believe it is well suited to ensuring adequate independent monitoring.

#### Current ITOCHU's Corporate Governance System



# The Headquarters Management Committee and Other Internal Committees

Established as a support body to the President, the Headquarters Management Committee (HMC) discusses general management policy and important issues relating to management. We have also created other internal committees that assist the decision-making of the President and Board of Directors through the careful examination and discussion of management issues in their particular areas. (Please see the table on page 46.)

#### **Division Company System**

Under the Division Company system that we have had in place since fiscal year 1998, seven Companies—Textile; Machinery; Aerospace, Electronics & Multimedia; Energy, Metals & Minerals: Chemicals. Forest Products & General Merchandise; Food; and Finance, Realty, Insurance & Logistics Services—bear full responsibility for managing each of their business areas with an autonomy comparable to that of an independent company. Decision-making in each of these Division Companies rests with its president, who, with the support from the Division Company Management Committee, promptly deals with the needs of markets and clients. At the same time, the Headquarters specializes in the planning of business strategy for ITOCHU as a whole and overall management. It also maintains control over the Division Companies by setting covenants (total assets, interest-bearing debts, risk assets, etc.) and exercising its authority with regard to particularly important issues. With autonomous management by Division Companies on the one hand, and business strategy planning for ITOCHU as a whole and overall management by Headquarters on the other, we have built a well-balanced and efficient management system.

#### **Reinforcing Disclosure and Accountability**

The ITOCHU Corporate Code of Conduct states that ITOCHU values communication with its shareholders, other stakeholders, and the public at large, and will fulfill its duty to make full, fair, and timely disclosure of corporate information. In keeping with this commitment, we have taken steps to ensure that our practice of disclosure is timely and appropriate. We have established internal policy on disclosure and set up a system of close communication among concerned organizations. We are also planning to improve further our disclosure system by establishing a Disclosure Committee from fiscal year 2006.

#### **Risk Management**

To deal adequately with various risks associated with our business operations, such as market risk, credit risk, and investment risk, we are reinforcing a self-management system for individual types of risk by each Division Company. We are also developing more sophisticated risk management techniques. Specifically, we have established internal covenants related to principal balance sheet items and manage each exposure by setting exposure limits, transaction guidelines, and profit requirements for each product category. We have also introduced the management technique of RCM (Risk Capital Management) based on RAROC (Risk Adjusted Return on Capital), and perform portfolio management using risk assets and a risk-return index (RRI) as management indexes.

#### **Enhancing the Internal Control System**

We have in place an Internal Control System for ensuring the proper execution of business by clarifying the authority and responsibilities associated with individual job positions and by incorporating appropriate checks and monitoring functions in the work process and achieving the three following specific objectives of the internal control:

- Improve the effectiveness and efficiency of management
- 2. Practice thorough compliance with laws and regulations
- 3. Ensure the reliability of financial reports
  In particular, in relation to practicing thorough compliance with laws and regulations, one particular area of emphasis has been reinforcing our compliance system (please see page 51 for details). Further, a reevaluation and systemization of internal control to ensure the reliability of financial statements has begun from fiscal year 2006 under the supervision of the Disclosure Committee established that year.

#### **Role of the Board of Corporate Auditors**

ITOCHU's Board of Corporate Auditors is comprised of five auditors (two of whom are outside corporate auditors), who are appointed by the General Stockholders Meeting and are independent of the Board of Directors. The Board of Corporate Auditors contributes to ITOCHU's healthy growth by monitoring the Company's

management and the Board of Directors on behalf of the stockholders. Its principal roles are as follows:

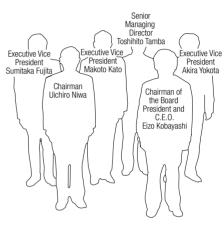
- Review performance of independent external auditors and auditing details
- 2. Supervise consolidated group companies' internal controls, risk management, and governance
- Monitor executive decisions of the President and other officers

To carry out these roles, the auditors regularly attend Board meetings to express their views, although they do not have the right to vote. In addition, standing corporate auditors supervise management by attending important internal meetings and regularly meeting with top managers. They also work to ensure close ties between the independent external auditors and the internal audit division, and cooperate with auditors at consolidated group companies by regularly meeting with group companies, including the Group Audit Committee (GAC), which is made up of auditors from the principal group companies. Substantial attention is paid in selecting the outside corporate auditors to ensure their independence.

#### **Principal Internal Committees**

Name	Roles
Disclosure Committee	• Examines policies and measures concerning internal control associated with information dis-
	closure (including internal control related to financial statements) (established in April 2005)
	(Chairman: Executive Vice President Fujita; meets as required)
Strategic Investment Committee	Examines strategic investment as planned in the mid-term management plan
	(Chairman: Executive Vice President Kato; meets once a month)
ALM* Committee	Administers comprehensive balance sheets and risk management, and makes proposals
	regarding monitoring systems and improvement measures for management
	(Chairman: Executive Vice President Fujita; meets twice a month)
FV* Committee	• In order to facilitate a reinforcement of each Division Company's function and value creation,
	pursues synergies by leveraging the Company's comprehensive functions and strengths, as
	well as supports and promotes project involvement by the whole Company
	(Chairman: Executive Vice President Kato; meets once every two months)
CIO* Committee	• Examines and promotes policies for the Group's information strategy
	(Chairman: Senior Managing Director Tamba; meets once a month)
Group Profits Improvement	Analyzes subsidiaries' cost and earnings structures to build a consolidated cost structure
Committee	appropriate to the level of profits; studies ways to improve profit structure and conducts fol-
	low-ups to track improvements
	(Chairman: Senior Managing Director Tamba; meets once a month)
CSR Compliance Committee	Examines and promotes policies and measures concerning CSR
	• Sets programs for a thorough understanding of the Company's management principles and
	corporate code of conduct, and comprehensively manages their enforcement
	(Chairman: Executive Vice President Fujita, meets once every two months)





#### **Board of Directors**

# Chairman of the Board President and C.E.O.

#### Eizo Kobayashi

1972 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2004 President and C.E.O.

#### Chairman

#### **Uichiro Niwa**

1962 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2004 Chairman

#### Executive Vice Presidents

#### Makoto Kato

Chief Operating Officer, Division Companies Operation;

Chief Officer for Domestic Branch Offices

1964 Joined ITOCHU Corporation2001 Executive Vice President

#### Sumitaka Fujita

Chief Administration Officer;
Chief Financial Officer;
Chief Compliance Officer
1965 Joined ITOCHU Corporation
2001 Executive Vice President

#### Akira Yokota

President, Energy, Metals & Minerals Company

1967 Joined ITOCHU Corporation2003 Executive Vice President

#### Senior Managing Directors

#### Kouhei Watanabe

President, Food Company 1971 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2004 Senior Managing Director

#### Toshihito Tamba

Chief Corporate Planning Officer; Chief Information Officer; Chief Officer for International Operation 1972 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2005 Senior Managing Director

#### **Managing Directors**

#### Akira Kodera

President, Finance, Realty, Insurance & Logistics Services Company

1970 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2004 Managing Director

#### Jiro Takemori

President, Machinery Company 1971 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2004 Managing Director

#### Shigeki Nishiyama

President, Aerospace, Electronics & Multimedia Company 1974 Joined ITOCHU Corporation

2004 Managing Director

#### Masahiro Okafuji

President, Textile Company 1974 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2004 Managing Director

#### Hiroshi Kitamura

President, Chemicals, Forest Products & General Merchandise Company

1971 Joined ITOCHU Corporation2005 Managing Director



Tadashi Kudo Corporate Auditor

Nobuyoshi Umeno Standing Corporate Auditor

Tsutomu Miyakushi Standing Corporate Auditor

Haruo Sakaguchi or Masahiro Asano Corporate Auditor Standing Corporate Auditor

#### **Board of Corporate Auditors**

#### Corporate Auditors

#### Tsutomu Miyakushi

1968 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2003 Standing Corporate Auditor

#### Masahiro Asano

1970 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2001 Standing Corporate Auditor

#### Nobuyoshi Umeno

1968 Joined ITOCHU Corporation2004 Standing Corporate Auditor

#### Haruo Sakaguchi

1989 Vice Chairman, Japan Federation

of Bar Association

1990 Chairman, Osaka Bar Association

2001 Chairman, Osaka Public Bid Monitoring Committee

2003 Corporate Auditor, ITOCHU Corporation

#### Tadashi Kudo

2002 President & Chief Executive Officer, Mizuho Bank, Ltd.

2004 Advisor, Mizuho Bank, Ltd.

2005 Corporate Auditor, ITOCHU Corporation

#### **Executive Officers**

#### Managing Executive Officers

#### Akihisa Matsumoto

Executive Vice President, Energy, Metals & Minerals Company 1970 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2004 Managing Executive Officer

#### Satoshi Tanioka

General Manager for European Operation;

Group Director, Machinery, Aerospace, and Non-Ferrous Metals Group;

C.E.O., ITOCHU Europe PLC.; C.E.O., ITOCHU Deutschland GmbH.

1971 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2004 Managing Executive Officer

#### Etsuro Nakanishi

Executive Vice President, Textile Company;

Chief Operating Officer, Textile Division;

Chief Officer for Kansai District Operation

1971 Joined ITOCHU Corporation2005 Managing Executive Officer

#### Toru Ota

General Manager for Nagoya Area 1970 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2005 Managing Executive Officer

#### Yoshio Akamatsu

President & C.E.O., ITOCHU International Inc.;

President, ITOCHU Canada Ltd. 1974 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2005 Managing Executive Officer

#### Masahiro Nakagawa

General Manager, Human Resources Division

1974 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2005 Managing Executive Officer

#### Yosuke Minamitani

Executive Vice President, Chemicals, Forest Products & General Merchandise Company;

Chief Operating Officer, Chemicals Division

1974 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2005 Managing Executive Officer

#### Shigeharu Tanaka

Executive Vice President, Food Company;

Chief Operating Officer, Food Products Marketing & Distribution Division

1974 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2005 Managing Executive Officer

#### **Executive Officers**

#### Nobuo Kuwayama

General Manager for China; Chairman, ITOCHU (China) Holding Co., Ltd.; Chairman, ITOCHU Shanghai Ltd. 1971 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2003 Executive Officer

#### Minoru Akimitsu

General Manager, IT Planning Division

1973 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2003 Executive Officer

#### Takanobu Furuta

Executive Vice President, Machinery Company

1973 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2003 Executive Officer

#### Yoshihisa Aoki

Chief Operating Officer, Provisions Division

1974 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2003 Executive Officer

#### Hiroo Inoue

Chief Operating Officer, IT & **Business Solutions Division** 1975 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2003 Executive Officer

#### Yoshihisa Suzuki

Chief Operating Officer, Aerospace & Electronic Systems Division 1979 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2003 Executive Officer

#### Yoshio Matsumi

General Manager, Innovative Technology Business Development

1969 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2004 Executive Officer

#### Kazutomo Shima

Senior Vice President, Textile Company;

Chief Operating Officer, Apparel Division 1971 Joined ITOCHU Corporation

2004 Executive Officer

#### Yoichi Kobayashi

Chief Operating Officer, Metals, Mineral Resources & Coal Division 1973 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2004 Executive Officer

#### Tadayuki Seki

General Manager, Finance Division 1973 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2004 Executive Officer

#### **Akitomo Noto**

Chief Operating Officer, Fresh Food & Food Business Solutions Division 1973 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2004 Executive Officer

#### Toyoshige Yamada

General Manager, Strategic Business Development Department 1973 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2004 Executive Officer

#### Nobuyuki Kaneko

Chief Operating Officer, Media **Business Division** 1974 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2004 Executive Officer

#### Kazutoshi Maeda

General Manager, Legal Division 1974 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2004 Executive Officer

#### Kenichi Kamivoshi

Chief Operating Officer, Textile Material & Industrial Textile Division 1974 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2004 Executive Officer

#### Shuichi Morozumi

Chief Operating Officer, Forest Products & General Merchandise Division

1975 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2004 Executive Officer

#### Takeyoshi Ide

Chief Operating Officer, Automobile Division:

General Manager, Department of Automobile Business Strategy and Development

1975 Joined ITOCHU Corporation

2004 Executive Officer

#### Takao Shiomi

Chief Operating Officer, Financial Services Division 1975 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2004 Executive Officer

#### Masahito Tominaga

General Manager, Affiliate Administration & Risk Management Division

1971 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2005 Executive Officer

#### Kazuhide Sasa

Chief Operating Officer, Brand Marketing Division 1 1974 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2005 Executive Officer

#### Shozo Yoneya

General Manager, General Accounting Control Division 1974 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2005 Executive Officer

#### Kenji Okada

Chief Operating Officer, Construction & Realty Division 1974 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2005 Executive Officer

#### Tetsushi Ishizuka

General Manager for Indochina Region;

President, ITOCHU (Thailand) Ltd. 1975 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2005 Executive Officer

#### Koji Takayanagi

Chief Operating Officer, Energy Trade Division

1975 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2005 Executive Officer

#### Toru Nomura

Chief Operating Officer, Plant & Project Division

1976 Joined ITOCHU Corporation 2005 Executive Officer

#### CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR)

# **ITOCHU's Concept of Corporate Social Responsibility**

ITOCHU believes that corporate social responsibility (CSR) refers to tasks which must be performed in order to fulfill the obligations of a good corporate citizen. A company must promote communication with its stakeholders, and based on that, develop and achieve management vision and measures that benefit society.

To serve as a standard of judgment and conduct for its employees in their fulfillment of the social responsibilities that are expected of ITOCHU as a corporation, ITOCHU has established "ITOCHU's Credo and Way" and the "ITOCHU Corporation Code of Conduct" as a concrete formulation of "ITOCHU's Credo and Way." We are making every effort to ensure that our employees understand it thoroughly and observe it strictly.

To step up our proactive promotion of CSR, we established the CSR & Compliance Division in April 2005.

# ITOCHU's Credo and Way The ITOCHU Credo Economic Benefits ITOCHU Committed to the global good. Societal Benefits Benefits Benefits

The ITOCHU Way

Yes, we can.
Fight fair.
Open minded.

#### **ITOCHU Corporation Code of Conduct**

# 1) Observance of Laws and Regulations

ITOCHU respects the laws and regulations of the countries where it does business and international rules, and will pursue the highest standards of ethical behavior in its dealings with customers, suppliers, employees, shareholders, and other stakeholders.

# 2) Supply of Quality Products and Services

ITOCHU is concerned with product safety and the conservation of the environment, energy, and natural resources, and maintains a keen interest in the supply of safe, quality products. ITOCHU will carefully consider the social utility of products and services it supplies.

# 3) Management with a Long-Term Vision

ITOCHU will not pursue short-term interests at the expense of its reputation for integrity, and will conduct its business with a long-term vision.

#### 4) Fair Dealing

ITOCHU recognizes that free and fair competition is a fundamental principle of the market economy and will engage in free and fair competition. In addition, ITOCHU will maintain a fair, sound, and open relationship with government agencies and political bodies.

#### 5) Disclosure

ITOCHU values communication with its shareholders, other stakeholders, and the public at large, and will fulfill its duty to make full, fair, and timely disclosure of corporate information.

#### 6) The Environment

ITOCHU will remain vigilant in addressing today's critical environmental issues.

#### 7) Good Corporate Citizen

ITOCHU will seek harmony between the pursuit of profit and contribution to society, and will actively fulfill its role as a good corporate citizen.

#### 8) Working Conditions

ITOCHU will promote good working conditions for its employees, respect the dignity and personality of employees, and foster an open culture where ideas can be freely expressed and creativity can be fully developed.

#### 9) Policy Against Antisocial Organizations

ITOCHU will stand firmly against forces or organizations that threaten the order and security of the public.

#### 10) Globalization

ITOCHU will respect the cultures and customs of all countries in which it operates, and conduct its overseas activities in a way that contributes to development in all such locales.

#### 11) Compliance

ITOCHU intends that all directors, officers, and employees of ITOCHU understand and comply with this Code and will develop a system to enhance the understanding, implementation, and effectiveness of this Code.

#### 12) Commitment by Executives

The executives of ITOCHU will take the lead in implementing and enforcing this Code, and will vigorously address violations through investigations. Fair and appropriate disclosure shall be made of any such incidents, and appropriate discrepancy measures, based on principles of accountability, including action directed toward themselves, shall be taken by ITOCHU's executives.

# **Corporate Ethics and Compliance**

#### **Corporate Ethics and Compliance System**

Since September 2002, the ITOCHU Group has implemented a system striving toward thorough compliance under the Corporate Ethics and Compliance Committee, as shown in the diagram below.

In April 2005, because the committee was given an additional function of promoting CSR, it was renamed CSR Compliance Committee.

#### Hotline

Every Group employee is required to report violations of laws and other specified situations to his or her superior. In cases where such violations do not get corrected or whistle-blowing would be awkward, a hotline is available for directly contacting the head of the Compliance Office and outside counsels. Written rules are in place guaranteeing that employees suffer no negative consequences for whistle-blowing.

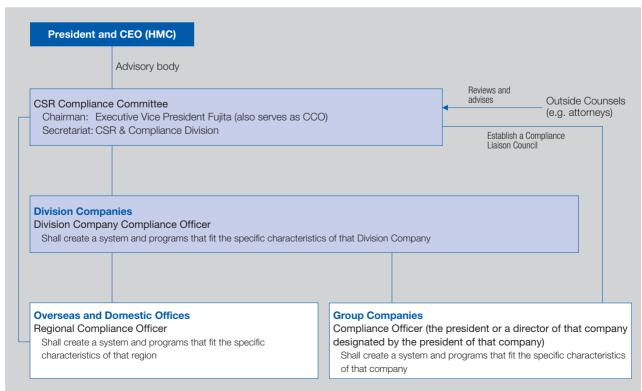
#### **Compliance Education**

We educate and train employees on a group-wide basis to ensure that all employees understand the importance of compliance. Division Companies and group companies also undertake original education and training with manuals prepared by Compliance Officers in cooperation with the Compliance Office.

In fiscal year 2005, we fully revised our compliance education pamphlet for the first time in two years, and distributed it to employees, directors, and officers. The pamphlet was also translated into English and distributed to overseas regional staff.

We also began providing education programs through e-learning. All employees took and passed courses on Information Security and Corporate Ethic and Compliance. In fiscal year 2006, we plan to create new e-learning programs on the "ITOCHU's Credo and Way" and "Corporate Code of Conduct," and have all employees, including overseas regional staff, take the programs.

#### Current ITOCHU Group CSR and Compliance System



#### **Review and Evaluation**

Twice each year, Compliance Officers throughout the Group, the Compliance Office, and the CCO individually review the compliance situations, report on them to the Board of Directors, propose necessary improvements, and reflect them in the implementation plan for the following fiscal year. Moreover, our personnel assessments and individual performance evaluations also include sections for evaluating compliance and observance of the ITOCHU Corporation Code of Conduct.

#### **Security Trade Control**

To prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and conventional weapons, Japan maintains strict control of trade based on the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Law. To observe such laws and to make sure we do not take part in business transactions that

threaten international peace and security, we have formulated our own management regulations (trade control program) for security trade control. Through security management, we are putting forth efforts to fulfill our social responsibility to the international community.

#### **Personal Information**

The Personal Information Protection Law took effect on April 1, 2005. To ensure compliance with this law, ITOCHU developed internal Company rules on information management and held in-house workshops and other educational activities. To enhance our information management system, we have identified departments possessing databases on personal information prescribed by this law and appointed a chief administrator in those departments to follow our strict management standards.

# **Proactively Tackling Environmental Issues**

In addition to providing diverse products and services in Japan and overseas, ITOCHU has been putting forth efforts in resource development. Because some of our works may greatly influence the environment, we consider tackling environmental issues to be one of the most important aspects of our management policy.

#### **Environmental Management Systems**

ITOCHU has built an Environmental Management System based on an Environmental Policy that conforms to the ISO14001 standard, and set specific environmental goals and targets to be pursued on a company-wide basis. The Global Environment Committee headed by a member of the Board of Directors makes policy decisions, and the environmental manager in each department provides guidance and oversees operations. We will continue to

encourage overseas offices and group companies in Japan and overseas, in addition to our main offices (Tokyo and Osaka headquarters and five branches), to obtain ISO 14001 certification.

#### **Environmental Risk Management**

We manage the environmental risk of the products we handle by using our own Life Cycle Assessment-based procedures to analyze the flow from raw materials to disposal. We also evaluate in advance, as a preventive measure, the environmental impacts of all new investments and development projects. Furthermore, we select group companies annually whose operations pose a potential risk to the environment, and provide them with preventive guidance against environmental degradation.



#### **Social Contributions**

One of the three pillars of "The ITOCHU Credo" is to make societal benefits a reality—to make the world a richer and more comfortable place to live. To that end, we engage in social contribution activities from an international perspective and are fully aware of our obligation to be a good corporate citizen.

#### **Social Contributions through Business**

ITOCHU promotes businesses that seek to achieve a "harmony of corporate benefits and social benefits" and that make use of our own information, know-how, and marketing expertise. A unique example of such efforts is our promotion of regional development-type businesses through alliances with local governments both in Japan and overseas. Through alliances with Gifu, Fukui, and Shimane Prefectures in Japan; Shandong Province, Jiangsu Province, and Nanjing City in China; and New Mexico in the U.S., we are providing diverse supports for the development of local industry through our businesses.

After establishing the Gambare Japanese Company Fund in July 2003 to support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with high technical capabilities, we also developed the locally-oriented Gambare Kansai Fund in January 2004, as well as the Gambare Hokkaido Company Fund and Gambare Gifu Fund in December 2004. ITOCHU will promote the growth of SMEs, which are considered as the backbone of the Japanese economy, by providing investments and sales supports to promising SMEs through such funds, the total amount of which is now worth ¥4.3 billion. At the same time, we wish to contribute to the revitalization of local economies. (Three photos from the left: ZERO/SPORTS Co., Ltd. in Gifu Prefecture, invested by both "Gambare Japanese Company Fund" and "Gambare Gifu Fund")

#### **Social Contributions as a Corporation**

ITOCHU focuses on five areas of social contribution activities: welfare; education, culture, and art; the environment; international exchange; and local regions.

In the area of education (culture and art), the ITOCHU Foundation was established in 1974 to provide activities to help in the sound upbringing of children. Such activities include the year-round operation of Tokyo Elementary and Junior High School Students' Center, outdoor education programs such as summer and winter camps, and children's library assistance projects.

In the area of environment, ITOCHU and its group companies have been supporting the University of Tokyo's Center for Climate System Research (CCSR) in basic research on global warming since 1992, and the results are disclosed to the public at the annual ITOCHU Symposium.

To promote our coexistence with local communities, we hold the ITOCHU LOBBY CONCERT every year. We have been inviting the New York Symphonic Ensemble for a summer concert performed in the first floor lobby of our Tokyo Headquarters Building since 1992. We invite employees and their families, as well as local residents, school officials, and those from facilities for disabled persons to come and enjoy the performance.

#### **Employees' Social Contribution Activities**

The ITOCHU Group's volunteer organization, "Fureai no Network," which currently has approximately 130 members, was established in July 1994. The organization is planned and operated on a volunteer basis. To allow for more specialized activities through the acquisition of qualifications and skills, four subcommittees were created: nature watching, disaster relief, contribution by articles, and reading aloud at senior welfare centers. As part of our efforts to support these employee volunteer activities, we have put in place a volunteer time-off system (a leave of absence was taken by eight employees in fiscal 2005). We also provide a matching system for fund raising activities for disaster relief, as well as subsidies to help support employees who wish to attend training courses.



# **Providing Comfortable Working Conditions for Our Employees**

ITOCHU Corporation is committed to provide comfortable working environments and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of its employees. At the same time, we seek to create a corporate atmosphere conducive to freedom and creativity while respecting the personality and distinctive traits of individuals as far as possible.

#### **Maximizing Diversity**

To sharpen our response to economic globalization and promote consolidated management, it has become vital to assign employees in accordance with the specific situations of our respective business fields. We seek to maximize the diversity of employees, regardless of gender, nationality, or age, and to this end we formulated our Promotion Plan on Human Resource Diversification in December 2003. Under this plan, we work hard to implement concrete programs such as a mentor system to recruit and retain female and overseas local staff.

Meanwhile, we strive to provide comfortable working environments for the physically and mentally disabled. In 1987, we established ITOCHU Uneedus Co., Ltd., as a special company under the Law for Employment Promotion, etc. of the Disabled. As of April 1, 2005, disabled people accounted for 2.3% of our total workforce, compared with 1.8% as mandated by law. We will continue to maintain this high ratio in the future.

In our efforts to employ diverse personnel, ITOCHU was selected as a Business of Excellence for the Employment of Disabled Persons by the Minister of Health, Labor, and Welfare in fiscal year 2002, and received the Corporation Award for the Promotion of Gender Equality from the Director-General of the Tokyo Labor Bureau for fiscal year 2006.

#### **Establishing and Implementing Personnel Strategies**

To develop management personnel who will take charge of our business strategies, we have built consolidated personnel strategies that focus on securing and developing personnel for each Division Company. We have opened a managerial school and are making efforts to train overseas regional staff and young people who will become the leaders of tomorrow. Furthermore, we introduced a personnel assessment system to help place our employees in the right positions. Under this system, superiors interview their subordinates to gain an understanding of their individual capabilities and specialist expertise. Based on that, a training plan is prepared for each employee. Beginning in fiscal year 2005, those in managerial positions are given feedback from their subordinates as a way for them to improve their management skills by reflecting on their own actions.

# Respecting Employees' Personalities and Individual Traits

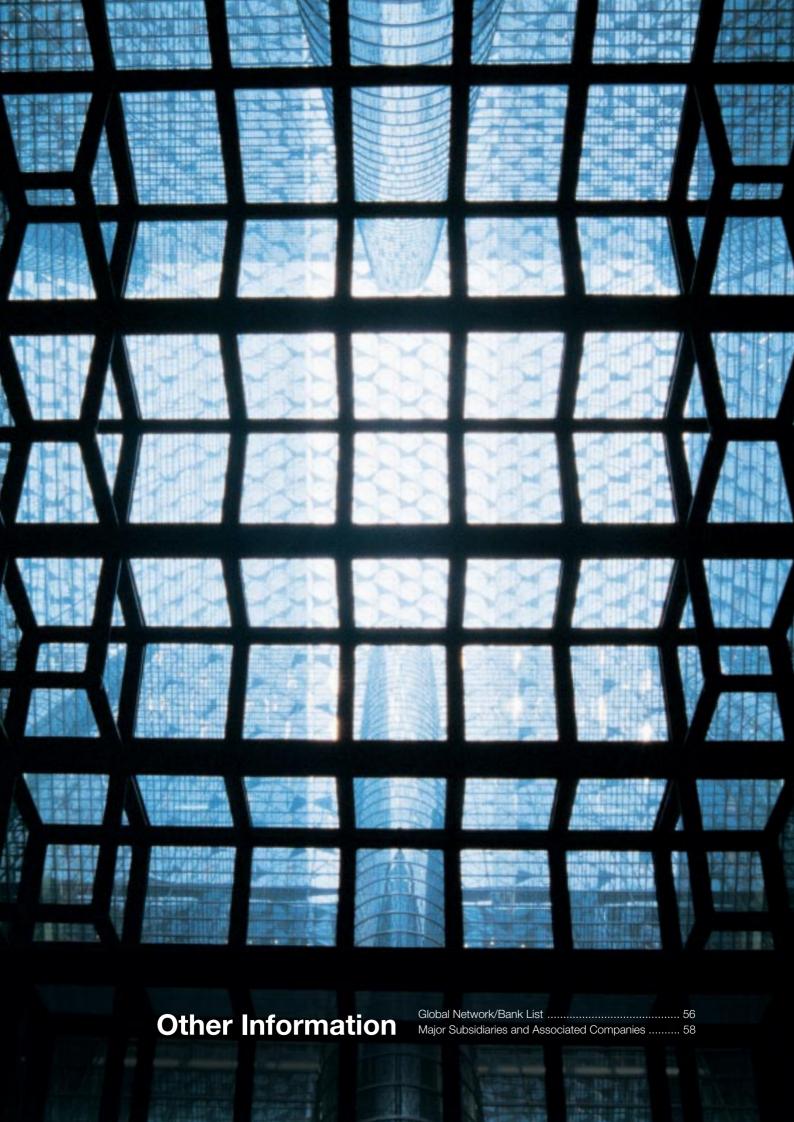
To maintain the mental health of employees and address their job-related concerns, we implement measures that place focus on prevention rather than treatment, including periodic ongoing seminars. We have also set up a system to provide in-house counseling from psychiatrists and clinical psychologists.

To help those balancing work and family obligations, we have a system enabling employees to take time off or work fewer hours while their children are wait-listed for day-care facilities or when unprecedented nursing care needs arise.

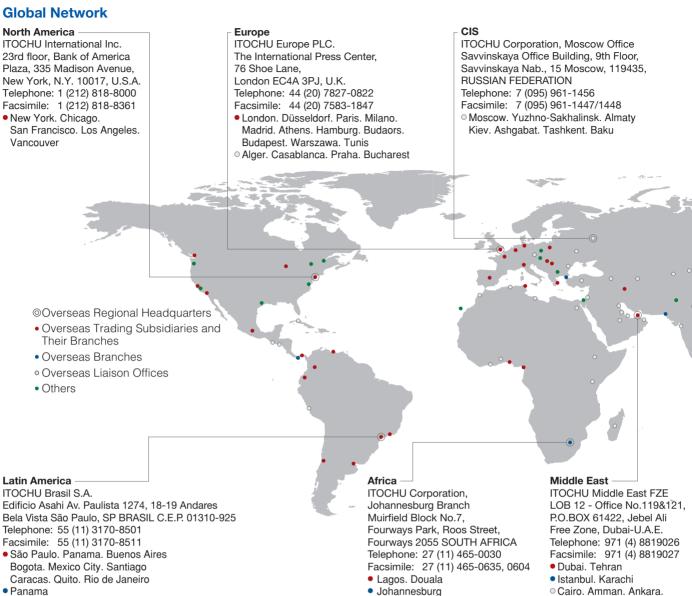
#### **Maintaining Dialogue with Employees**

We hold a company-wide employees meeting twice a year to communicate messages from top management directly to employees, and to provide an opportunity for employees to ask face-to-face questions with the management.

Periodic conferences are held among the ITOCHU LABOR UNION, management team, and Division Companies, facilitating free employee-employer discussions on management issues and problem areas found in each business segment.



#### GLOBAL NETWORK/BANK LIST



#### Bank List ITOCHU has financial transactions with these banks.

#### North America

JPMorgan Chase Bank Bank of America, N.A. Citibank, N.A. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Wachovia Bank, N.A. Comerica Bank Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce

OGuatemala. San Salvador. Lima. Havana

#### Central & South America

Banamex S.A. Grupo Financiero Citigroup Banco de Credito-Helm Financial Service

Europe & Africa Credit Lyonais Banca Nazionale del Lavoro Standard Chartered Bank **BNP** Paribas Societe Generale San Paolo-IMI S.p.A. The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited Investec Bank Limited ING Bank N.V. ABN AMRO Bank N.V. Deusche Bank CALYON Bayerische Hypo- und Vereinsbank AG Barclays Bank PLC

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Addis Ababa. Tananarive

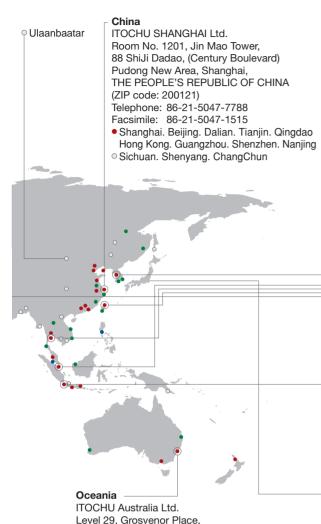
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#### Middle East

Union National Bank Saudi American Bank

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Westpac Banking Corporation Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited



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#### Asia

The Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation Limited
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# MAJOR SUBSIDIARIES AND ASSOCIATED COMPANIES As of March 31, 2005

		Name Voting S	hares (%)	Operations Fiscal Year-End M	lonth
Te	extile Con	npany			
	Domestic	Cl Fabric Ltd.	100.0	Manufacture and wholesale of fabrics for apparel and home furnishings	3
Subsidiaries		ITOCHU Home Fashion Corporation SAKASE ADTECH CO., LTD.		Manufacture and wholesale of home furnishings Manufacture and wholesale of textile fabrics for industry and home furnishings	3
		Lifestyle Creation Inc., On February 2, 2005, company name change		Import and sale of PONY brand shoes	3
		Roy-ne Co., Ltd.		Manufacture and wholesale of woven and knitted products	3
		ITOCHU Modepal Co., Ltd.	99.9	Manufacture and wholesale of apparel	3
		UNICO Corporation	100.0	Manufacture and wholesale of uniforms	3
		TOMMY HILFIGER JAPAN, CO.,	60.0	Sale of Tommy Hilfiger brand products	12
		Liondor Co., Ltd.		Manufacture and wholesale of men's apparel	3
		CI GARMENT SERVICE CO., LTD.		Retail of men's and ladies' apparel and sale of garment material	
		Hunting World Japan Co., Ltd.		Import and sale of Hunting World brand products	3
		JOI'X CORPORATION		Sale of men's apparel	7
		ORIZZONTI CO., LTD.		Sale of Interplanet brand and Vivienne Westwood brand appa	
		CORONET CORPORATION		Manufacture, import and wholesale of apparel	3
		ITOCHU Fashion System Co., Ltd.		Comprehensive consulting in the fashion industry	3
		Richard-Ginori Japan Corporation	50.0	Import and sale of Richard Ginori & Pagnossin Group brand	12
		BALLY JAPAN LTD.	80 N	products Sale of BALLY brand products	1
		RAIKA CO., LTD.		Manufacture and wholesale of apparel / Management of	3
				restaurants	
		CI Shopping Service Co., Ltd.		Sale of everyday items aimed at ITOCHU Group employees and families	3
	Overseas	ITOCHU WOOL LTD. (Australia)		Purchase and wholesale of wool and animal hair	3
		ITOCHU Textile Materials (Asia) Ltd. (Hong Kong S.A.R., China)	100.0	Wholesale of chemical fibers, filament yarns and cotton yarns	3
		HANGZHOU FUJITOMI SILK GARMENTS CO., LTD. (China)	80.0	Manufacture, export and wholesale of textile products	12
		Prominent Apparel Ltd. (Hong Kong S.A.R., China)	100.0	Production control and wholesale of textile and apparel	3
		Tianjin Huada Garment Co., Ltd. (China)	96.2	Manufacture of uniforms	12
		UNIMAX SAIGON CO., LTD. (Vietnar	n) 80.0	Manufacture of uniforms	12
		Qingdao Tri-Gents Clothing Co., Ltd. (China)		Manufacture of men's suits	12
		ITOCHU TEXTILE (CHINA) CO., LTD	100.0	Production control and wholesale of textile materials,	12
		(China)	1.6	fabrics and apparel	
	Domestic	On September 3, 2004, company name cha Leilian Co., Ltd.		Retail of ladies' apparel	12
Ass	Domestic	DEAN & DELUCA JAPAN CO., LTD.		Operation of cafeteria chain and other new business	2
<u>oci</u>		Ayaha Corporation		Manufacture of tire cords, etc.	3
Associates	Overseas	Thai Shikibo Co., Ltd. (Thailand)		Manufacture of cotton yarn	12
	2 . 2. 0000	Hangzhou Asahi Kasei Textiles		Knitting and dyeing of spandex	12
		Co., Ltd. (China)			
		BULGARI KOREA LTD. (Republic of Korea)	49.0	Import and sale of BVLGARI brand products	12

