Summary of Consolidated Financial Results

October 27, 2005

for the Six-month Period Ended September 30, 2005

Sojitz Corporation (Former Sojitz Holdings Corporation)

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1. Consolidated Financial Results for the Six-month Period ended September 30, 2005

(1) Consolidated Operating Results

(Rounded to millions of Japanese Yen)

	Net Sales	Operating Income	Operating Income Recurring Profit	
For the Six-month Period	Millions of Yen %	Millions of Yen %	Millions of Yen %	Millions of Yen %
ended September 30, 2005	2,354,027 4.4	37,889 15.1	42,622 65.4	25,908 -
ended September 30, 2004	2,254,215 25.4	32,934 23.8	25,762 35.1	241,071 -
(Ref) FY 2004	4,675,903	65,521	58,088	412,475

	EPS	Adjusted EPS
For the Six-month Period	Yen	Yen
ended September 30, 2005	89.61	74.49
ended September 30, 2004	1119.40	-
(Ref) FY 2004	1876.48	-

Notes:

1. Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliate during the period: (Millions of Yen)

Current interim period: 11,911 Preceding interim period: 6,083 Last fiscal year: 10,741

2. Average number of outstanding shares during the period:

Current interim period: 289,138,950 Preceding interim period: 215,358,386 Last fiscal year: 219,825,798

3. Changes in accounting policies during the period: Yes

4. Percentage indicate changes in net sales, operating income, recurring profit and net income are compared with preceding interim period.

(2) Consolidated Financial Position

	Total Assets	Shareholders' Equity	Shareholders' Equity Ratio	BPS
As of	Millions of Yen	Millions of Yen	%	Yen
September 30, 2005	2,505,214	396,540	15.8	547.00
September 30, 2004	2,703,954	61,688	2.3	947.63
March 31, 2005	2,448,478	280,241	11.4	1,440.26

Notes:

1. Number of outstanding shares at the end of the period (Common Stock):

Current interim period: 401,205,565 Preceding interim period: 215,602,089 Last fiscal year: 240,066,694

2. Number of outstanding shares at the end of the period (Preferred Stock):

Current fiscal year: 165,825,000 Preceding interim period: 133,000,000 Last fiscal year: 166,825,000

(3) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

	Operating Activities	Investing Activities	Financing Activities	Cash & Cash Equivalents at the end of the Period
For the Six-month Period	Millions of Yen	Millions of Yen	Millions of Yen	Millions of Yen
ended September 30, 2005	11,264	48,300	24,982	475,947
ended September 30, 2004	47,369	66,023	129,933	290,013
(Ref) FY 2004	19,774	241,109	212,264	409,266

(4) Number of consolidated subsidiaries and companies accounted for by the equity method

Consolidated subsidiaries: 324

Unconsolidated subsidiaries (accounted for by the equity method) : 10 Unconsolidated affiliates (accounted for by the equity method) : 182

(5) Increase/Decrease in the number of consolidated subsidiaries

Consolidated subsidiaries: (Increase) 7 companies (Decrease) 12 companies

Affiliated companies accounted for by the equity method: (Increase) 13 companies (Decrease) 9 companies

110.09 Yen

(6) Consolidated Earnings Forecast for the Fiscal Year Ending March 2006 (April 1, 2005 March 31, 2006)

	Net Sales	Recurring Profit	Net Income
For the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006	Millions of Yen	Millions of Yen	Millions of Yen
	4,900,000	74,000	38,000

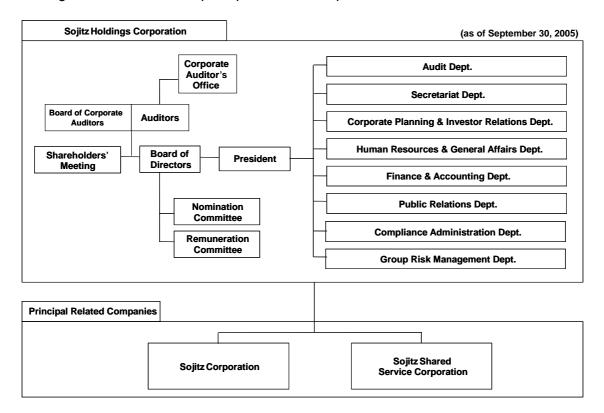
(Ref) Forecast of Net income per share for the year ending March 31, 2006 :

Status of the Corporate Group

Sojitz Holdings Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "the Company" or "Sojitz Holdings") was established on April 1, 2003 from the former Nichimen Corporation and the former Nissho Iwai Corporation, as a holding company established through an exchange of stock under Article 364 of the Commercial Code. Sojitz Holdings manages and supervises the operations of subsidiary companies and conducts related business.

With Sojitz Corporation at its core, the Sojitz Group operates as a general trading company engaged in the buying and selling of goods, as well as import and export. Its business interests extend to a wide variety of concerns throughout the world, including support for the manufacture, sale and service of an array of goods in Japan and overseas, responsibility for the planning, management and coordination of diverse projects, and financial support and investment in an assortment of business fields.

The Sojitz Group is comprised of 416 subsidiaries, and 209 affiliates for a total of 625 companies (of which, 516 are included in the scope of consolidation). The management structure and principal related companies are as follows:



Note: The former Sojitz Holdings Corporation and its wholly owned subsidiary, the former Sojitz Corporation, merged on October 1, 2005, heralding the birth of the new Sojitz Corporation.

Group Management Policy

1. Merger with Sojitz Corporation

Since its establishment in April 2003, Sojitz Holdings Corporation, as the holding company of the Sojitz Group, has worked to promote business integration and implemented a comprehensive rationalization plan. At the same time, Sojitz Holdings has accelerated various selection and focus initiatives, successfully establishing a robust asset portfolio, and taken concrete measures to reinforce the corporate governance function.