		Name Vot	ting Shares (%)	Operations Fiscal Year-End M	onth
		Company	100.0		
Subsidiaries	Domestic	ITOCHU Plant &	100.0	Export and import of small-to-medium-scale plant and	3
sid		Machinery Corporation IMECS Co., Ltd.	100.0	equipment and domestic environmental businesses  Ownership and operation of ship, chartering, ship machinery,	3
iarie		IIVIEOS GO., Eta.	100.0	Second-Hand Ship, SoftWare Development and administration	
S				management of overseas shipping companies	
		EneSol Inc.	90.0	Sale of equipment and systems for energy conservation, and	3
				distributed power generation services	
		ITOCHU Automobile Corporatio	n 100.0	Export/Import and Inter-third trade of car parts	3
		ITOCHU Sanki Corporation	100.0	Wholesale of industrial machinery	3
		ITOCHU Texmac Corporation		Wholesale of textile machinery	3
		Century Medical, Inc.		Wholesale of medical equipment and materials	3
	Overseas	MCL Group Ltd. (U.K.)		Warehousing, Retail and financing of motor vehicles	12
		ITOCHU Automobile America In (U.S.A.)	c. 100.0	Holding company for auto-related business	12
		Auto Investment Inc. (U.S.A.)		Retail of motor vehicles	12
		PROMAX Automotive, Inc. (U.S.		Third-party logistics services	12
		MULTIQUIP INC.		Distribution of portable construction equipment	
		North American Energy Services	s Inc. 100.0	Power plant operation & maintenance services provider for	12
	Domestic	(U.S.A.)	20.1	independent power producers and utilities  Diversified leasing business	3
Ass	Overseas	Century Leasing System, Inc. Mazda Canada Inc. (Canada)		Import and wholesale of motor vehicles	3
Associates	Overseas	iviazua Gariaua IIIC. (Gariaua)	40.0	import and wholesale of motor vehicles	3
		, Electronics & Multimed			
Subsidiaries	Domestic	ITOCHU TECHNO-SCIENCE	52.4	System consultation, integration, administration, maintenance,	, 3
		Corporation CRC Solutions Corp.	46.6	support, training, and outsourcing Information Processing service, system integration, sales,	3
		or to solutions corp.	40.0	administration, and support	J
ß		Excite Japan Co., Ltd.	68.7	Internet portal services	3
		SPACE SHOWER NETWORKS		Music channel on cable/satellite television	3
		ITC NETWORKS CORPORATION	N 97.4	Retail network of mobile phones	3
	Overseas	ITOCHU AirLease B.V. (Netherla	ands) 100.0	Lease of commercial aircraft	3
As	Domestic	JAMCO Corporation		Maintenance of aircraft and manufacture of aircraft interior	3
SOC		ImageONE Co., Ltd.	20.3	Sale of remote-sensing satellite images and sale of medical	9
Associates			0.1.0	diagnosis images	•
ŭ		SUNCALL CORPORATION	21.9	Manufacturing and sales of optical communication devices, electronic devices, and car related devices	3
				electronic devices, and car related devices	
	057	tals & Minerals Compar			
Subsidiaries	Domestic	ITOCHU Non-Ferrous Materials Co., Ltd.		Wholesale of non-ferrous/light metals and products	3
diar		ITOCHU Oil Exploration Co., Ltd		Exploration and production of hydrocarbon resources	12
ies		ITOCHU Petroleum Japan Ltd.	100.0	International trade of crude oil and petroleum products, charter and operation of oil tankers, sales of bunker fuel oil,	3
				operation of oil storage facilities	
		ITOCHU Energy Marketing Co.,	Ltd. 100.0	Wholesale of petroleum products	3
	Overseas	ITOCHU Minerals & Energy of	100.0	Investment in projects of iron ore mining, coal mining and sales	s, 3
		Australia Pty Ltd (Australia)		manufacture of alumina, mining of bauxite and oil exploration	
		On April 1, 2004, company name char			
			Kong) 100.0	International trade of crude oil, LPG and petroleum products	3
		Ltd. (Hong Kong S.A.R., China)	100.0	Fundamental and another than a formula of	10
		ITOCHU OIL EXPLORATION	100.0	Exploration and production of crude oil	12
		(AZERBAIJAN) INC. (Cayman Islands British West Ir	ndies)		
<b>&gt;</b>	Domestic	Marubeni-Itochu Steel Inc.		Wholesale of steel products	3
Associates	2011100110	ITOCHU ENEX CO., LTD.		Wholesale of petroleum products	3
ocia		Japan Ohanet Oil & Gas Co, Ltd		Exploration and production of hydrocarbon resources	12
tes	Overseas	Chemoil Corporation (U.S.A.)		Sale and distribution of bunker fuel oil	12
		Galaxy Energy Group Ltd.		International trade of crude oil and petroleum products	12
		(British Virgin Islands)			

		Name Voting Sha	res (%)	Operations Fiscal Year-End Mo	onth
		Forest Products & General N			
Sub	Domestic	ITOCHU Kenzai Corp.		Wholesale of wood products and building materials	3
Subsidiaries		Daishin Plywood Co., Ltd. ITOCHU Forestry Corp.		Manufacture of plywood Landscaping, greenery development and wastewater treatmen systems	_
es		ITOCHU Pulp & Paper Corp.	100.0	Wholesale of paper, paperboards, and various paper materials	3
		ITOCHU Ceratech Corp.		Manufacture and sale of ceramic raw materials and products	3
		ITOCHU Windows Co., Ltd.		Manufacture and sale of insulating glass	3
		I.C.S. Co., Ltd.		Sale of tires and wheels	3
		Royal Stage Corporation	100.0	Catalog shopping for the wealthy	3
	_	IFA Co., LTD.		Manufacture, wholesale of shoes and bags	3
		ILLUMS JAPAN CO., LTD.		Retail of Scandinavian modern design interior	2
		HARTS MARUHARA CORPORATION BEAVER TOZAN CORPORATION		DIY store DIY store	1
		ITOCHU CHEMICAL FRONTIER		Wholesale of fine chemicals and related raw materials	3
		Corporation	100.0	Wholesale of fine chemicals and related raw materials	J
		ITOCHU PLASTICS INC.	100.0	Development and wholesale of plastics and related products	3
		ITOCHU Techno-Chemical Inc.		Wholesale of superfine chemicals	3
				Manufacture and processing of metal pretreatment chemicals	3
		VCJ Corporation	75.0	Wholesale of DVD/video and plastic products for retailers	3
		Chemical Logitec Co., Ltd.	100.0	Management of chemical storage warehouses and transport of	f 3
				chemical and other cargos	
	Overseas	CIPA Lumber Co., Ltd. (Canada)		Manufacture of veneer	12
		Pacific Woodtech Corporation (U.S.A)			12
		Prime Source Building Products, Inc. (U.S.A.)		Wholesale of building materials	12
		PT. Aneka Bumi Pratama (Indonesia)		Processing of natural rubber	12
		Am-Pac Tire Distributors, Inc. (U.S.A.)			12
		Stapleton's (Tyre Services) Ltd. (U.K.)			12 12
		ITOCHU Plastics Pte., Ltd. (Singapore) Plastribution Limited (U.K.)		Wholesale of synthetic resins	12
		Hexa Color (Thailand) Co., Ltd.		Plastics coloring compound operations	12
		(Thailand)			
		,	82.2	Manufacture of plasticizer for polyvinyl chloride	12
		•	•	Wholesale of chemical products and synthetic resins	12
		On January 1, 2005, company name changed ZHEJIANG YIPENG CHEMICAL		Manufacture of anhydrous fluoric acid	12
		CO., LTD. (China)	00.0	ivalidactare of arrivations hadric acid	12
>	Domestic		s 25.9	Investment in CENIBRA, one of the largest eucalyptus pulp	3
SSO		Development Co., Ltd.		manufacturers in Brazil	
ssociates		DAIKEN CORPORATION	20.1	Manufacture of building materials and construction parts	3
es		PPG-CI Co., Ltd.		Import and sale of float-glass	11
		TAKIRON Co., Ltd.		Manufacture of flat and corrugated plastic sheets	3
		C.I. KASEI Co., Ltd.		Manufacture of PVC pipe and film and related materials	3
	_	TOHO EARTHTECH, INC.		Exploration and production of natural gas and iodine	3
	_	SANJIUHONSOUBOU MEDICAL & PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.	23.1	Manufacture and wholesale of Chinese herbal medicine and Supplement, Import and sale of Chinese herb.	3
	Overseas	Daiken Sarawak Sdn. Bhd. (Malaysia)	15.0	Manufacture of medium-density fiberboard	12
	Overseas	Albany Plantation Forest Company of Australia Pty. Ltd. (Australia)		Plantation of eucalyptus trees for papermaking	3
		SOUTH EAST FIBRE EXPORTS	37.5	Manufacture of woodchip	12
		PTY. LTD. (Australia) Rubber Net (Asia) Pte Ltd. (Singapore)	50.0	Sale of crude rubber	12
		Thaitech Rubber Corporation Ltd.		Processing of natural rubber	12
		(Thailand)	00.0	1 1000001119 Of Hatara rabbot	14
		Siam Riso Wood Products Co., Ltd. (Thailand)	44.0	Manufacture of particle board	12
		Shanghai Baoling Plastics Co., Ltd. (China)	22.6	Manufacture of plastic products	12
		Shanghai Jinpu Plastic Packaging Material Co., Ltd. (China)	30.0	Manufacture of polypropylene films	12
		Tetra Chemicals (Singapore)	40.0	Sale and manufacture of MTBE (Methyl t-Butyl Ether)	12
		Pte. Ltd. (Singapore) SUMIPEX (THAILAND) CO., LTD. (Thailand)	49.0	Manufacture of PMMA sheet	12

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	and by products	e wholesale nufacture and processing of sugar and by		ITOCHU Sugar Co., Ltd.	
		ort and wholesale of food materials		I-FOODS Co., Ltd.	
		cessing and wholesale of perishables		ITOCHU FRESH Corporation	
				·	
	service business	nning and service providing in food service		Universal Food Co., Ltd.	
		blesale and distribution of foods		ITOCHU SHOKUHIN Co., Ltd.	
		blesale of foods and sundries		Nishino Trading Co., Ltd.	
		nufacture of frozen prepared foods		Yayoi Foods Co., Ltd.	
		istics services of frozen, chilled and dry fo	100.0	Family Corporation Inc.	
isiness	and 100d service busin	convenience store chain, retailers and foo	100.0		0
		lower oil manufacture		Oilseeds International Ltd. (U.S.A.)	Overseas
-:		duction and marketing of canned tuna		P.T. Aneka Tuna Indonesia (Indonesia)	D ti -
əın	and soybean protein	grated manufacturer of cooking oil and so		Fuji Oil Co., Ltd.	Domestic
		duction of soft drinks		Japan Foods Co., Ltd.	_
		ding company of Chinese soft drink manu		Al Beverage Holding Co. Ltd.	
	m, sausage and	duction and marketing of meat, ham, sau	39.7	Prima Meat Packers, Ltd.	
		cessed foods			
SS		eration of Gyu-don store chain and other r		Yoshinoya D&C Co., Ltd.	
	EVEN-ELEVEN	cessing of dough and bread for SEVEN-E	30.0	Tower Bakery Co., Ltd.	
		venience store chain			
		plesale and distribution of foods		NIPPON ACCESS, INC.	
				On April 1, 2004, company name changed from	
	n, using the name	eration of a convenience store chain, using	31.0	FamilyMart Co., Ltd.	
		nilyMart and a franchise system			
				Palmaju Edible Oil Sdn. Bhd. (Malaysia	Overseas
		dling of grain and operation of barges		CGB ENTERPRISES, INC. (U.S.A.)	
•	nufacturers	ding company of Chinese beer manufactu	40.0	Asahi Breweries ITOCHU (Holdings)	
				Limited (Hong Kong S.A.R., China)	
		ch manufacture		Nic Starch Products Ltd. (Thailand)	
		ar manufacture	20.0	Cholburi Sugar & Trading Corp., Ltd.	
				(Thailand)	
	sed foods	nufacture and wholesale of processed foo	26.0	Winner Food Products Ltd.	
				(Hong Kong S.A.R., China)	
		plesale of foods and sundries	39.4	TAIWAN DISTRIBUTION CENTER	
				CO., LTD. (Taiwan)	
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		eign exchange margin trade		FX Prime Corporation	_
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		homes)		T-001   11   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1	
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ancial		grated payment solutions through the eG	47.3	eGuarantee, Inc.	
	cing providers	al for B2B marketplaces and financing pr			
		nprehensive logistics services	61.7	i-LOGISTICS CORP.	
		vel agency			
	system tate property	I estate agent and property consultant dquarters of real estate franchise system eration and management of real estate properation of rental residences aning and construction of homes irrance agency irrance broking services	55.3 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 89.0	ITOCHU Insurance Brokers Co., Ltd.	

		Name Voting Sh	ares (%)	Operations Fiscal Year-End Mo	onth
Subs	Overseas	ITOCHU Finance (Europe) PLC (U.K.)	100.0	Proprietary financial investment and development of new financial business in Europe	2
Subsidiaries		ITOCHU Finance (Asia) Ltd. (Hong Kong S.A.R., China)	100.0	Proprietary financial investment and development of new financial business in Asia	2
S		ITOCHU Financial Services INC.	100.0	Proprietary financial investment and development of new financial business in North America	12
		COSMOS SERVICES COMPANY LIMITED (Hong Kong S.A.R., China)	95.0	Consulting and broking of insurance and reinsurance	3
		COSMOS SERVICES (AMERICA) INC (U.S.A.)	100.0	Consulting and broking of insurance	12
		Gotoh Distribution Service, Inc. (U.S.A.)	100.0	Transport and warehousing	12
		Eurasia Sped Kft. (Hungary) Guangzhou Global Logistics Corp. (China)		Transport and warehousing Warehousing and trucking	12 12
		SIG Logistics, Inc. (U.S.A.)	100.0	Distribution center for convenience store chain	12
As	Domestic	kabu.com Securities Co., Ltd.		Online stock brokerage	3
Associates		CREDIA CO., LTD.		Consumer loan and business loan	3
iate		Priva Co., Ltd.		Online consumer loan	3
SS		Famima Credit Corporation		Credit card business for FamilyMart convenience store chain	2
		POCKETCARD Co., Ltd.		Credit card business	2
		Orient Corporation *from April 2005		Consumer Credit	3
		Superex Corporation Arukikata.com Inc.		Logistics center	3
	Overseas	P.T. Maligi Permata Industrial Estate		Online travel agency Development, sale and management of industrial parks	12
		(Indonesia) TING TONG (CAYMAN ISLANDS)		<u> </u>	12
		HOLDING CORPORATION (Cayman Islands British West Indies)	50.0	Management of logistics in China	12
Ov	erseas T	rading Subsidiaries and thei	r Subs	sidiaries	
		ITOCHU INTERNATIONAL INC. (U.S.A			12
Subsidiaries		Telerent Leasing Corp. (U.S.A.)		Distribution and lease of televisions and air conditioners to hotels and hospitals	12
rie		Master-Halco, Inc. (U.S.A.)	100.0	Manufacture and distribution of fence materials	12
· ·		Enprotech Corp.(U.S.A.)		Project management, industrial machinery design, repair and maintenance	12
		ITOCHU Europe PLC. (U.K.)	100.0	Overseas Trading Subsidiary	12
		ITOCHU HONG KONG LTD. (Hong Kong S.A.R., China)		Overseas Trading Subsidiary	3
		ITOCHU (CHINA) HOLDING CO., LTD (China)			12
		ITOCHU AUSTRALIA LTD. (Australia)		Overseas Trading Subsidiary	3
		ITOCHU (THAILAND) LTD. (Thailand) ITOCHU Singapore Pte Ltd. (Singapore)		Overseas Trading Subsidiary Overseas Trading Subsidiary	3
O+	her Subs				
	Domestic	ITOCHU Management Consulting	100.0	Market research and analysis, business support and consulting	7 2
Subsidiaries	Domestic	Co., Ltd. ITOCHU Mabis Inc.			3
iarie		ITOCHU Shared Management		International and domestic trading Finance and accounting shared service, business support and	
S		Services Inc. ITOCHU Human Resource		consulting  Human resource management consulting, personnel data	3
		Services Inc.	100.0	management and payroll service	J
		ITOCHU General Services Inc.	100.0	Facility management and interior works	3
	Overseas	CISD(ASIA) CO., LTD.		IT consulting, System integration, Network integration, Technical IT support, Help desk support	3

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#### **SIX-YEAR SUMMARY**

ITOCHU Corporation and Subsidiaries Years ended March 31

	Millions of Yen										Millions of U.S. dollars (Note 6)		
Years ended March 31	2005		2004	2003		2002		2001		2000		2005	
P/L (For the year): Total revenue (Note1)	630,761	¥	1,738,747 ¥ 555,895 (31,944)	1,681,718 564,967 20,078	¥	1,688,128 578,656 30,191	¥	— 611,596 70,507	¥	— 612,491 (88,271)	\$ 1	8,542 5,874 724	
Net income (loss) (Note2)	¥ 49.16 7 322.54	¥	(20.20) ¥ — 267.25	13.12 5 269.53	¥	21.18 5 278.99	¥	49.46 5 222.34	¥	(61.93) — 197.37	\$	0.46 0.07 3.00	
Total trading transactions (Note3)  Gross trading profit ratio (%) (Note4)  Adjusted profit (Note5)	9,576,039 6.6		9,516,967 5.8 100,676	10,446,371 5.4 114,454		11,395,240 5.1 102,557		12,135,105 5.0 108,065		12,143,878 5.0 70,938	8	3,00 39,171 1,758	
B/S (At year-end):  Total assets	676,870 1,669,834 2,346,704 1,891,086	¥	4,487,282 ¥ 885,253 1,676,657 2,561,910 1,977,048 1,757,313 422,866	4,486,405 990,939 1,583,481 2,574,420 2,025,048 1,637,916 426,220	¥	4,752,319 991,410 1,803,321 2,794,731 2,296,398 1,863,629 397,668	¥	5,157,519 1,263,714 1,806,794 3,070,508 2,536,840 1,868,185 316,940	¥	6,067,125 1,553,251 2,520,127 4,073,378 3,382,326 2,574,964 281,325	1 2 1	41,646 6,303 5,549 21,852 7,610 6,303 4,753	
Cash flows: Cash flows from operating activities Cash flows from investing activities Cash flows from financing activities Cash and cash equivalents	(127,600) (125,342)		184,780 ¥ (55,300) (79,695)	168,843 5,253 (114,041)		216,503 214,008 (232,047)		160,335 564,707 (717,602)		224,816 197,658 (320,418)		1,179 (1,188) (1,167)	
at end of year	452,934		579,565	534,156		479,734		274,936		264,187		4,218	
Ratio:  ROA (%)  ROE (%)  Ratio of stockholders' equity to total assets (%)  Net debt-to-equity ratio (times) Interest coverage (times)	16.7 11.4		9.4 4.7 2.7	0.4 4.9 9.5 4.8 2.7		0.6 8.4 8.4 5.8 2.1		1.3 23.6 6.1 8.0 1.5		4.6 12.0 0.9			
Common stock information: Stock price (Yen, U.S. dollars): Opening price High Low Closing price Market capitalization (Yen in billions and U.S. dollars in billions) Trading volume (yearly, million shares) Number of common stock issued	573 403 540 856 1,533	¥	287 ¥ 480 231 468 742 1,304	506 198 288 456 1,221	¥	444 520 269 430 613 847	¥	547 566 395 445 634 887	¥	625 250 547 780 1,832	\$	4.34 5.34 3.75 5.03 7.97	
(at year-end, 1,000 shares)	107.28	¥	1,584,890 104.18 ¥ 112.75 120.55 104.18	1,583,488 118.07 121.10 133.40 115.71	¥	1,425,488 132.70 125.64 134.77 115.89	¥	1,425,488 125.54 111.65 125.54 104.19	¥	1,425,383 102.73 110.02 124.45 101.53			
Number of Employees (At year-end, Consolidated)	40,890		40,737	39,109		36,529		38,867		40,683			

Note: 1. "Revenue" has been presented since fiscal year 2002 in accordance with "Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF)" No.99-19.

<sup>2. &</sup>quot;Net income (loss) per share" and "Stockholders' equity per share" are calculated by using the shares that exclude the number of treasury stock from that of common stock issued.

<sup>3. &</sup>quot;Total trading transactions" is presented in accordance with Japanese accounting practice, and is not meant to present sales or revenue in accordance with U.S. GAAP

<sup>4. &</sup>quot;Gross trading profit ratio" is the percentage of "Gross trading profit" to "Total trading transactions."

<sup>5.</sup> Please refer to "notes" on page2 for the calculation formula for these items.

<sup>6.</sup> The Japanese yen amounts for the year ended March 31, 2005 have been translated into U.S. dollar amounts, solely for the convenience of the reader, at the rate of ¥107.39=U.S.\$1 (official rate dated March 31, 2005 announced by The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi,Ltd.).

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

All the financial information provided herein is based on the consolidated financial statements included in this annual report. These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Figures in yen for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005("Fiscal 2005") have been converted into U.S. dollars, solely for the convenience of the reader, using an exchange rate of ¥107.39 = U.S.\$1 as of March 31, 2005 as announced

by The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, Ltd.

In this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, "the Company" refers solely to ITOCHU Corporation, "ITOCHU" represents ITOCHU Corporation and its subsidiaries including its associated companies accounted for by the equity method, while "Group companies" refers its subsidiaries and associated companies accounted for by the equity method, unless otherwise indicated.

#### Overview

In Fiscal 2005 Japan's economy has continued a slow recovery since last summer. The main reasons of the sluggish growth were weak exports and tepid capital equipment spending as well as continued cautious hiring by corporations, which kept a damper on a recovery in personal consumption. At the same time, the Nikkei Stock Index remained in a tight range around ¥11,000 reflecting concerns over the health of the economic recovery. On the foreign exchange rate, the yen fell slightly against the dollar in the first half of the fiscal year on the back of a rising U.S. interest rates but strengthened modestly to around ¥105 in the second half amid fears over the U.S. current account deficits. Economic conditions overseas continued to recover. In the U.S., the economy enjoyed good growth as robust corporate profits helped a rise in employment and capital expenditures. China continued strong growth driven by active infrastructure investment and brisk exports. Amid these conditions, prices for many primary commodities continued to soar on surging demand from China.

Fiscal 2005 was the final year of ITOCHU's mid-term management plan 'Super A&P-2004' (stands for "Active and Powerful") a two-year plan from the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004 ("fiscal 2004") through fiscal 2005, with the year positioned as the capstone to the A&P strategy as a pace quickened to build a solid foundation starting for High Jump expecting from the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006 ("fiscal 2006").

Specific achievements during fiscal 2005, in the consumer and retail related sector, ITOCHU bolstered the textile related business by expanding existing brands such as Paul Smith and LANVIN, and promoted alliances with new brands such as HANG TEN and SPALDING. In food related sector, ITOCHU strengthened domestic food-distribution function by making a follow-on investment in NIPPON ACCESS INC. and by setting up Dolce Co., Ltd, a wholesale confectionary company, with Nishino Trading Co., Ltd. Overseas, together with FamilyMart Co., Ltd. ("FamilyMart"), ITOCHU embarked on a full-fledged development of convenience stores in China and

also established a new company to prepare for the opening of stores in the U.S. In the information and multimedia related sector, the shares of Excite Japan Co., Ltd., a core subsidiary in the e-business field, were listed on the Jasdaq Securities Exchange in November 2004. Excite Japan Co., Ltd. will try to diversify its services and heighten its brand awareness to bolster its role as a core consumer business. In natural resource development related sector, ITOCHU made the decision to invest in expansion of iron ore mines in west Australia to meet a surge in demand led by China. Additionally, the crude oil development project in Azerbaijan launched full-scale production in the Azeru field.

In the financial services related sector, the shares of kabu.com Securities Co., Ltd, an online security broker, listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange in March 2005. In addition, ITOCHU determined to participate in a business of and make an investment in Orient Corporation ("Orico") with the aim of expanding business operations in financial and a wide array of downstream fields. In chemicals, forest products and general merchandise related sector, a new A&P segment, together with ITOCHU Chemical Frontier Corporation, ITOCHU invested in Sanjiuhonsoubou Medical & Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., a Japanese subsidiary of Sanjiu Enterprise Group, the largest pharmaceutical company in China. In automobile related sector, ITOCHU acquired the preferred shares of Isuzu Motors Ltd. ("Isuzu"), a very important customer, with the aim of expanding the business including production and sales in North America and China. Furthermore, to develop leading-edge technologies into future profit sources, the firm has to actively pursue strategic global tie-ups. To this end, ITOCHU made a capital and business tieup with Sosei Co., Ltd, a biopharmaceutical company. Additionally, ITOCHU established "AJI New Business Expansion Fund" together with The Small and Medium Size Enterprise Agency to further promote investments in and alliances with small- and medium-sized companies.

#### Business Results for Fiscal 2005 - A Comparison between Fiscal 2005 and Fiscal 2004

Revenue (the total of "Sales revenue" and "Trading margins and commissions on trading transactions") increased by 14.5% or ¥252.5 billion from the previous fiscal year to ¥1,991.2 billion (\$18,542 million) principally from an increase in natural resource-related transactions amid a spike in commodity market prices in Energy, Metals and Minerals segment and from strong demand in the construction machinery and general merchandise field in North America.

Gross trading profit increased by 13.5% or ¥74.9 billion from the previous fiscal year to ¥630.8 billion (\$5,874 million). Profits increased in Textile segment due largely to higher transaction volumes tied to newly acquired business transactions; in Machinery segment as a result of an increase in ship related business, higher sales of automobiles in Europe, and solid performance in the construction machinery business in North America; in Energy, Metals and Minerals segment due mainly to rising market prices of coal, iron ore as well as higher crude oil prices and transaction volume; in Chemicals, Forest Products and General Merchandise segment on the back of high market prices for chemical products, and solid growth in building material transactions in North America; and in Finance, Realty, Insurance and Logistics Services segment due primarily to an increase in residential unit sales. In addition no significant impairment losses on long-lived assets and write-downs of real estate inventories were recorded in this fiscal year compared to the previous fiscal year.

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by 0.9% or ¥3.9 billion from the previous fiscal year to ¥466.8 billion (\$4,347 million) with the expansion in business and despite a decrease in pension plan reserves. In Fiscal 2004, following the transfer of the substitutional portion of Employee's Pension Fund to the government in Japan, Settlement loss from the transfer of the substitutional portion of the Employee's Pension Fund of ¥22.8 billion and Subsidy from government on the transfer of the substitutional portion of the Employees' Pension Fund of ¥19.6 million were recognized respectively.

*Provisions for doubtful receivables* improved by 41.8% or ¥4.4 billion from the previous fiscal year to ¥6.2 billion (\$58 million) due principally to a decrease in bad debt.

The net financial expenses, the net of interest income, interest expense and dividends received, improved by 51.6% or 47.3 billion from the previous fiscal year to expense of 46.9 billion (665 million). This resulted principally from an increase in dividends from LNG-related investments and a decrease in interest expenses by 15.0% or 43.7 billion caused by a reduction of interest-bearing debts.

Loss on disposal of investments and marketable securities, including write-down deteriorated by ¥11.8 billion from the previous fiscal year to ¥25.4 billion (\$236 million) due primarily to an impairment loss of ¥45.1 billion relating to the investment in FamilyMart despite of IPO gains of subsidiaries and associated companies.

Losses on property and equipment-net improved by ¥123.5 billion from the previous fiscal year to ¥6.0 billion (\$55 million), mainly reflecting the absence of large impairment losses on long-lived assets recorded in the previous year.

*Other-net* improved by ¥14.4 billion from the previous fiscal year to a gain of ¥0.4 billion (\$4 million) due principally to improved foreign exchange results.

As a result, *income* (loss) before income taxes, minority interests, equity in earnings of associated companies and extraordinary items improved by ¥212.0 billion from the previous fiscal year to ¥120.0 billion (\$1,117 million).

Income taxes increased by ¥108.0 billion from the previous fiscal year to ¥62.5 billion (\$582 million), Minority interests increased by 13.4% or ¥1.3 billion from the previous fiscal year to ¥11.4 billion (\$107 million). Additionally, Equity in earnings of associated companies improved by 39.0% or ¥8.9 billion to ¥31.8 billion (\$296 million) due principally to strong operating performance of a steel business associated company. Net income before extraordinary items improved by ¥111.6 billion from the previous fiscal year to ¥77.8 billion (\$724 million).

Extraordinary items - gain on negative goodwill totaling ¥1.8 billion (less applicable income taxes of ¥1.3 billion) was recognized in 2004 due to newly acquired associated companies. As a result, *Net income* (loss) improved by ¥109.7 billion to ¥77.8 billion.

Total trading transactions, represent transaction volume and are parenthetically disclosed in the statement of operations, increased due principally to a large increase in Energy, Metals, and Minerals segment resulting from rising market prices for coal, iron ore, and crude oil, and also due to a large increase in Chemicals, Forest Products & General Merchandise segment caused by favorable market prices in chemical products as well as higher building material transactions in North American market. Although the termination of low-efficiency transactions and the impact of the stronger yen in this fiscal year over the transactions provided negative effects, total trading transactions increased by 0.6% or ¥59.1 billion from the previous fiscal year to ¥9,576.0 billion (\$89,171 million), marking the first annual increase in trading transactions since the year ended March 31, 1999 ("Fiscal 1999").

		Millions of U.S. dollars		
Years ended March 31	2005	2004	Increase (Decrease)	2005
Revenue	¥ 1,991.2	¥ 1,738.7	¥ 252.5	\$ 18,542
Cost of sales	(1,360.5)	(1,182.9)	(177.6)	(12,668)
Gross trading profit	630.8	555.9	74.9	5,874
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(466.8)	(462.9)	(3.9)	(4,347)
Settlement loss from the transfer of the substitutional				
portion of the Employees' Pension Fund	_	(22.8)	22.8	_
Subsidy from government on the transfer of the				
substitutional portion of the Employees' Pension Fund	_	19.6	(19.6)	_
Provision for doubtful receivables	(6.2)	(10.6)	4.4	(58)
Interest income	10.8	12.8	(2.0)	100
Interest expense	(31.8)	(37.6)	5.7	(296)
Dividends received	14.2	10.5	3.6	131
Loss on disposal of investments and				
marketable securities, including write-downs	(25.4)	(13.6)	(11.8)	(236)
Loss on property and equipment-net	(6.0)	(129.4)	123.5	(55)
Other-net	0.4	(14.0)	14.4	4
Income (loss) before income taxes, minority interests,				
equity in earnings (losses) and extraordinary items	120.0	(92.0)	212.0	1,117
Income taxes	62.5	(45.5)	108.0	582
Income (loss) before minority interests, equity				
in earnings and extraordinary items	57.4	(46.6)	104.0	535
Minority interests	(11.4)	(10.0)	(1.3)	(107)
Equity in earnings of associated companies	31.8	22.9	8.9	296
Net income (loss) before extraordinary items	77.8	(33.8)	111.6	724
Extraordinary items — gain on negative goodwill	_	1.8	(1.8)	_
Net income (loss)	77.8	(31.9)	109.7	724

#### **Operating Segment Information**

				Millions o U.S. dolla				
Years ended March 31	2	005	2004			2003	- :	2005
Trading transactions								
Textile	¥	829	¥	817	¥	872	\$	7,720
Machinery	-	1,167		1,407		1,747		10,864
Aerospace, Electronics & Multimedia		631		634		794		5,87
Energy, Metals & Minerals	2	2,471		2,138		2,216	:	23,01
Chemicals, Forest Products & General Merchandise		1,893		1,715		1,800		17,62
Food		2,112		2,345		2.523		19,66
Finance, Realty, Insurance & Logistics Services	•	243		236		269		2,26
Other, Adjustments & Eliminations		230		225		226		2,13
Total	¥	9,576	¥	9,517	¥	10,446	\$	89,17
Gross trading profit								
Textile	¥	113	¥	100	¥	93	\$	1,05
Machinery	+	58	+	51	+	49	Ψ	54
Aerospace, Electronics & Multimedia		108		105		101		1,01
Energy, Metals & Minerals		39		25		33		36
Chemicals, Forest Products & General Merchandise		106		92		87		98
Food		136		131		130		1,26
Finance, Realty, Insurance & Logistics Services		39		16		34		36
Other, Adjustments & Eliminations		31		35	١/	37	Φ.	28
Total	¥	631	¥	556	¥	565	Ф	5,87
Net income (loss)								
Textile	¥	14.8	¥	11.7	¥	10.4	\$	13
Machinery		10.5		3.9		2.4		9
Aerospace, Electronics & Multimedia		14.4		2.6		14.3		13
Energy, Metals & Minerals		25.7		12.9		10.0		23
Chemicals, Forest Products & General Merchandise		20.3		11.5		10.7		18
Food		(9.3)		13.3		11.9		(8
Finance, Realty, Insurance & Logistics Services		5.4		(75.6)		(8.4)		5
Other, Adjustments & Eliminations		(3.9)		(12.2)		(31.2)		(3
Total	¥	77.8	¥	(31.9)	¥	20.1	\$	72
-1								
Identifiable assets Textile	¥	377	¥	383	¥	271	ф	3,51
	Ŧ		#		+	371	Ф	,
Machinery		451		434		490		4,20
Aerospace, Electronics & Multimedia		489		464		484		4,55
Energy, Metals & Minerals		491		444		391		4,57
Chemicals, Forest Products & General Merchandise		584		557		525		5,43
Food		728		711		654		6,77
Finance, Realty, Insurance & Logistics Services		615		610		693		5,73
Other, Adjustments & Eliminations		736		884		878		6,85
Total	¥ 4	1,472	¥	4,487	¥	4,486	\$ 4	41,64

The analysis by operating segment is based on the division company system which the Company adopted for measuring management performance. The total trading transactions shown in the following analysis represent those recorded in a division company and exclude transfers between operating segments.

#### Textile:

Trading transactions increased by 1.5% or ¥12.1 billion year-over-year to ¥829.1 billion (\$7,720 million) led by growth from the acquisition of new trade rights in brand-related fields as well as new transactions. Gross trading profit increased by 12.5% or ¥12.5 billion year-over-year to ¥112.8 billion (\$1,051 million) due principally to contributions from new subsidiaries in brand-related fields in addition to existing businesses. Along with the rise in gross trading profits, net income surged by 26.8% or ¥3.1 billion year-over-year to ¥14.8 billion (\$138 million). Reflecting the collection of operating receivables, identifiable assets in this segment decreased by 1.4% or ¥5.5 billion to ¥377.2 billion (\$3,513 million).

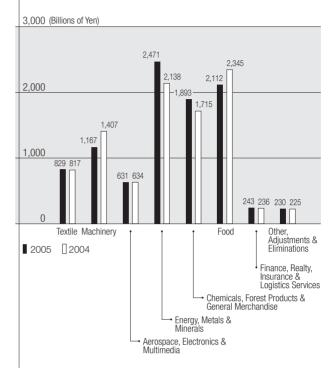
#### Machinery:

Trading transactions decreased by 17.1% or ¥240.3 billion to ¥1,166.7 billion (\$10,864 million) as a result of the termination of low profit transactions as well as the effect of large plant projects experienced in the previous fiscal year which did not recur in the current year. Gross trading profits increased by 13.4% or ¥6.9 billion to ¥58.0 billion (\$540 million) due mainly to strength in transactions of ships and automobile sales in Europe and North America as well as positive trends in North American construction machinery operations. With the improvement in gross trading profits, a large decrease in impairment losses in longlived assets, and an increase in equity in earnings of associated companies, net income jumped by 171.9% or ¥6.6 billion to ¥10.5 billion (\$97 million). Identifiable assets in this segment increased by 4.1% or ¥17.9 billion to ¥451.4 billion (\$4,204 million) due principally to an additional investment in Isuzu and an increase in automobiles and ships transactions although a decrease in operating receivables resulted from collections.

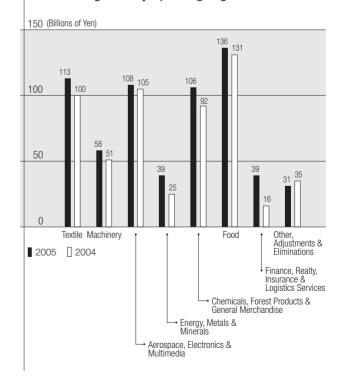
#### Aerospace, Electronics & Multimedia:

Trading transactions decreased by 0.5% or ¥3.1 billion to ¥630.9 billion (\$5,875 million). Trading transaction increases from mobile phone-related operations and an acquisition in the aerospace field were offset by the termination of lower profit transactions and decreases in domestic communications-related operations. Despite the drop in domestic communications-related transactions, gross trading profit increased by 2.8% or ¥2.9 billion to ¥108.4 billion (\$1,010 million) due mainly to the impact from the aerospace-related acquisition and positive trends in mobile phone-related operations. Net income soared by 457.7% or ¥11.8 billion to ¥14.4 billion (\$134 million) on the back of the improvement in gross trading profits as well as IPO gains of subsidiaries and a decrease in losses from business liquidations. Boosted by the impact of the acquisition in the aerospace sector, identifiable assets in this segment increased by 5.4% or ¥25.1 billion to ¥489.4 billion (\$4,557 million).

#### **Total Trading Transactions by Operating Segment**



#### Gross Trading Profit by Operating Segment



#### Energy, Metals & Minerals:

Trading transactions increased by 15.6% or ¥333.3 billion to ¥2,471.5 billion (\$23,014 million) as a result of higher prices for coal and iron ore and increases in transaction volumes. Price increases for crude oil and petroleum products coupled with increases in transaction volumes also contributed to the gain in trading transactions. Gross trading profits increased by 58.1% or ¥14.4 billion to ¥39.1 billion (\$364 million) due to increases in product prices and a rise in transaction volumes. Net income increased by 98.6% or ¥12.7 billion to ¥25.7 billion (\$239 million) as a result of the gain in gross trading profits, increases in dividends received from LNG-related investments, and good results at steel-product manufacturing associated company. Identifiable assets in this segment increased by 10.7% or ¥47.3 billion to ¥491.0 billion (\$4,572 million) as a result of a rise in crude oil and petroleum product prices and a rise in operating receivables stemming from greater overseas trade activity.

#### Chemicals. Forest Products & General Merchandise:

Trading transactions increased by 10.4% or ¥178.3 billion to ¥1,893.2 billion (\$17,629 million) due to higher market prices for chemical products and strength in the North American residential housing market. Gross trading profits increased by 15.3% or ¥14.0 billion to ¥105.9 billion (\$986 million) due to the strength in chemical product market prices and the North American housing market which boosted performance at residential housing material-related subsidiaries. Net income increased by 75.6% or ¥8.7 billion to ¥20.3 billion (\$188 million) as a result of the higher gross trading profits. Identifiable assets in this segment increased by 4.7% or ¥26.4 billion to ¥583.7 billion (\$5,435 million) on the back of an increase in operating receivables in connection with the rise in revenues cited above and the building out of inventories.

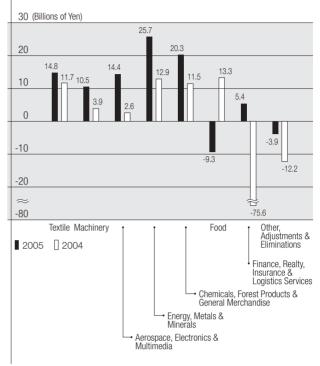
#### Food:

Trading transactions fell by 9.9% or ¥233.2 billion to ¥2,111.9 billion (\$19,666 million) as higher market prices for raw materials used in foodstuffs and higher volumes among food distributor subsidiaries were not enough to offset the impact of a reduction in low-efficiency transactions. Gross trading profits increased by 4.0% or ¥5.2 billion to ¥136.2 billion (\$1,268 million) due to higher volumes among subsidiaries in food raw materials and food distribution. Net income decreased by ¥22.6 billion resulting in a net loss of ¥9.3 billion (\$86 million) as gains from higher gross trading profits and larger income from associated companies were offset by the impairment loss on the equity method investment in FamilyMart. Identifiable assets in this segment increased by 2.3% or ¥16.4 billion to ¥728.0 billion (\$6,779 million) as the impact of the impairment of the equity method investment cited above was offset by additional investments, as well as, an increase in operating receivables.

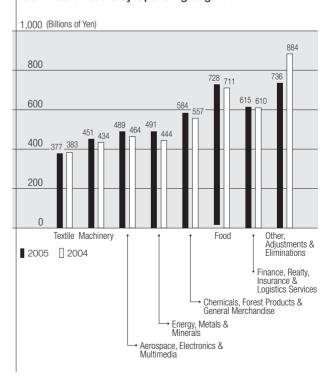
#### Finance, Realty, Insurance & Logistics Services:

Trading transactions increased by 3.1% or ¥7.3 billion to ¥243.1 billion (\$2,264 million) due to robust condo sales and contributions from newly launched distribution-related operations. Gross trading profits increased by 146.3% or ¥23.4 billion to ¥39.3 billion (\$366 million) on the back of strong condo sales as well as decreases in losses on the disposal of residential property and valuation losses recorded as a result of a revision in the market values of inventories of real estate for sale in

### Net Income (Loss) by Operating Segment



#### Identifiable Assets by Operating Segment



fiscal 2004. Net income increased by \$81.0 billion to a profit of \$5.4 billion (\$50 million) as a result of the listing of an associated company and the resultant gain from the stock sale as well as a decrease in write-downs for impaired assets. Identifiable assets at the end of fiscal 2005 in this segment increased by 0.9% or \$5.6 billion to \$615.3 billion (\$5,730 million) as new investment in a preferred stock of Orico offset decreases tied mainly to the exit from construction projects.

#### Other, Adjustments & Eliminations:

Trading transactions increased by 2.1% or ¥4.8 billion to ¥229.7 billion (\$2,139 million) largely as a result of higher rev-

enues in North American building material-related operations. Gross trading profits fell by 12.5% or ¥4.4 billion to ¥31.0 billion (\$289 million) as foreign exchange losses and changes in segment classification of subsidiaries offset the strength in North American housing material-related businesses. Net income improved by 68.2% or ¥8.3 billion to a loss of ¥3.9 billion (\$36 million) as a result of lower pension costs, improved returns on securities and other investments, and decreases in impairment charges on fixed assets. Identifiable assets in this segment decreased by 16.7% or ¥148.0 billion to ¥736.3 billion (\$6,856 million) as a result of decreases in cash and cash equivalents.

#### **Geographical Segment Information**

#### Japan:

Trading transactions fell by 5.1% or ¥380.2 billion to ¥7,143.5 billion (\$66,520 million) as reductions of low-efficiency transactions offset the positive impact from higher market prices of chemical and energy-related products. Identifiable assets in this segment dropped by 3.3% or ¥132.7 billion to ¥3,836.5 billion (\$35,725 million) largely reflecting decreases in cash and cash equivalents.

#### North America:

Trading transactions surged by 25.1% or \$95.5 billion to \$476.6 billion (\$4,438 million) due to increased energy-related transactions as well as strength in the housing market in Chemicals, Forest Products & General Merchandise segment. Identifiable assets in this segment increased by 6.9% or \$19.0 billion to \$295.3 billion (\$2,749 million) as operating receivables increased consistent with the increase in revenues and inventory build out.

#### Europe:

Trading transactions increased by 12.2% or ¥20.4 billion to ¥187.6 billion (\$1,747 million). Identifiable assets in this segment were consistent with fiscal 2004, up 1.1% or ¥1.7 billion to ¥160.7 billion (\$1,497 million).

#### Asia:

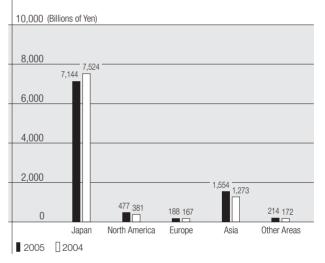
Trading transactions increased by 22.0% or ¥280.5 billion to \$1,553.9 billion (\$14,469 million) as a result of higher energy market prices and an increase in transaction volumes. Identifiable assets in this segment increased by 11.1% or \$22.6 billion to \$225.1 billion (\$2,096 million) as higher crude oil prices pushed energy-related products up and brisk overseas trade resulted in a rise in operating receivables.

#### Other:

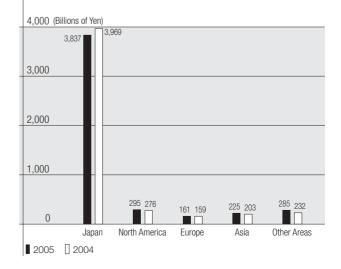
Trading transactions increased by 25.0% or ¥42.9 to ¥214.4 billion (\$1,997million) on the back of higher prices and an increase in transaction volumes for metal materials-related coal and iron ore. Identifiable assets in this segment increased by 22.9% or ¥53.2 billion to ¥285.2 billion (\$2,656 million) on a rise in operating receivables that came in tandem with higher market prices and transaction volumes in coal and iron ore.

Please note that there are consolidation adjustments of identifiable assets that are not included in any of the above segments.

# Total Trading Transactions by Geographical Segment



#### Identifiable Assets by Geographical Segment



#### **Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations**

Fiscal 2005 was the final year of ITOCHU's mid-term management plan 'Super A&P-2004' (stands for "Attractive and Powerful"), a two-year plan from fiscal 2004 through fiscal 2005. The year was positioned as the capstone to ITOCHU's A&P strategy as ITOCHU's pace quickened to build a solid foundation starting from fiscal 2006 for High Jump.

A discussion and analysis of results of operations for fiscal 2005 follows.

#### Analysis of Results of Operations for Fiscal 2005 Recognition of Goodwill Impairment Loss on FamilyMart Stock

In fiscal 2005, the Company recognized a ¥45.1 billion (¥26.6 billion, after income tax) impairment loss on ITOCHU's indirect equity method investment in FamilyMart.

The loss represents the difference between the carrying value of the investment in FamilyMart and estimated fair value. The fair value was determined by the Company and its subsidiaries using discounted cash flow analyses prepared by third-party appraisers using the best-estimated future cash flows available and by reference to the quoted market price of FamilyMart's publicly traded common stock.

#### Revenue:

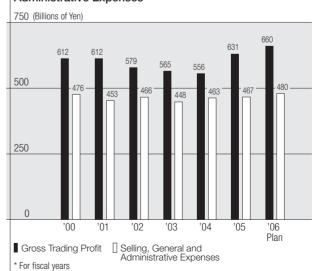
From the previous fiscal year, the Company and its subsidiaries have presented both revenue and its corresponding cost for the fiscal year under review and the previous fiscal years in accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) Issue 99-19, "Reporting Revenue Gross as a Principal versus Net as an Agent" (EITF 99-19). EITF 99-19 requires that certain revenue transactions with corresponding cost of revenue be presented on a gross basis when the company is the primary obligor in the arrangement, when the company has general inventory risk before a customer order is placed or upon customer return, or depending on relevant facts and circumstances of the transactions. Other than these transactions, the company should recognize revenue on a net basis. In accordance with EITF 99-19, the Company and its subsidiaries present certain revenue transactions with corresponding cost of revenues on a gross basis as "Sales revenue" in the consolidated statements of operations, including sales of manufacturing, processing and service rendering, and sales with general inventory risk before customer order. In fiscal 2005, "Sales revenue" of ¥1,598.7 billion (\$14,887 million) and "Trading margins and commissions on trading transactions" of ¥392.6 billion (\$3,655 million), totaling ¥1,991.2 billion (\$18,542 million), increased by ¥252.5 billion or 14.5% from the previous fiscal year. This was due to an expansion of trade in natural resources in conjunction with a large hike in commodity prices for the minerals and energy markets, and a rise in revenue from Machinery and forest products & general merchandise-related sector in North America.

The forecasts that follow are forward-looking statements based on a number of assumptions and beliefs made by management in light of information currently available at the end of fiscal 2005, and thus involve certain risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially depending on a number of factors, including changing economic conditions in major markets and fluctuations in currency exchange rate.

#### Gross trading profit:

Gross trading profit for fiscal 2005 increased by 13.5% or ¥74.9 billion from the previous year to ¥630.8 billion (\$5,874 million). This marked a substantial turnaround in addition to ending the downward trend that had continued since fiscal 2000. In the previous fiscal year, ITOCHU booked losses on real estate inventories of ¥20.2 billion. Excluding these extraordinary factors, this marked an increase of ¥54.7 billion in gross trading profit on an adjusted basis. Of this, the impact from joining and leaving subsidiaries was a ¥13.4 billion increase and a ¥3.9 billion decrease, respectively. The negative impact stemming from the stronger yen in translating subsidiaries' gross trading profit was ¥5.9 billion. Excluding these increases and decreases; there was a rise in profits for existing companies of ¥51.1 billion. The increase was primarily attributed to: Textile, in which trade grew due to the acquisition of new trading rights; Machinery, which enjoyed favorable business in shipping trade, European auto sales, and North American construction equipment business; Energy, Metals & Minerals where the prices and trade volume of coal, iron ore, and crude oil increased; Chemicals, Forest Products & General Merchandise, which enjoyed a high market price for chemicals and solid trade in housing construction materials in North America; and Finance, Realty, Insurance & Logistics Services, which recorded an increase in profits due to its strong condominium sales.

# Gross Trading Profit; Selling, General and Administrative Expenses



#### Selling, general and administrative expenses:

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by 0.9% or ¥3.9 billion from the previous fiscal year to ¥466.8 billion (\$4,347 million). The impact from joining and leaving subsidiaries was a ¥11.0 billion increase and a ¥3.9 billion decrease, respectively, but the effect of the yen's appreciation against the U.S. dollar in translating overseas subsidiaries' selling, general and administrative expenses was included for approximately ¥3.5 billion. Excluding these factors, selling, general and administrative expenses increased by ¥0.4 billion. Expenses for pension plans improved dramatically to ¥19.3 billion (excluding liquidation losses and redemption balances related to the settlement of a substantial portion of the Employee's Pension Fund the previous fiscal year totaling ¥3.2 billion). This resulted from a reduction of the projected benefit obligation accompanying a restructuring of retirement pension plans and a reduction in amortization costs such as actuarial losses in accordance with the improvement in asset management primarily arising from a strong domestic stock market. On the other hand, expenses increased due to an expansion of the operations of existing businesses in such areas as increases in commissions paid, which included distribution expenses (¥9.2 billion (\$86 million) increase from the previous fiscal year). Total selling, general and administrative expenses therefore were ¥3.9 billion higher than the previous period.

#### Provision for doubtful receivables:

The amount of reversal of the provision for doubtful receivables through collections of receivables decreased compared to the previous fiscal year (approximately ¥3.2 billion (\$30 million)); however, the provision for doubtful receivables improved by 41.8% or ¥4.4 billion from the previous fiscal year to ¥6.2 billion (\$58 million), due to the recording of approximately ¥6.0 billion in reserves for Construction and Realty in 2004.

# Net financial expenses (Net of interest income, interest expense, and dividends received):

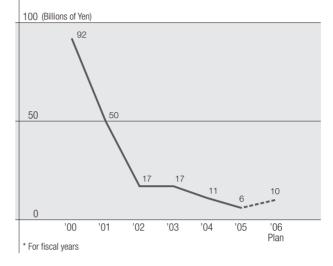
Net financial expenses improved by 51.6% or ¥7.3 billion from the previous fiscal year to ¥6.9 billion (\$65 million). Net interest expenses, consisting of interest income and interest expense, improved by 15.0% or ¥3.7 billion to ¥21.0 billion. Interest income decreased by 16.0% or ¥2.0 billion due to the drop in interest rates and the collection of loans receivable. Interest expense improved by 15.3% or ¥5.7 billion year-on-year owing to the drop in interest rates (average interest rate dropped by 0.16% from 1.46% to 1.30%) resulting in a decrease of ¥4.1 billion and the decrease in interest-bearing debts (average debts outstanding decreased by ¥113.9 billion from ¥2,568.2 billion to ¥2,454.3 billion) resulting in a decrease of ¥1.7 billion.

Dividends received increased by 34.5% or ¥3.6 billion to ¥14.2 billion due to the increase in dividends received from LNG-related investments and bank shares.

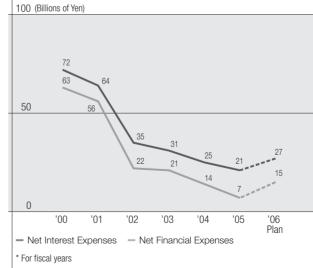
# Other profit (loss):

Loss on disposal of investments and marketable securities, including write-down increased by ¥11.8 billion from the previous fiscal year to a loss of ¥25.4 billion (\$236 million). Although ITOCHU recognized ¥28.6 billion in profits on the sale of marketable securities from the listing of companies in

#### Provision for Doubtful Receivables



# Net Financial Expenses



Net Interest Expenses = Interest Income + Interest Expense Net Financial Expenses = Net Interest Expenses + Dividends Received the communications and financial related sectors and the sale of shares of a certain bank, ITOCHU recognized a ¥46.9 billion of other-than-temporary impairment on marketable securities which included a ¥45.1 billion impairment loss on equity method goodwill of ITOCHU's investment in FamilyMart. In addition to this, ITOCHU also recognized a ¥7.1 billion loss on the restructuring of businesses. As a result, total losses on the disposal of investments and marketable securities increased to ¥25.4 billion for fiscal 2005 from ¥13.6 billion fiscal 2004.

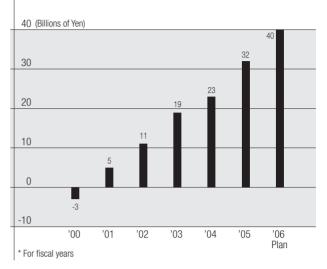
Loss on property and equipment-net amounted to ¥6.0 billion, an improvement of ¥123.5 billion from the previous fiscal year. This marked a tremendous improvement from the previous period, when ITOCHU suffered a ¥121.8 billion impairment loss for fixed assets, as well as a ¥2.3 billion impairment loss in overseas aircraft leases.

Due to an improvement in losses on foreign exchange and the booking of reserves for losses on guarantees for debt, ITOCHU recognized a ¥0.4 billion profit for *other-net* in fiscal 2005. This was an improvement of ¥14.4 billion from the previous fiscal year.

# Equity in earnings of associated companies:

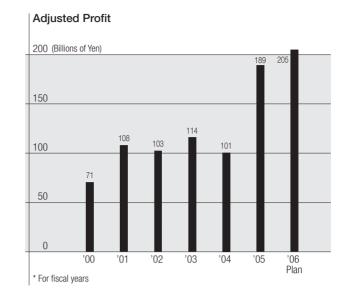
Equity in earnings of associated companies for the current fiscal year increased to ¥31.8 billion (\$296 million), an ¥8.9 billion (39.0%) improvement from the previous period. This was due to the commencement of natural gas production and a strong demand for Energy, Metals & Minerals from the steel products industry, in addition to solid demand experienced by equitymethod associated companies for Aerospace, Electronics & Multimedia, Food and Finance, Realty, Insurance & Logistics Service. The results of major equity-method associated companies were shown under "Major Group Companies Reporting Profits" and "Major Group Companies Reporting Losses" under the title of "Performance of Subsidiaries and Equity-Method Associated Companies."





# Adjusted profit:

Adjusted profit (net of gross trading profit, selling, general and administrative expenses, net interest expenses, dividends received and equity in earnings of associated companies (including ¥2.2 billion, consisting of ¥1.8 billion of extraordinary gain and ¥0.4 billion of minority interest, in profit from the negative goodwill arising from an acquisition of an equity-method associated company in fiscal 2004)), indicates the basic earning power of ITOCHU. As such, adjusted profit for fiscal 2005 was ¥188.8 billion (\$1,758 million), an improvement of ¥88.1 billion (87.5%) from the previous fiscal year. Excluding disposal and devaluation losses for real estate inventories of ¥20.2 billion from previous fiscal year, this represents an increase of ¥68.0 billion. As can be seen, this indicates a significant improvement in and a strengthening of the Company's basic earning power.



### Increase/Decrease against Ordinary P/L of fiscal 2004

	Billions of Yen							
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	2005	Ordinary P/L (*2)	Impairment losses (*1)	Changes				
Gross trading profit	¥ 630.8	¥ 576.1	(20.2)	54.7				
marketable securities, including write-down	(25.4)	(12.2)	(1.5)	(13.2)				
Loss on property and equipment-net	(6.0)	(7.6)	(121.8)	1.7				
Other-net	0.4	(10.2)	(3.8)	10.6				
of associated companies and extraordinary items	120.0	55.1	(147.2)	64.8				
Income taxes	(62.5)	(23.5)	69.0	(39.0)				
Minority interests	(11.4)	(10.3)	0.2	(1.1)				
Net income (loss)	77.8	46.1	(78.0)	31.7				
Adjusted Profit	¥ 188.8	¥ 120.9	(20.2)	68.0				

<sup>(\*1) &</sup>quot;Impairment losses" presents the special losses recognized in accordance with "Early application of impairment for fixed assets, the change of forecasts for fiscal year ending March 2004 and cash dividends" which was announced by ITOCHU on April 2, 2004.

# Performance of Subsidiaries and Equity-Method Associated Companies

For fiscal 2005, the Company's consolidated results included 451 subsidiaries (222 domestic and 229 overseas) and 205 equity-method associated companies (94 domestic and 111

overseas) totaling 656 companies. The following table presents information regarding the profitability of these companies.

# Profits/Losses of Group Companies Reporting Profits/Losses

	Billions of Yen									
		2005			2004			Changes		
Years ended March 31	Profitable	Unprofitable	Total	Profitable	Unprofitable	Total	Profitable	Unprofitable	Total	
Group companies excluding										
overseas trading subsidiaries	¥ 86.7	¥ (38.8)	¥ 47.9	¥ 65.4	¥ (94.0)	¥ (28.5)	¥ 21.2	¥ 55.2	¥ 76.4	
Overseas trading subsidiaries	. 14.7	(1.5)	13.2	5.3	(0.3)	5.0	9.3	(1.2)	8.1	
Total	¥ 101.3	¥ (40.3)	¥ 61.1	¥ 70.8	¥ (94.3)	¥ (23.5)	¥ 30.6	¥ 54.0	¥ 84.6	

<sup>(\*2) &</sup>quot;Ordinary P/L" presents the actual amounts that exclude the special losses of the above (\*1) from the results of fiscal 2004.

# Share of Group Companies Reporting Profits

	2005				2004		Changes		
Years ended March 31	Domestic	Overseas	Total	Domestic	Overseas	Total	Domestic	Overseas	Total
Companies reporting profits	255	290	545	232	270	502	23	20	43
Group companies	316	340	656	314	331	645	2	9	11
Share	80.7%	85.3%	83.1%	73.9%	81.6%	77.8%	6.8%	3.7%	5.3%

The following tables, excluding the effects of an impairment loss on FamilyMart stock in fiscal 2005 and an impairment loss on fixed assets in fiscal 2004, are provided for reference.

#### Profits/Losses of Group Companies Reporting Profits/Losses

(Excluding the effect of impairment loss on shares of FamilyMart Co., Ltd. in 2005 (Note) and losses on fixed assets in 2004 (Note))

_	2005				2004			Changes		
Years ended March 31	Profitable	Unprofitable	Total	Profitable	Unprofitable	Total	Profitable	Unprofitable	Total	
Group companies excluding										
overseas trading subsidiaries	90.4	¥ (15.9)	¥ 74.5	¥ 69.4	¥ (19.6)	¥ 49.8	¥21.0	¥ 3.7	¥ 24.7	
Overseas trading subsidiaries	14.7	(1.5)	13.2	5.3	(0.3)	5.0	9.3	(1.2)	8.1	
Total	£ 105.1	¥ (17.4)	¥ 87.7	¥ 74.8	¥ (19.9)	¥ 54.9	¥ 30.4	¥ 2.4	¥ 32.8	

#### Share of Group Companies Reporting Profits

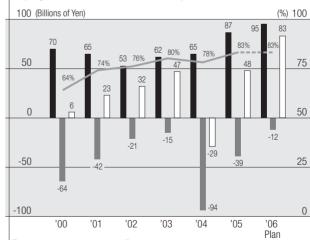
(Excluding the effect of impairment loss on shares of FamilyMart Co., Ltd. in 2005 (Note) and losses on fixed assets in 2004 (Note))

	2005			2004			Changes		
Years ended March 31	Domestic	Overseas	Total	Domestic	Overseas	Total	Domestic	Overseas	Total
Companies reporting profits	256	290	546	263	271	534	(7)	19	12
Group companies	316	340	656	314	331	645	2	9	11
Share	81.0%	85.3%	83.2%	83.8%	81.9%	82.8%	(2.8%)	3.4%	0.4%

Note: "Impairment loss on shares of FamilyMart" presents the loss on goodwill impairment relating to shares of FamilyMart Co., Ltd, which was announced by ITOCHU Corporation on Apr. 5, 2005. "Impairment losses on fixed assets" presents the special losses recognized in accordance with "Early application of impairment accounting for fixed assets, the change of forecasts for fiscal year ending March 2004 and cash dividends" which was announced by ITOCHU Corporation on Apr. 2, 2004.

For fiscal 2005, the net income from subsidiaries and equitymethod associated companies (the aggregate profits/losses of subsidiaries and equity-method associated companies excluding overseas trading subsidiaries, the same definition applies below) amounted to a gain of ¥47.9 billion, a significant rise compared to a loss of ¥28.5 billion in the previous fiscal year. Similarly, the share of Group companies reporting profits (the ratio of companies reporting profits to total Group companies) also improved from 77.8% to 83.1%. Excluding the impairment loss on investment in FamilyMart recognized in fiscal 2005 and the impairment losses on long-lived assets recognized in fiscal 2004, Group companies recorded a profit of ¥74.5 billion, with 83.2% of the companies recording a profit. This marked an improvement of ¥24.7 billion and 0.4 percentage points, respectively. Profits from ITOCHU's overseas trading subsidiaries reached ¥13.2 billion, an increase of ¥8.1 billion from the previous fiscal year. As can be seen from the improvement in both profits and losses for the combined total of Group companies and overseas trading subsidiaries, the profitability of consolidated companies has shown strong improvement.

# Net Income from Subsidiaries and Equity-Method Associated Companies



- Companies Reporting Profits
   Companies Reporting Losses
- ☐ Net Income from Subsidiaries and Equity-Method Associated Companies
- Share of Group Companies Reporting Profits
- \* For fiscal years

The table below presents major Group companies reporting profits or losses for the fiscal years ended March 2005 and 2004.

# Major Group Companies Reporting Profits

	Shares	(*1) Net ind Billions	come (loss) of Yen	Reasons for changes
Years ended March 31		2005	2004	
Domestic subsidiaries				
ITOCHU TECHNO-SCIENCE Corporation (*2)	48.44%	¥ 5.1	¥3.5	Increase of ITOCHU's shares by additional investment
ITOCHU Finance Corporation (*3)	88.14%	2.7	4.1	Recorded gain on negative goodwill in the previous fiscal year
				due to a new equity-method associated company, POCKET
				CARD CO., LTD.
ITC NETWORKS CORPORATION	97.39%	2.3	1.7	Favorable sales of cellular phone
ITOCHU PLASTICS INC	100.00%	1.8	1.7	Steady growths in plastics
ITOCHU Kenzai Corp	85.84%	1.5	1.0	Increase due to steady markets of domestic building
ITOCHU CHEMICAL FRONTIER Corporation	99.90%	1.0	1.2	Steady growth due to the higher market prices
ITOCHU Non-Ferrous Materials Co., Ltd	100.00%	0.8	0.5	Increase due to an effect of combination of business
Nishino Trading Co., Ltd	75.73%	0.7	0.9	Decrease due to increase of selling, general, and
				administrative expense
CONVERSE JAPAN CO., LTD	100.00%	0.6	0.5	Continue steady performance
TOMMY HILFIGER JAPAN, INC	60.00%	0.6	0.7	Continue steady performance
Overseas subsidiaries				
ITOCHU Minerals & Energy of				Rising prices of coal and iron ore and increase in sales volume
Australia Pty Ltd (*5)	100.00%	¥13.9	¥5.3	·
ITOCHU International Inc. (*4)	100.00%	8.6	1.4	Steady growths in field of building materials and construction
. ,				machinery
Prime Source Building Products Inc. (*4)	100.00%	7.5	3.2	Increase in building materials-related business in North
				America, in addition to special demand due to hurricane
ITOCHU Oil Exploration (Azerbaijan) Inc. (*6)	100.00%	2.0	2.3	Decrease due to increase of non-operating expenses
ITOCHU Hong Kong Ltd	100.00%	1.5	1.2	Steady growth in profit of consumer credit-related company
ITOCHU Automobile America. Inc	100.00%	1.1	0.6	Increase due to a new equity-method associated company
ITOCHU (Thailand) Ltd	100.00%	1.0	0.8	Steady growth in field of chemicals, forest products & general
				merchandise
CIPA Lumber Co., Ltd	100.00%	0.9	0.3	Increase in building materials-related business in North America
ITOCHU(China)Holding Co., Ltd		0.9	0.8	Steady growth in field of mineral resources and chemicals
ITOCHU Singapore Pte, Ltd	100.00%	0.8	0.3	Increase in gross trading profit in the field of chemicals
ITOCHU Australia Ltd. (*5)	100.00%	0.7	0.1	Increase in profit of mineral resource and textile-related
				subsidiaries
Domestic equity-method associated compani	es			
Marubeni-Itochu Steel Inc.	50.00%	¥ 9.7	¥3.1	Steady growths in North America and increase in dealing
			-	volume of steel pipe etc
FamilyMart Co., Ltd	30.59%	4.0	4.2	Due to impairment loss on fixed assets by the early application
-	, •	_		of accounting standards, despite steady ordinary P/L.
JAPAN OHANET OIL & GAS CO., LTD. (*6)	35.00%	1.0	0.0	Increase due to starting of oil production from this fiscal year
kabu.com Securities Co., Ltd. (*3)	23.93%	0.9	0.7	Improvement of stock market and expansion of market share
Overseas equity-method associated compani			-	,
Mazda Canada Inc.	40.00%	¥ 0.7	¥0.4	Steady growth in sales
CGB ENTERPRISES, INC.	50.00%	0.6	0.1	Steady growth in grain and transportation business

<sup>(\*1)</sup> The Company's share of net income(loss) are the figures after adjusting to U.S. GAAP, which can be different from the figures each company announces.

 $<sup>(^*2) \</sup> The \ Company's \ ownership \ of \ voting \ shares \ includes \ consideration \ of \ any \ shares \ contributed \ to \ the \ pension \ trusts.$ 

<sup>(\*3)</sup> The net income of ITOCHU Finance Corporation includes that of kabu.com Securities Co., Ltd.

<sup>(\*4)</sup> The net income of ITOCHU International Inc. includes 80% of that of Prime Source Building Products Inc.

<sup>(\*5)</sup> The net income of ITOCHU Australia Ltd. includes 3.7% of that of ITOCHU Minerals & Energy of Australia.

<sup>(\*6)</sup> Net income (of ITOCHU Oil Exploration (Azerbaijan) Inc. and JAPAN OHANET OIL & GAS CO., LTD.) was included in net income of ITOCHU Oil Exploration Co., Ltd. in the last fiscal year.

	Shares	(*1) Net inc Billions	, ,	Reasons for changes
Years ended March 31		2005	2004	_
Domestic subsidiaries (*2)				
Roy-ne Co., Ltd	74.92%	¥(0.5)	¥ 0.0	Due to impairment loss on fixed assets
Overseas subsidiaries				
ITOCHU Europe PLC 1	100.00%	¥(1.5)	¥ 0.3	Low performances in affiliated companies
ITOCHU Airlease B.V 1	100.00%	(0.8)	(0.5)	Impairment losses for aircraft assets
Domestic equity-method associated companies				
Japan Brazil Paper and				
Pulp Resources Development Co., Ltd	25.94%	¥(0.6)	¥ 1.7	Due to recognition of goodwill impairment loss on CENIBRA
Overseas equity-method associated companies				
P.T. PURADELTA LESTARI	05.000/	V/4 O\	\//1 7\	Effect of evaluation in Indonesian which
P.T. PEMBANGUNAN DELTAMAS	25.00%	¥(1.9)	¥(1.7)	Effect of exchange loss in Indonesian rupiah

- (\*1) The Company's share of net income(loss) are the figures after adjusting to U.S. GAAP, which can be different from the figures each company announces.
- (\*2) There is Family Corporation Inc., that made a loss on goodwill impairment relating to shares of FamilyMart Co., Ltd., besides above mentioned.

# **Management Policy for the Future**

ITOCHU has started a new mid-term management plan, "Frontier-2006, a shift to aggressive business and solid management," (a two-year plan for fiscal 2006 and 2007).

The "Frontier-2006" plan defines these two years as a period to make ITOCHU a highly profitable corporate group constantly achieving more than 100 billion yen in net income. By foreseeing changes, always seeking a "frontier", and pursuing three principles of "challenge, create and commit," ITOCHU will expand earnings and strengthen its management system with the following five measures.

- 1) ITOCHU will challenge the expansion of earnings. Under the "Frontier-2006" plan, ITOCHU defines core segments/areas within each Division Company to further accelerate the reallocation and upgrades of assets. In addition, by maximizing synergy among ITOCHU groups, ITOCHU plans to further increase earnings in consumer related sector, a strong business domain of ITOCHU and Natural resource development sector where demand increase is expected. In overseas markets, ITOCHU will not only expand business in North America and Asia including China, where ITOCHU can take a lot of business opportunities, but will also strengthen business in emerging countries such as Russia, India and Brazil, regarding them as potential markets for future expansion of business.
- 2) ITOCHU will create new business. ITOCHU will develop core fields for future profits by creating new value-added products and services in healthcare and living services (healthcare, medical treatment, hobbies and cultural educa-

- tions, etc), consumer business, and innovative technologies, which are new potential markets generated by changes in population structure accompanied by declining birthrate and rapidly aging of society, diversifying lifestyle, and innovation in technologies.
- 3) To maintain a "solid management" that support "aggressive business," ITOCHU will keep controlling the amount of interest-bearing debt and enhance risk management on a consolidated basis by continuing the basic policy of further improvement of financial position and reinforcement of risk management.
- 4) ITOCHU aims at establishing a management system that supports "aggressive business." In addition to setting up a highly transparent corporate governance, ITOCHU will actively pursue CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) through communications with society including shareholders. In addition, ITOCHU will reinforce internal control in order to strengthen risk management and secure credibility of financial reporting.
- 5) ITOCHU as a whole group will implement a more flexible human resource strategy to obtain, educate and rotate employees in order to realize ITOCHU's growth strategy.

By undertaking the above-mentioned efforts, ITOCHU will not only increase the value of ITOCHU group to reward its share-holders, but will also contribute to regional and global societies including active approaches to global environmental issues.

#### **Outlook for Fiscal 2006**

#### Primary Issues to Address in fiscal 2006

Starting with fiscal 2006, the ITOCHU launched a new midterm management plan, "Frontier 2006: A shift to aggressive business and solid management" (Two-year plan from fiscal 2006 through fiscal 2007).

#### Forecast for Fiscal 2006

Domestically, ITOCHU forecasts a gradual brightening of the outlook for individual consumers in fiscal 2006 due to an easing in wage cuts and a gradual recovery in employment as capital expenditure expands, also supported by strong corporate profits and a recovery in exports, primarily for IT equipment. The pace of recovery is expected to increase gradually. Overseas, ITOCHU must continue to pay careful attention to

even greater imbalances in the U.S. economy, concerns over overheated capital investment in China, and further hikes in prices for primary commodities, particularly for crude oil.