In the second year of the Sojitz Group's New Business Plan, announced in September 2004, Sojitz Holdings is endeavoring to further streamline the Group's management framework, promote efficiency and accelerate the decision-making process. To this end, Sojitz Holdings merged with its principal operating arm and wholly owned subsidiary, Sojitz Corporation, on October 1, 2005. The Company changed its name to Sojitz Corporation. (Hereinafter "Sojitz" or "the Company" refers to the former Sojitz Holdings in matters concerning performance through September 30, 2005, and the post-merger Sojitz Corporation in ongoing matters).

2. The Sojitz Group's Statement and Slogan

In concert with the establishment of a newly merged company, the Sojitz Group formulated its Group Statement and Slogan.

Sojitz Group Statement

The Sojitz Group produces new sources of wealth by connecting the world's economies, cultures and people in a spirit of integrity.

The Sojitz Group Statement clarifies the Group's role in society, its raison d'etre and management stance toward the global community it serves. Dedicated to a spirit of integrity, the Sojitz Group contributes to a prosperous society through the ongoing development of its global businesses.

Sojitz Group Slogan

New way, New value

In order to express in simple terms the Company's intention and posture toward society, the Sojitz Group has also formulated its Group Slogan with the aim of improving communication

with society. This slogan is a proclamation of the determination of all members of the Sojitz Group to think with an unprecedented freedom of imagination, offer new proposals to customers and create new value in society.

3. Fundamental Policy

The fundamental policy set forth in the New Business Plan is to enhance corporate value by establishing a robust financial position and evolving toward a quality earnings structure, as well as building a solid business foundation that is unaffected by external conditions, and quickly restoring market confidence.

The New Business Plan runs for three years starting in FY2004 (FYE March 2005). By its completion, Sojitz will have established itself as an innovative and function-oriented trading company that can provide unique value-added services in its competitive business areas. The shape that the Group aspires to develop and the beliefs it shares are built into the following Management Vision.

Group Management Vision

- To establish a multi-faceted business, which has both top-tier competitiveness and strong earnings power in specific industries and markets, by continuously pursuing profitability and growth in core business areas
- To nurture an innovative trading company, by actively responding to environmental changes and market globalization, and continuously developing new business fields through entrepreneurship
- To build a function-oriented trading company, by fully grasping and anticipating various client needs and providing sophisticated, tailor-made services as a client's business partner
- To become a flexible company, open to new ideas, where each employee can pursue challenges and explore opportunities to realize his or her own personal goals and ambitions.

4. Basic Policy on Dividends

Sojitz has positioned the stable payment of dividends to shareholders, steady increase in shareholder value, and adequate retained earnings to ensure competitiveness as key issues for management. The dividend payout ratio shall be determined subject to full consideration of the Company's capital base, profit growth, and the demand for investment funds and working capital.

Furthermore, the Sojitz Group is committed to achieving optimal balance among efforts to

improve its financial position, reinforce its management foundation, and ensure adequate retained earnings. Working to secure accumulated profits, the Sojitz Group will work tirelessly toward the payment of dividends from the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

5. Outline and Progress Under the New Business Plan

(1) Basic Objectives of the New Business Plan

Under its New Business Plan, the Sojitz Group is taking significant strides toward establishing a robust financial position and evolving toward a quality earnings structure with the aim of enhancing corporate value.

1. Establishing a Robust Financial Position

(Comprehensive Review of the Asset Portfolio)

In specific terms, the Group rationalized assets to the tune of ¥620 billion, wrote-off approximately ¥430 billion, and generated positive cash flows of ¥150 billion. Accordingly, Sojitz took steps to immediately restore asset quality and was successful in achieving its primary objective in the first year of the New Business Plan.

2. Evolving Toward a Quality Earnings Structure

(Promoting the Selection and Focus Initiative and Reinforcing SCVA, the Sojitz Group's Risk/Return Management Indicator)

Sojitz introduced Sojitz Corporation Value Added (SCVA), a proprietary, common management indicator utilized throughout the Group as a tool to analyze current value creation and the future potential for each business unit in terms of business risk. SCVA is being applied as an indicator that helps promote the Group's selection and focus initiative. Accordingly, Sojitz is committed to the comprehensive disposal of all businesses that fail to generate economic value added. From a forward-looking perspective, the Sojitz Group is allocating management resources including funding to existing businesses with the aim of expanding business activities. The Group is also proactively investing in new businesses and aggressively pursuing M&A as a source of business growth. In the future, the Sojitz Group will work to enhance SCVA and evolve toward a quality earnings structure by adopting the following three-point business portfolio review process:

- 1. Allocate resources to growth areas
- 2. Select and withdraw from low-profit businesses, and
- 3. Continuously enhance SCVA by strengthening the business portfolio and improving risk management.

(2) Financial Targets of the New Business Plan

The following are our consolidated financial targets for the last year of the New Business Plan, coinciding with the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007:

Recurring profit: ¥75.0 billion

Net DER: Approx. 3 times (net interest-bearing debt level of ¥1 trillion)

Credit rating: BBB or above

(3) Progress under the New Business Plan

Numerical targets for the first year of the New Business Plan and results for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005 are as follows:

(Billions of yen unless otherwise stated)

	Numerical Targets	Fiscal 2004 Results	Percentage Achieved
Recurring profit	50.0	58.1	116%
Net interest-bearing debt	1,110.0	1,002.3	124%
Net DER (times)	3.8	3.6	113%

Results for the first quarter of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006, the second year of the New Business Plan, exceeded the Company's initial numerical targets. This was the result of successful efforts to reduce selling, general and administrative expenses and the strong performance by equity-method affiliates. As a result, Sojitz revised its interim and full-year forecasts at the time of the Company's announcement of its first quarter results on July 28, 2005.