Under these circumstances, the Company is expecting consolidated forecasts as presented in the table below for the fiscal 2006.

These forecasts are forward looking statements that are based on management's assumptions and beliefs, based on information currently available at the end of fiscal 2005, and involve risks and uncertainties. Thus, factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from such statements include, without limitation, global economic and market conditions and changes in foreign currency exchange rate.

	Billions	of Yen
	Full	year
Years ended March 31	2006 Forecasts	2005 Results
Gross trading profit	¥ 660	¥ 631
Selling, general and administrative expenses		(467)
Provision for doubtful accounts	(10)	(6)
Net interest expenses	(27)	(21)
Dividends	12	14
Other P/L	0	(31)
Income before income taxes, minority interests and equity in earnings (losses)	155	120
Income taxes	(82)	(63)
Income before minority interests and equity in earnings (losses)	73	57
Minority interests		(11)
Equity in earnings (losses) of associated companies	40	32
Net income	¥ 100	¥ 78
Total assets	¥ 4,700	¥ 4,472
Gross interest-bearing debts	2,400	2,347
Net interest-bearing debts	under 2,000	1,891
Total stockholders' equity	600	510

	2006	2005
(Note)	Forecasts	Results
Yen to U.S. dollars rate	. 100.00	107.94
Crude oil price (U.S.dollars per BBL)	. 35.00	38.00

# Dividend policy and distribution of the current fiscal year's profit

ITOCHU's basic policy regarding dividend payments is a consistent and stable distribution of returns to the stockholders, while increasing stockholders' equity, and maintaining and strengthening its competitive power by retaining earnings.

For the fiscal year ending March 2006, ITOCHU intends to make an eight-yen (four yen for each of the interim and the year-end) dividend payment per share.

#### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

#### Basic Policy for Funding

The Company aims to ensure flexibility so that it can quickly respond to changes in the financial circumstances, and take advantage of opportunities to lower its overall financing costs. It also aims to diversify its funding sources and methods in order to enhance the stability of its financing, while endeavoring to find the optimum balance in its funding structure including the improvement of the long-term funding balance.

In Japan, most corporations still rely on indirect financing as their primary source of funding with the largest percentage of indirect financing coming from domestic banks. Most domestic banks have adopted a positive earning expansion policy in accordance with improved prospects over the disposal of bad loans—a management issue for a number of years—as well as the rebuilding of equity capital. In Company's dealings with them, these financial institutions appreciate Company's improved financial position and return to profitability. They have shown a favorable attitude towards lending, and we expect no difficulty in procuring funds through indirect financing. Moreover, as of the end of fiscal 2005, the Company had obtained a rating for its long-term bonds of A from the Japanese ratings institution JCR, Ba1 from the U.S. ratings institution Moody's Investors Service (Moody's), and BBBfrom Standard & Poor's (S&P). On May 19, 2005, Moody's raised the Company's rating to Baa3 from Ba1. All of the Company's ratings have become "Investment Grade", and better funding conditions are expected. In the future, aiming to secure an even higher rating, the Company will make concerted efforts to improve Company's financial position through the continuation of high profitability and risk management.

With respect to bonds, the Company registers a bond

issuance every two years. In the two years from August 2003 to July 2005, a new issuance in the amount of ¥300 billion was registered, enabling the flexible issuance of bonds.

Under this issuance registration system, straight bonds were issued in the amounts of ¥10 billion (with five-year maturities) in August 2004, ¥10 billion (with three-year maturities) in September, and ¥10 billion (with ten-year maturities) in November, for a total of ¥30 billion. The outstanding balance of bonds (excluding MTNs issued by the Company) was ¥250 billion (\$2,326 million) as of March 31, 2005.

Furthermore, the Company, ITOCHU International Inc. in the U.S. and a finance subsidiary in the U.K. have registered a total of \$5 billion in a Medium Term Note Program (MTN) in order to be flexible in fulfilling short and long-term funding needs. The outstanding balance of the MTN was approximately \$0.3 billion as of March 31, 2005.

#### Interest-Bearing Debts

Interest-bearing debts as of March 31, 2005 decreased by ¥215.2 billion from the previous fiscal year to ¥2,346.7 billion (\$21,852 million). As a result of the efforts to secure long-term funds to provide the structure for stable fund-raising, the ratio of long-term interest-bearing debts to total interest-bearing debts increased to 71% from 65% at the end of fiscal 2004. Moreover, the net DER (debt-to-equity ratio) improved by 1.0 to 3.7 times from 4.7 times at the end of fiscal 2004. Also, the average interest rate of borrowing, or interest expenses, divided by the average balance of interest-bearing debts, improved by 16 basis points from 1.46% in fiscal 2004 to 1.30% in fiscal 2005.

The breakdown of the interest-bearing debts as of March 31, 2005 and 2004 is as follows:

	Billion	s of Yen	Millions of U.S. dollars
	2005	2004	2005
Short-term debt	¥ 421.7	¥ 549.8	\$ 3,927
Current maturities of long-term debt	160.5	279.0	1,495
Current maturities of debentures	94.6	56.5	881
Short-term total	676.9	885.3	6,303
Long-term debt	1,472.7	1,414.8	13,714
Debentures	186.0	247.3	1,732
Long-term total	1,658.7	1,662.0	15,446
Total interest-bearing debts	2,335.6	2,547.3	21,749
SFAS 133 fair value adjustment (Note)	11.1	14.7	103
Adjusted total interest-bearing debts	2,346.7	2,561.9	21,852
Cash, cash equivalents and time deposits	455.6	584.9	4,243
Net interest-bearing debts	¥ 1,891.1	¥ 1,977.0	\$ 17,610

(Note) This adjustment is in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" (SFAS 133). The amount of adjustment to record the fair value, as of the balance sheet date for long-term debt, which is hedged with derivatives.

#### Financial Position

Total assets as of the end of the fiscal year decreased by ¥14.9 billion from fiscal 2004 to ¥4,472.3 billion (\$41,646 million) due to improved collections of trade receivables, reductions resulted form the write down of impaired goodwill involving FamilyMart, a decrease in cash and cash equivalents applied to the repayments of interest-bearing debts, which were partially offset by increases in trade receivables and inventory due to rising prices of marketable commodities represented by crude oil prices and new or additional investments in Orico and Isuzu. Stockholder's equity increased ¥87.5 billion (20.7%) from fiscal 2004 to ¥510.4 billion (\$4,753 million). This was due to improvements in unrealized holdings gains (losses) on securities and foreign currency translation adjustments, in addition to an accumulation of retained earnings through solid business performance. As a result, the equity ratio showed a 2.0 percentage point improvement from fiscal 2004 to 11.4%.

Net interest-bearing debts less cash and cash equivalents and time deposits decreased by \$86.0 billion (4.3%) to \$1,891.1 billion (\$17,610 million) from fiscal 2004. As a result, and also partly because of the increase in shareholder's equity, net DER (debt-to-equity ratio) improved by 1.0 from fiscal 2004 to 3.7 times.

The main increases or decreases from the end of fiscal 2004 in the items on the balance sheet are as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents decreased by ¥126.6 billion to ¥452.9 billion (\$4,218 million) from fiscal 2004. This was due to repayment of interest-bearing debts to improve the Company's financial position after securing sufficient liquidity reserves.

Trade receivables (less allowance for doubtful receivables) increased ¥28.4 billion to ¥1,085.9 billion (\$10,111 million) from fiscal 2004. This was due primarily to increases in Chemicals, Forest products & General Merchandise and Energy, Metals & Minerals, in accordance with increased net sales caused by rising prices and volumes of marketable commodities.

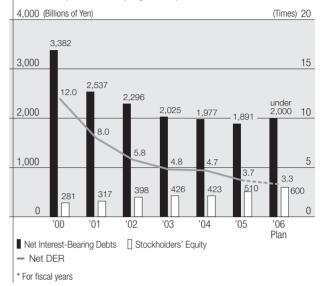
Inventories increased ¥45.9 billion from fiscal 2004 to ¥420.1 billion (\$3,912 million) as a result of increases in Machinery, Aerospace, Electronics & Multimedia, Energy, Metals & Minerals, Chemicals, Forest products & General Merchandise, which occurred due to rising prices of marketable commodities and sales volume expansion.

Additionally, there was an increase in *advances to suppliers* (a ¥39.7 billion increase from fiscal 2004 to ¥86.5 billion (\$805 million), due mainly to growth in the Machinery, Aerospace, Electronics & Multimedia) and a decrease in *other current assets*, (a ¥25.4 billion decrease from fiscal 2004 to ¥191.6 billion (\$1,784 million), due to reductions mainly in income receivable).

As a result, current assets for the fiscal year were ¥2,441.9 billion (\$22,739 million), down ¥21.3 billion from fiscal 2004.

Investments in and advances to associated companies increased due to the incorporation of equity-method associated companies in Energy, Metals & Minerals, and Food. However, there was a decrease of ¥9.0 billion to ¥472.5 billion (\$4,400 million) from fiscal 2004 due to the decrease (¥45.1 billion) resulting from the write down of impaired goodwill involving FamilyMart.

# Net Interest-Bearing Debts, Stockholders' Equity and Net DER (Debt-to-Equity Ratio)



Other investments increased by ¥55.3 billion to ¥441.8 billion (\$4,114 million) from fiscal 2004, due primarily to new investments in the preferred stocks of Orico and additional investments in Isuzu.

Other non-current receivables (less allowance for doubtful receivables) experienced a decrease, due mainly to the collection of machinery-related non-current receivables, dropping ¥21.9 billion from fiscal 2004 to ¥186.4 billion (\$1,735 million)

As a result, total investments and non-current receivables were up ¥24.4 billion from fiscal 2004 to ¥1,100.6 billion (\$10,249 million).

At the end of fiscal 2005, EITF 04-2,"Whether Mineral Rights are Tangible or Intangible Assets." has been applied to property and equipment, at cost (less accumulated depreciation) and mineral rights. Although conventionally included in Other Assets, such rights are now included in property and equipment. After reclassifying fiscal 2004's figure in the same way, the value is down ¥9.7 billion from fiscal 2004 at ¥497.4 billion (\$4,631 million).

Deferred tax assets, non-current increased due to the recognition of the impairment of the equity method investment in FamilyMart, however the final result was a ¥20.0 billion decrease from fiscal 2004 to ¥109.1 billion (\$1,016 million). The decrease was a result of tax basis losses through dispositions of loans, corporate stocks, and real estate. Such losses had already been recognized for financial statement purposes. The net value of short-term and long-term deferred tax assets and liabilities also dropped by ¥15.2 billion from fiscal 2004 to ¥136.7 billion (\$1,274 million), due to losses of taxation.

Goodwill and other intangible assets, less accumulated amortization increased ¥7.9billion from fiscal 2004 to ¥94.7 billion (\$882 million) due mainly to additional purchases of consolidated subsidiary company stock.

Short-term debt was down ¥128.1 billion from fiscal 2004

to ¥421.7 billion (\$3,927 million), and current maturities of long-term debt were down ¥80.3 billion from fiscal 2004 to ¥255.2 billion (\$2,376 million). This was due to repayments of interest-bearing debts, efforts for long-term funding and the classification of ¥210.0 billion (\$1,955 million) of the current maturities of long-term debt. The Company has entered into commitment line agreements which are intended to be used solely in support of refinancing the current maturities of long-term debt. (Note: Refer to Note 9 "Short-term and long-term debt" to the consolidated financial statements)

*Trade payables* increased by ¥57.9 billion to ¥966.9 billion (\$9,004 million) from fiscal 2004. This was due primarily to increases in Energy, Metals & Minerals, Chemicals, Forest products & General and Food, in accordance with improved business due to rising prices of marketable commodities.

In addition, there was an increase in *advances from customers* (a ¥36.7 billion increase from fiscal 2004 to ¥90.2 billion (\$839 million), due mainly to increases in Machinery, Aerospace, Electronics & Multimedia). There were also increases in *other current liabilities*, (a ¥17.4 billion increase from fiscal 2004 ¥161.1 billion (\$1,501 million), mainly due to increases in Aerospace, Electronics & Multimedia).

As a result, current liabilities were ¥2,060.1 billion (\$19,184 million), down ¥85.0 billion from fiscal 2004.

#### Reserves for Liquidity

The basic policy of the Company is to maintain and secure and adequate amount for short-term interest-bearing debts and contingent liabilities due within three months from a certain point of time for the necessary amount of reserves required for liquidity. This policy is based on the scenario whereby new funding may be unavailable for about three

months because of market turmoil. In such a case, the Company must maintain adequate reserves to repay liabilities during such a period in order to cope with unpredictable events.

The Company has a long-term commitment line with financial institutions totaling ¥210.0 billion (\$1,955 million) with a May 18, 2007 maturity. Against the background of this long-term commitment line, the Company has the intention and the ability for a long-term rollover of current maturities of long-term debt from financial institutions. It thus classified ¥210.0 billion (\$1,955 million) of current maturities of long-term debt to noncurrent liabilities on the consolidated balance sheets. This was part of ¥465.2 billion (\$4,331 million) in non-current liabilities with a deadline of one year or less based on loan contracts at the end of fiscal 2005.

However, in the table that follows, classification as shown below is in accordance with loan contract repayments.

Primary liquidity resources for this fiscal year, the summation of cash, cash equivalents, time deposits (¥455.6 billion), commitment line agreements (short-term ¥300.0 billion and long-term 210.0 billion) and commitment long-term loan agreement (¥17.0 billion) were ¥982.6 billion, a reduction of ¥62.3 billion from the previous fiscal year.

The total amount of liquidity reserves, or primary liquidity reserves and secondary liquidity reserves (other assets that can be changed into cash in a short period of time) stood at ¥1,440.1 billion. The Company believes that this amount constitutes adequate reserves of liquidity, since it is more than three times the necessary liquidity amount (short-term interest-bearing debts and contingent liabilities due within three months), which amounted to ¥361.5 billion as of March 31,2005.

#### Necessary Liquidity

		Millions of U.S. dollars	
March 31	2005	Necessary liquidity	2005
Short-term interest-bearing debts	¥ 421.7	¥ 210.9 (421.7/6 months x 3 months)	\$ 1,964
Current maturities of long-term interest-bearing debts	*) 465.2	116.3 (465.2/12 months x 3 months)	1,083
Contingent liabilities (Guarantees [substantial risk] for monetary indebtedness of associated companies and customers)	137.3	34.3 (137.3/12 months x 3 months)	319
Total		¥ 361.5	\$ 3,366

(\*) The Figure includes current maturities of long-term debt (¥255.2 billion) and a long-term commitment line with financial institutions (¥210.0 billion)

#### Primary Liquidity Reserves

	Billio	ons of Yen	Mil U.S	lions of S. dollars
	Liquic	lity reserves	Liquid	lity reserves
1. Cash, cash equivalents and time deposits	¥	455.6	\$	4,243
2. Commitment line agreements		510.0		4,749
3. Commitment long-term loan agreement		17.0		158
Total primary liquidity reserves	¥	982.6	\$	9,150

#### Secondary Liquidity Reserves

	Billic	ons of Yen		llions of S. dollars
	Liquid	ity reserves	Liquid	lity reserves
4. Available portion of Over Draft for the Company's cash management service		111.4 190.5 155.6	\$	1,037 1,774 1,449
6. Notes receivable  Total secondary liquidity reserves	¥	457.5	\$	4,260
Total liquidity reserves	¥	1,440.1	\$	13,410

#### Capital resources

As part of ITOCHU's medium-term management plan until the end of March 2007 (Frontier-2006), Company's basic policy is pursuing the selection, focusing, and reallocating and upgrading of assets to expand the scale of profits and create new business.

With respect to promoting this plan, the source for new expenditures for investment activities is financing from operating cash flow. This includes the sale and recovery of assets in the course of redeployment, as well as from the accumulation of profits. Any shortfall in financial resources when new investments are made a priority, is to be covered through borrowed money and the issuance of bonds. However, any increase in the total of interest-bearing debts will be held in check through the implementation of strict controls.

Cash and cash equivalents for this fiscal year were reduced by 21.8% or ¥126.6 billion from fiscal 2004 to ¥452.9 billion (\$4,218 million). This reflects efforts to reduce interest-bearing debts through a liquidation of cash and cash equivalents to improve the Company's financial position. Cash flow requirements for in investment activities, such as the acquisition of tangible fixed assets, and new and additional investments, primarily in machinery and money-related, were essentially covered by cash from operating activities through an accumulation of profit.

Net cash provided by operating activities for fiscal 2005

increased ¥126.6 billion (\$1,179 million). While there was a reduction due to increases in trade receivables and inventory caused by the active expansion of trading transactions and rising prices of marketable commodities such as crude oil, there were also large-scale increases in profit accumulation based on solid business performance. This includes increases in gross trading profits by all operating segments including the Energy, Metals & Minerals as well as the Chemicals, Forest products & General Merchandise.

Net cash used in investing activities for fiscal 2005 involved expenditure of \$127.6 billion (\$1,188 million). This was mainly due to new and additional investment in Orico in the financial sector and Isuzu in the machinery sector, as well as the acquisition of tangible fixed assets. Though this figure exceeds last year's level of \$55.3 billion resulting from the acquisition of trademarks and mining rights, and from new and additional investments, net cash provided by operating activities essentially covered these increases.

Net cash used in financing activities for fiscal 2005 amounted to ¥125.3 billion (\$1,167 million). This reflects continued efforts to reduce interest-bearing liabilities to improve the Company's financial position, and topped ¥79.7 billion from the previous fiscal year.

The following table shows a summary of cash flows for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2005 and 2004.

	Billions	Billions of Yen		
	2005	2004	2005	
Net cash provided by operating activities	¥ 126.6	¥ 184.8	\$ 1,179	
Net cash used in investing activities	(127.6)	(55.3)	(1,188)	
Net cash used in financing activities	(125.3)	(79.7)	(1,167)	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(0.3)	(4.4)	(3)	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(126.6)	45.4	(1,179)	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	579.6	534.2	5,397	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	¥ 452.9	¥ 579.6	\$ 4,218	

The Company believes that funding generated by net cash provided by operating activities, borrowing from financial institutions or the issuance of stocks or bonds in the capital market will be sufficient to ensure an adequate source of funds to cover expenditures and payments of liabilities, which it anticipates at this point, now and in the future. However, the actual availability of funding may differ depending on future conditions, such as the condition of financial markets, economy and

business operations and other factors, which the Company is now unable to estimate accurately, because the Company cannot control many of these. Nevertheless, the Company is convinced that it will be capable of ensuring adequate liquidity from cash flows provided by other sources, even if net cash provided by operating activities falls short of current expectations.

# Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Aggregate Contractual Obligations

ITOCHU issues various guarantees for indebtedness including bank loans to subsidiaries, equity-method associated companies and customers. Because the guaranteed borrowings of subsidiaries are included in the Company's consolidated financial statements, off-balance sheet guarantees are solely the total guarantees to equity-method associated companies and customers. The breakdown of guarantees as of March 31, 2004 and 2003 is as follows:

	Billions	Billions of Yen		
	2005	2004	2005	
Guarantees for equity-method associated companies:				
Maximum potential amount of future payments	¥ 137.1	¥ 171.9	\$ 1,277	
Amount of substantial risk	82.4	103.8	768	
Guarantees for customers:				
Maximum potential amount of future payments	¥ 137.6	¥ 135.2	\$ 1,281	
Amount of substantial risk	79.0	65.5	736	
Total:				
Maximum potential amount of future payments	¥ 274.7	¥ 307.1	\$ 2,558	
Amount of substantial risk	161.5	169.2	1,503	

The maximum potential amount of future payments of the Company under the guarantee contracts is presented above. The amount of substantial risk represents the total amount of the substantial risk taken, based on the actual amount of liability incurred by the guaranteed parties as of the end of the respective term within the pre-determined guaranteed limit established under the guarantee contracts. The amounts that can be recovered from third parties under the back-to-back guarantees submitted by them to the Company or subsidiaries

concerned have been excluded in determining the amount of substantial risk. The disclosures related to guarantees are shown in Note 22 "Commitments and Contingent Liabilities" to the consolidated financial statements.

The disclosures related to variable interest entities defined under the provisions of Financial Accounting Standard Board Interpretation No. 46 "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities" are shown in Note 21 "Variable Interest Entities" to the consolidated financial statements.

The following table shows the breakdown by maturity of repayment of short-term borrowing and long-term debts as well as payments under capital and operating leases.

	Billions of Yen						
	Total	Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	More than 5 years		
Short-term debts	¥ 421.7	421.7	_	_	_		
Long-term debts (including capital leases)	1,994.9	255.2	782.8	506.9	450.0		
Capital leases	39.9	8.6	13.2	5.6	12.5		
Operating leases	98.8	19.8	27.2	17.2	34.6		
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	Total	Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	More than 5 years			
Short-term debts	\$ 3,927	3,927	_	_	_			
Long-term debts (including capital leases)	18,576	2,376	7,290	4,720	4,190			
Capital leases	372	80	124	52	116			
Operating leases	920	184	253	161	322			

#### Risk Information

ITOCHU is exposed to various risks such as market risks, credit risks and investment risks, due to the nature of a wide range of their business. These risks include unpredictable uncertainty and may have significant effects on their future business and financial performance. ITOCHU has enhanced their risk management policy and risk management methodology to monitor and manage these risks, but it is impossible to completely avoid all these risks.

With respect to descriptions about future event, ITOCHU appropriately determines its assumption and estimates based on information at the end of fiscal year 2005.

(1) Corporate Result Risks Due to Macroeconomic Factors ITOCHU involves a wide variety of business ranging from supply of raw materials to manufacturing and sale in each of their business areas. ITOCHU conducts diverse types of commercial transactions such as purchase and sale of products in the domestic market as well as import/export trade between overseas affiliates. Changes in the domestic economy and fluctuations in world economic environments can seriously affect ITOCHU's results of operations.

To give an overview of ITOCHU's main areas of business, the domestic economy has a relatively strong influence on a consumer and retail-related segment such as textiles and food. Trade in machinery such as plants, autos and industrial machinery, trade in mineral resources, energy and chemical products and investments in development are all largely dependent on economic trends in the U.S. and Asia countries, which take the lead in the world economy. Furthermore, with the steady expansion of demand in China, one of ITOCHU's priority markets, ITOCHU has conducted business and trade in China at a rapid pace for many areas of business. Consequently, Chinese economic trends have a possibility to seriously affect the financial position and results of operations of ITOCHU.

#### (2) Market Risks

ITOCHU is exposed to market risks such as foreign exchange rate risks, interest rate risks, commodity price risks and stock price risks. ITOCHU attempts to minimize risks related to market fluctuations such as changes in foreign exchange rates and interest rates by establishing risk management policy such as setting and controlling a limit and by utilizing a variety of derivative instruments for hedging purposes. Reference should be made to the accounting policy for derivative instruments in note 2, "Basis of Financial Statements and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" and note 18, "Financial Instruments" to the consolidated financial statements.

# Foreign Exchange Rate Risk

The Company and certain Group companies are exposed to foreign exchange rate risk related to transactions denominated in foreign currencies due to its significant involvement in import/export trading. ITOCHU is working to manage ITOCHU's foreign currency balance by contract amount, debt and liabilities, the amount of ITOCHU's own/other's risk, and short/long-term and set limits on foreign exchange rate risks (limit of balance and that of loss). ITOCHU is also working to minimize foreign exchange rate risks using derivative transactions such as forward exchange contracts and currency swap contracts. However, ITOCHU cannot guarantee a complete avoidance of such foreign exchange rate risks by utilizing derivative instruments.

Since the Company is engaged in businesses involving for-

eign currencies with a number of overseas trading subsidiaries and other overseas group companies, the figures denominated in Japanese yen on its consolidated balance sheets are also exposed to so-called foreign currency translation risk. This translation risk has no impact on the performance of the business conducted in foreign currencies. In addition, a long period is generally needed to recover the amount of investments. Accordingly, the Company does not hedge the translation risk, as the term of effectiveness provided by hedging is limited.

#### Interest Rate Risk

ITOCHU is exposed to interest rate risk in both fund raising and in its lending, investing, and operating activities. Interest rate risk refers to the risk of earnings fluctuation caused by changes to interest rates, when mismatches in interest rate sensitivity to assets/liabilities and durations occur. Interest rate risk, on the whole, consists of balance, magnitude of interest rate change, and duration. ITOCHU is working to quantify interest rate risks to control such risks in a concrete and objective manner. To be specific, using the management method Earnings at Risk (EaR), ITOCHU has set a certain limit (Loss Cut Limit) as the highest acceptable interest payment and has executed hedging transactions primarily in the form of interest rate swaps to minimize interest risk. However, ITOCHU still cannot guarantee a complete avoidance of interest rate risk, even having adopted these management methods.

### Commodity Price Risk

As a trading company handling a diverse array of commodities, ITOCHU is exposed to commodity price risks due to such factors as market fluctuations. ITOCHU has established a fundamental risk management policy on an individual Division Company basis, assessing purchase contracts, inventories, and sales contracts, etc. and setting and managing a balance limit and loss cut limit for each individual product and conducting periodic reviews. In addition, ITOCHU works to minimize commodity price risk by utilizing derivatives such as futures or forward contracts as means of hedging. Despite these measures, ITOCHU cannot guarantee a complete avoidance of commodity price risks.

ITOCHU as well as certain Group Companies also participate in resource development businesses such as the energy sector and other manufacturing businesses. Production in these businesses is also exposed to the same commodity price risks noted above, and it is possible for the value of the businesses to deteriorate. If this were to occur, it could seriously affect the financial position and results of operations of ITOCHU.

#### Stock Price Risk

ITOCHU holds available-for-sale securities which are vulnerable to price fluctuation. ITOCHU strives to maintain appropriate levels of investment and to minimize stock price risk by applying exit rules for inefficient investments that ITOCHU has little reason to hold. The fair value of the available-for-sale securities held by the Company and its subsidiaries was ¥190.5 billion (\$1,774 million) as of March 31, 2005. However, assuming that the price of these investments fluctuated and the fair value of these available-for-sale marketable securities decreased, it could seriously affect the financial position and results of operations of ITOCHU.

#### (3) Credit Risks

ITOCHU conducts a vast array of commercial transactions with its trading partners, both domestically and overseas. ITOCHU therefore bears credit risk from the non-payment of obligations held by the Group due to the deteriorating credit status or insolvency of ITOCHU's partners.

In the Company, the credit department of each Division Company, which is independent of the business departments, manages credit risk on both quantitative and qualitative bases. Each proposal submitted by a business division undergoes careful screening by the credit department, which then sets an appropriate credit limit upon the completion of review. Specific expiration dates are set for credit limits. These limits and the status of trade receivables are monitored on a periodic basis along with periodic reviews of the status of debt collections and delinquencies. The necessary reserves are determined and booked on this basis.

Occurrence of credit risks could seriously affect the financial position and results of operations of ITOCHU.

#### (4) Country Risk

ITOCHU has trading relationships with many foreign countries. These include handling foreign goods and investments in foreign trading partners. ITOCHU therefore is exposed to country risks resulting from regulations imposed by foreign governments, political instability, or restrictions on the transfers of funds.

In response to these country risks, in addition to taking appropriate countermeasures for each transaction, with the aim of avoiding a concentration of exposure, ITOCHU is endeavoring to manage risk by setting total limit guidelines and limits for each country and setting credit policies in accordance with each country.

ITOCHU does however have debts in countries and regions where there is a relatively high probability of country risk emerging, and those in which business activities are being expanded through loans, investment and guarantees for monetary indebtedness. When those debts and business activities face events caused by political, economic, or social instability, ITOCHU cannot entirely deny the possibility that those events may have a significant impact on the sustainability of ITOCHU's transactions and business activities in such countries and regions. Such occurrences could have a serious, adverse effect on the financial position and results of operations of ITOCHU.

#### (5) Investment Risk

Investing in a variety of businesses is one of the major business activities of ITOCHU. In managing ITOCHU's portfolio of investments strategically, ITOCHU faces serious decisions regarding the initiation of new investments that will produce profit commensurate with the attendant risk and the withdrawal from investments that do not produce profits consistent with attendant risks.

In considering a new investment, monitoring existing businesses and withdrawing from an investment, ITOCHU has a standard for decision making. However, serious adverse influences on the future corporate results and financial standing of ITOCHU are possible in the event that ITOCHU is unable to achieve ITOCHU's forecasted results due to a deteriorating economic environment for businesses in which ITOCHU has invested or the deteriorating corporate results and financial standing of ITOCHU's partners, and in the event that ITOCHU is unable to withdraw from a business or restructure ITOCHU's business under a timeframe or method that

ITOCHU desires. In such instances, whole or partial investment losses or the infusion of additional funds may be required; in such case it could affect the future corporate results and financial standing of ITOCHU.

In fiscal 2005, the Company recognized ¥45.1 billion (¥26.6 billion, after income tax) of impairment loss on ITOCHU's equity method investment in FamilyMart, in which ITOCHU has an interest through ITOCHU's consolidated subsidiary, Family Corporation Inc.

Excluding FamilyMart losses for investments in equitymethod associated companies were insignificant for fiscal 2005. However, the necessity of booking impairment losses could arise should the likelihood of recovering ITOCHU's investment diminish due to poor corporate results for investees, or should stock prices be expected to drop below specified levels for a considerable period of time. Such occurrences could have a serious, adverse effect on the financial position and results of operations of ITOCHU.

(6) Risks Due to Loss on Property and Equipment-net ITOCHU is exposed to impairment loss risks on fixed assets held, such as real estate, aircraft, and ships. Impairment losses on fixed assets for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005 were minimal and ITOCHU does not foresee at present any necessity for booking impairment losses. However, ITOCHU would be required to recognize impairment losses should the economic value of fixed assets deteriorate due to decreased demand or further deterioration in market conditions for each of the assets. Such an occurrence could seriously affect the future corporate results of ITOCHU.

#### (7) Risks Due to Fund Raising

ITOCHU uses ALM (Asset Liability Management) to ensure the necessary funding for its businesses and to ensure liquidity through borrowings from domestic and international financial institutions, as well as the issuance of corporate bonds. However, should ITOCHU's credit worthiness in the stock market deteriorate due to a significant lowering of the Company's credit rating, or should there be a significant change in the lending policies of financial institutions such as restriction of credit for ITOCHU's Company due to an upheaval in the financial systems in primary financial markets, ITOCHU could experience an inability to raise funds when necessary or under desirable conditions and could consequently experience an increase in funding costs. This could exert a serious, adverse influence on the financial position and results of operations of ITOCHU.

(8) Risks Due to Benefit Expenses and Benefit Obligations The benefit expenses and benefit obligations of ITOCHU are calculated based on mathematical calculations that utilize a variety of assumptions such as the discount rate for benefit obligations and the expected rate of return on investment of pension assets. For fiscal 2005, there was no shortfall in accumulated pension assets after returning the public pension portion held by the employee pension fund to the government and shifting part of a tax qualified pension to defined contribution pension plan. However, should it become necessary to change the assumptions on which the mathematical calculations are based or should pension assets be affected by a deterioration in the stock market, it is possible that benefit expenses and benefit obligations could increase and that additional contributions to pension assets would be necessary. The financial position and results of operations of ITOCHU could be seriously affected by such occurrences.

#### (9) Risks Due to Deferred Income Taxes

Deferred income tax assets are an important factor in ITOCHU's consolidated balance sheets. Therefore, accounting judgment on evaluation of deferred income taxes has a substantial impact on ITOCHU's consolidated financial statements. To consider the necessity of an allowance for deferred income taxes, ITOCHU reports the realizable amount of deferred income taxes, taking into consideration future taxable income and feasible tax planning strategies. The management of ITOCHU believes these estimations of realizable amount of deferred income taxes are rational. However, allowance for deferred income taxes may increase or decrease depending on changes in taxable income during the tax planning period, changes in the tax system in each country including changes in tax rates and changes in tax planning strategies. In that case it could affect the financial position and results of operations of ITOCHU.

#### (10) Risks Due to Competition

Due to ITOCHU's involvement in many different industries and the fact that ITOCHU handles a vast array of products and services, ITOCHU is open to competition from many different companies, both domestic and foreign, including competition from other general trading companies. ITOCHU cannot deny the existence of other companies with superior experience, technology, and funding capacity, who are in a position to provide products and services that meet customer needs. Moreover, the possibility of ever-greater competition from companies in newly developing countries like China exists in addition to ongoing competition from European and North American companies due to the economic globalization of primary markets such as China and the U.S. ITOCHU could also find its competitiveness unsustainable due to future events such as deregulation, changes in the business environment such as entrance into other industries, and technological innovation. The advent of such risks could cause a corresponding loss in competitiveness for ITOCHU, adversely affecting to the financial position and results of operations of ITOCHU.

#### (11) Risks Associated with Significant Lawsuits

In July 2001, Citibank, N.A. and Citibank Canada, a whollyowned subsidiary of Citibank, N.A. (together, "Citibank"), filed a complaint against ITOCHU International Inc. and III Holding Inc. (previously named Copelco Financial Services Group, Inc.), a wholly owned subsidiary of ITOCHU International Inc. (collectively, "III"), in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Citibank was alleging violation of the federal securities laws, fraud, and breach of contract and related claims arising in connection with Citibank's acquisition of all the common stock of Copelco Capital. Inc. ("Copelco"), a former wholly-owned subsidiary of III Holding Inc., for a purchase price of approximately US\$666 million in May 2000. More specifically, Citibank was alleging that Citibank relied on the accuracy of Copelco's financial statements and other documents and statements provided and given by III to Citibank and that such financial statements had not been prepared in compliance with U.S. GAAP and/or in accordance with Copelco's internal accounting rules and practices in connection with, inter alia, accounting and collection policies and procedures of lease receivables, the amount of charge-off concerning delinquent lease receivables, loss reserve methodology, earnings from general ledger accounts and reconciliation of investment accounts, based upon which Citibank sought compensatory damages and related costs and attorney's fees. Disclosures made by Citibank during pretrial discovery indicated its belief that the total amount of the damages suffered was approximately US\$459 million. In February 2005, pursuant to a stipulation with III, Citibank dismissed with prejudice its claims related to the alleged violation of the federal securities laws and fraud, and withdrew its suit in the United States District Court. Plaintiff then re-filed its complaint against III in the New York Supreme Court for New York County alleging breach of contract and contractual indemnity. According to the complaint re-filed by Citibank, Citibank is alleging that Copelco's stockholder's equity was overstated by approximately US\$159 million and it continues to seek an unspecified amount of compensatory damages and related costs and attorney's fees as noted above.

Ill is defending this action vigorously and maintains that it has no liability in this matter. However, due to the inherent uncertainty of litigation, it is not possible to predict the ultimate outcome of this litigation. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that Ill will prevail in the action or that the Company's consolidated financial position may not be materially adversely affected by such action.

### (12) Risks Associated with Compliance Risks Related to Laws and Regulations

ITOCHU is subject to a number of diverse laws and regulations both domestically and overseas due to the vast array of products and services ITOCHU provides. To be specific, ITOCHU is required to adhere to laws and regulations such as the laws for each industry, all laws pertaining to trade such as foreign exchange control laws, antitrust laws, intellectual property laws, waste disposal laws and the laws of each country in which ITOCHU conducts business overseas. ITOCHU is aware that the observance of laws and regulations is a serious obligation on the part of the Company and ITOCHU has committed every effort into the observance of these laws and regulations through the compliance program that ITOCHU has created. Despite this. ITOCHU cannot deny that additional regulations or abrupt changes in regulations by legislative, judicial, and regulatory bodies are a possibility both domestically and overseas. Also there are possibilities of major change in laws and regulation by political/economical changes. If ITOCHU infringe on such laws and regulations, then ITOCHU could experience a restriction of business activities, legal sanctions, and a consequent loss of public trust. This could exert a serious, adverse influence on the financial position and results of operations of ITOCHU.

#### Risks Related to the Environment

ITOCHU has designated global environmental issues as one of the most important elements of its management policy. ITOCHU is actively working on environmental issues designated by ITOCHU's environmental policy to deal with the risk of infringement of laws and regulations pertaining to the environment by each business, the destruction of the natural environment by natural resource development, real estate development and goods and service. Despite these efforts, ITOCHU cannot guarantee that the Group's business activities will not affect the world environment, and ITOCHU cannot completely avoid the possibility that the opposition of environmental protection groups will impede the business growth. Should such events occur, the ITOCHU could suffer the loss of public trust and could suffer serious adverse effects to the financial position and results of operations of ITOCHU.

# (13) Risks Associated with Information Systems and Information Security

In ITOCHU, a code of conduct concerning the handling of information is set for all directors and employees and high priority is placed on maintaining a high information security level in the Company. ITOCHU has established an information system to facilitate the sharing of information internally within ITOCHU and externally with clients, and to improve the efficiency of operations. In order to maintain a secure operation of ITOCHU's information systems, ITOCHU has established a firewall to prevent outside intrusions to the network, established security guidelines, and have developed crisis control measures. Despite these measures, ITOCHU cannot completely avoid the possibility of unauthorized access from the outside, the leakage of sensitive company information due to computer viruses, or operational failure of the system due to damage to information system equipment arising from natural disasters or accidents or from trouble with telecommunications circuitry. If such events occur, this could cause a deterioration of operational efficiency and depending on the seriousness of the damage, have a serious adverse effect on the financial position and results of operations of ITOCHU.

Moreover, ITOCHU gathers and maintains personal information in the course of ITOCHU's operations. Such information relates to the Company, retailing, credit and financing, and services offered. In conjunction with the enactment of laws pertaining to the safeguarding of personal information on April 1, 2005 (Personal Information Protection Act), ITOCHU is making even greater efforts to safeguard personal information. However, ITOCHU cannot completely avoid the possibility of personal information being transmitted outside the Company due to improper acts by employees or intrusion from the outside, and the consequent fraudulent use or diversion of such information. If such events occur, ITOCHU would face a grave loss of public trust, and could face serious adverse effects to the financial position and results of operations.

### **Critical Accounting Policies**

The Company's consolidated financial statements are prepared in conformity with U.S. GAAP. In preparation of the consolidated financial statements, the management of the Company is required to make a number of estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, contingent assets and liabilities as of each balance sheet date, and revenues and expenses in each reporting period. Management periodically verifies and makes a review of its estimates, judgments and assumptions based on the available information that is considered to be reasonable by judging from historical experiences and circumstances. These estimates, judgments and assumptions, however, which are often accompanied by uncertainties, may differ from actual results. These differences may have an effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements and performances of every operating segment. The following accounting policies related to estimates, judgments and assumptions that management believes may materially affect consolidated financial statements.

#### Evaluation of Investments

Investment balance and profit from investments are important factors in the Company's consolidated financial statements and therefore, accounting judgment on evaluation of investments has a substantial impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements. ITOCHU evaluates marketable securities based on their fair values. The difference between carrying amount and fair value is reported in the consolidated statements of operations for trading securities, while differences net of tax are reported in stockholders' equity as unrealized holding gains on securities, for available-for-sale securities. When ITOCHU judges that the price decrease of marketable securities is other than temporary, considering severity and duration of decline in the fair value against carrying amount, impairment losses are recognized for the devaluation of this value.

For the impairment of non-marketable securities, judgment of an other-than-temporary decline is conducted after a comprehensive consideration of the magnitude of the decrease in terms of net asset value, the financial conditions of the invested companies, and the outlook for their future performance.

For the impairment of marketable investments in equity-

method investments, in accordance with U.S. Accounting Principles Board Opinions No.18, as is the case for impairment of long-lived assets, ITOCHU judges whether or not a price decrease is other than temporary not only by measuring the magnitude of the decrease in market value but also comprehensively considering the possibility of collection based on the estimated future cash flows generated from the investment.

The management of the Company believes these investment evaluations are rational. However, difference in estimates such as estimated future cash flows due to unforeseen changes in business conditions may impair the value of investments and have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

### Provision for Doubtful Receivables

Trade receivables including notes and accounts, in addition to loans, represent a large amount in the Company's consolidated balance sheets, and provision for doubtful receivables is an important factor in the Company's consolidated statements of income. Therefore, accounting judgment on evaluation of receivables has a substantial impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In the Company, the credit department of each Division Company, which is independent of business departments of each Division Company, manages and evaluates credit risk from both quantitative and qualitative perspectives, monitoring regularly the credit limit and the status quo of trade receivables, and reviewing regularly the status quo of debt collection and delinquency to discuss and record the required provision for doubtful receivables. The Company estimates the recoverable amount and records the required provision for doubtful receivables, after comprehensively considering the status of collection, past insolvency record, financial conditions of debtors and value of collateral.

The management of the Company believes that these estimations of provisions for doubtful receivables are rational. However, deterioration of the debtors' financial conditions and decreases in estimated collateral value due to unpredictable changes in business conditions may reduce the recoverable amounts from the latest estimation, and an increase in provision for doubtful receivables may have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

#### Deferred Income Taxes

Deferred tax assets are an important factor in the Company's consolidated balance sheets. Therefore, accounting judgment on evaluation of deferred income taxes has a substantial impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements. To consider record of allowance for deferred tax assets, ITOCHU reports the realizable amount of deferred income taxes, taking into consideration future taxable income and feasible tax planning. To evaluate realizable amount, it considers information such as historical records and any available information related to the future.

The management of the Company believes these estimations of realizable amount of deferred income taxes are rational. However, allowance for deferred income taxes may increase or decrease depending on changes in taxable income during the tax planning period and changes in tax planning strategies, which may have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

#### Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

If a part of the carrying amount is determined to be unrecoverable due to changes in the situation for long-lived assets used for business and intangible assets whose useful lives are finite, ITOCHU recognizes the impairment of long-lived assets based on fair value by calculating the sum of the outcome of the use of the long-lived asset and future cash flows (before discounts) resulting from its sale, and in case the sum falls below the carrying amount.

The management of the Company believes these calculations of estimated future cash flows and fair value have been done in a rational manner. However, fluctuations in estimated future cash flows and fair value due to unpredictable changes in business conditions may reduce the evaluation of long-lived assets, which may have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

# Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Goodwill and non-amortizable intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are no longer amortized, but are instead tested for impairment at least annually and between annual tests if an event occurs or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying amount. Fair value, which is indispensable for the impairment test, is estimated by discounted future cash flows based on the business plan.

The management of the Company believes these calculations of estimated future cash flows and fair value have been done in a rational manner. However, fluctuations in estimated future cash flows and fair value due to unpredictable changes in business conditions may reduce the evaluation of goodwill and other intangible assets, which may have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

#### Cost of Retirement and Severance Benefits

The Company and certain Group companies calculate the cost of its employees' retirement and severance benefits and pension obligations based on the same types of assumptions used in actuarial calculations, which include such important estimations as discount rates, retirement rates, death rates, increase rates of salary and long-term expected rates of return on plan assets. To determine each of these assumptions, the Company comprehensively judges all available information including market trends such as interest rate changes.

The management of the Company believes the determination of these assumptions has been done in a rational manner. However, any difference between the assumptions and the actual conditions may influence the future retirement benefit costs and pension liabilities, which may have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

#### **New Accounting Pronouncements**

a. Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligations In March 2005, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Interpretation 47 ("FIN 47"), "Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligations — an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 143." FIN 47 clarifies that the term conditional asset retirement obligation as used in SFAS 143 refers to a legal obligation to perform an asset retirement activity in which the timing and (or) method of settlement are conditional on a future event that may or may not be within the control of the entity.

FIN 47 is effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2005, and the effect of adoption of FIN 47 on the Company and its subsidiaries' financial position and results of operations is currently under consideration and cannot be reasonably estimated until further analysis is completed.

#### b. Accounting for Stripping Costs Incurred during Production in the Mining Industry

The FASB EITF reached a consensus at the meeting of March, 2005 on EITF 04-6, "Accounting for Stripping Costs Incurred during Production in the Mining Industry." In Issue EITF 04-6, the cost of removing overburden and waste materials to

access mineral deposits are referred to as "stripping costs," and stripping costs incurred during the production phase of a mine are variable production costs that should be included in the costs of the inventory produced during the period that the stripping costs are incurred. EITF 04-6 is effective for the first reporting period in financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005, and the effect of adoption of EITF 04-6 on the Company and its subsidiaries' financial position and results of operations is currently under consideration and cannot be reasonably estimated until further analysis is completed.

#### c. Accounting Changes and Error Corrections

In May 2005, the FASB issued SFAS 154, "Accounting Changes and Error Corrections — a replacement of APB Opinion No. 20 and FASB Statement No. 3." SFAS 154 is effective for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005. Because the effects are attributable to future events, the effect of adoption of SFAS 154 on the Company and its subsidiaries' financial position and results of operations cannot be reasonably estimated.

# **CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

ITOCHU Corporation and Subsidiaries As of March 31, 2005 and 2004

	Millio	Millions of U.S. dollars (Note 2)		
Assets	2005		2004	2005
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents (notes 2 and 7)	¥ 452,93	4 ¥	579,565	\$ 4,218
Time deposits (note 7)			5,297	25
Marketable securities (notes 2, 3 and 7)	,		42,302	458
Trade receivables (note 7):	49,14	9	42,302	436
Notes	155,59	2	130,562	1,449
Accounts (note 20)	950,48		948.795	8,850
Allowance for doubtful receivables (notes 2 and 5)			,	(188)
Net trade receivables			(21,937)	. ,
Due from associated companies	1,085,85		1,057,420	10,111
Inventories (notes 2 and 7)	,		83,709	840
	*		374,171	3,912
Advances to suppliers	,		46,739	805
Prepaid expenses	22,87		20,658	213
Deferred tax assets (notes 2 and 12)			36,279	373
Other current assets	,		217,039	1,784
Total current assets	2,441,89	5	2,463,179	22,739
Other investments (notes 2, 3, 7 and 8)  Other non-current receivables (notes 7 and 20)	329,58	2	386,522 382,872	4,114 3,069
Net investments and non-current receivables	( - /	υ,		(1.334)
	1,100,60	4	(174,662) 1,076,183	(1,334) 10,249
Property and equipment, at cost (notes 2, 7, 8 and 20):  Land	165,14 310,90 250,29 49,21 28,23 4,48 808,28 310,92	8 7 8 7 0 2 2	1,076,183 158,584 317,596 260,272 53,528 26,486 7,875 824,341 317,270	10,249  1,538 2,895 2,331 458 263 42 7,527 2,896
Property and equipment, at cost (notes 2, 7, 8 and 20):  Land  Buildings  Machinery and equipment  Furniture and fixtures  Mineral rights  Construction in progress  Total property and equipment, at cost	165,14 310,90 250,29 49,21 28,23 4,48 808,28 310,92 497,35	88 77 88 77 00 22 22 44 88	1,076,183 158,584 317,596 260,272 53,528 26,486 7,875 824,341	10,249 1,538 2,895 2,331 458 263 42 7,527

	Millions	Millions of U.S. dollar (Note 2)	
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	2005	2004	2005
Current liabilities:			
Short-term debt (notes 7 and 9)	¥ 421,697	¥ 549,809	\$ 3,927
Current maturities of long-term debt (notes 7 and 9)	255,173	335,444	2,376
Trade payables:	255,176	000,444	2,070
Notes and acceptances (note 7)	161,798	154,902	1,507
Accounts	805,150	754,147	7,497
Total trade payables	966,948	909,049	9,004
Due to associated companies	42,050	42,941	392
Income taxes payable (note 12)	24,032	18,275	224
Accrued expenses	98,136	92,240	914
Advances from customers	90,153	53,467	839
Deferred tax liabilities (notes 2 and 12)	802	208	7
Other current liabilities	161,148	143,714	1,501
Total current liabilities	2,060,139	2,145,147	19,184
Long-term debt, excluding current maturities (notes 7, 9 and 20)	1,750,815	1,757,313	16,303
Accrued retirement and severance benefits (notes 2 and 10)	22,405	21,512	209
Deferred tax liabilities, non-current (notes 2 and 12)	11,653	13,261	108
Commitments and contingent liabilities (note 22)			
Minority interests	116,936	127,183	1,089
Stockholders' equity:			
Common stock (note 15):			
Authorized 3,000,000,000 shares;			
issued:			
1,584,889,504 shares 2005 and 2004	000 041	000 041	1 000
	202,241	202,241	1,883
Capital surplus (notes 15 and 16)	137,024	136,915	1,276
Retained earnings (note 16):	0.007	0.450	07
Legal reserve	3,927	3,450	37
Other retained earnings	184,273	106,958	1,716
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (notes 2, 12 and 17)			
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(63,419)	(67,767)	(590)
Minimum pension liability adjustments (note 10)	(2,047)	(634)	(19)
Unrealized holding gains on securities (note 3)	52,746	45,653	491
Unrealized holding losses on derivative instruments (note 18)	(3,522)	(3,234)	(33)
Total accumulated other comprehensive loss	(16,242)	(25,982)	(151)
Treasury stock, at cost			
2,476,563 shares 2005			
2,582,665 shares 2004	(826)	(716)	(8)
Total stockholders' equity	510,397	422,866	4,753
Total	/ / 470 045	¥ 4,487,282	\$ 41,646

# **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

ITOCHU Corporation and Subsidiaries Years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003

Sales revenue. Y 1,598,672 Y 1,312,657 \$ 14,887 Tracking margins and commissions on trading transactions. 392,666 383,375 369,061 3,655 Tracking margins and commissions on trading transactions. 392,666 383,375 369,061 3,655 Total trading transactions (notes 2, 4 and 14): 2005; Y 9,576,039 million 2003; Y 10,146,371 m			Millions of Yen		U.S	ons of dollars ote 2)
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Total revenue	Trading margins and commissions on trading transactions	, ,		, ,	\$ 1	4,887 3,655
Cost of sales		1 001 222	1 720 7/17	1 601 710	-	0 5/10
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Selling, general and administrative expenses (notes 6, 10 and 20)   (486,840)   (462,894)   (448,473)   (4,347 Settlement loss from the transfer of the substitutional portion of the Employees' Pension Fund (notes 2 and 10)			,		( )	
Settlement loss from the transfer of the substitutional portion of the Employees' Pension Fund (index 2 and 10)			,	,		. 1
of the Employees' Pension Fund (notes 2 and 10)		(400,040)	(402,094)	(440,470)		(4,547)
Subsidy from government on the transfer of the substitutional portion of the Employees' Pension Fund (notes 2 and 10)			(22.767)			
of the Employees' Pension Fund (notes 2 and 10)	, ,	_	(22,707)	_		_
Provision for doubtful receivables (note 5) (6,181) (10,624) (16,845) (88 interest income 10,774 12,819 16,939 100 interest income (31,814) (37,562) (47,594) (298 interest expense (31,814) (31,633) (13,182) (238 interest expense (31,614) (31,633) (31,182) (328 interest expense (31,614) (31,614			10.606			
Interest income         10,774         12,819         16,939         10           Interest expense         (31,814)         (37,562)         (47,594)         (296)           Dividends received         14,162         10,528         10,076         131           Loss on disposal of investments and marketable securities, including writer-down (notes 3, 8 and 19)         (25,384)         (13,633)         (13,182)         (258           Loss on property and equipment-net (note 8)         (5,959)         (129,432)         (755)         (55           Other-net (notes 2 and 11)         439         (13,982)         (7,458)         4           Income (loss) before income taxes, minority interests, equity in earnings of associated companies and extraordinary items         119,958         (92,046)         57,675         1,117           Income (loss) before income taxes (notes 2 and 12):         46,987         31,122         31,287         437           Ourrent         46,987         31,122         31,287         437           Total income taxes         62,543         (45,457)         45,652         582           Income (loss) before minority interests, equity in earnings of associated companies and extraordinary items         57,415         (46,589)         12,023         535           Minority interests         (11,387) <td></td> <td></td> <td>-,</td> <td>(16.945)</td> <td></td> <td>(EQ)</td>			-,	(16.945)		(EQ)
Interest expense		, ,	( - / - /	. , ,		, ,
Dividends received   14,162   10,528   10,076   131   131   10,058   10,076   131   10,058   10,076   131   10,058   10,076   131   10,058   10,076   131   10,058   10,076   131   10,058   10,076   131   10,058   10,076   131   10,058   10,076   131   10,058   10,076   131   10,058   10,076   131   10,058   10,076   131   10,058   10,076   131   10,058   10,076   13,058   13,0						
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including write-down (notes 3, 8 and 19)		14,102	10,020	10,076		131
Loss on property and equipment-net (note 8)		(OF 204)	(10,000)	(10,100)		(006)
Other-net (notes 2 and 11)         439         (13,982)         (7,458)         4           Income (loss) before income taxes, minority interests, equity in earnings of associated companies and extraordinary items         119,958         (92,046)         57,675         1,117           Income taxes (notes 2 and 12):         46,987         31,122         31,287         437           Deferred         45,556         (76,579)         14,365         145           Total income taxes         62,543         (45,457)         46,682         582           Income (loss) before minority interests, equity in earnings of associated companies and extraordinary items         57,415         (46,589)         12,023         535           Minority interests         (11,387)         (10,042)         (10,484)         (107           Equity in earnings of associated companies (note 4)         31,764         22,859         18,539         296           Net income (loss) before extraordinary items         77,792         (33,772)         20,078         724           Extraordinary items-gain on negative goodwill, less applicable income taxes of ¥1,271 million (note 2)         —         1,828         —         —           Net income (loss) per common share before extraordinary items (notes 2 and 13)         2005         2004         2003         2005						`
Income (loss) before income taxes, minority interests, equity in earnings of associated companies and extraordinary items	, ,		, , ,	, ,		` '
Income (loss) before minority interests, equity in earnings of associated companies and extraordinary items						437 145
Associated companies and extraordinary items   57,415   (46,589)   12,023   535	Total income taxes		(45,457)	45,652		582
Equity in earnings of associated companies (note 4) 31,764 22,859 18,539 296  Net income (loss) before extraordinary items 77,792 (33,772) 20,078 724  Extraordinary items- gain on negative goodwill, less applicable income taxes of ¥1,271 million (note 2) — 1,828 — —  Net income (loss) — 2005 2004 2003 2005  Net income (loss) per common share before extraordinary items (notes 2 and 13) — 49.16 ¥ (21.36) ¥ 13.12 \$ 0.46  Extraordinary items per common share— gain on negative goodwill, less applicable income taxes — 1.16 — —  gain on negative goodwill, less applicable income taxes — 1.16 — —	Income (loss) before minority interests, equity in earnings of associated companies and extraordinary items	57,415	(46,589)	12,023		535
Net income (loss) before extraordinary items	Minority interests		(10,042)	(10,484)		(107)
Extraordinary items- gain on negative goodwill, less applicable income taxes of ¥1,271 million (note 2) — 1,828 — —  Net income (loss) — ¥ 77,792 ¥ (31,944) ¥ 20,078 \$ 724   Yen U.S. dollars (Note 2)  2005 2004 2003 2005  Net income (loss) per common share before extraordinary items (notes 2 and 13) — ¥ 49.16 ¥ (21.36) ¥ 13.12 \$ 0.46  Extraordinary items per common share— gain on negative goodwill, less applicable income taxes — 1.16 — —	Equity in earnings of associated companies (note 4)	31,764	22,859	18,539		296
gain on negative goodwill, less applicable income taxes of ¥1,271 million (note 2)       —       1,828       —       —         Net income (loss)       Yen       U.S. dollars (Note 2)         2005       2004       2003       2005         Net income (loss) per common share before extraordinary items (notes 2 and 13)       Y 49.16 Y (21.36) Y 13.12 \$ 0.46         Extraordinary items per common share—gain on negative goodwill, less applicable income taxes       —       1.16       —       —	Net income (loss) before extraordinary items	77,792	(33,772)	20,078		724
Yen         U.S. dollars (Note 2)           2005         2004         2003         2005           Net income (loss) per common share before extraordinary items (notes 2 and 13)         ¥ 49.16 ¥ (21.36) ¥ 13.12 \$ 0.46           Extraordinary items per common share—gain on negative goodwill, less applicable income taxes         — 1.16 — —		_	1,828	_		_
Net income (loss) per common share before extraordinary items (notes 2 and 13)	Net income (loss)	¥ 77,792	¥ (31,944)	¥ 20,078	\$	724
Net income (loss) per common share before extraordinary items  (notes 2 and 13)			Yen			
Net income (loss) per common share before extraordinary items  (notes 2 and 13)		2005	2004	2003		
gain on negative goodwill, less applicable income taxes	Net income (loss) per common share before extraordinary items (notes 2 and 13)					0.46
Net income (loss) per common share	Extraordinary items per common share— gain on negative goodwill, less applicable income taxes	_	1.16	_		_
	Net income (loss) per common share	¥ 49.16	¥ (20.20)	¥ 13.12	\$	0.46

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

ITOCHU Corporation and Subsidiaries Years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003

		Millions of Yen		Millions of U.S. dollar (Note 2)
•	2005	2004	2003	2005
Common stock (note 15):				
Balance at beginning of year				
issued:				
1,584,889,504 shares 2005				
1,583,487,736 shares 2004				
1,425,487,736 shares 2003	¥ 202,241	¥ 202,241	¥ 174,749	\$ 1,883
Issuance of common stock				
158,000,000 shares 2003	_	_	27,492	_
Acquisition of minority interests through issuance of common stock				
1,401,768 shares 2004	_			_
Balance at end of year				
1,584,889,504 shares 2005 and 2004	V 202 241	V 202 241	V 000 041	¢ 1 000
1,583,487,736 shares 2003	¥ 202,24 I	¥ 202,241	¥ 202,241	\$ 1,883
Capital surplus (notes 15 and 16):				
Balance at beginning of year	¥ 136 915	¥ 136,842	¥ 111,348	\$ 1.275
Issuance of common stock	— —	- 100,012	27,285	Ψ 1,270
Acquisition of minority interests through issuance of common stock	_	141		_
Redistribution arising from sale by parent of common				
stock of subsidiaries and associated companies	_	(82)	(1,791)	_
Excess arising from retirement of treasury stock	109	14		1
Balance at end of year	¥ 137,024	¥ 136,915	¥ 136,842	\$ 1,276
Retained earnings (note 16):				
Legal reserve:				
Balance at beginning of year		¥ 3,212	¥ 3,410	\$ 33
Transfer from other retained earnings	575	301	16	5
Redistribution arising from sale by parent of common	(0.0)	(00)	(0.4.4)	
stock of subsidiaries and associated companies	(98)	(63) ¥ 3.450	(214) ¥ 3.212	<u>(1</u>
Balance at end of year	¥ 3,927	¥ 3,450	¥ 3,212	\$ 37
Other retained earnings:				
Balance at beginning of year	¥ 106 958	¥ 143,014	¥ 128,468	\$ 996
Net income (loss)	77,792	(31,944)	20,078	Ψ 333 724
Cash dividends		(3,956)	(7,521)	
Transfer to legal reserve	(575)	(301)	(16)	(5
Redistribution arising from sale by parent of common	,	, ,	, ,	,
stock of subsidiaries and associated companies	98	145	2,005	1
Balance at end of year	¥ 184,273	¥ 106,958	¥ 143,014	\$ 1,716
Accumulated other comprehensive loss (notes 2, 3, 10, 12, 17 and 18):				
Balance at beginning of year	¥ (25,982)	¥ (58,408)	¥ (20,264)	\$ (242
Other comprehensive income (loss)	9,740	32,426	(38,144)	91
Balance at end of year	¥ (16,242)	¥ (25,982)	¥ (58,408)	\$ (151
recount at odd				
Treasury stock:  Balance at beginning of year	¥ (716)	¥ (681)	¥ (43)	\$ (7
Net change in treasury stock	(110)	(35)	(638)	\$ (7 (1
Balance at end of year	¥ (826)	¥ (716)	¥ (681)	\$ (8
	. (320)	. (110)	. (331)	+ (0
Total	¥ 510,397	¥ 422,866	¥ 426,220	\$ 4,753
Comprehensive income (loss):			.,	
Net income (loss)	¥ 77,792	¥ (31,944)	¥ 20,078	\$ 724
Other comprehensive income (loss) (net of tax) (notes 2, 12 and 17):			(00 =	
Net change in foreign currency translation adjustments during the year	4,348	(16,558)	(20,563)	41
Minimum pension liability adjustments (note 10)	(1,413)	794	(689)	(13
Net change in unrealized holding gains (losses)			/.=	
on securities during the year (note 3)	7,093	46,034	(17,827)	66
Net change in unrealized holding gains (losses)	(6.5.5)	0 :=0		
	(200)	2,156	935	(3
on derivative instruments during the year (note 18)	(288)			
on derivative instruments during the year (note 18)	9,740 ¥ 87,532	32,426 ¥ 482	(38,144) ¥ (18,066)	91 \$ 815

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

ITOCHU Corporation and Subsidiaries Years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003

		Millions of Yen		Millions of U.S. dollars (Note 2)
	2005	2004	2003	2005
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net income (loss)	¥ 77,792	¥ (31,944)	¥ 20,078	\$ 724
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by				
operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization		40,184	33,794	373
Provision for doubtful receivables	6,181	10,624	16,845	58
Loss on disposal of investments and marketable securities,	05.004	40.000	40.400	000
including write-down		13,633	13,182	236
Loss on property and equipment-net		129,432	755	55
Equity in earnings of associated companies, less dividends received	. , ,	(17,310)	(12,104)	(242)
Deferred income taxes	- ,	(76,579)	14,365	145
Minority interests		10,042	10,484	107
Extraordinary items-gain on negative goodwill	_	(1,828)	_	_
Change in assets and liabilities:				4
Trade receivables	(66,084)	78,110	103,642	(615)
Due from associated companies	(6,786)	9,747	21,308	(63)
Inventories	( .=,00.)	26,592	20,780	(400)
Trade payables	- /	(10,784)	(40,894)	505
Due to associated companies	(890)	5,429	(331)	(8)
Other-net	- /-	(568)	(33,061)	304
Net cash provided by operating activities	126,624	184,780	168,843	1,179
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Payments for purchases of property, equipment and other assets	(68,656)	(71,735)	(47,310)	(639)
Proceeds from sales of property, equipment and other assets	11,841	23,789	30,754	110
Net (increase) decrease in investments in and advances				
to associated companies	11,686	(8,546)	(8,558)	109
Payments for purchases of other investments	(115,154)	(46,611)	(47,335)	(1,072)
Proceeds from sales of other investments		38,998	43,354	259
Proceeds from sales of subsidiaries' common stock		2,098	4,385	66
Origination of other non-current loan receivables		(56,409)	(52,797)	(507)
Collections of other non-current loan receivables	. , ,	53,634	70,116	524
Net decrease in time deposits	,	9,769	2,573	6
Net (increase) decrease in marketable securities		(287)	10,071	(44)
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities		(55,300)	5,253	(1,188)
	(:=:,000)	(00,000)	0,200	(1,100)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Proceeds from long-term debt	324,230	602,557	483,477	3,019
Repayments of long-term debt	(397,535)	(627,925)	(620,534)	(3,702)
Net decrease in short-term debt		(47,543)	(22,205)	(467)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	(00,.00)	(,6.6)	54,777	()
Proceeds from minority interests through issuance of			04,177	
subsidiaries' common stock	1,586	393	1,405	15
Cash dividends	.,	(3,956)	(7,521)	_
Cash dividends to minority interests		(3,270)	(3,164)	(30)
Net (increase) decrease in treasury stock		(3,270)	(276)	`
Net cash used in financing activities	(125,342)	(79,695)	(114,041)	(2) (1,167)
Net casif used in illianding activities	(125,542)	(79,090)	(114,041)	(1,167)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(313)	(4,376)	(5,633)	(2)
		45,409	54,422	(3)
Not increase (decrease) in each and each equivalents			479,734	(1,179)
	E70 E6E	E01 1EC	479,734	5,397
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		534,156	V F04 1F6	ተ 4 0 4 0
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		534,156 ¥ 579,565	¥ 534,156	\$ 4,218
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year  Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			¥ 534,156	\$ 4,218
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year  Cash and cash equivalents at end of year  Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information			¥ 534,156	\$ 4,218
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	¥ 452,934	¥ 579,565		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	¥ 452,934 ¥ 31,048	¥ 579,565 ¥ 42,204	¥ 49,915	\$ 289
Interest	¥ 452,934 ¥ 31,048	¥ 579,565		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year  Cash and cash equivalents at end of year  Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information  Cash paid during the year for:  Interest  Income taxes  Information regarding non-cash investing and financing activities:	¥ 452,934 ¥ 31,048 39,701	¥ 579,565 ¥ 42,204	¥ 49,915 35,162	\$ 289
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year  Cash and cash equivalents at end of year  Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information  Cash paid during the year for:  Interest  Income taxes  Information regarding non-cash investing and financing activities:  Contribution of securities to pension trust (note 10)	¥ 452,934 ¥ 31,048 39,701	¥ 579,565 ¥ 42,204 30,808	¥ 49,915	\$ 289 370
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year  Cash and cash equivalents at end of year  Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information  Cash paid during the year for:  Interest  Income taxes  Information regarding non-cash investing and financing activities:  Contribution of securities to pension trust (note 10)  Withdrawal of plan assets (note 10)	¥ 452,934 ¥ 31,048 39,701 — 10,484	¥ 579,565 ¥ 42,204	¥ 49,915 35,162	\$ 289
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year  Cash and cash equivalents at end of year  Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information  Cash paid during the year for:  Interest  Income taxes  Information regarding non-cash investing and financing activities:  Contribution of securities to pension trust (note 10)  Withdrawal of plan assets (note 10)  Non-monetary exchange of shares	¥ 452,934 ¥ 31,048 39,701 — 10,484	¥ 579,565 ¥ 42,204 30,808	¥ 49,915 35,162	\$ 289 370
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year  Cash and cash equivalents at end of year  Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information  Cash paid during the year for:  Interest  Income taxes  Information regarding non-cash investing and financing activities:  Contribution of securities to pension trust (note 10)  Withdrawal of plan assets (note 10)	¥ 452,934 ¥ 31,048 39,701 — 10,484	¥ 579,565 ¥ 42,204 30,808 — 25,618	¥ 49,915 35,162 52,358	\$ 289 370
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year  Cash and cash equivalents at end of year  Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information  Cash paid during the year for:  Interest  Income taxes  Information regarding non-cash investing and financing activities:  Contribution of securities to pension trust (note 10)  Withdrawal of plan assets (note 10)  Non-monetary exchange of shares  Exchange of assets in transfer of business:  Assets contributed	¥ 452,934 ¥ 31,048 39,701 — 10,484 —	¥ 579,565 ¥ 42,204 30,808 — 25,618	¥ 49,915 35,162 52,358	\$ 289 370
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year  Cash and cash equivalents at end of year  Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information  Cash paid during the year for:  Interest  Income taxes  Information regarding non-cash investing and financing activities:  Contribution of securities to pension trust (note 10)  Withdrawal of plan assets (note 10)  Non-monetary exchange of shares  Exchange of assets in transfer of business:	¥ 452,934 ¥ 31,048 39,701 — 10,484 —	¥ 579,565 ¥ 42,204 30,808 — 25,618 628	¥ 49,915 35,162 52,358	\$ 289 370

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ITOCHU Corporation and Subsidiaries

# 1. Nature of Operations

ITOCHU Corporation (the "Company") is a "sogo shosha" or general trading company. The Company and its subsidiaries purchase, distribute and market a wide variety of commodities including raw materials, capital goods and consumer goods, whether for Japanese domestic trade, trade between Japan and other nations or trade between third-party nations.

The Company and its subsidiaries not only operate worldwide through trading in various commodities but also provide various services, such as financing arrangements for customers and

suppliers, planning and coordinating industrial projects, functioning as an organizer and gathering extensive information. In addition, the Company and its subsidiaries operate in a wide range of business activities — developing market potential, providing services for logistics and transportation and for information and communications, engaging in construction, developing resources, investing in the growing high-technology and multimedia fields and promoting environmental protection.

#### 2. Basis of Financial Statements and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### (1) Basis of Financial Statements

The accompanying consolidated financial statements are stated in Japanese yen, the currency of the country in which the Company is incorporated and principally operates. The translation of Japanese yen amounts into U.S. dollar amounts for the year ended March 31, 2005 is included solely for the convenience of readers outside Japan and has been made at the rate of ¥107.39=U.S.\$1 (the official rate as of March 31, 2005 announced by The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, Ltd.). The translation should not be construed as a representation that the Japanese yen amounts could be converted into U.S. dollars at the above or any other rate.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"). Because the Company and its subsidiaries maintain their records and prepare their financial statements in accordance with accounting principles prevailing in the countries of incorporation, all necessary adjustments have been made to conform to U.S. GAAP. The major adjustments include those relating to the valuation of certain investment securities, deferred gains on sales of property, pension costs, amortization of intangible assets and goodwill and derivative instruments and hedging activities.

# (2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

# a. Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its directly or indirectly majority-owned domestic and foreign subsidiaries.

In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Interpretation ("FIN") 46 "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities" (revised December 2003) ("FIN 46R"), which defines those entities whose equity has specified characteristics as variable interest entities, the Company and its subsidiaries consolidate variable interest entities, where it is concluded that they are primary beneficiaries and will absorb a majority of the entity's expected losses, receive a majority of the entity's expected residual returns, or both.

The accounts of the subsidiaries are included on the basis of their respective fiscal periods which end primarily on March 31 or within three months prior to March 31. Significant transactions occurring between the subsidiaries' fiscal year-ends (if not March 31) and March 31 are properly adjusted in the consolidated financial statements.

The determination of whether an entity is recognized as a

consolidated subsidiary is based on the Company's ownership of voting shares including consideration of any shares contributed to the pension trusts. Although the Company retains the rights to vote the contributed shares, the rights to dispose of such shares are executed by the trustee. The equity in contributed shares to the pension trust is included in minority interests in the consolidated financial statements.

#### b. Foreign currency translation

Foreign currency financial statements have been translated in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") 52, "Foreign Currency Translation." Pursuant to this statement, the assets and liabilities of foreign subsidiaries and associated companies are translated into Japanese yen at the respective year-end exchange rates. All income and expense accounts are translated at average rates of exchange. The resulting foreign currency translation adjustments, net of tax, are included in "Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)." Foreign currency receivables and payables are translated into Japanese yen at year-end exchange rates and the resulting foreign exchange gains and losses are recognized and included in "Other-net" in the consolidated statements of operations.

# c. Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of the consolidated statements of cash flows, the Company and its subsidiaries define cash equivalents as short-term (original maturities of three months or less), highly liquid investments which are readily convertible to cash and have insignificant risk of changes in value, including short-term time deposits.

#### d. Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost, determined principally by the specific identification method, or market.

#### e. Marketable Securities and Other Investments

In accordance with SFAS 115, "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities," the Company and its subsidiaries classify certain investments included in "Marketable securities" and "Other investments" by the ability and intent as held-to-maturity, trading or available-for-sale securities, and report held-to-maturity securities at amortized cost, trading securities at fair value with unrealized holding gains and losses included in earnings, and available-for-sale securities at fair value with unrealized holding gains and losses

included in "Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)" in stockholders' equity on a net-of-tax basis. The cost of certain investments sold is determined using the moving-average cost method.

Non-marketable securities included in "Other investments" are reported at cost or the fair value if it is lower.

The Company and its subsidiaries periodically review its investments for impairment to determine whether the fair value of held-to-maturity and available-for-sale securities has declined below cost and if such decline is believed to be other than temporary. If the decline in fair value is judged to be other than temporary, the cost basis of those securities is written down to fair value as a new cost basis. Whether the decline in value is other than temporary is determined by considering the severity (the extent to which fair value is below cost) and the duration (the period of time that a security has been impaired).