(Billions of yen)

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	Initial Forecasts		Revised Forecasts		
	(Announced on		(Annour	nced on	
	April 28, 2005)		April 28, 2005) July 28, 200		
	Interim	Full-Year	Interim	Full-Year	
Consolidated recurring profit	29.0	65.0	38.0	74.0	
Consolidated net income	15.0	35.0	25.0	38.0	

Results for the interim period ended September 30, 2005 and rates of achievement against initial and revised forecasts are as follows:

(Billions of yen unless otherwise stated)

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	Results	Percentage Achieved (Initial Forecast)	Percentage Achieved (Revised Forecast)
Recurring profit	42.6	65.57%	57.60%
Net interest-bearing debt	918.9		
Net DER (times)	2.32		

6. Restructuring Shareholders' Equity

(1) Implementing Measure to Reclassify Shareholders' Equity

Based on its New Business Plan and in order to create a robust asset portfolio, the Company reported a consolidated deficit of ¥492 billion for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005. At the same time, Sojitz offset this deficit with a partial reversal of the capital reserve and a reduction in capital. As a result of this reclassification, there was no change in the Company's shareholders' equity.

(2) Approach to Previously Issued Preferred Stock

In connection with preferred stock issued by the Company, the 1st Series Class I Preferred Stock totaling ¥52.6 billion will enter its conversion period from May 2006. In this context, the Company issued convertible bonds totaling ¥60.0 billion and established a stock repurchase program. Accordingly, Sojitz plans to repurchase and cancel the preferred stock, a total issue amount of ¥40.0 billion, on January 13, 2006, within the scope of the increase in shareholders' equity, in line with the conversion of bonds.

In connection with previously issued preferred stock with conversion periods commencing May 2008, the Company is considering repurchase and cancellation as well as accumulating retained earnings after dividend payments. These initiatives are designed to mitigate a dilution of the stock value and reduction in shareholders' equity, and to accelerate improvement of its capital structure. After considering the aforementioned, specific measures to be adopted will depend on prevailing conditions and identification of the best option.

	Common Stock Issued and Outstanding	Preferred Stock Issued and Outstanding	Total Stock Issued and Outstanding	Common and Preferred Stock (Yen)	Shareholders' Equity (Yen)
Mar. 31, 2005	240,246,254	166,825,000	407,071,254	336,122,742,706	280,246,000,000
Apr. 30, 2005	240,246,254	166,825,000	407,071,254	336,122,742,706	
May 31, 2005	247,184,274	166,525,000	413,709,274	336,122,742,706	
Jun. 30, 2005	261,121,556	166,525,000	427,646,556	339,133,195,618	
Jul. 31, 2005	294,230,314	166,525,000	460,755,314	110,019,629,650	
Aug. 31, 2005	389,317,742	165,825,000	555,142,742	127,041,369,463	
Sep. 30 2005	401,399,900	165,825,000	567,224,900	130,049,826,805	340,596,000,000

Contract
Amount
Jan. 2006
Jan. 31,
2005
(Planned)

(20,000,000)	
145,825,000	547,224,900

		Preferred Stock Issued and Outstanding						
	1 st Series	2 nd Series	3 rd Series	4 th Series	5 th Series	6 th Series	Total	
Mar. 31, 2005	105,200,000	26,300,000	1,500,000	19,950,000	12,875,000	1,000,000	166,825,000	
Apr. 30, 2005	105,200,000	26,300,000	1,500,000	19,950,000	12,875,000	1,000,000	166,825,000	
May 31, 2005	105,200,000	26,300,000	1,500,000	19,950,000	12,875,000	700,000	166,525,000	
Jun. 30, 2005	105,200,000	26,300,000	1,500,000	19,950,000	12,875,000	700,000	166,525,000	
Jul. 31, 2005	105,200,000	26,300,000	1,500,000	19,950,000	12,875,000	700,000	166,525,000	
Aug. 31, 2005	105,200,000	26,300,000	1,500,000	19,950,000	12,875,000	0	165,825,000	
Sep. 30, 2005	105,200,000	26,300,000	1,500,000	19,950,000	12,875,000	0	165,825,000	

Contract	(20,000,000)
Amount	
Jan.	
2006	
Jan. 31,	85,200,000
2005	
(Planned)	

145,825,000

7. Issues to be Addressed

The Sojitz Group continues to recognize the importance of "establishing a robust financial position" and "evolving toward a quality earnings structure" through proactive implementation of its New Business Plan. The Group is also endeavoring to enhance corporate value by establishing a solid business foundation that is unaffected by changes in the external environment, delivering high-value-added products and services that only the Sojitz Group can provide, while accelerating efforts to become an innovative and function-oriented trading company.

Based on the basic policies outlined in its New Business Plan, the Company is working to address the following key issues:

- Reduce business risk, enhance and improve asset quality and liquidity
- Improve capital structure (effective application of preferred stock)
- Secure stable funds procurement
- Restore credibility and establish the Sojitz brand
- Strengthen SCVA management (risk/return business portfolio management)
- Clarify growth strategies.

Sojitz is working to maintain and improve asset quality through the restoration of assets, which is to be accomplished by implementing basic policies such as the improvement of risk

management systems and innovation in supervisory systems, proactive management systems and portfolio management. At the same time, through the activities of the Committee for Avoiding Recurrence of Incident, the construction of an internal controls system and the introduction of measures to reinforce its compliance structure, the Company is endeavoring to establish a more comprehensive risk management structure and to establish a mechanism for minimizing losses.

By withdrawing from low-profit businesses and focusing on businesses in which Sojitz holds a competitive advantage, the Company is transforming its earnings structure and advancing in efforts to upgrade its business portfolio.

In regard to improving capital structure, the Company will repurchase and cancel 1st Series Class I Preferred Stock, as previously mentioned. The Company's fundamental policy is to continue improving its capital structure while maintaining the level of shareholders' equity and mitigating a dilution of the stock value. Sojitz will strive to identify optimal responses to prevailing conditions when formulating specific measures for adoption.