#### f. Investments in Associated Companies

The Company and its subsidiaries initially record investments in associated companies (generally, those in which the Company and its subsidiaries own 20% to 50% of the outstanding voting stocks) at cost and adjust the carrying amount of the investment to recognize their share of the undistributed earnings or losses of the associated companies after the date of acquisition. Under the equity method, the Company and its subsidiaries make adjustments to eliminate significant unrealized intercompany profits and to reduce the carrying amount of the investment by dividends received. The excess of the acquisition costs over the underlying equity in the net assets acquired is allocated first to identifiable assets based on relative fair value at the date of acquisition. The unassigned residual amount is not amortized but tested for impairment at least annually.

g. Impaired Loans and Allowance for Doubtful Receivables In accordance with SFAS 114, "Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan" and SFAS 118, "Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan — Income Recognition and Disclosures, an amendment of FASB Statement No. 114," the Company and its subsidiaries measure impairment for certain loans based on the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate, the loan's observable market price or the fair value of the underlying collateral if the loan is collateral dependent, and recognize an impairment by creating and adjusting a valuation allowance if the fair value of the loan is less than the recorded amount.

The Company and its subsidiaries recognize, principally using a cash basis method, interest income on the recorded investment in an impaired loan.

#### h. Long-lived Assets

In accordance with SFAS 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets," the Company and its subsidiaries perform an impairment test for a long-lived asset (asset group) to be held and used, using undiscounted expected future cash flows, whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that some portion of the carrying amount of the asset (asset group) may not be recoverable. If the sum of the undiscounted expected future cash flows is less than the carrying amount of the asset (asset group), an impairment loss is recognized as determined by the amount

by which the carrying amount of a long-lived asset (asset group) exceeds its fair value. A long-lived asset (asset group) to be disposed of by sale is reported at the lower of its carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell.

#### i. Asset Retirement Obligations

In accordance with SFAS 143, "Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations" the Company and its subsidiaries recognize the fair value of a long-live asset retirement obligation as a liability in the period in which it is incurred if a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made and capitalize the same amount in the cost of the related asset. Subsequently, the Company and its subsidiaries accrete the liability to its present value each period, and depreciate the capitalized cost over the useful life of the related asset.

#### j. Depreciation

Depreciation of property and equipment (including property leased to others) is computed principally by the unit-of-production method for mineral rights and by the straight-line method for property and equipment other than land, construction in progress and mineral rights, using rates based upon the estimated useful lives of the related property and equipment.

#### k. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

In accordance with SFAS141, "Business Combinations," the Company and its subsidiaries account for all business combinations using the purchase method, and also have written guidance relating to the recognition of acquired intangible assets apart from goodwill. In accordance with SFAS 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," the Company and its subsidiaries do not amortize goodwill regularly but perform an impairment test at the reporting unit level at least on an annual basis and between annual tests if an event occurs or circumstances change that would more indicate that it is likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is below its carrying amount. An intangible asset with a definite useful life is amortized over its estimated useful life and is reviewed for impairment in accordance with SFAS 144. An intangible asset determined to have an indefinite useful life is not amortized but is instead periodically tested for impairment in the same manner as goodwill.

In accordance with SFAS 141, the Company and its subsidiaries recognized as an extraordinary gain the remaining excess of fair value of acquired net assets over the cost relating to an investment in associated companies for the year ended March 31, 2004. The extraordinary gain recognized was ¥1,828 million, net of tax of ¥1,271 million, and has been presented in the consolidated statements of operations as "Extraordinary items — gain on negative goodwill, less applicable income taxes of ¥1,271 million."

#### I. Revenue recognition

The Company and its subsidiaries act as either principal or agent in their trading transactions for earning revenues. The Company and its subsidiaries recognize revenues from sales of products, the development of natural resources, and the development and sale of real estate. In addition to these revenue transactions, the Company and its subsidiaries recognize revenues from supporting services such as supporting

customers' trading activities, leasing and software services activities. The Company and its subsidiaries recognize revenues at the time that revenues are realized or realizable and earned. Revenues are realized or realizable and earned when all of the following criteria are met; 1) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, 2) the goods have been delivered or the services have been rendered to customers, 3) the sales price is fixed or determinable and 4) collectibility is reasonably

The Company and its subsidiaries recognize revenues from product sales, including wholesale, retail, manufactured product sales, processed product sales, development of natural resources and development and sale of real estate, at the time the delivery conditions agreed with customers are met. These conditions are usually considered to have been met when goods are received by the customer, the warehouse receipts are transferred, or the acceptance from the customer is received. Depending on the nature of the contract, revenues from long-term construction are accounted for by the completed contract method unless estimates of costs to complete and the extent of progress toward completion of long-term contracts are reasonably dependable, in which case the Company and its subsidiaries use the percentage-of completion method.

Transactions which derive revenues from service-related activities are originated in various fields such as financial and logistics services, information and communications and technical support. The revenues are recognized when the contracted services have been rendered to the third-party customers pursuant to the arrangements. Transactions from other activities of the Company and its subsidiaries include software development and maintenance services, and leasing aircraft, real estate, industrial machinery and other assets. Revenues from other activities are recognized upon customer acceptance for software development, over the contractual period for software maintenance services, and over the terms of the underlying leases on a straight-line basis for aircraft, real estate, industrial machinery and other assets.

# Reporting Revenue Gross versus Net

In accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") 99-19, "Reporting Revenue Gross as a Principal versus Net as an Agent," the Company and its subsidiaries present certain revenue transactions with corresponding cost of revenues on a gross basis as "Sales revenue" in the consolidated statements of operations, for transactions traded as a primary obligor in manufacturing, processing and service rendering and for sales with general inventory risk before customer order. The revenues that are recognized on a net basis are presented as "Trading margins and commissions on trading transactions" in the consolidated statements of operations. The Company and its subsidiaries retroactively adopted EITF 99-19 from the year ended March 31, 2004, and the adoption did not have an impact on gross trading profit, net income or loss or stockholders' equity.

#### **Trading Transactions**

"Total trading transactions," as presented in the consolidated statements of operations, is a measure commonly used by similar Japanese trading companies and represents gross transaction volume of the sales contracts in which the Company and its subsidiaries act as principal or agent. Total trading transactions in the consolidated statements of operations are presented in accordance with Japanese accounting practice, and are not meant as a substitute for sales or revenues in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

### m. Transfer to the Japanese Government of the Substitutional Portion of Employee Pension Fund Liabilities

The Company and certain subsidiaries transferred the substitutional portion of the Employees' Pension Funds to the Japanese Government during the year ended March 31, 2004. In accordance with EITF 03-2, "Accounting for the Transfer to the Japanese Government of the Substitutional Portion of Employee Pension Fund Liabilities," the Company and certain subsidiaries recognized a "Settlement loss from the transfer of the substitutional portion of the Employees' Pension Fund" of ¥22,767 million and a "Subsidy from the government on the transfer of the substitutional portion of the Employees' Pension Fund" of ¥19,606 million for the year ended March 31, 2004.

n. Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities
In accordance with SFAS 146, "Accounting for Costs
Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities," the Company and
its subsidiaries recognize and measure a liability for the cost
associated with exit or disposal activities at its fair value in the
period when the liability is incurred rather than when an exit or
disposal plan is committed.

### o. Income Taxes

The Company and its subsidiaries utilize an asset and liability approach to accounting for income taxes in accordance with SFAS 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes."

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the estimated future tax consequences attributable to temporary differences between the tax basis of assets or liabilities and reported amounts in its financial statements, and net operating loss carryforwards. Deferred tax assets or liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect of a change in tax rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in earnings for the period that includes the enactment date. A valuation allowance is provided to the portion of a deferred tax asset for which it is more likely than not that a tax benefit will not be realized.

### p. Net Income (Loss) Per Share

Basic net income (loss) per share is computed dividing by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding (excluding treasury stock) for the period. Diluted net income per share is computed giving effect to all dilutive potential common shares that were outstanding during the period.

#### q. Comprehensive Income (Loss)

In accordance with SFAS 130, "Reporting Comprehensive Income," the Company and its subsidiaries report and present comprehensive income and loss and its components (revenues, expenses, gains and losses) in a full set of general-purpose financial statements. Comprehensive income and loss

consists of not only net income or loss but also changes in foreign currency translation adjustments, minimum pension liability adjustments, net unrealized holding gains and losses on certain investments in "Marketable securities" and "Other investments", and net unrealized holding gains and losses on derivative instruments, on a net-of-tax basis.

#### r. Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

In accordance with SFAS 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities," SFAS 138, "Accounting for Certain Derivative Instruments and Certain Hedging Activities — an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133" and SFAS 149, "Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities," the Company and its subsidiaries recognize all derivative instruments, such as foreign exchange contracts, interest rate swap contracts and commodity price contracts, in the financial statements measured at fair value, regardless of the purpose or intent for holding them, as either assets or liabilities.

The accounting for changes in fair value depends on the intended use of the derivative instruments and resulting hedge effectiveness.

All derivative instruments are recognized on the balance sheet at their fair value. The Company and its subsidiaries designate and account for derivative instruments as follows:

- "Fair value hedge": a hedge of the fair value of a recognized asset or liability or of an unrecognized firm commitment.
   The changes in fair value of recognized assets or liabilities or unrecognized firm commitments and related derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as fair value hedges are recorded in earnings if the hedges are considered highly effective.
- "Cash flow hedge": a hedge of the variability of cash flow to be received or paid related to a forecasted transaction or a recognized asset or liability. The changes in fair value of derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges are recorded in "Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)" if the hedges are considered highly effective.

This treatment is continued until earnings are affected by the variability in cash flows to be received or paid related to the forecasted transactions or the recognized assets or liabilities designated as the hedged items. The ineffective portion of the hedge is currently reported in earnings.

 "Foreign currency hedge": a hedge of foreign-currency fair value or cash flow. The changes in fair value or cash flow of recognized assets or liabilities, unrecognized firm commitments or forecasted transactions and derivatives that are designated and qualify as foreign-currency fair value or cash flow hedges are recorded in either earnings or "Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)" if the hedges are considered highly effective.

Recognition in earnings or "Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)" is dependent on the treatment of foreign currency hedges as fair value hedges or cash flow hedges.

The Company and its subsidiaries meet the documentation requirements as prescribed by SFAS 133 and SFAS 138, which include a statement of its risk-management objective and the strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions.

In addition, a formal assessment is made at the hedge's inception and periodically thereafter at every quarter on an ongoing basis, as to whether the derivatives used in hedging activities are highly effective in off-setting changes in the fair values or cash flows of hedged items.

Hedge accounting is discontinued for ineffective hedges, if any. The changes in fair value of derivative instruments related to discontinued hedges are recognized in earnings currently.

The changes in fair value of derivative instruments for trading purposes are recorded in earnings.

# s. Issuance of Stock by Subsidiaries or Associated Companies

With respect to the issuance of shares to a third party by a subsidiary or an associated company, the resulting gain or loss arising from the change in the Company's relative ownership interest is recorded in earnings in the period when such shares are issued.

#### t. Leases

The Company and its subsidiaries lease fixed assets under direct financing leases and operating leases as a lessor. Income from direct financing leases is recognized by amortizing unearned income over the lease term at a constant periodic rate of return on the net investment. Operating lease income is recognized over the lease term on a straight-line basis.

The Company and its subsidiaries lease fixed assets under capital leases and operating leases as a lessee. For capital lease obligations, interest expense is recognized over the lease term at a constant periodic rate on the lease obligation. Depreciation of the leased assets is recognized over the lease term on a straight-line basis. Rental expense on operating leases is recognized over the lease term on a straight-line basis.

# u. Guarantees

In accordance with FIN 45, "Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others," the Company and its subsidiaries recognize, at the inception of a guarantee, a liability for the fair value of the obligation undertaken for those guarantees newly issued or modified after December 31, 2002.

#### v. Classification of Mineral Rights

In accordance with EITF 04-2, "Whether Mineral Rights are Tangible or Intangible Assets," FASB Staff Position ("FSP") SFAS 141-1 and SFAS 142-1 "Interaction of FASB Statements No. 141, Business Combinations, and No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, and EITF Issue No. 04-2, "Whether Mineral Rights Are Tangible or Intangible Assets" and FSP SFAS 142-2, "Application of FASB Statement No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, to Oil- and Gas-Producing Entities," all mineral rights held by mining, oil- and gas-producing entities have been reclassified as tangible assets on Consolidated Balance Sheets as of March 31, 2005, although such mineral rights were previously classified as intangible assets.

#### w. Use of Estimates

The Company and its subsidiaries make estimates and assumptions to prepare these financial statements. Such estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### (3) New Accounting Standards

a. Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligations In March 2005, the FASB issued FIN 47, "Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligations — an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 143." FIN 47 clarifies that the term conditional asset retirement obligation as used in SFAS 143 refers to a legal obligation to perform an asset retirement activity in which the timing and (or) method of settlement are conditional on a future event that may or may not be within the control of the entity. Although the timing and (or) method of settlement may be conditional on a future event, the obligation to perform the asset retirement activity is unconditional even though uncertainty exists about the timing and (or) method of settlement. Accordingly, FIN 47 requires an entity to recognize a liability for the fair value of a conditional asset retirement obligation if the fair value of the liability can be reasonably estimated when incurred. Uncertainty about the timing and (or) method of settlement of a conditional asset retirement obligation should be factored in the measurement of the liability when sufficient information exists.

In addition, FIN 47 clarifies when an entity would have sufficient information to reasonably estimate the fair value of an asset retirement obligation.

FIN 47 is effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2005, and the effect of adoption of FIN 47 on the Company and its subsidiaries' financial position and results of operations is currently under consideration and cannot be reasonably estimated until further analysis is completed.

# b. Accounting for Stripping Costs Incurred during Production in the Mining Industry

The FASB EITF reached a consensus at the meeting of March, 2005 on EITF 04-6, "Accounting for Stripping Costs Incurred during Production in the Mining Industry."

In Issue EITF 04-6, the cost of removing overburden and waste materials to access mineral deposits are referred to as "stripping costs," and stripping costs incurred during the production phase of a mine are variable production costs that should be included in the costs of the inventory produced during the period that the stripping costs are incurred.

EITF 04-6 is effective for the first reporting period in financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005, and the effect of adoption of EITF 04-6 on the Company and its subsidiaries' financial position and results of operations is currently under consideration and cannot be reasonably estimated until further analysis is completed.

# c. Accounting Changes and Error Corrections In May 2005, the FASB issued SFAS 154, "Accounting Changes and Error Corrections — a replacement of AP

Changes and Error Corrections — a replacement of APB Opinion No. 20 and FASB Statement No. 3."

SFAS 154 applies to all voluntary changes in accounting principle and those changes required by an accounting pronouncement in the unusual instance that the pronouncement does not include specific transition provisions.

Accounting Principles Board ("APB") Opinion 20 previously required that most voluntary changes in accounting principle be recognized by including in net income of the period of the change the cumulative effect of changing to the new accounting principle, but SFAS 154 requires retrospective application to prior periods' financial statements of changes in accounting principle, unless it is impracticable to determine either the period-specific effects or the cumulative effect of the change. When it is impracticable to determine the period-specific effects of an accounting change on one or more individual prior periods presented, SFAS 154 requires that the new accounting principle be applied to the balances of assets and liabilities as of the beginning of the earliest period for which retrospective application is practicable and that a corresponding adjustment be made to the opening balance of retained earnings for that period rather than being reported in an income statement. When it is impracticable to determine the cumulative effect of applying a change in accounting principle to all prior periods, SFAS 154 requires that the new accounting principle be applied as if it were adopted prospectively from the earliest date practicable.

In addition, SFAS 154 requires that retrospective application of a change in accounting principle be limited to the direct effects of the change. Indirect effects of a change in accounting principle should be recognized in the period of the accounting change, and a change in depreciation, amortization, or depletion method should be accounted for as a change in accounting estimate effected by a change in accounting principle.

Moreover, SFAS 154 carries forward the guidance contained in APB Opinion 20 for reporting the correction of an error in previously issued financial statements and a change in accounting estimate, and likewise requires justification of a change in accounting principle on the basis of preferability.

SFAS 154 is effective for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005. Because the effects are attributable to future events, the effect of adoption of SFAS 154 on the Company and its subsidiaries' financial position and results of operations cannot be reasonably estimated.

# (4) Reclassification

Certain reclassifications and changes have been made to prior year amounts to conform to the current year's presentation.

The Company made some corrections of consolidated financial statements for the prior years corresponding to the corrections made by ITOCHU TECHNO-SCIENCE Corporation ("CTC"), a subsidiary of the Company. CTC concluded that some transactions with Medialinks Corporation did not qualify for revenue recognition. The correction by the Company was to reclassify "Trading margins and commissions on trading transactions" to other income in the amount of ¥1,070 million for the year ended March 31, 2003, and did not have an impact on net income or stockholders' equity.

# 3. Marketable Securities and Investments

# Debt and Marketable Equity Securities

Debt and marketable equity securities included in "Marketable securities" and "Other investments" consist of trading, available-for-sale and held-to-maturity securities. The cost, gross unrealized holding gains, gross unrealized holding losses and fair value of available-for-sale and held-to-maturity securities by major security type as of March 31, 2005 and 2004 were as follows:

				Millions	Millions of Yen				
				20	05				
		Cost	Gros Unre Hold Gain	alized ing	Gros Unre Holo Loss	ealized ling	Fa	air Value	
Current:									
Available-for-sale:									
Debt securities			¥	1	¥	1	¥	12,642	
Total	¥	12,642	¥	1	¥	1	¥	12,642	
Held-to-maturity:									
Debt securities		16	¥		¥		¥	16	
Total-Current	¥	12,658	¥	1	¥	1	¥	12,658	
Non-current:									
Available-for-sale:									
Equity securities			¥ 75	5,687	¥ 1	,988	¥	175,942	
Debt securities		2,065				172		1,893	
Total	¥	104,308	¥ 75	5,687	¥ 2	2,160	¥	177,835	
Held-to-maturity:									
Debt securities		10	¥		¥		¥	10	
Total-Non-current	. ¥	104,318	¥ 75	5,687	¥ 2	2,160	¥	177,845	
				Millions	of Ye	า			
				20	04				
		Cost	Gros Unre Hold Gain	alized ing	Gros Unre Holo	ealized ling	Fa	air Value	
			Gairi	3	Loss	ses			
Current:			Gairi	3	Loss	ses			
Current: Available-for-sale:			Call	3	Loss	ses			
	. ¥	8,626	¥	1	Loss	ses 1	¥	8,626	
Available-for-sale:		8,626 8,626		1	Loss ¥ ¥	1 1	¥ ¥	8,626 8,626	
Available-for-sale: Debt securities			¥	1	¥	1 1			
Available-for-sale:  Debt securities  Total	. ¥		¥	1	¥	1 1			
Available-for-sale:  Debt securities  Total  Held-to-maturity:	. ¥ . ¥		¥ ¥	1	¥	1 1 —	¥		
Available-for-sale: Debt securities  Total Held-to-maturity: Debt securities  Total-Current.  Non-current:	. ¥ . ¥	8,626	¥ ¥ ¥	1 1	¥ ¥	1 1 —	¥ ¥	8,626	
Available-for-sale:  Debt securities  Total  Held-to-maturity:  Debt securities  Total-Current.  Non-current:  Available-for-sale:	. ¥ . ¥ . ¥	8,626 1 8,627	¥ ¥ ¥	1 1	¥ ¥	1 1 —	¥ ¥	8,626 1	
Available-for-sale: Debt securities  Total Held-to-maturity: Debt securities  Total-Current.  Non-current:	. ¥ . ¥ . ¥	8,626 1 8,627	¥ ¥ ¥	1 1	¥ ¥ ¥	1 1 —	¥ ¥ ¥	8,626	
Available-for-sale: Debt securities  Total Held-to-maturity: Debt securities  Total-Current.  Non-current: Available-for-sale: Equity securities Debt securities	. ¥ . ¥ . ¥	8,626 1 8,627 97,462 3,590	¥ ¥ ¥	1 1 —	¥ ¥ ¥	1 1 - 1	¥ ¥ ¥	8,626 1 8,627 167,481 3,451	
Available-for-sale: Debt securities  Total Held-to-maturity: Debt securities  Total-Current. Non-current: Available-for-sale: Equity securities Debt securities  Total  Total	. ¥ . ¥ . ¥	8,626 1 8,627 97,462 3,590	¥ ¥ ¥ ¥ 70	1 1 — 1	¥ ¥ ¥	1 1 — 1	¥ ¥ ¥	8,626 1 8,627	
Available-for-sale: Debt securities  Total Held-to-maturity: Debt securities  Total-Current. Non-current: Available-for-sale: Equity securities Debt securities  Total Held-to-maturity:	. ¥ . ¥ . ¥	8,626 1 8,627 97,462 3,590	¥ ¥ ¥ ¥ 70	1 1 — 1 0,177 42	¥ ¥ ¥	1 1 — 1 158 181	¥ ¥ ¥	8,626 1 8,627 167,481 3,451	
Available-for-sale: Debt securities  Total Held-to-maturity: Debt securities  Total-Current. Non-current: Available-for-sale: Equity securities Debt securities  Total  Total	. ¥ . ¥ . ¥	8,626 1 8,627 97,462 3,590 101,052	¥ ¥ ¥ ¥ 70 ¥ 70	1 1 — 1 0,177 42	¥ ¥ ¥ ¥	1 1 — 1 158 181	¥ ¥ ¥ ¥	8,626 1 8,627 167,481 3,451	

	Millions of U.S. dollars					
_		20	05			
	Cost	Gross Unrealized Holding Gains	Gross Unrealized Holding Losses	Fair Value		
Current:						
Available-for-sale:						
Debt securities	\$ 118	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 118		
Total	\$ 118	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 118		
Held-to-maturity:						
Debt securities	\$ 0	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 0		
Total-Current	\$ 118	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 118		
Non-current:						
Available-for-sale:						
Equity securities	\$ 952	\$ 705	\$ 19	\$ 1,638		
Debt securities	19	_	1	18		
Total	\$ 971	\$ 705	\$ 20	\$ 1,656		
Held-to-maturity:						
Debt securities	\$ 0	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 0		
Total-Non-current	\$ 971	\$ 705	\$ 20	\$ 1,656		

In addition to the securities listed above, the Company and its subsidiaries held trading securities carried at fair value of ¥36,491 million (\$340 million) and ¥33,675 million as of March 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The portion of net trading losses for the year that relates to trading securities still held at

March 31, 2005 was ¥256 million (\$2 million). The portion of net trading gains for the year that relates to trading securities still held at March 31, 2004 and 2003 were ¥1,897 million and ¥1,483 million, respectively.

Securities with gross unrealized holding losses and the length of time that such individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position as of March 31, 2005 were as follows:

					Million	is of Yen				
					2	005				
	Le	ss than t	welve m	onths	Twelve mo	nths or longer	Total			
	Fair	· Value	Hol	ess realized ding sses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Holding Losses	Fair	Value	Gross Unreali Holding Losses	9
Current:										
Available-for-sale:										
Debt securities	¥	12	¥	1	_	_	¥	12	¥	1
Total		12	¥	1	_	_	¥	12	¥	1
Held-to-maturity:										
Debt securities	¥	_	¥	_	_	_	¥	_	¥	_
Total-Current	¥	12	¥	1	_	_	¥	12	¥	1
Non-current:										
Available-for-sale:										
Equity securities	¥ 23	,231	¥ 1	,988	_	_	¥ 23	3,231	¥ 1	,988
Debt securities	. 1	,821		172	_	_		1,821		172
Total	¥ 25	,052	¥ 2	,160	_	_	¥ 2	5,052	¥ 2	,160
Debt securities	¥	_	¥	_	_	_	¥	_	¥	_
Total-Non-current		052		,160				5,052		,160

				Millions of	U.S.dollars				
-				20	005				
_	Les	ss than t	welve months	Twelve mor	iths or longer		T	otal	
	Fair	Value	Gross Unrealized Holding Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Holding Losses	Fair	Value		ealized ding
Current:									
Available-for-sale:									
Debt securities	\$	0	\$ 0	_	_	\$	0	\$	0
Total	\$	0	\$ 0	_	_	\$	0	\$	0
Held-to-maturity:									
Debt securities	\$	_	\$ —	_	_	\$	_	\$	_
Total-Current	\$	0	\$ 0	_	_	\$	0	\$	0
Non-current:									
Available-for-sale:									
Equity securities	\$ 2	216	\$ 19	_	_	\$ 2	216	\$	19
Debt securities		17	1	_	_		17		1
Total	\$ 2	233	\$ 20	_	_	\$ 2	233	\$	20
Held-to-maturity:									
Debt securities	\$	_	\$ —	_	_	\$	_	\$	_
Total-Non-current	\$ 2	233	\$ 20	_	_	\$ 2	233	\$	20

At March 31, 2005 the Company and its subsidiaries held the securities of approximately 40 issuers with an unrealized holding loss in its available-for-sale portfolio. The severity of decline in fair value below cost was 1% to 25% and the duration of the impairment was less than 9 months. As a result of evaluation of individual severity and duration of these securities and the prospects of the issuer, the Company and its

subsidiaries concluded the fair values of these securities would recover in the near-term. Based on that evaluation and the Company and its subsidiaries' intent and ability to hold these investments for a reasonable period of time sufficient for a forecasted recovery of fair value, the Company and its subsidiaries did not consider these investments to be other-thantemporarily impaired at March 31, 2005.

The contractual maturities of debt securities classified as available-for-sale and held-to-maturity as of March 31, 2005 were as follows:

	Millior	ns of Yen		Mi	llions of	U.S. doll	lars
	Cost	Fair Va	lue	Co	ost	Fair	Value
Available-for-sale:							
Due within one year	¥ 12,642	¥ 12,6	42	\$ 1	18	\$	118
Due after one year through five years	1,450	1,3	26		13		13
Due after five years through ten years	502	4	62		5		4
Due after ten years	113	1	05		1		1
Total	¥ 14,707	¥ 14,5	35	\$ 1	37	\$	136
Held-to-maturity:							
Due within one year	¥ 16	¥	16	\$	0	\$	0
Due after one year through five years	10		10		0		0
Due after five years through ten years	_		_		_		_
Due after ten years	_		_		_		_
Total	¥ 26	¥	26	\$	0	\$	0

The gross realized gains and losses on sales of available-for-sale securities for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 were gains of ¥12,118 million (\$113 million), ¥10,541 million and ¥20,028 million, and losses of ¥942 million (\$9 million), ¥185 million and ¥9,319 million, respectively. The proceeds from sales of available-for-sale securities were ¥23,209 million (\$216 million) and ¥21,225 million for the years ended March 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

# Investments Other than Debt and Marketable Equity Securities

Other investments include investments in non-traded and unaffiliated customers and suppliers and long-term deposits amounting to ¥263,938 million (\$2,458 million) and ¥215,540 million as of March 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The Company and its subsidiaries determined that the carrying amount of cost method investments (non-marketable securities) approximated fair values. No events or changes in circumstances that will have a significant adverse effect on the fair value of the investments have been identified.

#### 4. Investments in Associated Companies

Summarized financial information in respect of associated companies as of March 31, 2005 and 2004, and for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 is shown below:

		Millions of Yen	Millions of U.S. dollars
	2005	2004	2005
Current assets	¥ 2,190,830	¥ 2,085,865	\$ 20,401
Non-current assets, principally property and equipment	2,058,890	2,024,308	19,172
Total assets	4,249,720	4,110,173	39,573
Current liabilities	2,103,862	1,907,846	19,591
Long-term debt and others	1,168,026	1,285,738	10,877
Net assets	¥ 977,832	¥ 916,589	\$ 9,105

		Millions of Yen				
	2005	2004	2003	2005		
Total trading transactions	¥ 5,522,258	¥ 5,049,194	¥ 4,596,262	\$ 51,422		
Net earnings	63,260	55,311	43,387	589		

Included above in current assets, non-current assets, current liabilities and long-term debt and others are amounts due to and from the Company and its subsidiaries as shown in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Total trading transactions and purchases of the Company and its subsidiaries with associated companies for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 are summarized as follows:

		Millions of Yen						
	2005	2004	2003	2005				
Total trading								
transactions	¥ 697,563	¥ 642,112	¥ 562,810	\$ 6,496				
Purchases	157,612	143,984	176,187	1,468				

Dividends received from associated companies for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 were ¥5,822 million (\$54 million), ¥5,549 million and ¥6,435 million, respectively.

The Company and its subsidiaries account for investments in associated companies (generally companies owned 20% to 50%) by the equity method. Significant equity method investees include CENTURY LEASING SYSTEM, INC. (20.1%), Marubeni-Itochu Steel Inc. (50.0%), FamilyMart Co., Ltd. (31.0%) and kabu.com Securities Co., Ltd. (25.7%). The percentages shown parenthetically in the above sentence are voting shares held by the Company and its subsidiaries at March 31, 2005.

Investments in the common stock of associated companies include marketable equity securities in the carrying amounts of ¥252,881 million (\$2,355 million) and ¥280,282 million at March 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Corresponding aggregate quoted market values were ¥300,215 million (\$2,796 million) and ¥231,624 million at March 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

The balances of equity method goodwill as of March 31, 2005 and 2004 were ¥106,372 million (\$991 million) and ¥136,342 million, respectively.

During the year ended March 31, 2005, the Company and its subsidiaries recorded a ¥45,121 million (\$420 million) impairment loss on the equity method goodwill of their investment in FamilyMart Co., Ltd ("FamilyMart"). The loss is included in "Loss on disposal of investments and marketable securities, including write-down" in the consolidated statements of operations and represents the difference between the carrying value of the investment in FamilyMart and estimated fair value. The fair value was determined by the Company and its subsidiaries using discounted cash flow analyses prepared by third-party appraisers which were prepared using the bestestimated future cash flows available and by reference to the quoted market price of FamilyMart's publicly traded common stock.

#### 5. Impaired Loans and Allowance for Doubtful Receivables

An analysis of the changes in the allowance for doubtful receivables is as follows:

	Millions	Millions of U.S. dollars	
	2005	2004	2005
Balance at beginning of year Provision for doubtful	¥ 196,599	¥ 230,866	\$ 1,831
receivables	6,181	10,624	58
Charge-offs	(46,854)	(36,812)	(436)
Other	7,525	(8,079)	69
Balance at end of year	¥ 163,451	¥ 196,599	\$ 1,522

Other changes consisted primarily of the effects due to changes in the number of consolidated subsidiaries and changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Net change during the year

ended March 31, 2003 was a decrease of ¥45,045 million.

The carrying amounts of impaired loans within the scope of SFAS 114 as of March 31, 2005 and 2004 were ¥183,566 million (\$1,709 million) and ¥219,923 million, respectively. The allowance for doubtful receivables related to those impaired loans was ¥133,120 million (\$1,240 million) and ¥158,663 million, as of March 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The recorded investment in the impaired loans, net of the allowance for doubtful receivables, is either secured by collateral or believed to be collectible.

The average amounts of impaired loans during the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 were ¥200,513 million (\$1,867 million), ¥245,049 million and ¥292,959 million, respectively. The amounts of interest income recognized on the impaired loans for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 were not significant.

### 6. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Intangible assets subject to amortization at March 31, 2005 and 2004 comprised the following:

		Millions	Millions of U	J.S. dollars				
	2005		2004		2005 2004		20	05
	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated amortization	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated amortization	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated amortization		
Trademarks	¥ 23,305	¥ (8,046)	¥ 23,744	¥ (6,612)	\$ 217	\$ (75)		
Software	37,036	(19,534)	40,429	(20,434)	345	(182)		
Others	17,812	(5,522)	18,801	(6,325)	166	(52)		
Total	¥ 78,153	¥ (33,102)	¥ 82,974	¥ (33,371)	\$ 728	\$ (309)		

Intangible assets subject to amortization that were acquired during the year ended March 31, 2005 totaled ¥9,315 million (\$87 million), and consisted primarily of software of ¥5,082 million (\$47 million) and agent contracts of ¥3,506 million (\$33 million). The weighted average amortization periods for software and agent contracts that were acquired during the year ended March 31, 2005 were both 5 years. They are generally amortized using the straight-line method for software and agent contracts.

The aggregate amortization expense for intangible assets for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 were ¥10,789 million (\$100 million), ¥9,513 million and ¥9,800 million, respectively. The estimated aggregate amortization expense for intangible assets for the next five years is as follows:

Years ending March 31	Millions of Yen	Millions of U.S. dollars
2006	¥ 10,060	\$ 94
2007	8,935	83
2008	5,283	49
2009	3,851	36
2010	2,519	23

The carrying amount of intangible assets with indefinite useful lives which are therefore not subject to amortization comprised the following at March 31, 2005 and 2004:

	Millions	s of Yen	Millions of U.S. dollars
	2005	2004	2005
Unlimited land lease	¥ 1,532	¥ 1,883	\$ 14
Trademarks and others	6,629	5,619	62
Total	¥ 8,161	¥ 7,502	\$ 76

Intangible assets with indefinite useful life that are not subject to amortization were acquired during the year ended March 31, 2005, and mainly consisted of franchise agreements of ¥1,326 million (\$12 million).

As a result of testing for impairment of goodwill, impairment losses amounting to ¥549 million (\$5 million), ¥474 million and ¥1,077 million, respectively, were recognized during the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003.

The changes in the carrying amounts of goodwill by operating segment during the years ended March 31, 2005 and 2004 were as follows:

				Millions of Yen			
	Machinery	Aerospace, Electronics & Multimedia	Chemicals, Forest Products & General Merchandise	Food	Finance, Realty, Insurance & Logistics Services	Other	Total
Balance at March 31, 2003	¥ 2,535	¥ 1,362	¥ 7,311	¥ 20	¥ —	¥ 4,275	¥ 15,503
Acquired	511	13,349	68	_	_	1,035	14,963
Impairment losses	_	_	_	_	_	(474)	(474)
Other changes (Note1)	(60)	1,074	(843)	(20)	144	(549)	(254)
Balance at March 31, 2004	¥ 2,986	¥ 15,785	¥ 6,536	¥ —	¥ 144	¥ 4,287	¥ 29,738
Acquired	1,202	11,820	_	_	_	166	13,188
Impairment losses	_	_	_	_	_	(549)	(549)
Other changes (Note1)	(130)	_	(176)	_	(4)	(530)	(840)
Balance at March 31, 2005	¥ 4,058	¥ 27,605	¥ 6,360	¥ —	¥ 140	¥ 3,374	¥ 41,537

Note:1. "Other changes" primarily consists of translation adjustments and reclassification from (to) other accounts.

2. Each segment of "Textile" and "Energy, Metals & Minerals" has no goodwill as of March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003.

		Millions of U.S. dollars								
	Machinery	Aerospace, Electronics & Multimedia	Chemicals, Forest Products & General Merchandise	Food	Finance, Realty, Insurance & Logistics Services	Other	Total			
Balance at March 31, 2004	\$ 28	\$ 147	\$ 61	\$ —	\$ 1	\$ 40	\$ 277			
Acquired	11	110	_	_	_	2	123			
Impairment losses	_	_	_	_	_	(5)	(5)			
Other changes (Note1)	(1)		(2)	_	(O)	(5)	(8)			
Balance at March 31, 2005	\$ 38	\$ 257	\$ 59	\$ <b>—</b>	\$ 1	\$ 32	\$ 387			

Note: 1. "Other changes" primarily consists of translation adjustments and reclassification from (to) other accounts.