8. Basic Stance on Corporate Governance and Measures Implemented

(1) Basic Stance

Sojitz considers corporate governance to be an important management issue. In order to strengthen corporate governance, the Company strives to clarify management responsibilities and accountability to shareholders and all stakeholders, while establishing a highly transparent management framework. Sojitz aims to improve profitability throughout the entire Group, and to maximize corporate value.

Under the Sojitz Group Statement, Sojitz places top priority on maintaining "a spirit of integrity," and has implemented the following measures in aiming for greater management transparency and improved corporate governance.

(2) Status of Implementation

- Corporate Governance Structure including the Decision-Making, Executive and Supervisory Functions
 - a. Overview of Corporate Institutions

Sojitz has adopted the auditing system with the aim of incorporating statutory guidelines that serve to augment the auditing function. At the same time, the Company has appointed outside directors to chair the newly established Nomination and Remuneration Committees. Through these measures, the Company strives to assess the relevance and accuracy of director appointments and remuneration, to enhance the operations of the Board of Directors as a consultative body, and to secure increased transparency.

Sojitz will continue to assess every option in its search for the optimal corporate governance structure in accordance with the New Company Law, which is scheduled to come into force in the next fiscal year.

The Company maintains a Board of Directors comprising nine members, two of whom are appointed from outside the Group. The Board of Directors is the principal decision-making body of the Group and is responsible for considering and determining basic policies and those matters most important to the management of the Group.

The Company's Board of Auditors is comprised of five members, three of whom are outside auditors.

Sojitz has introduced an executive officer system, which, by separating managerial decision-making and business executive functions, serves to clarify authority and responsibilities, and to accelerate decision making and implementation. Moreover, in order to clarify management responsibilities and to respond quickly and appropriately to sudden changes in the business environment, the tenure of directors and executive officers has been set at one year.

Serving as consultative bodies to the Board of Directors, the Company has established the Nomination and Remuneration Committees, each comprising three directors, including outside directors installed to chair each committee. The Nomination Committee considers, deliberates and recommends standards and procedures related to the appointment of candidates for director and executive officer positions, in addition to deliberating candidates being considered for appointment. The Remuneration Committee deliberates and makes recommendations concerning the level of director and executive officer remuneration, as well as systems for appraisal and compensation of directors and executive officers.

In connection with compliance, the Sojitz Group established the internal Compliance Administration Department. This department strives to ensure Group executives and employees abide by all domestic and overseas laws and Company regulations, and conduct themselves in an ethical manner in accordance with social norms. To assure that the Sojitz Group strictly observes regulatory requirements and risk management principles, the Company has established a compliance program, a compliance code of conduct and a compliance code of conduct manual. In addition, Sojitz Corporation has created a Compliance Committee and appointed a Chief Compliance Officer (CCO) as its chair. The Compliance Committee reports details of compliance activities to the Board of Directors. Moreover, Sojitz has established a hotline to allow employees direct access to the CCO and legal counsel in an effort to prevent noncompliance of statutory and regulatory requirements by members of the Sojitz Group, and to ensure its early

detection. A Compliance Committee homepage has been established on the Group's Intranet as both an information and education tool. Through such efforts, the Company is working to strengthen compliance throughout the entire Group.

b. Internal Controls Systems

In the execution of the Company's business operations, Sojitz has established an internal controls system to ensure compliance with all statutory and regulatory requirements and related in-house rules, and optimal efficacy and efficiency. This internal controls system is driven by Sojitz Corporation's Group Risk Management, Compliance Administration, Accounting, and Corporate Planning Departments, and is audited by the Company's Audit Department.

With the aims of assuring the effectiveness of the Group's operating process, and constructing a regulated internal environment, Sojitz established an Internal Control Administration Office as of October 1, 2005, endeavoring to upgrade the Company's internal controls system.

In addition, the Company will set up an Internal Control Committee chaired by the President in November 2005, which formulates policies related to internal control and monitors the state of progress in structural development.

c. Risk Management Structure

The Sojitz Group is engaged in a wide range of activities on a global scale, and regularly faces varied risks, including credit-related risks, market-related risks, business investment risks, and country risks. The Company considers proper understanding of such risks and construction of a risk management structure to be an important issue, and is undertaking the following four reforms with the aim of strengthening and enhancing its comprehensive risk management structure.

Improvement of risk management systems

While expanding the number of personnel in the Group Risk Management Department, Sojitz has established a Risk Management Planning Office, and is advancing with efforts to improve risk management systems.

One example of these efforts is the clarification of credit-rating assessment items and standards for the establishment of uniform rules for worldwide operations, and the new introduction of highly transparent credit rating systems that have eliminated all arbitrary elements.

Reform of supervisory systems:

The Company has introduced credit approval processes in order to enhance the

scrutiny of risk and to improve screening and risk analysis capacity throughout the Company.

Reform of the monitoring system:

Proper administration and review of completed transactions is another important issue for the Company's risk management, in addition to the initial credit judgment that precedes each transaction. The Company will continue to strengthen its management structure concerning daily credit monitoring and special-asset control, with the aim of minimizing risk and loss.

Portfolio management:

In order to avert the concentration of risk and enhance credit judgment for individual transactions, the Company is promoting the introduction of portfolio management centered on integrated risk management. The results of risk measurement will be utilized for the SCVA indicator, which measures risk against return, to promote the continued evolution to a quality earnings structure.

The Company assigns country ratings based upon evaluations by third-party institutions. In addition, the Company has established "country exposure limits" that reflect the scale of each country's economy, and control exposure between countries with low ratings and countries identified as "priority management countries."

Through the implementation of the above four reforms, the Company is working to establish more comprehensive risk management structure and to achieve a mechanism for minimizing losses.

d. Status of Internal Audits, Auditors' Audits, and Account Audits

Auditors' audit

Organization: Board of Corporate Auditors

Members: The Board of Corporate Auditors is comprised of five

members, three of whom are appointed externally. Of the five-member board, three are standing auditors and two are non-executive positions. One standing auditor is

appointed from outside the company.

Audit procedures

In accordance with established auditing policy, the audit execution plan and administrative responsibilities, the Board of Corporate Auditors conducts audits, supervises and oversees management utilizing methods that include attending meetings of the Board of Directors, management, the Investment and Finance, and other committees, interviewing directors and other officers concerning the nature and status of executive functions, reviewing important approval documents, and

requesting business reports from subsidiaries.

To enhance auditors' audit function, the Company has established the Corporate Auditors' Office, an organization provided specifically in support of the Board of Corporate Auditors. The Corporate Auditors' Office is staffed by three qualified full-time members.

Accounting audit

Pursuant to the Commercial Code of Japan and the Securities Exchange Law, the Company has commissioned Ernst & Young ShinNihon and KPMG AZSA to conduct joint audits. The Certified Public Accountants responsible for conducting an accounting audit of the Company for the first half of fiscal 2005, the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006, were as follows:

KPMG AZSA

Name of Certified Public Accountant
Fumio Konishi
Hiroyuki Okuyama
Toshinari Takeno
Shouji Tomiyama
Naoto Yokoi

Affiliated Auditing Company
Ernst & Young ShinNihon
Ernst & Young ShinNihon
Ernst & Young ShinNihon
KPMG AZSA
KPMG AZSA

Internal audits

Junji Ono

Organization: Audit Department

Members: The Audit Department is comprised of 18 members.

Audit procedures:

- In accordance with the Audit Plan approved at the start of each fiscal year by the Board of Directors, the Audit Department conducts biennial audits of the Company's operating departments and finance departments, as well as consolidated subsidiaries and the four principal Overseas Subsidiaries in the United States, Europe, Asia and China. In addition, the Audit Department has also conducted annual audits of those departments engaged in futures transactions utilizing hedge and other financial instruments since April 2004.
- The Audit Department works to 1) promote the early detection and efficient improvement of problem areas, 2) prevent the occurrence of losses, and 3) nurture a risk management mindset to ensure sales departments are capable of timely and detailed onsite management of transaction risk through repeated self-inspection. To these ends, the Audit Department has introduced a self- assessment system at sales departments and Group companies, and conducts twice-yearly checks, as well as follow-up work on the status of improvement, based on inspection items that it formulates.
- With compliance, reliable financial reports and the status of risk management as
 priority items, the audit department monitors the internal controls and corporate
 governance of departments being audited, submits evaluation and examination
 reports to top management, and makes proposals for effective improvement aimed

- at strengthening systems for managing workplace business practices.
- Following each audit, the Audit Department holds audit reviews for audited departments, department heads, directors in charge of functional departments, and auditors. Reports are also provided to the relevant workplace based on audit records.
- The Audit Department submits summary reports to top management and holds monthly audit report briefings, at which it directly reports to top management. In order to enable audited departments to quickly remedy those items identified during audits as requiring improvement, the Audit Department has these departments submit status-of-improvement reports three months and six months after the audit, and confirms improvement through follow-up audits.

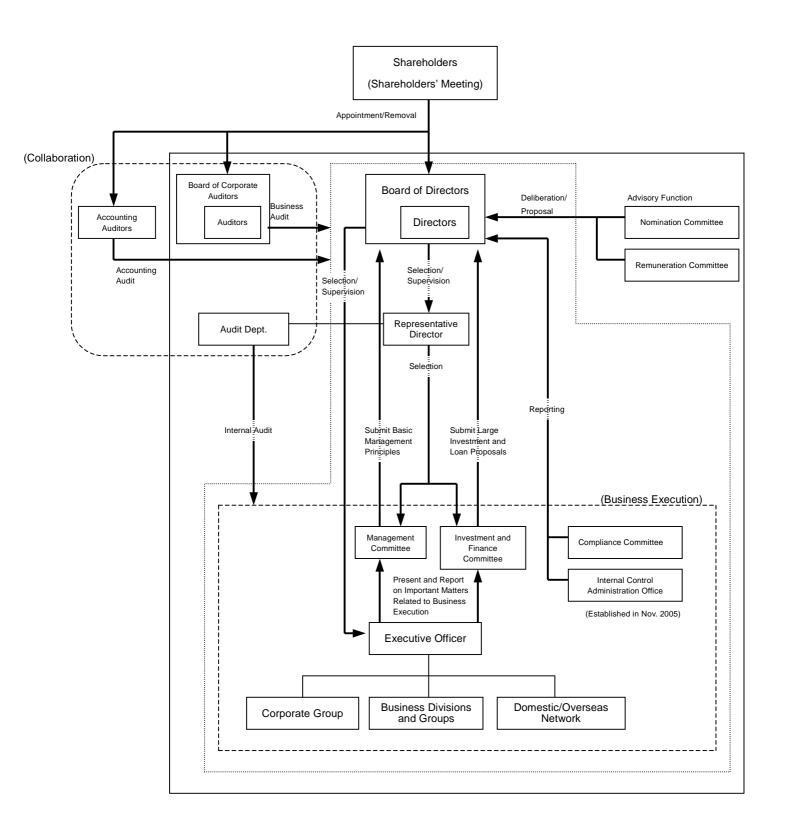
Collaboration Among Independent Auditors, Accounting Auditors, and Internal Auditors: In the implementation of their respective duties, the Company's Audit Department, Accounting Auditors, and Independent Auditors collaborate and exchange information on a regular basis to enhance efficacy and efficiency, to secure mutual benefit, streamline processing, and maximize synergy effects. Specific forms of cooperation include the following:

- Explanation of the fiscal year's audit plan to auditors by the Audit Department
- Attendance by auditors of the Audit Department's audit reviews
- Formulation by auditors of written opinions in connection with the Audit Department's audits
- Provision to auditors by the Audit Department of copies of audit reports submitted to top management
- Explanation of the status of internal audits on a twice-yearly basis to the Board of Auditors by the Audit Department
- Provision to the Audit Department by auditors of data
- Requests to the Audit Department by auditors for surveys.