2. Each segment of "Textile", "Energy, Metals & Minerals" and "Food" has no goodwill as of March 31, 2005 and 2004.

### 7. Pledged Assets

The following assets were pledged as collateral at March 31, 2005 and 2004:

	Millions of Yen				Millions of U.S. dollars	
Cash and cash equivalents and time deposits	2005		2004		2005	
	¥	345	¥	288	\$	3
Marketable securities		59		58		1
Trade receivables	13,898		24,358		129	
Inventories	3,530		1,441		33	
Investments and non-current receivables	85,885		129,376		800	
Property and equipment, at cost	111,072		105,912		1	,034
Total	¥ 214,789		¥ 261,433		\$ 2	,000

Collateral was pledged to secure the following obligations at March 31, 2005 and 2004:

	Million	Millions of U.S. dollars	
	2005	2004	2005
Short-term debt	¥ 16,230	¥ 22,248	\$ 151
Long-term debt	160,254	191,999	1,492
Guarantees of contracts and others	69,512	53,196	648
Total	¥ 245,996	¥ 267,443	\$ 2,291

In addition, acceptances payable were secured by trust receipts on merchandise and the proceeds from the sale thereof. Because of the large volume of import transactions, the amount of such assets pledged is not determinable.

Both short-term and long-term loans are generally made pursuant to agreements which customarily provide that, upon the request of the lender, collateral or guarantors (or additional collateral or guarantors) will be furnished with respect to the loans under certain circumstances, and that the lender may treat any collateral, whether furnished for specific loans or otherwise, as collateral for present and future indebtedness to such lender. Several of the bank loan agreements also provide that the lending bank has the right to offset deposited cash with it against any debt (including debt arising out of contingent obligations) to the bank that has become due at stated maturity or earlier.

# 8. Impairment of Long-lived Assets

The Company and its subsidiaries recognized impairment losses on long-lived assets of ¥4,735 million (\$44 million), ¥125,343 million and ¥2,150 million for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively, which were included in "Loss on property and equipment-net" in the consolidated statements of operations. The impaired assets were primarily domestic commercial rental buildings in the Finance, Realty, Insurance & Logistics Services operating segment for the year ended March 31, 2005 and domestic commercial rental buildings and golf courses in the Finance, Realty,

Insurance & Logistics Services operating segment and domestic property held for lease and unutilized assets in the Other, Adjustments & Eliminations operating segment for the year ended March 31, 2004. The impairments were generally due to the slow recovery of rents for commercial buildings and to the continuous decline in the market value of land in Japan.

The fair values of long-lived assets were primarily determined based on discounted cash flows and independent appraisals by third parties.

Impairment losses recognized for the years ended March 31, 2005, and 2004 by operating segment were as follows:

	Millions of Yen				Millions of U.S. dollars	
Textile	2005		2004		2005	
	¥	783	¥	188	\$	7
Machinery		87		1,913		1
Aerospace, Electronics & Multimedia		703		1,330		6
Chemicals, Forest Products & General Merchandise		192		7		2
Food		578		1,035		5
Finance, Realty, Insurance & Logistics Services		1,144	9	91,920		11
Other, Adjustments & Eliminations		1,248	4	28,950		12
Total	¥ 4	4,735	¥ 12	25,343	\$	44

The Company also recognized impairment losses on investments in real estate of ¥1,457 million and ¥583 million for the years ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, which were included in "Loss on disposal of investments and marketable securities, including write-down" in the consolidated

statements of operations. The impaired assets included certain domestic land held for development purpose.

The impairments were mainly due to the continuous decline in the market value of land in Japan.

## 9. Short-term and Long-term Debt

Short-term debt at March 31, 2005 and 2004 is as follows:

	Millions of Yen		Millions of U.S. dollars
_	2005	2004	2005
Short-term loans, mainly from banks	¥ 421,697	¥ 549,809	\$ 3,927
Long-term debt at March 31, 2005 and 2004 is summarized below:			
	Millions	s of Yen	Millions of
_	2005	2004	U.S. dollars
	2000	2004	2000
Banks and financial institutions:  Secured:			
Japan Bank for International Cooperation,			
due 2004-2013, interest mainly 1%-4%	V 40.000	V 54500	ф 4 <b>5</b> 0
	¥ 48,393	¥ 54,592	\$ 450
Other, due 2004-2015, interest mainly 1%-9%	111 001	107 107	1 0 1 0
	111,861	137,407	1,042
Unsecured:			
Due 2004-2018,	4 470 000	4 504 700	10 710
interest mainly 0%-13%	1,473,023	1,501,722	13,718
Debentures:			
Unsecured bonds and notes:	40.000	40.000	
Issued in 1997, 2.45% Yen Bonds due 2009	10,000	10,000	93
Issued in 1998, 3.10% Yen Bonds due 2008	30,000	30,000	279
Issued in 1998, 3.00% Yen Bonds due 2008	10,000	10,000	93
Issued in 1999, 2.20% Yen Bonds due 2004	_	10,000	_
Issued in 1999, 1.93% Yen Bonds due 2004	_	10,000	_
Issued in 1999, 1.93% Yen Bonds due 2004	_	9,100	_
Issued in 1999, 2.13% Yen Bonds due 2004		10,000	_
Issued in 1999, 3.19% Yen Bonds due 2009	10,000	10,000	93
Issued in 2001, 1.00% Yen Bonds due 2005	20,000	20,000	186
Issued in 2001, 1.00% Yen Bonds due 2005	30,000	30,000	279
Issued in 2001, 0.84% Yen Bonds due 2005	10,000	10,000	93
Issued in 2001, 1.02% Yen Bonds due 2006	10,000	10,000	93
Issued in 2002, 0.84% Yen Bonds due 2005	10,000	10,000	93
Issued in 2003, 0.84% Yen Bonds due 2006	10,000	10,000	93
Issued in 2003, 0.79% Yen Bonds due 2008	15,000	15,000	140
Issued in 2003, 0.41% Yen Bonds due 2006	10,000	10,000	93
Issued in 2003, 0.87% Yen Bonds due 2010	10,000	10,000	93
Issued in 2003, 0.47% Yen Bonds due 2007	10,000	10,000	93
Issued in 2003, 0.64% Yen Bonds due 2006	15,000	15,000	140
Issued in 2003, 1.14% Yen Bonds due 2008	10,000	10,000	93
Issued in 2004, 1.04% Yen Bonds due 2009	10,000	_	93
Issued in 2004, 0.54% Yen Bonds due 2007	10,000	_	93
Issued in 2004, 1.30%/2.55% Yen Bonds due 2014 (note 1)	10,000	_	93
Issued in and after 1995,			
Medium-Term Notes etc., maturing through 2009	30,635	44,628	285
Others	80,981	80,656	755
Total	1,994,893	2,078,105	18,576
SFAS 133 fair value adjustment (note2)	11,095	14,652	103
Total	2,005,988	2,092,757	18,679
Less current maturities	(255,173)	(335,444)	(2,376)
Long-term debt, less current maturities		¥ 1,757,313	\$ 16,303

Note: 1. The bond, one-time callable, bearing 1.30% until November 25, 2009 and 2.55% from November 25, 2009 until maturity date. The Company has a right to redeem full amount of outstanding balance on November 25, 2009.

<sup>2.</sup> SFAS 133 fair value adjustment: The amount of adjustment to record the fair value as of the balance sheet date for long-term debt which is hedged with derivatives, in accordance with SFAS 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities".

Certain agreements with the Japan Bank for International Cooperation ("JBIC") require as follows;

- The Company applies all or a portion of its operating income or the proceeds from the sale of any debentures or common stock to the reduction of outstanding loans when JBIC believes that the Company is able to reduce such loans through increased earnings
- JBIC may request that any proposed distribution of earnings be submitted to the JBIC for review before presentation to the stockholders.

The Company has never received such a request and does not expect that any such request will be made.

The Company and certain subsidiaries have entered into interest rate swap agreements for certain long-term debts as a means of managing their interest rate exposure.

Reference is made to note 7 for a description of collateral and certain customary provisions of long-term and short-term bank loan agreements relating to collateral and other rights of such lenders.

The aggregate annual maturities of long-term debt after March 31, 2005 are as follows:

Years ending March 31	Mi	Millions of Yen		lions of S. dollars
2006	. ¥	¥ 255,173		2,376
2007		511,633		4,764
2008		271,196		2,525
2009		341,194		3,177
2010		165,698		1,543
2011 and thereafter		449,999		4,191
Total	. ¥	1,994,893	\$	18,576

The Company has borrowing arrangements with many financial institutions and has entered into commitment line agreements with certain banks for working capital needs and stable funding. The amounts available under such agreements were ¥510,000 million (\$4,749 million) consisting of ¥300,000 million (\$2,794 million) for short-term debt and ¥210,000 million (\$1,955 million) for long-term debt at March 31, 2005. The Company intends that the long-term commitment line agreements be used solely in support of refinancing the current maturities of long-term debt. Because the agreements demonstrate the Company's ability to refinance and the Company has expressed an intention to do so, the Company has classified ¥210,000 million (\$1,955 million) of the outstanding balance of ¥465,173 million (\$4,331 million) of current maturities of long-term debt as non-current at March 31, 2005. ¥300,000 million (\$2,794 million) of short-term commitment agreements were unused at March 31, 2005. The Company also has a loan agreement with a commitment line of ¥17,000 million (\$158 million) which was unused at March 31, 2005.

#### 10. Retirement and Severance Benefits

The Company and certain subsidiaries have defined benefit pension plans (e.g. the Corporate Pension Fund ("CPF") and the Tax-Qualified Pension Plan) covering substantially all of their employees. Benefits under these pension plans are based on years of service and certain other factors, and plan assets are comprised primarily of marketable securities, debt securities and other interest-bearing securities. In addition, the Company and certain subsidiaries have both unfunded retirement and severance plans, which provide lump-sum payment benefits to their employees and defined contribution plans.

The Company and certain subsidiaries follow EITF 03-2, "Accounting for the Transfer to the Japanese Government of the Substitutional Portion of Employee Pension Fund Liabilities." During the year ended March 31, 2004, the Company and certain subsidiaries transferred the substitutional portion of the Employees' Pension Fund ("EPF") to the government. The difference between the fair value of the obligation and the related assets of the substitutional portion was ¥19,606 million.

During the year ended March 31, 2004, the Company withdrew a portion of the plan assets in excess of the projected benefit obligation since the plan assets exceeded the projected benefit obligation, due to the return of the substitutional portion of EPF, a revision of the pension plans, and an increase in the fair value of the plan assets attributable to a rise in stock. During the year ended March 31, 2005, the company again withdrew a portion of the excess plan assets because the fair value of the plan assets constantly exceeded the projected benefit obligation. The fair value of the marketable securities and cash that the Company withdrew was ¥10,484 million (\$98 million) and ¥3,600 million (\$34 million), respectively, for the year ended March 31, 2005, and ¥25,618 million and ¥5,080 million, respectively, for the year ended March 31, 2004.

The Company follows SFAS 132 (revised 2003), "Employers Disclosures about Pensions and Other Postretirement Benefits," which issued by the FASB, in December 2003, that revises and prescribes employers disclosures about pension plans and other postretirement benefit plans, while it does not change the measurement or recognition provisions for those plans from SFAS 87, "Employers' Accounting for Pensions."

The Company and certain subsidiaries use a measurement date of March 31 for the majority of their plans.

The changes in the benefit obligations and fair value of the plan assets and the funded status of the plans were as follows:

	Millions	Millions of Yen	
	2005	2004	2005
Change in benefit obligations:			
Projected benefit obligations at beginning of year	¥ 266,697	¥ 336,246	\$ 2,483
Service cost		9,511	65
Interest cost	. 5,934	7,596	55
Plan participants' contributions		1,025	9
Unrecognized prior service cost	. —	(25,782)	_
Actuarial gain		(9,715)	(43)
Benefits paid		(13,232)	(96)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	. 57	173	1
Other		(39,125)	56
Projected benefit obligation at end of year	<u></u>	266,697	2,530
Change in plan assets:		·	
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	. 339,031	308,102	3,157
Actual return on plan assets		74,243	(45)
Employer contributions		18,045	159
Plan participants' contributions		1,025	9
Benefits paid		(13,232)	(96)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	, ,	(68)	(0)
Other		(49,084)	(118)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	,	339,031	3,066
Funded status at end of year		72,334	536
Unrecognized actuarial loss		141,110	1,370
Unrecognized prior service cost		(49,967)	(420)
Net amount recognized		163,477	1,486
Adjustments to recognize minimum pension liability:			
Accumulated other comprehensive loss before income tax effect	. 3,150	1,246	29
Net amount recognized in the consolidated balance sheets	. 156,485	162,231	1,457
Prepaid pension cost	. 178,890	183,743	1,666
Accrued retirement and severance benefits recognized			
in the consolidated balance sheets	. (22,405)	(21,512)	(209)
Accumulated benefit obligations at end of year	. ¥ 270,622	¥ 264,644	\$ 2,520
Weighted-average assumptions used to determine benefit obligations at the end of year:			
Discount rate	. 2.4%	2.4%	
Rate of compensation increase	. 1.0-6.0%	1.9-6.0%	
Weighted-average assumptions used to determine net periodic pension cost for the year	:		
Discount rate	. 2.4%	2.4%	
Expected long-term rate of return on plan assets	. 2.3%	3.5%	
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The prior service cost of the Company is amortized by the straight-line method over the average remaining service period of employees expected to receive related benefits. The unrecognized net actuarial loss of the Company is amortized by the straight-line method over the average remaining service periods.

The "Other" in the change in benefit obligations for the year ended March 31, 2005 included the amount attributable to a partial settlement in CPF of ¥4,936 million (\$46 million). The "Other" in the change in plan assets for the year ended March 31, 2005 included a partial settlement in CPF of ¥5,389 million (\$50 million) and the amount of the withdrawal from the plan assets, which was ¥14,084 million (\$131 million).

The "Other" in the change in benefit obligations for the year

ended March 31, 2004 included the amount by the transfer, which was ¥41,702 million, to the government by the Company and certain subsidiaries of the substitutional portion of EPF. The "Other" in the change in plan assets for the year ended March 31, 2004 included the transfer, which was ¥20,845 million, to the government of the substitutional portion of EPF, and the withdrawal, which was ¥30,698 million, from plan assets.

The fair value of equity securities of subsidiaries and associated companies included in plan assets was ¥13,746 million (\$128 million) and ¥25,501 million at March 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

The net periodic pension cost for retirement and severance benefits for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 consisted of the following:

	Millions of Yen			Millions of U.S. dollars
_	2005	2004	2003	2005
Service cost	¥ 6,965	¥ 9,511	¥ 10,967	\$ 65
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	5,934	7,596	7,830	55
Expected return on plan assets	(7,011)	(7,178)	(7,006)	(65)
Amortization of unrecognized prior service cost	(4,897)	(3,230)	(2,741)	(46)
Amortization of unrecognized actuarial loss	7,219	22,622	13,670	67
Settlement and curtailment loss	1,138	_	_	11
Settlement loss of unrecognized actuarial loss from the transfer				
of the substitutional portion of the Employees' Pension Fund	_	24,018	_	_
De-recognition of the previously accrued salary progression	_	(1,251)	_	_
Net periodic pension cost	¥ 9,348	¥ 52,088	¥ 22,720	\$ 87

Total expenses related to pension plans for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 consisted of the following:

	Millions of Yen			Millions of U.S. dollars
	2005	2004	2003	2005
Net periodic pension cost for defined benefit pension plans	¥ 9,348	¥ 52,088	¥ 22,720	\$ 87
The amount of cost recognized for defined contribution pension plans	1,053	373	_	10
Subsidy from government on the transfer of the substitutional portion				
of the Employees' Pension Fund	_	(19,606)		_
Total expenses for pension plans	¥10,401	¥ 32,855	¥ 22,720	\$ 97

Plan assets of the Company and certain subsidiaries by asset category as of March 31, 2005 and 2004 and target allocation percentages were as follows:

	2005	2004	Target Allocation
Asset category:			
Asset category: Equity securities	56.9%	59.5%	59.7%
Debt securities	18.3	18.0	12.0
Other	24.8	22.5	28.3
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Other mainly included cash and life insurance company general accounts.

In setting its portfolio investment policy for plan assets, the Company, on a long-term basis, focuses on securing investment returns that are sufficient to provide for the future benefit payments for employees in the context of a tolerable level of risk control. In order to achieve the objectives of the investment policy, the Company attempts to maintain an asset allocation that is consistent with the investment policy for the future periods while considering the standard deviation and correlation coefficient of invested assets as well as the estimated returns on invested assets. The Company also attempts to appropriately establish a target allocation, which would be revised as needed, on a mid- and long-term basis by considering the funded status of its pension plans. The Company, based on its target allocation, evaluates the trustees' investment methods for each major category of plan assets, to select the most suitable trustees and directs its investment guideline to the trustees. In selecting the trustees, the Company considers the investment philosophy and policy of the trustees, their investment methodology, their internal control and compliance policy for investing, their experience and past investment performance. Generally, the Company evaluates the trustees every three years from both a qualitative and quantitative perspective and changes the trustees as needed. The Company is currently evaluating its target allocation by referencing to the Company's pension plans which were revised during the year ended March 31, 2004.

In addition, the Company determines its expected long-term rate of return considering the above investment policy, the expectations of future returns and historical returns on plan assets.

Cash flow of the Company and certain subsidiaries:

The Company and certain subsidiaries expect to contribute about ¥15,983 million (\$149 million) to defined benefit pension plans in the year ending March 31, 2006.

The following benefit payments, which reflect expected future service are expected to be paid:

Years ending March 31	Millions of Yen	Millions of U.S. dollars
2006	¥ 10,231	\$ 95
2007	11,092	103
2008	12,506	116
2009	13,189	123
2010	13,774	128
2011 - 2015	71,675	667

## 11. Foreign Exchange Gains and Losses

Net foreign exchange gains of \$5,372 million (\$50 million) and losses of \$8,737 million and \$5,164 million for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively, were included

in "Other-net" within the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

#### 12. Income Taxes

The Company and its domestic subsidiaries are subject to a number of taxes based on income, which in the aggregate result in a normal tax rate of approximately 41%. The normal tax rate was 42% for the years ended March 31, 2004 and 2003.

Foreign subsidiaries are subject to income taxes of the countries where they operate.

Effective for the year ended March 31, 2003, the Company adopted a consolidated taxation system.

A reconciliation of the normal and the effective tax rate is as follows:

	2005	2004	2003
Normal income tax rate	41.0%	(42.0)%	42.0%
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	1.3	1.7	2.8
Difference of tax rates for foreign subsidiaries	(2.3)	(2.3)	(3.0)
Tax benefits not recognized on operating losses of subsidiaries	3.6	3.2	3.0
Tax benefits on losses of subsidiaries	(4.0)	(5.9)	(11.1)
Tax on dividends	5.8	6.6	20.5
Effect on deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities from a change			
in the tax regulations	_	_	3.8
Foreign tax credits	2.0	7.4	5.3
Valuation allowance	4.3	(16.8)	11.4
Other	0.4	(1.3)	4.5
Effective income tax rate	52.1%	(49.4)%	79.2%

Amounts provided for income taxes for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 were allocated as follows:

	Millions of Yen			Millions of U.S. dollars
	2005	2004	2003	2005
Income taxes	¥ 62,543	¥ (45,457)	¥ 45,652	\$ 582
Extraordinary items-gain on negative goodwill	_	1,271	_	
Other comprehensive (income) loss	(1,874)	29,992	(12,305)	(18)
Total income tax (benefit) expense	¥ 60,669	¥ (14,194)	¥ 33,347	\$ 564

Significant components of deferred tax assets and liabilities at March 31, 2005 and 2004 were as follows:

	Millions of Yen		Millions of U.S. dollars	
-	2005	2004	2005	
Deferred tax assets:				
Inventories, property and equipment	¥ 131,984	¥ 134,834	\$ 1,229	
Allowance for doubtful receivables	41,455	52,689	386	
Net operating loss carryforwards	17,057	11,915	159	
Accrued retirement and severance benefits	2,532	5,472	24	
Marketable securities and other investments	62,562	51,668	582	
Other	31,388	40,179	292	
Total deferred tax assets	286,978	296,757	2,672	
Less valuation allowance	(54,839)	(46,725)	(510	
Deferred tax assets-net	232,139	250,032	2,162	
Deferred tax liabilities:				
Installment sales	(483)	(549)	(4	
Accrued retirement and severance benefits	(45,043)	(45,127)	(419	
Marketable securities and other investments	(29,532)	(28,486)	(275	
Other	(20,355)	(23,959)	(190	
Total deferred tax liabilities	(95,413)	(98,121)	(888)	
Net deferred tax assets	¥ 136,726	¥ 151,911	\$ 1,274	

Net changes in the valuation allowance for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 were an increase of ¥8,114 million (\$76 million), a decrease of ¥13,237 million and an increase of ¥8,043 million, respectively.

The amount of undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries for which no deferred tax liability has been provided aggregated ¥89,225 million (\$831million) and ¥66,366 million at March 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Most of the undistributed earnings of domestic subsidiaries are not considered to be a taxable temporary difference under present Japanese tax laws. It is not practicable to determine the deferred tax liability for undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries.

Net operating loss carryforwards are available to reduce future income taxes. If not utilized, such operating loss carryforwards expire as follows:

	Millions of Yen	Millions of U.S. dollars
within 1 year	¥ 3,452	\$ 32
within 2 years		2
within 3 years		0
within 4 years		52
within 5 years		28
After 5 to 10 years	7,909	73
After 10 to 15 years		18
After 15 years	28,100	262
Total	¥ 50,187	\$ 467

Income (loss) before income taxes, minority interests, equity in earnings of associated companies and extraordinary items for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 comprised as follows:

	Millions of Yen			Millions of U.S. dollars
	2005	2004	2003	2005
The Company and its domestic subsidiaries	¥ 72,407	¥ (98,052)	¥ 45,258	\$ 674
Foreign subsidiaries	47,551	6,006	12,417	443
Total	¥ 119,958	¥ (92,046)	¥ 57,675	\$ 1,117

Income taxes for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 comprised as follows:

				М	illions of Yer	1				Millior	ns of U.S. d	ollars
		2005			2004			2003			2005	
	Current	Deferred	Total	Current	Deferred	Total	Current	Deferred	Total	Current	Deferred	Total
The Company and its												
domestic subsidiaries	¥28,272	¥18,031	¥46,303	¥24,165	¥(72,462)	¥(48,297)	¥24,658	¥16,011	¥40,669	\$263	\$168	\$431
Foreign subsidiaries	18,715	(2,475)	16,240	6,957	(4,117)	2,840	6,629	(1,646)	4,983	174	(23)	151
Total	¥46,987	¥15,556	¥62,543	¥31,122	¥(76,579)	¥(45,457)	¥31,287	¥14,365	¥45,652	\$437	\$145	\$582

#### 13. Net Income (loss) Per Share

The reconciliation of the numerators and denominators of the basic net income (loss) per share computations for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 is as follows:

		Millions of Ye	n	Millions of U.S. dollars
_	2005	2004	2003	2005
Numerator:				
Net income (loss) before extraordinary items	¥ 77,792	¥ (33,772)	¥ 20,078	\$ 724
Extraordinary items-				
gain on negative goodwill, less applicable income taxes	_	1,828	_	_
Net income (loss)	¥ 77,792	¥ (31,944)	¥ 20,078	\$ 724
			Number of Shares	
		2005	2004	2003
Denominator:				
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding	1,5	82,392,847	1,581,431,830	1,529,761,706
		Yen		U.S. dollars
_	2005	2004	2003	2005
Net income (loss) per common share before extraordinary items:	¥ 49.16	¥ (21.36)	¥ 13.12	\$ 0.46
Extraordinary items per common share-		1 10		
gain on negative goodwill, less applicable income taxes:		1.16	_	
Net income (loss) per common share:	¥ 49.16	¥ (20.20)	¥ 13.12	\$ 0.46

Diluted net income per share for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 was not presented, since the Company has simple capital structures and there were no potentially

dilutive common shares, such as convertible bonds outstanding, that could increase the number of shares outstanding.

#### 14. Segment Information

The Company and its subsidiaries are engaged in a wide range of business activities such as worldwide trading operations in various commodities, financing for customers and suppliers, organizing and coordinating industrial projects, and investing in resource development, advanced technology, information and multimedia.

The Company and its subsidiaries have introduced a division company system and information on operating segments is prepared and presented according to this system. This system is regularly used for decisions in operations, including resource allocations, and evaluations by the management.

The operating segments of the Company and its subsidiaries are as follows:

#### Textile

The Textile segment is engaged in all stages from rough material, thread, textile to the final products in all fields of garments, home furnishing and industrial materials. This segment performs production and sales on a worldwide scale. In addition, the company promotes brand businesses, developments of industrial fibers and retail operations.

## Machinery

The Machinery segment is engaged in diverse business activities ranging from projects in plants, bridges, railways and other infrastructures, to automobiles, ships, industrial machinery and other items.

## Aerospace, Electronics & Multimedia

The Aerospace, Electronics & Multimedia segment is engaged in business activities involving networks, content and mobile multimedia. In addition, the company promotes business activities on aircrafts and related equipments, and invests in high-tech ventures.

#### Energy, Metals & Minerals

The Energy, Metals & Minerals segment is engaged in metal and mineral resource developments, processing of steel products and trading in iron ore, coal, pig iron and ferrous raw materials, non-ferrous and light metal and steel products in Japan and overseas. Also the company is engaged in energy resource developments and trading in crude oil, oil products, gas and nuclear fuels both domestically and abroad.

#### Chemicals, Forest Products & General Merchandise

The Chemicals, Forest Products & General Merchandise segment is engaged in business activities involving various consumer products such as lumber, pulp, paper, rubber, glass and cement, and on basic chemicals, fine chemicals, plastics and inorganic chemicals.

#### Food

The Food segment pursues efficient-oriented operations from production, distribution to retail in all areas of food from raw materials to finished products both domestically and abroad.

## Finance, Realty, Insurance & Logistics Services

The Finance, Realty, Insurance & Logistics Services segment is engaged in structuring and sales of financial products, agency and consulting services of insurance and reinsurance. In addition, this segment is engaged in warehousing, trucking, international intermodal transport and developments and operations of real estate.

Management evaluates segment performance based on several factors such as net income (loss) determined in accor-

dance with U.S. GAAP.

In addition, management utilizes internally developed management control methods for the purpose of internal operating decisions.

Intersegment transactions are priced with reference to prices applicable to transactions with unaffiliated parties.

There have been no trading transactions with a single major external customer (10% or more of total) for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003.

Information concerning operations in different operating segments for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 was as follows:

								Mill	ions of Yen								
	Textile	N	1achinery	Ele	rospace, ctronics & Iltimedia	- 1	Energy, Metals & Minerals	Fore Gen	2005 micals, st Products & eral chandise		Food	Rea Insi Log	ance, alty, urance & gistics vices		er, ustments & inations	Co	nsolidated
Trading transactions: Unaffiliated customers and associated companies		¥ 1		¥(		¥2		¥		¥2		¥2		¥		¥9	,576,039
operating segments  Total trading	780		110		3,637		913		6,344		276		7,550		(19,610)		
transactions	¥ 829,873	¥ 1	,166,764	¥ (	634,491	¥2	2,472,401	¥	1,899,559	¥2	2,112,208	¥ 2	250,642	¥	210,101	¥g	,576,039
Gross trading profit	¥ 112,843	¥	57,973	¥	108,410	¥	39,079	¥	105,939	¥	136,161	¥	39,329	¥	31,027	¥	630,761
Equity in earnings(losses) of associated companies	¥ 310	¥	4,482	¥	1,872	¥	11,975	¥	1,188	¥	10,018	¥	2,452	¥	(533)	¥	31,764
Net income (loss)	¥ 14,810	¥	10,480	¥	14,362		25,672			¥	(9,278)	¥	5,360		(3,867)	¥	77,792
Identifiable assets at March 31	¥ 377,230	¥	451,442	¥	489,415	¥	491,012	¥	583,720	¥	727,959	¥6	315,304	¥	736,263	¥4	,472,345
Depreciation and amortization	¥ 4,002	¥	1,835	¥	9,998	¥	3,297	¥	5,266	¥	5,710	¥	2,182	¥	7,796	¥	40,086
								Mill	ions of Yen								
									2004								
	Textile	N	1achinery	Ele	rospace, ctronics & Itimedia	- 1	Energy, Metals & Minerals	Fore Gen	micals, est Products & eral chandise		Food	Rea Insi Log	ance, alty, urance & gistics vices		er, ustments & inations	Co	nsolidated
Trading transactions: Unaffiliated customers and associated companies Transfers between	¥817,006	¥ 1	,406,927	¥6	33,996	¥2	2,138,232	¥	1,714,950	¥2	2,345,137	¥2	235,778	¥	224,941	¥S	,516,967
operating segments  Total trading	1,710		123		1,197		734		7,801		242		7,735		(19,542)		_
transactions	¥ 818,716	¥ 1	,407,050	¥6	35,193	¥2	2,138,966	¥	1,722,751	¥2	2,345,379	¥2	243,513	¥ź	205,399	¥g	,516,967
Gross trading profit	¥ 100,342	¥	51,104	¥ 1	05,466	¥	24,711	¥	91,914	¥	130,921	¥	15,965	¥	35,472	¥	555,895
Equity in earnings (losses) of associated companies	¥ 18	¥	4,133	¥	460	¥	7,465	¥	2,603	¥	7,967	¥	1,119	¥	(906)	¥	22,859
Net income (loss)			3,855		2,575	¥	12,924		11,534						(12,161)		(31,944
Identifiable assets at March 31	,		433,557			¥					711,606		-		384,289		,487,282
Depreciation and amortization					10,492	¥	2,716		4,924		5,750	¥	2,384		4,689	¥	40,184

									Milli	ions of Yen								
-										2003								
	Tez	xtile	N	1achinery	Elec	space, tronics & imedia	1	Energy, Vletals & Vlinerals	Fore: Gene	micals, st Products & eral chandise	k	Food	Rea Insu Log				. Co	nsolidate
Trading transactions: Unaffiliated customers and associated companies Transfers between	¥ 87	1,680	¥ 1	,746,583	¥ 7	93,901	¥2	2,216,196	¥	1,799,838	¥2	2,522,544	¥2	69,442	¥ 22	26,187	¥ 10	),446,37
operating segments	:	2,423		168		983		1,316		8,702		248		1,215	(	15,055)		_
Total trading transactions	¥ 87	4,103	¥ 1	,746,751	¥ 7	94,884	¥2	2,217,512	¥.	1,808,540	¥2	2,522,792	¥2	70,657	¥ 2	11,132	¥ 10	,446,37
Gross trading profit	¥ 9:	3,471	¥	48,576	¥ 10	01,468	¥	32,958	¥	87,061	¥	130,114	¥	33,841	¥ (	37,478	¥	564,96
Equity in earnings (losses) of associated companies	¥	528	¥	3.090	¥	(946)	¥	4,130	¥	4,466	¥	6,102	¥	1,138	¥	31	¥	18,53
Net income (loss)							¥	10,003		10,682		,	¥	(8,403)				20,07
Identifiable assets at March 31				490,076			¥	391,551				654,377			`			,486,40
Depreciation and								,										
amortization	¥ ;	3,710	¥	2,911	¥	9,669	¥	1,578	¥	3,664	¥	3,044	¥	1,726	¥	7,492	¥	33,79
-								Mi	llions	of U.S. dolla	ars							
										2005								
	Te.	xtile	N	1achinery	Elec	space, tronics & imedia	1	Energy, Vletals & Vlinerals	Fore: Gene	micals, st Products & eral chandise	k	Food	Rea Insu Log	ance, alty, urance & uistics vices			. Co	onsolidate
Trading transactions: Unaffiliated customers and associated companies Transfers between operating segments		,720 7	\$	10,864	\$	5,875 34	\$	23,014	\$	5 17,629 59	\$	19,666	\$	2,264 70	\$ :	2,139	\$	89,171
Total trading transactions			Ф.	10,865	¢	5.909	Φ.	23,023	Ф	17,688	Ф.	19,669	Φ.	2,334	<b>¢</b>	1,956	Ф.	89,171
Gross trading profit		,	<u>Ψ</u> \$			1,010		•	 \$	•						,		5,874
Equity in earnings (losses) of associated companies		3	<u>Ф</u> \$		<b>э</b> \$	17	\$ \$	364	<u> </u>		\$ \$		\$ \$	366 23	\$ \$	(5)	<u> </u>	
Net income (loss)	\$	138	\$		\$	134	\$	239	\$		\$		\$	50	\$	(36)	\$	
Identifiable assets at March 31		,513	\$	4,204	\$	4,557	\$	4,572		5,435	\$	6,779		5,730		6,856		41,646
Depreciation and																		

and identifiable assets not allocated to the specified operating segments in domestic and foreign areas, eliminations and adjustments, etc.

2. Net income (loss) in Finance, Realty, Insurance & Logistics Services for the year ended March 31, 2004 includes ¥1,828 million of extraordinary item-gain on negative goodwill, less applicable income taxes ¥1,271 million.

## Geographic Information

Information concerning operations in different countries for the years ended March 31, 2005 and 2004 was as follows:

Millions of Yen

					Millions of Yen		
					2005		
		Ja	apan U	nited states	Australia	Other	Consolidated
Revenue		¥1,2	61,753 ¥	423,647	¥ 79,162	¥ 226,676	¥ 1,991,238
					Millions of Yen		
					2005		
		Ja	apan	Australia	United Kingdom	Other	Consolidated
Long-lived assets		¥ 32	27,942	¥ 47,778	¥ 36,755	¥ 84,883	¥ 497,358
					Millions of Yen		
					2004		
		Ja	apan	Australia	United Kingdom	Other	Consolidated
Long-lived assets		¥ 32	28,417	¥ 42,353	¥ 36,943	¥ 99,358	¥ 507,071
				N	Millions of U.S. dollar	'S	
					2005		
Davis			- 1	nited states	Australia	Other	Consolidated
Revenue			,	\$ 3,945	\$ 737	\$ 2,111	\$ 18,542
Note: Revenue is classified on the basis of the countrie	es in which the co	mpany and its s	subsidiaries are	located.			
				N	Millions of U.S. dollar	'S	
					2005		
		Ja	apan	Australia	United Kingdom	Other	Consolidated
Long-lived assets		\$3	3,054	\$ 445	\$ 342	\$ 790	\$ 4,631
ended March 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003 v 	vas as follows	S:		Millions o			
-				200	-		
	Japan	North America	Europe	Asia	Other Areas	Eliminations or Unallocated	Consolidated
Trading transactions:							
Unaffiliated customers	V = 440 500	\\ 470 F00	V 407 000	V 4 550			V 0 570 000
and associated companies					369 ¥ 214,436		¥ 9,576,039
Transfers between geographical areas  Total trading transactions		193,128 ¥ 669 724	40,643 ¥ 228,245			(3,615,561 ¥ (3,615,561	) ¥ 9,576,039
Total trading transactions	+ 0,020,170	+ 000,724	+ 220,240	+ 0,100,	50+ +011,111	+ (0,010,001	, + 0,070,000
Identifiable assets at March 31	¥ 3,836,513	¥ 295,259	¥ 160,720	¥ 225,	125 ¥ 285,225	¥ (330,497	) ¥ 4,472,345
-				Millions o			
-		North		200	Other	Eliminations or	
			Europo				
Trading transactions:	Japan	America	Europe	Asia	Areas	Unallocated	Consolidated
	Japan	America	Europe	Asia			Consolidated
Unaffiliated customers			<u> </u>		Areas	Unallocated	
Unaffiliated customers and associated companies	¥ 7,523,783	¥ 381,107	¥ 167,225	¥ 1,273,	Areas 337 ¥ 171,515	Unallocated  ¥ —	¥ 9,516,967
Unaffiliated customers			<u> </u>	¥ 1,273,	Areas 337 ¥ 171,515 377 385,288	Unallocated	¥ 9,516,967
Unaffiliated customers and associated companies Transfers between geographical areas	¥ 7,523,783 1,081,327	¥ 381,107 189,351 ¥ 570,458	¥ 167,225 30,686	¥ 1,273,; 1,272,; ¥ 2,546,2	Areas 337 ¥ 171,515 377 385,288	¥ — (2,959,529) ¥ (2,959,529)	¥ 9,516,967

				Millions of Yen	<u> </u>		
_				2003			
_	Japan	North America	Europe	Asia	Other Areas	Eliminations or Unallocated	Consolidated
Trading transactions:							
Unaffiliated customers							
and associated companies	¥ 8,227,527	¥ 484,551	¥ 159,584	¥ 1,362,552	¥ 212,157	¥ —	¥10,446,371
Transfers between geographical areas	1,027,004	202,224	34,901	971,614	392,989	(2,628,732)	_
Total trading transactions	¥ 9,254,531	¥ 686,775	¥ 194,485	¥ 2,334,166	¥ 605,146	¥ (2,628,732)	¥10,446,371
Identifiable assets at March 31	¥ 3,884,166	¥ 372,447	¥ 174,403	¥ 202,014	¥ 233,304	¥ (379,929)	¥ 4,486,405
			1	Millions of U.S. do	llars		
<del>-</del>				2005			
-	Japan	North America	Europe	Asia	Other Areas	Eliminations or Unallocated	Consolidated
Trading transactions: Unaffiliated customers							
and associated companies	\$ 66,520	\$ 4,438	\$ 1,747	\$ 14,469	\$ 1,997	\$ —	\$ 89,171
Transfers between geographical areas	13,797	1,798	379	14,869	2,825	(33,668)	_
Total trading transactions	\$ 80,317	\$ 6,236	\$ 2,126	\$ 29,338	\$ 4,822	\$ (33,668)	\$ 89,171
Identifiable assets at March 31	\$ 35,725	\$ 2,749	\$ 1,497	\$ 2,096	\$ 2,656	\$ (3,077)	\$ 41,646

Note: 1. The method for classifying countries or areas is based on the degree of geographical proximity.