In addition, specific forms of cooperation with accounting auditors include the following:

- Implementation of regular briefings to the Board of Auditors by accounting auditors
- Exchange of opinions between accounting auditors and the Audit Department in connection with internal controls
- Mutual provision of accounting audit report and internal audit record copies.

The following is a diagram of workflow and management oversight:



Summary of Personal, Capital, and Business Relationships, and Other Interests Between the Company and its External Directors and Auditors

- There are no such interests between the Company and external director Shigeo Muraoka, and external auditors Shunsaku Yuhata, Masaaki Ishida and Kazuo Hoshino.
- External auditor Kazuo Hoshino is a director and Chairman of Nisshin Steel Co., Ltd. Nisshin Steel and the Company maintain business relationships.
- 2. Status of Measures Taken in the Six-Month Period Ended September 30, 2005 to Enhance the Company's Corporate Governance
 - Remuneration Committee

Number of meetings: Two

Attendance: All members attended every meeting.

Activities and results: Deliberated and proposed structure of compensation packages and evaluation methods for directors and executive officers

Nomination Committee

Number of meetings: One

Attendance: All members attended.

Activities and results: Deliberated the suitability of proposed

candidates for director and executive officer

Compliance Committee

Number of meetings: Five

Attendance: All members attended every meeting.

Activities and results: * Increased awareness of compliance systems

* Implemented a crisis management system

Formulated an earthquake disaster manual

* Took steps to address the implementation of laws protecting personal information Formulated regulations for protecting

personal information

* Formulated and distributed standards for compliance behavior

* Distributed Compliance Committee cards

<u>Consolidated Statements of Income</u> for the six-month period ended September 30, 2005

Millions of yen

	Six-month Period ended September 30, 2005		Six-month Perioc ended September 30, 2004		ercentage Net sales (%)	Diffe Amount	rence Percentage
Net sales	2,354,027	100.00	2,254,215		100.00	99,812	4.43
Cost of sales	(2,235,356)	(94.96)	(2,134,498)	(94.69)	(100,858)	4.73
Gross trading profit	118,670	5.04	119,717		5.31	(1,047)	(0.87)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(80,771)	(3.43)	(86,783)	(3.85)	6,012	(6.93)
Operating income	37,899	1.61	32,934		1.46	4,965	15.08
Interest income	6,305	0.27	9,181		0.40	(2,876)	(31.33)
Dividend income	4,427	0.19	1,479		0.07	2,948	199.32
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates-net	11,911	0.51	6,083		0.27	5,828	95.81
Other income	11,841	0.49	6,935		0.31	4,906	70.74
Non-operating income	34,485	1.46	23,679		1.05	10,806	45.64
Interest expense	(18,514)	(0.79)	(23,890)	(1.06)	5,376	(22.50)
Interest expense on commercial papers	(1,292)	(0.05)	(1,261)	(0.06)	(31)	2.46
Other expense	(9,954)	(0.42)	(5,699)	(0.25)	(4,255)	74.66
Non-operating expense	(29,761)	(1.26)	(30,851)	(1.37)	1,090	(3.53)
Recurring profit	42,622	1.81	25,762		1.14	16,860	65.45
Extraordinary loss-net	(2,121)	(0.09)	(245,327)	(10.88)	243,206	(99.14)
Income before income taxes	40,501	(1.72)	(219,564)	(9.74)	260,065	-
Income taxes; Current	(9,786)	(0.42)	(5,553)	(0.25)	(4,233)	76.23
Deferred	(3,129)	(0.13)	(13,858)	(0.61)	10,729	(77.42)
Minority interests in consolidated subsidiaries	(1,678)	(0.07)	(2,094)	(0.09)	416	(19.87)
Net Income (Loss)	25,908	1.10	(241,071)	(10.69)	266,979	-

Extraordinary Income and Loss for the Six-month Period ended September 30, 2005

Six-month Period ended September 30, 2005 3,049 3,913	Six-montn Period ended September 30, 2004	Increase/ Decrease
•	635	0.44.
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3,913		2,414
	3,296	617
-	1,026	(1,026)
5,271	-	5,271
110		110
12,345	4,958	7,387
(843)	(778)	(65)
(1,887)	-	(1,887)
(3,201)	(8,894)	5,693
(386)	(13,087)	12,701
(5,434)	(46,193)	40,759
(2,713)	(181,332)	178,619
(14,466)	(250,286)	235,820
(2,121)	(245,327)	243,206
items.		
(395)	(346)	(49)
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Consolidated Balance Sheets

As of September 30, 2005

Assets			Millions of yen	
	September 30, 2005	March 31, 2005	Increase/ Decrease	
Current assets;				
Cash and deposits	493,642	426,082	67,560	
Trade notes and trade accounts receivables	606,697	618,086	(11,389)	
Securities	8,151	7,150	1,001	
Inventories	213,876	194,694	19,182	
Short-term loans receivables	27,793	41,000	(13,207)	
Deferred tax assets-current	7,069	7,482	(413)	
Other current assets	122,647	139,590	(16,943)	
Allowance for doubtful receivables	(14,011)	(10,957)	(3,054)	
Total current assets	1,465,867	1,423,129	42,738	
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Fixed assets;	240.760	246 652	2.400	
Tangible assets	249,760	246,652	3,108	
Intangible assets;	103,518	103,850	(332)	
Goodwill Other intangible assets	78,417 25,100	79,989 23,860	(1,572) 1,240	
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Investments and other fixed assets;	684,712	673,924	10,788	
Investments securities	443,208	409,307	33,901	
Long-term loans	92,093	102,142	(10,049)	
Non-performing receivables	228,906	286,934	(58,028)	
Deferred tax assets-non-current	46,524	57,170	(10,646)	
Deferred tax assets-revaluation	-	881	(881)	
Others	55,775	54,820	955	
Allowance for doubtful receivables	(181,796)	(237,332)	55,536	
Total fixed agents	4 007 000	4.004.407	40.500	
Total fixed assets	1,037,990	1,024,427	13,563	
Deferred assets	1,356	921	435	
Total assets	2,505,214	2,448,478	56,736	

Consolidated Balance Sheets

As of September 30, 2005

Liabilities and shareholders'equity			Millions of yer
	September 30, 2005	March 31, 2005	Increase/ Decrease
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade notes and trade accounts payables	446,856	472,513	(25,657)
Short-term debts	608,597	764,218	(155,621)
Commercial paper	83,800	139,200	(55,400)
Current Portion of Long-term debt	292,630	211,932	80,698
Income taxes payable	9,268	7,644	1,624
Deferred tax liabilities-current	764	422	342
Allowance for bonus payable	5,011	4,234	777
Other current liabilities	129,665	154,515	(24,850)
Total current liabilities	1,576,593	1,754,681	(178,088)
Non-current liabilities;			
Bonds, less current portion	72,525	16,048	56,477
Long-term borrowings	355,013	296,927	58,086
Deferred tax liabilities -non-current	9,466	7,544	1,922
Deferred tax liabilities -revaluation	401	-	401
Allowance for retirement benefits	27,684	29,046	(1,362)
Other non-current liabilities	30,859	30,639	220
Total non-current liabilities	495,950	380,206	115,744
Total liabilities	2,072,544	2,134,887	(62,343)
Minority Interest in consolidated subsidiaries	36,129	33,349	2,780
Shareholders' equity			
Common and preferred stock	130,049	336,122	(206,073)
Capital surplus	210,254	487,686	(277,432)
Retained earnings	75,166	(492,048)	567,214
Land revaluation difference	(2,682)	(4,869)	2,187
Net unrealized gains on available-for-sales-securities	53,157	32,629	20,528
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(69,310)	(79,193)	9,883
Treasury stock	(93)	(86)	(7)
Total shareholders' equity	396,540	280,241	116,299
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	2,505,214	2,448,478	56,736

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Six-month Period ended September 30, 2005

			Millions of yen
	Six-month Period ended September 30, 2005	Six-month Period ended September 30, 2004	Increase/ Decrease
Operating activities;	00,		
Gain/loss before income taxes and minority interests	40,501	(219,564)	260,065
Depreciation and amortization	10,912	11,431	(519)
Loss on revaluation of securities	386	13,087	(12,701)
Increase in allowance for doubtful receivables	(53,099)	141,424	(194,523)
Interest and dividend income	(10,732)	(10,661)	(71)
Interest expense	19,807	25,151	(5,344)
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates	(11,911)	(6,083)	(5,828)
Gain on sale of securities	(2,547)	4,480	(7,027)
Losses on sale and disposal of property & equipment	(2,205)	143	(2,348)
Increase/decrease in trade receivables	23,989	9,723	14,266
Increase/decrease in inventories	(17,165)	516	(17,681)
Increase/decrease in trade payables	(32,268)	(11,769)	(20,499)
Other, net	23,068	(5,250)	28,318
Net cash provided by operating activities	(11,264)	(47,369)	36,105
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Investing Activities	(4.000)	(= ===0)	0.404
Increase in time deposit, net	(1,339)	(7,773)	6,434
Decrease in marketable securities, net	1,802	5,986	(4,184)
Payments for property & equipment	(12,366)	(3,815)	(8,551)
Proceeds from sale of property & equipment	8,764	4,271	4,493
Payments for purchase of investment securities	(7,991)	(6,078)	(1,913)
Proceeds from sale of investment securities	17,728	27,091	(9,363)
Decrease in short - term loans receivable, net	17,730	30,489	(12,759)
Increase of long - term loans receivable	(5,381)	(3,910)	(1,471)
Collection of long-term loans receivable	14,887	17,744	(2,857)
Other, net Net cash provided by investing activities	14,467 48,300	2,018 66,023	12,449 (17,723)
Net cash provided by investing activities	40,300	00,023	(17,723)
Financing activities			
Increase/decrease in short-term debt, net	(165,550)	324,996	(490,546)
Decrease in commercial paper, net	(55,400)	(62,100)	6,700
Proceeds from long-term debt	233,761	12,423	221,338
Repayments of long-term debt	(100,783)	(387,917)	287,134
Proceeds from issuance of bonds	124,169	-	124,169
Redemption of bonds	(10,927)	(16,775)	5,848
Other, net	(287)	(560)	273
Net cash used in financing activities	24,982	(129,933)	154,915
Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash & Cash Equivalents	4,687	872	3,815
Net Decrease in Cash & Cash Equivalents	66,706	(110,406)	177,112
Cash & cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Period	409,266	401,240	8,026
Effect of Change in Scope of Consolidation	(24)	(820)	796
Cash & Cash Equivalents at the End of the Period	475,947	290,013	185,934
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Segment Information

for the Six-month Period ended September 30, 2005

Industry Segments

The business segment information for the six-month period ended September 30, 2005 and preceding interim period are as follows:

Six-month Period ended September 30, 2005

Millions of yen

	Machinery & Aerospace	Energy & Mineral Resources	Chemicals & Plastics	Real Estate Development & Forest Products	Consumer Lifestyle Business	Overseas Subsidiaries
Net sales						
Outside customers	429,706	570,964	310,869	196,628	422,992	374,325
Inter-segment	7,479	13,995	22,201	1,466	6,584	162,561
Total	437,185	584,959	333,071	198,095	429,576	536,887
Operating expense	430,403	576,466	323,815	193,530	425,426	533,358
Operating income	6,781	8,493	9,255	4,565	4,150	3,528
Total assets (As of September 30, 2005)	327,456	439,959	373,183	252,105	285,600	472,439