The main countries or areas belonging to each geographical area were as follows:

North America: United States Europe: United Kingdom

Asia: Singapore, China Other Areas: Latin America, Oceania, Middle East

2. The amounts of unallocated common assets included in the "Eliminations or Unallocated" were ¥67,822 million (\$632 million), ¥61,602 million and ¥73,112 million for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

#### 15. Common Stock

Japanese companies are subject to the Japanese Commercial Code (the "Code").

The Code provides that at least one half of the issue price of new shares shall be credited to the common stock account, unless otherwise specified in the Code.

The Company issued 158,000,000 shares of common stock by public offering on July 25, 2002. One half of the amount for this issuance has been credited to the common stock account, and the remainder has been credited to the capital surplus account in accordance with the provisions of the Code.

On March 22, 2004, the Company issued 1,401,768 shares of common stock to acquire minority interests through re-organization of a subsidiary. All of the minority interests acquired

through this issuance have been credited to the capital surplus account.

The Code permits Japanese companies to repurchase treasury stock upon the approval of the Board of Directors, as far as it is permitted under the Articles of Incorporation, subject to limitations imposed by the Code. The Code also permits Japanese companies to dispose of their own shares by resolution of the Board of Directors, unless otherwise specified in the Code, or if the Articles of Incorporation do not require a resolution of the shareholders at the shareholders' meeting.

Reference is made to note 23, "Subsequent events", for the amendment of the Articles of Incorporation at the ordinary general meeting of shareholders at June 29, 2005.

#### 16. Capital Surplus and Retained Earnings

The Code provides that at least 10% of the total amount of cash dividends and other cash appropriations of retained earnings applicable to each fiscal period shall be appropriated to a legal reserve until an aggregated amount of capital surplus and legal reserve equals 25% of common stock.

The amount available for dividends under the Code is based on the amount recorded in the Company's books of account in accordance with the financial accounting standards of Japan. The adjustments included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements to conform with U.S. GAAP, but not recorded in the books of account, have no effect on the determination of retained earnings available for dividends under the Code. The amount available for dividends under the Code was ¥28,800 million (\$268 million) as of March 31, 2005.

At the June 29, 2000 shareholders' meeting of the

Company, the shareholders approved a proposal to eliminate the Company's accumulated deficit of ¥109,799 million (\$1,022 million) from the Company's books of account by a transfer from capital surplus as permitted by the Code.

Because the Company's accumulated deficit in the U.S. GAAP consolidated financial statements on that date was not significantly different from the Company's books of account, the Company reflected the deficit reclassification entry on its books of account when preparing the consolidated financial statements in reliance on private company practices in the United States of America. The balance of the consolidated retained earnings as of March 31, 2005 would have been ¥78,401 million (\$730 million) including a legal reserve of ¥3,927 million (\$37 million) had the Company not eliminated the accumulated deficit.

## 17. Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Change in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) was as follows:

		Millions of Yen		Millions of U.S. dollars
_	2005	2004	2003	2005
Foreign currency translation adjustments:				
Balance at beginning of year	¥ (67,767)	¥ (51,209)	¥ (30,646)	\$ (631)
Change for the year	4,348	(16,558)	(20,563)	41
Balance at end of year	(63,419)	(67,767)	(51,209)	(590)
Minimum pension liability adjustments:				
Balance at beginning of year	(634)	(1,428)	(739)	(6)
Change for the year	(1,413)	794	(689)	(13)
Balance at end of year	(2,047)	(634)	(1,428)	(19)
Unrealized holding gains on securities:				
Balance at beginning of year	45,653	(381)	17,446	425
Change for the year	7,093	46,034	(17,827)	66
Balance at end of year	52,746	45,653	(381)	491
Unrealized holding losses on derivative instruments:				
Balance at beginning of year	(3,234)	(5,390)	(6,325)	(30)
Change for the year	(288)	2,156	935	(3)
Balance at end of year	(3,522)	(3,234)	(5,390)	(33)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss:				
Balance at beginning of year	(25,982)	(58,408)	(20,264)	(242)
Change for the year	9,740	32,426	(38,144)	91
Balance at end of year	¥ (16,242)	¥ (25,982)	¥ (58,408)	\$ (151)

Tax effects allocated to each component of other comprehensive income (loss) and reclassification adjustments were as follows:

			Millions of Ye	n	
·			2005		
		fore-Tax nount	Tax Benefit (Expense)		et-of-Tax mount
Foreign currency translation adjustments:					
Amount arising during the year on investments in foreign entities	¥	1,832	¥ (5)	¥	1,827
upon sale or liquidation of investments in foreign entities		2,408	113		2,521
Net change in foreign currency translation adjustments during the year		4,240	108		4,348
Minimum pension liability adjustments		(2,038)	625		(1,413)
Unrealized holding gains on securities:					
Amount arising during the year on available-for-sale securities		18,344	(4,551)		13,793
Reclassification adjustments for gains and losses realized in net income		11,329)	4,629		(6,700)
Net change in unrealized holding gains on securities during the year		7,015	78		7,093
Unrealized holding losses on derivative instruments:					
Amount arising during the year on derivative instruments for cash flow hedges		(5,417)	2,665		(2,752)
Reclassification adjustments for gains and losses realized in net income		4,066	(1,602)		2,464
Net change in unrealized holding losses on derivative instruments during the year		(1,351)	1,063		(288)
Other comprehensive income	¥	7,866	¥ 1,874	¥	9,740

		Millions of Yer	1
_		2004	
	Before-Tax Amount	Tax Benefit (Expense)	Net-of-Tax Amount
Foreign currency translation adjustments:			
Amount arising during the year on investments in foreign entities	¥ (16,306)	¥ 20	¥ (16,286)
upon sale or liquidation of investments in foreign entities	(111)	(161)	(272)
Net change in foreign currency translation adjustments during the year	(16,417)	(141)	(16,558)
Minimum pension liability adjustments	1,638	(844)	794
Unrealized holding gains on securities:			
Amount arising during the year on available-for-sale securities	81,650	(30,738)	50,912
Reclassification adjustments for gains and losses realized in net income	(8,260)	3,382	(4,878)
Net change in unrealized holding gains on securities during the year	73,390	(27,356)	46,034
Unrealized holding losses on derivative instruments:			
Amount arising during the year on derivative instruments for cash flow hedges	(1,891)	667	(1,224)
Reclassification adjustments for gains and losses realized in net income	5,698	(2,318)	3,380
Net change in unrealized holding gains on derivative instruments during the year	3,807	(1,651)	2,156
Other comprehensive income	¥ 62,418	¥ (29,992)	¥ 32,426
		Millions of Yer	1
_		2003	
	Before-Tax Amount	Tax Benefit (Expense)	Net-of-Tax Amount
Foreign currency translation adjustments:			
Amount arising during the year on investments in foreign entities	¥ (19,931)	¥ (224)	¥ (20,155)
upon sale or liquidation of investments in foreign entities	(408)		(408)
Net change in foreign currency translation adjustments during the year	(20,339)	(224)	(20,563)
Minimum pension liability adjustments	(1,474)	785	(689)
Unrealized holding losses on securities:			
Amount arising during the year on available-for-sale securities	(36,825)	15,220	(21,605)
Reclassification adjustments for gains and losses realized in net income	6,411	(2,633)	3,778
Net change in unrealized holding losses on securities during the year	(30,414)	12,587	(17,827)
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Unrealized holding losses on derivative instruments:	(3.060)	1,189	(1,871)
Amount arising during the year on derivative instruments for cash flow hedges	(0,000)		
Amount arising during the year on derivative instruments for cash flow hedges	4,838	(2,032)	2,806
Amount arising during the year on derivative instruments for cash flow hedges	. , ,	(2,032) (843)	2,806

		Mill	ions of U.S. do	ollars	
			2005		
	Befo Amo	ore-Tax ount	Tax Benefit (Expense)	Net- Amo	of-Tax ount
Foreign currency translation adjustments:					
Amount arising during the year on investments in foreign entities	\$	17	\$ (0)	\$	17
Reclassification adjustments for gains and losses realized					
upon sale or liquidation of investments in foreign entities		23	1		24
Net change in foreign currency translation adjustments during the year		40	1		41
Minimum pension liability adjustments		(19)	6		(13)
Unrealized holding gains on securities:					
Amount arising during the year on available-for-sale securities		170	(42)		128
Reclassification adjustments for gains and losses realized in net income		(105)	43		(62)
Net change in unrealized holding gains on securities during the year		65	1		66
Unrealized holding losses on derivative instruments:					
Amount arising during the year on derivative instruments for cash flow hedges		(51)	25		(26)
Reclassification adjustments for gains and losses realized in net income		38	(15)		23
Net change in unrealized holding losses on derivative instruments during the year		(13)	10		(3)
Other comprehensive income	\$	73	\$ 18	\$	91

#### 18. Financial Instruments

#### (1) Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

The Company and certain subsidiaries operate internationally and are exposed to market risks arising from changes in foreign exchange rates, interest rates and commodity prices. The Company and its subsidiaries utilize certain derivative instruments principally in order to reduce these market risks.

The Company and certain subsidiaries have various derivative instruments, which are exposed to credit losses in the event of non-performance by counterparties. The Company and its subsidiaries seek to minimize credit risk by entering into contracts only with major counterparties as well as avoiding concentration with certain counterparties or groups of counterparties. The policies of the Company and its subsidiaries prescribe monitoring of creditworthiness and exposure on a counterparty-by-counterparty basis.

## Foreign Exchange Rate Risk Management

The Company and certain subsidiaries have assets and liabilities which are exposed to foreign exchange rate risks. In order to hedge the risks, mainly between the U.S. dollar and Japanese yen, the Company and its subsidiaries enter into foreign exchange contracts (including currency swap agreements).

These contracts are primarily used to fix future net cash flows from recognized receivables and payables and unrecognized firm commitments denominated in foreign currencies.

The Company and its subsidiaries establish the amounts of net future cash flows for each currency by due dates and enter into foreign exchange contracts (including currency swap agreements) for certain portion of net future cash flows.

Most hedging relationships between the derivative financial instruments and hedged items are highly effective in offsetting impacts resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates.

#### Interest Rate Risk Management

The Company and certain subsidiaries are exposed to risks

of variability in future cash outflow or fluctuations in fair value mainly on debt obligations. In order to manage these risks, the Company and its subsidiaries enter into interest rate swap agreements.

Interest rate swaps are used primarily to convert floating rate debt to fixed rate debt and to convert fixed rate debt to floating rate debt.

Most hedging relationships between the derivative financial instruments and hedged items are highly effective in offsetting changes in cash flows or fair values resulting from changes in interest rates.

#### Commodity Price Risk Management

The Company and certain subsidiaries utilize commodity derivative instruments for commodities, such as crude oil and grain, principally to hedge fluctuations in cash flows or fair values due to changes in commodity prices.

Most hedging relationships between the commodity derivative instruments and hedged items are highly effective in off-setting changes in cash flows or fair values resulting from changes in commodity prices.

#### Risk Management Policy

The Company and its subsidiaries manage foreign exchange rate risks, interest rate risks and commodity price risks by continuously monitoring the movements and by seeking hedging opportunities to reduce such risks.

The Company and its subsidiaries set the limits for derivative instruments based on the purpose of holding these instruments.

The risk management policies of the Company and its subsidiaries state that derivative instruments for the most part are held for hedging purposes.

The risk management policies including objectives and strategies for undertaking derivative instruments are documented, and the Company and its subsidiaries make a formal assessment at the hedge's inception and quarterly on an on-

going basis, as to whether the derivatives used in hedging activities are highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of hedged items.

#### Fair Value Hedge

Changes in the fair value of derivative instruments designated and qualified as fair value hedges of recognized assets and liabilities or unrecognized firm commitments are recognized in earnings together with changes in the fair value of the corresponding hedged items.

The amount of the hedge ineffectiveness and net gain or loss excluded from the assessment of hedge effectiveness was not material for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003.

The amount of net gain or loss recognized in earnings when the hedged firm commitment no longer qualified as a fair value hedge was not material for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003.

#### Cash Flow Hedge

Changes in the fair value of derivative instruments designated and qualified as cash flow hedges of forecasted transactions and recognized assets and liabilities are reported in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (referred to as AOCI). These amounts are reclassified into earnings in the same period as the hedged items affect earnings.

Changes in the fair value of interest rate swap designated as hedging instruments are initially recorded in AOCI and reclassified into earnings as interest expense when the hedged items affect earnings.

The amount of the hedge ineffectiveness and net gain or loss excluded from the assessment of hedge effectiveness is not material for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003.

Net losses of  $\pm 2,464$  million (\$23 million),  $\pm 3,380$  million and  $\pm 2,806$  million were reclassified from AOCI into earnings during the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively, when the hedged items affected earnings.

Net losses of ¥1,941 million (\$18 million) in AOCI at March 31, 2005 are expected to be reclassified to earnings within the next 12 months.

As of March 31, 2005, the maximum length of time over which the Company and its subsidiaries are hedging their exposure to variability in future cash flows for forecasted transactions excluding those forecasted transactions related to the payment of variable interest on existing financial instruments is approximately 62 months.

The amount of net gain or loss reclassified into earnings because it was probable that forecasted transactions would not occur was immaterial for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003.

Derivative instruments held or issued for trading purposes were insignificant.

#### (2) Fair Values of Financial Instruments

The Company and its subsidiaries have various financial instruments, which are exposed to credit losses in the event of non-performance by counterparties.

The Company and its subsidiaries are engaged in transactions with numerous counterparties to ensure that there are no significant concentrations of credit risk with any individual counterparty or groups of counterparties.

The estimated fair values of financial instruments as of March 31, 2005 and 2004 were as follows:

			Millions	of Y	'en				Millions of	U.S. d	ollars	
_	2005			2004				2005				
_	Carrying Amount		Estimated Fair Value		Carrying Amount		Estimated Fair Value		arrying mount		timated ir Value	
Financial Assets:												
Other non-current receivables												
and advances to associated companies												
(less allowance for doubtful receivables) ¥	232,355	¥	232,864	¥	262,260	¥	262,889	\$	2,164	\$	2,168	
Financial Liabilities:												
Long-term debt (including current maturities) ¥	2,005,988	¥ 2	2,006,809	¥2	2,092,757	¥	2,093,503	\$ -	18,679	\$	18,687	
Derivative Financial Instruments (Assets):												
Foreign exchange contracts												
(including currency swap agreements) ¥	7,752	¥	7,752	¥	4,296	¥	4,296	\$	72	\$	72	
Interest rate swap agreements	11,278		11,278		14,830		14,830		105		105	
Interest rate option agreements	161		161		195		195		1		1	
Derivative Financial Instruments (Liabilities):												
Foreign exchange contracts												
(including currency swap agreements) ¥	2,590	¥	2,590	¥	4,166	¥	4,166	\$	24	\$	24	
Interest rate swap agreements	7,763		7,763		4,924		4,924		72		72	

Quoted market prices, where available, are used to estimate fair values of financial instruments. However fair values are estimated using discounted cash flow technique or other methods when quoted market prices are not available. These estimates involve uncertainty and subjectivity, and therefore fair values are not objectively verifiable. Changes in assumptions could significantly affect fair value amounts.

## Current Financial Assets other than Marketable Securities and Current Financial Liabilities:

The carrying amounts approximate fair values because of the short maturity of these instruments.

#### Marketable Securities and Other Investments:

The fair values of marketable investment securities included in "Marketable Securities" and "Other Investments" are based on quoted market prices. The carrying amounts of non-marketable investment securities and others approximate fair values. The fair values for each category of securities is set forth in note 3 "Marketable Securities and Investments."

## Other Non-current Receivables and Advances to Associated Companies:

The fair values of other non-current receivables and advances

to associated companies are estimated based on the present value of future cash flows discounted by using the current rates of loans or receivables with similar terms, conditions and maturities being offered to borrowers or customers with similar credit ratings.

#### Long-term Debt:

The fair values of long-term debt are based on the present value of future cash flows discounted using the current borrowing rates of similar debt instruments having comparable maturities.

#### Foreign Exchange Contracts

The fair values of foreign exchange contracts are estimated based on the quoted market prices of comparable contracts.

#### Currency and Interest Rate Swap Agreements:

The fair values of currency and interest rate swap agreements are estimated using discounted cash flow technique, based on the current swap rates with similar terms and remaining periods.

#### Interest Rate Option Agreements:

The fair values of interest rate option agreements are estimated using option pricing model.

## 19. Issuance of Stock by Subsidiaries or Associated Companies

CENTURY LEASING SYSTEM, INC., an associated company, issued 10,000,000 shares of common stock in a public offering to third parties on September 18, 2003, the date of its listing on the second section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. The offering price per share was ¥752, which was lower than the Company's carrying value per share of the associated company's stock.

This issuance decreased the Company's ownership of the associated company from 26.3% to 21.3%. The issuance of these shares for ¥7,520 million (\$71 million) was regarded as a sale of part of the Company's interest in the associated company and the Company recognized a loss of ¥362 million (\$3 million) for the year ended March 31, 2004, which is included in "Loss on disposal of investments and marketable securities, including write-down."

Excite Japan Co., Ltd., a consolidated subsidiary, issued 3,500 shares of common stock in a public offering to third parties on November 2, 2004, the date of its listing on the JASDAQ market. The offering price per share was \$1,222,000, which was in excess of the Company's carrying value per share of the subsidiary stock.

This issuance decreased the Company and its subsidiaries'

ownership of the subsidiary from 87.3% to 76.0%. The issuance of these shares for ¥4,277 million (\$40 million) was regarded as a sale of part of the Company's interest in the subsidiary and the Company recognized a gain of ¥3,043 million (\$28 million) for the year ended March 31, 2005, which is included in "Loss on disposal of investments and marketable securities, including write-down."

kabu.com Securities Co., Ltd., an associated company, issued 36,000 shares of common stock in a public offering to third parties on March 17, 2005, the date of its listing on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. The offering price per share was ¥338,400, which was in excess of the Company's carrying value per share of the associated company's stock.

This issuance decreased the Company and its subsidiary's ownership of the associated company from 29.7% to 26.3%. The issuance of these shares for ¥12,182 million (\$113 million) was regarded as a sale of part of the Company's interest in the associated company and the Company recognized a gain of ¥2,842 million (\$26 million) for the year ended March 31, 2005, which is included in "Loss on disposal of investments and marketable securities, including write-down."

## 20. Leases

#### Lessor

The Company and certain subsidiaries lease automobiles, furniture and equipment for medical institutions and certain other assets, which are classified as direct financing leases under

SFAS 13, "Accounting for Leases."

The components of the net investment in direct financing leases as of March 31, 2005 and 2004 were as follows:

	Millions	of Yen	Millions of U.S. dollars
	2005	2004	2005
Total minimum lease payments to be received	¥ 16,678	¥ 22,321	\$ 155
Less unearned income	(2,306)	(3,946)	(21)
Estimated unguaranteed residual value	4,680	12,547	43
Less allowance for doubtful receivables	(2,612)	(1,938)	(24)
Net investment in direct financing leases	¥ 16,440	¥ 28,984	\$ 153

The schedule of future minimum lease payments to be received from direct financing leases for each of the five succeeding years and thereafter as of March 31, 2005 is as follows:

Years ending March 31	Millions of Yen	Millions of U.S. dollars
2006	¥ 5,841	\$ 54
2007	5,000	47
2008	4,028	37
2009	1,279	12
2010	518	5
2011 and thereafter	12	0
Total	¥ 16,678	\$ 155

The Company and certain subsidiaries lease aircraft, real estate, industrial machinery and certain other assets under operating leases. The cost and accumulated depreciation of

the property held for lease as of March 31, 2005 were \$178,771 million (\$1,665 million) and \$41,708 million (\$388 million), respectively. The schedule of minimum future rentals on noncancelable operating leases for each of the five succeeding years and thereafter as of March 31, 2005 is as follows:

Years ending March 31	Millions of Yen	Millions of U.S. dollars
2006	¥ 15,201	\$ 142
2007	8,487	79
2008	6,447	60
2009	4,711	44
2010	3,445	32
2011 and thereafter	12,184	113
Total	¥ 50,475	\$ 470

#### Lessee

The Company and certain subsidiaries lease buildings, industrial machinery and other machinery and equipment, under agreements which are classified as capital leases. The cost and accumulated depreciation of such leased assets were \$43,078 million (\$401 million) and \$17,313 million (\$161 million)

lion), respectively, as of March 31, 2005 and ¥43,666 million and ¥16,365 million, respectively, as of March 31, 2004. The components of the capital lease obligations as of March 31, 2005 and 2004 were as follows:

	Millions of Yen		Millions of U.S. dollars	
	2005	2004	2005	
Total minimum lease payments	¥ 39,900	¥ 42,196	\$ 372	
Less amount representing interest	(5,643)	(6,203)	(53)	
Capital lease obligations	¥ 34,257	¥ 35,993	\$ 319	

The schedule of future minimum lease payments for each of the five succeeding years and thereafter as of March 31, 2005 is as follows:

Years ending March 31	Millions of Yen	Millions of U.S. dollars
2006	¥ 8,600	\$ 80
2007	6,561	61
2008	6,677	62
2009	3,395	32
2010	2,217	21
2011 and thereafter	12,450	116
Total	¥ 39,900	\$ 372

The total of minimum sublease rentals to be received in the future under noncancelable subleases, which correspond to future minimum lease payments under capital leases is ¥9,158 million (\$85 million).

The Company and certain subsidiaries lease aircraft, real estate and certain other assets, under agreements which are classified as operating leases. The schedule of future minimum lease payments under noncancelable operating leases for each of the five succeeding years and thereafter as of March 31, 2005 is as follows:

Years ending March 31	Millions of Yen	Millions of U.S. dollars
2006	¥ 19,763	\$ 184
2007	15,487	144
2008	11,705	109
2009	9,160	85
2010	8,081	75
2011 and thereafter	34,622	323
Total	¥ 98,818	\$ 920

The total of minimum sublease rentals to be received in the future under noncancelable subleases, which correspond to future minimum lease payments under noncancelable operating leases is ¥14,441 million (\$134 million).

#### 21. Variable Interest Entities

The Company and its subsidiaries have involvement in certain businesses such as ocean plying vessels, property development and providing loans to third parties, which are conducted through special purpose entities. The Company and its subsidiaries retain variable interests through loans, guarantees and equity investments in these special purpose entities which are classified as variable interest entities under FIN 46R.

There are no material matters to disclose about the entities where the Company and its subsidiaries are the primary beneficiary.

The total assets and maximum exposure to loss to the

Company as a result of its involvement in the variable interest entities where the Company and its subsidiaries are not the primary beneficiary, but have significant variable interests, were ¥153,403 million (\$1,428 million) and ¥27,253 million (\$254 million), respectively, as of March 31, 2005 and ¥56,966 million and ¥22,673 million, respectively, as of March 31, 2004. The maximum exposure to loss, which includes loans and guarantees, are partially covered by guarantees provided by third parties, and has no relation to the loss estimated to be incurred from involvement with the variable interest entities.

#### 22. Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

The Company and certain subsidiaries enter into long-term purchase contracts for certain items either at fixed or at variable prices. In most cases, these contracts are matched with counterparty sales contracts.

The Company and its subsidiaries issue various guarantees for indebtedness of associated companies and customers. The guarantees are principally for monetary indebtedness by

third parties to enhance their credit standings. If a guaranteed party failed to fulfill its obligation, the Company and its subsidiaries would be required to execute payments. The maximum potential amount of future payments and the amount of substantial risk at March 31, 2005 and 2004 are summarized below:

	Mi	llions of Yen	
	2005		
	Guarantees for Monetary indebtedness	Other Guarantees	Total
Guarantees for associated companies:			
Maximum potential amount of future payments	¥ 125,185	¥ 11,929	¥ 137,114
Amount of substantial risk	73,263	9,186	82,449
Guarantees for customers:			
Maximum potential amount of future payments	119,620	17,999	137,619
Amount of substantial risk	64,005	15,005	79,010
Total:			
Maximum potential amount of future payments	¥ 244,805	¥ 29,928	¥ 274,733
Amount of substantial risk	137,268	24,191	161,459

	Millions of Yen 2004		
	Guarantees for Monetary indebtedness	Other Guarantees	Total
Guarantees for associated companies:			
Maximum potential amount of future payments	¥ 159,959	¥ 11,916	¥ 171,875
Amount of substantial risk	94,317	9,437	103,754
Guarantees for customers:			
Maximum potential amount of future payments	121,426	13,814	135,240
Amount of substantial risk		11,170	65,480
Total:			
Maximum potential amount of future payments	¥ 281,385	¥ 25,730	¥ 307,115
Amount of substantial risk		20.607	169,234

	Millions of U.S. dollars  2005		
	Guarantees for Monetary indebtedness	Other Guarantees	Total
Guarantees for associated companies:  Maximum potential amount of future payments  Amount of substantial risk		\$ 111 86	\$ 1,277 768
Guarantees for customers:  Maximum potential amount of future payments  Amount of substantial risk		168 139	1,281 735
Total:  Maximum potential amount of future payments  Amount of substantial risk		\$ 279 225	\$ 2,558 1,503

The amount of substantial risk at March 31, 2005 and 2004 represents the actual amount of liability incurred by the guaranteed parties within the pre-determined guaranteed limit established under the guarantee contracts. The amounts that might be recovered from third parties have been excluded in determining the amount of substantial risk.

The carrying amount of the liability recognized for guarantees was ¥1,127 million (\$10 million) and ¥1,642 million at March 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

The Company guarantees housing loans of its employees and those of certain subsidiaries as a part of the benefit program. These guarantees are included in the above guarantees. If the employees default on a payment, the Company would be

required to make payments under the contracts. The maximum potential amounts of future payments under the contracts were  $\pm 13,566$  million ( $\pm 126$  million) and  $\pm 15,004$  million at March 31, 2005 and 2004. No provisions relating to the guarantees have been recorded in the consolidated financial statements.

The amounts that might be recovered from third parties have been excluded from determining the maximum potential amount of future payments. The amounts recoverable were \$80,144 million (\$746 million) and \$88,088 million at March 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

Guarantees with the longest term for indebtedness of associated companies and customers issued by the Company and its subsidiaries expire on June 30, 2030.

The major associated companies and customers and the substantial risk of the related guarantees for monetary indebtedness at March 31, 2005 and 2004 were as follows:

	Millions of Yen	Millions of U.S. dollars		Millions of Yen
	200	)5		2004
SAKHALIN OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT			Marubeni-Itochu Steel Inc	¥ 29,568
CO., LTD	¥ 15,340	\$ 143	Japan Brazil Paper and Pulp Resources	
Tokyo Humania Enterprise Inc	12,200	114	Development Co., Ltd	11,231
Japan Brazil Paper and Pulp Resources			JAPAN OHANET OIL & GAS CO., LTD	10,239
Development Co., Ltd	10,588	99	Tokyo Humania Enterprise Inc	7,500
JAPAN OHANET OIL & GAS CO., LTD	6,425	60	SAKHALIN OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT	
STAR CHANNEL, INC	6,400	60	CO., LTD	6,520
Quatro World Maritime S.A	5,746	54	Marubeni-Itochu Steel America Inc	6,482
AI BEVERAGE HOLDING CO. LTD	5,265	49	Quatro World Maritime S.A	4,901
Marubeni-Itochu Steel Inc	5,017	47	STAR CHANNEL, INC	4,200
Marubeni-Itochu Steel America Inc	3,531	33	Bontang Train • G Project	3,373
Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd	2,873	27	P.T. PANTJA MOTOR	2,995

The Company and its subsidiaries were contingently liable in the amounts of ¥6,293 million (\$59 million) and ¥10,999 million for the total trade notes receivable endorsed to suppliers in the settlement of accounts payable and discounted trade notes receivable on a recourse basis with banks at March 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The amounts of export bills of exchange discounted with banks in the ordinary course of business were ¥72,317 million (\$673 million) and ¥53,940 million at March 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

In July 2001, Citibank, N.A. and Citibank Canada, a whollyowned subsidiary of Citibank, N.A. (together, "Citibank"), filed a complaint against ITOCHU International Inc. and III Holding Inc. (previously named Copelco Financial Services Group, Inc.), a wholly owned subsidiary of ITOCHU International Inc. (collectively, "III"), in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Citibank was alleging violation of the federal securities laws, fraud and breach of contract and related claims arising in connection with Citibank's acquisition of all the common stock of Copelco Capital. Inc. ("Copelco"), a former wholly-owned subsidiary of III Holding Inc., for a purchase price of approximately U.S.\$666 million in May 2000. More specifically, Citibank was alleging that Citibank relied on the accuracy of Copelco's financial statements and other documents and statements provided and given by III to Citibank and that such financial statements had not been prepared in compliance with U.S. GAAP and/or in accordance with Copelco's internal accounting rules and practices in connection with, inter alia, accounting and collection policies and procedures of lease receivables, the amount of charge-off concerning delinquent lease receivables, loss reserve methodology, earnings from general ledger accounts and reconciliation of investment accounts, based upon which Citibank sought compensatory damages and related costs and attorney's fees. Disclosures made by Citibank during pretrial discovery indicated its belief that the total amount of the damages suffered was approximately U.S.\$459 million. In February 2005, pursuant to a stipulation with III, Citibank dismissed with prejudice its claims related to the alleged violation of the federal securities laws and fraud, and withdrew its suit in the United States District Court. Plaintiff then re-filed its complaint against III in the New York Supreme Court for New York County alleging breach of contract and contractual indemnity. According to the complaint re-filed by Citibank, Citibank is alleging that Copelco's stockholder's equity was overstated by approximately U.S.\$159 million and it continues to seek an unspecified amount of compensatory damages and related costs and attorney's fees as noted above.

Ill is defending this action vigorously and maintains that it has no liability in this matter. However, due to the inherent uncertainty of litigation, it is not possible to predict the ultimate outcome of this litigation. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that Ill will prevail in the action or that the Company's consolidated financial position may not be materially adversely affected by such action.

## 23. Subsequent events

At the ordinary general meeting of shareholders held on June 29, 2005, the Company was authorized to pay a cash dividend of \$7 (\$0.07) per share, or a total of \$11,085 million (\$103 million) to shareholders of record on March 31, 2005.

The Company was also authorized to amend the Articles of Incorporation to provide that the Company could purchase outstanding shares of its own common stock upon resolution of the Board of Directors.

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## **Independent Auditors' Report**

To the Board of Directors of ITOCHU Corporation:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of ITOCHU Corporation and subsidiaries as of March 31, 2005 and 2004, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended (all expressed in Japanese yen). These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. The consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended March 31, 2003 were audited by other auditors whose report, dated May 23, 2003, expressed an unqualified opinion on those statements.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such 2005 and 2004 consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of ITOCHU Corporation and subsidiaries as of March 31, 2005 and 2004, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits also comprehended the translation of Japanese yen amounts into U.S. dollar amounts and, in our opinion, such translation has been made in conformity with the basis stated in Note 2. Such U.S. dollar amounts are presented solely for the convenience of readers outside Japan.

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May 11, 2005, except for Note 23, as to which the date is June 29, 2005

Member of **Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu** 

## **Transfer Agent of Common Stock:**

The Chuo Mitsui Trust & Banking Co., Ltd.

#### **Stock Listings:**

Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Fukuoka, Sapporo

#### **General Meeting of Stockholders:**

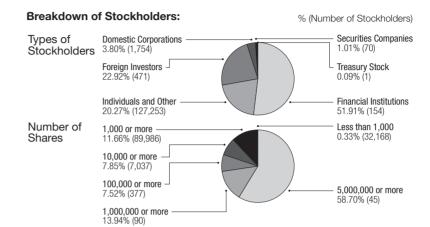
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#### **Number of Common Stock Issued:**

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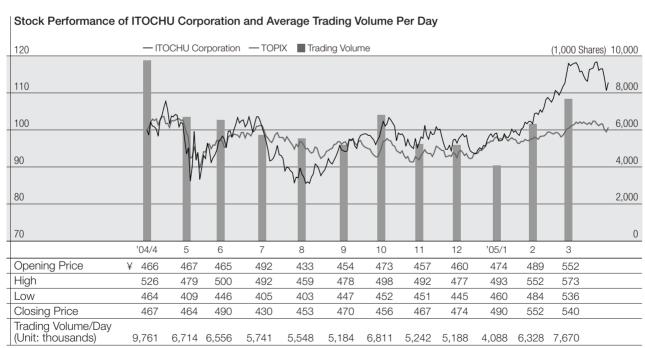
#### **Number of Stockholders:**

129,703



#### **Major Stockholders:**

Stock holders	Number of stocks held (1,000 shares)	Stock holding ratio (%)
Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (trust account)	. 192,872	12.17
The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (trust account)	. 111,641	7.04
Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd.	. 49,000	3.09
Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Co., Ltd.	. 48,651	3.07
Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	. 42,565	2.69
Nippon Life Insurance Company	. 41,057	2.59
NIPPONKOA Insurance Co., Ltd.	. 39,748	2.51
Asahi Mutual Life Insurance Company	. 27,530	1.74
Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (trust account 4)	. 26,832	1.69
State Street Bank and Trust Company 505103	. 24,585	1.55



Share price on April 1, 2004 (¥479) = 100

## **ITOCHU Corporation**

#### Founded:

1858

#### Incorporated:

1949

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#### Offices:

Domestic: 18 Overseas: 136

#### **Number of Employees:**

Consolidated\*: 40,890 Non-consolidated: 3,992

\*The number of consolidated employees is based on actual working employees excluding temporary staff.

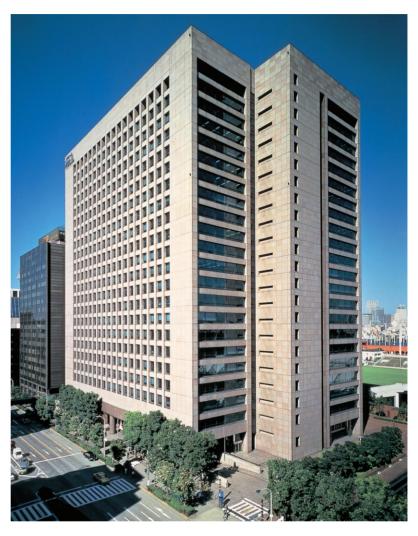
#### Paid-in Capital:

¥202,241 million

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