	Other	Total	Elimination or Unallocated	Consolidated
Net sales				
Outside customers	48,540	2,354,027	-	2,354,027
Inter-segment	19,460	233,750	(233,750)	-
Total	68,001	2,587,778	(233,750)	2,354,027
Operating expense	66,764	2,549,766	(233,638)	2,316,128
Operating income	1,236	38,012	(112)	37,899
Total assets (As of September 30, 2005)	151,064	2,301,810	203,403	2,505,214

Notes:

- 1. Unallocated costs and expenses included in "Elimination or Unallocated" totaled 1,585 millions of yen and comprised mainly administrative group expenses applicable to former Sojitz Corporation
- 2. Company assets included in "Elimination or Unallocated" totaled 604,785 millions of yen and comprised mainly managed surplus (cash and deposits and bonds, and investment securities) of the Company and former Sojitz Corporation.
- 3. Comments relating to changes in the classification of and principal products of industry segments are provided as follows

In accordance with efforts to streamline the Group's management structure and to better achieve the objectives identified in the New Business Plan through an accelerated decision-making process, the Company has reclassified its industry segments from the fiscal year under review as follows. Segment information for the previous fiscal year has been restated in accordance with the revised segment classification for comparative purposes.

The previous independent industry segments of Construction & Urban Development and Forest Products & Building Materials have been integrated to form the Real Estate Development & Forest Products segment.

The previous independent industry segments of Textiles, Foods, and General Commodities & Consumer Business have been integrated to form the Consumer Lifestyle Business segment.

Certain steel-related operations previously included in the Other segment have been included in the Energy & Mineral Resources segment.

The principal products of each industry segment are identified in this report under those sections titled "Status of the Corporate Group" and "Industry Segment Information."

Segment Information

for the Six-month Period ended September 30, 2004

Industry Segments (Continued)

(Ref.)Six-month period ended September 30, 2004

Millions of yen

	Machinery & Aerospace	Energy & Mineral Resources	Chemicals & Plastics	Real Estate Development & Forest Products	Consumer Lifestyle Business	Overseas Subsidiaries
Net sales						
Outside customers	454,122	500,160	293,698	225,460	387,950	329,321
Inter-segment	7,056	25,915	14,417	645	8,594	138,940
Total	461,178	526,076	308,116	226,106	396,544	468,262
Operating expense	455,354	521,000	299,268	222,783	391,042	466,596
Operating income (loss)	5,824	5,076	8,847	3,322	5,501	1,666
Total assets (As of March 31, 2005)	326,470	428,164	355,287	276,409	279,226	474,874

	Other	Total	Elimination or Unallocated	Consolidated
Net sales				
Outside customers	63,501	2,254,215	-	2,254,215
Inter-segment	5,184	200,754	(200,754)	-
Total	68,685	2,454,970	(200,754)	2,254,215
Operating expense	65,748	2,421,794	(200,512)	2,221,281
Operating income (loss)	2,937	33,175	(241)	32,934
Total assets (As of March 31, 2005)	165,939	2,306,373	142,104	2,448,478

Notes:

^{1.} Unallocated costs and expenses included in "Elimination or Unallocated" totaled 3,020 millions of yen and comprised mainly administrative group expenses applicable to former Sojitz Corporation

^{2.} Company assets included in "Elimination or Unallocated" totaled 433,492 millions of yen and comprised mainly managed surplus (cash and deposits and bonds, and investment securities) of the Company and former Sojitz Corporation.

Segment Information

for the Six-month Period ended September 30, 2005

Geographic Segments

The geographic segment information for the six-month period ended September 30, 2005 and preceding interim period are as follows:

Six-month Period ended September 30, 2005

Millions of yen

	Japan	North America	Europe	Asia & Oseania	Other	Total	Elimination or Unallocated	Consolidated
Net sales								
Outside customers	1,797,942	184,796	73,717	276,525	21,045	2,354,027	-	2,354,027
Inter-area	147,650	55,700	21,910	106,962	85	332,309	(332,309)	-
Total	1,945,592	240,497	95,627	383,487	21,130	2,686,336	(332,309)	2,354,027
Operating expense	1,927,058	234,858	92,947	376,879	16,967	2,648,711	(332,583)	2,316,128
Operating income (loss)	18,533	5,638	2,680	6,608	4,163	37,624	274	37,899
Total assets (As of September 30, 2005)	1,914,728	206,517	181,859	287,423	56,628	2,647,157	(141,942)	2,505,214

Notes:

- 1. Countries and regions are categolized by geographical classification.
- 2. The principal regions and countries included in each geographic segments are as follows:

North America: United States and Canada Europe: UK and Russia Asia & Oseania: Singapore and China

Other: Africa and Central and South America

- 3. Unallocated costs and expenses included in "Elimination or Unallocated" totaled 1,585 millions of yen and comprised mainly administrative group expenses applicable to former Sojitz Corporation.
- 4. Company assets included in "Elimination or Unallocated" totaled 604,785 millions of yen and comprised mainly managed surplus (cash and deposits and bonds, and investment securities) of the Company and former Sojitz Corporation.

(Ref.) Six-month Period ended September 30, 2004

Millions of yen

	Japan	North America	Europe	Asia & Oseania	Other	Total	Elimination or Unallocated	Consolidated
Net sales								
Outside customers	1,755,416	144,172	63,864	265,984	24,777	2,254,215	-	2,254,215
Inter-area	99,168	59,663	18,931	103,463	2,502	283,729	(283,729)	-
Total	1,854,584	203,835	82,796	369,448	27,280	2,537,945	(283,729)	2,254,215
Operating expense	1,834,776	201,872	81,822	362,350	23,076	2,503,898	(282,617)	2,221,281
Operating income (loss)	19,808	1,963	974	7,097	4,204	34,047	(1,112)	32,934
Total assets (As of March 31, 2005)	1,917,528	193,591	234,599	272,002	48,843	2,666,565	(218,087)	2,448,478

Notes:

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North America: United States and Canada Europe: UK and Germany
Asia & Oseania: Singapore and Chaina

Other: Africa and Central and South America

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