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Semiannual Report 2002



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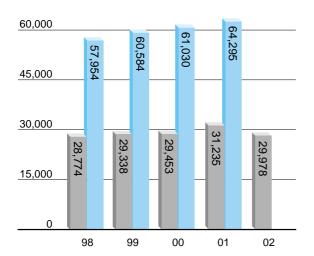
Non-Consolidated Financial Position

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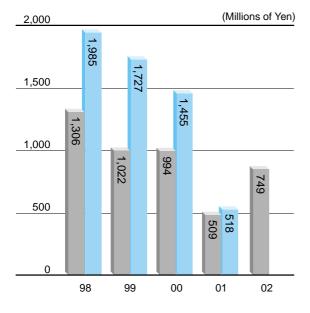
			Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars
	April 30, 2001	October 31, 2001	April 30, 2002	April 30, 2002
Rental revenues and sales of goods	¥ 31,234	¥ 64,295	¥ 29,977	\$ 231,756
Operating income	1,505	2,771	1,551	11,991
Net income	509	518	748	5,787
Total shareholders' equity	31,883	31,034	31,438	243,049
Total assets	104,561	105,423	100,934	780,322
			Yen	U.S. dollars (Note)
Per share of common stock:				
Net income	¥ 16.84	¥ 17.14	¥ 24.75	\$ 0.13
Cash dividends	9.00	18.00	9.00	0.07

Rental Revenues and Sales of Goods

75,000 (Millions of Yen)

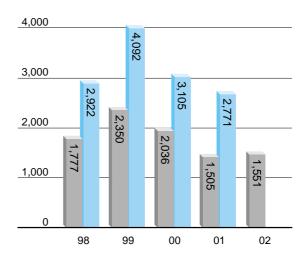


Net Income



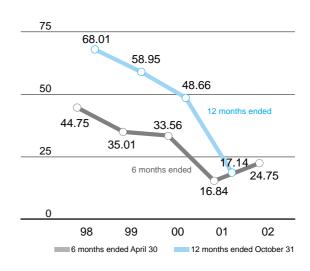
Operating Income

5,000 (Millions of Yen)



Net Income per Share

100 (Yen)



The Kanamoto Company group is comprised of the parent company, eight subsidiaries and two affiliated companies. The business activities of the group are centered on the rental and sale of construction equipment, temporary construction materials, safety equipment and other products, the sale of steel materials, and the rental and sale of information technology equipment (computers and peripheral equipment). The Company is also undertaking development of electric power supply and service businesses and food and beverage businesses as supplemental business activities. An explanation of each company's position with regard to its relevant business is provided below.

Businesses related to the Construction Equipment Rental Division

The Company's rental division, together with Taniguchi Co., Ltd. (a subsidiary company), Daiichi Machine Industries Co., Ltd. (a subsidiary company) and Kanamoto Shikoku Co., Ltd. (a nonconsolidated subsidiary company), is engaged in the rental and sale of construction equipment and machines used for construction. These three subsidiary companies operate in designated marketing areas and borrow rental equipment assets from the Company as needed in order to meet customer demand.

SRG Kanamoto Co., Ltd. (a subsidiary company) operates a rental business that provides temporary materials for construction use. Assist Co., Ltd. (a subsidiary company) is engaged in the rental and sale of furniture and fixtures and safety products for the construction industry. The Company and Taniguchi Co., Ltd. borrow rental assets from SRG Kanamoto Co., Ltd. and Assist Co., Ltd. as needed to rent to their own customers.

In addition to the above companies, Kanatech Co., Ltd. (a subsidiary company) develops, manufactures and sells modular housing units for temporary use, and Polyshield Services Co., Ltd. (a subsidiary company) is engaged in the sale and construction of specialized rust-proof, water-proof shields.

Businesses related to the Steel Sales Division

The Company's Steel Sales Division sells steel products and construction-related manufactured goods. The Company has no subsidiaries or affiliated companies related to this division.

Businesses related to the Computer and Peripheral Equipment Rental Division and other businesses

As the Company's information and telecommunications-related division, Kanamoto's Computer and Peripheral Equipment Rental Division is engaged in the rental and sale of computers, computer peripheral equipment and equipment for the development of computer products. Companies affiliated with this division include Active Technology Co., Ltd. (an affiliated company), which is principally engaged in the sale of telecommunications-related equipment such as wireless LAN devices. As supplemental businesses, Active Power Co., Ltd. (an affiliated company) is engaged in the sale of microturbine generators manufactured by Capstone Corporation, a U.S. company, and supplies these products to the Company, among others. Providence Brewery Co., Ltd. (a subsidiary company) brews and sells regional beers.

1. Basic policies concerning business management

Kanamoto Company's basic mission is to achieve successful performance that produces maximum satisfaction for all stakeholders of the Company, including customers, shareholders and the local community. The Company undertakes its businesses based on a fundamental management policy embodied in the phrase, "constantly seek innovation and move forward based on a spirit of independence and self-reliance."

The Company's group will further strengthen consolidated group management and continue to take actions adapted to the current environment by seeking new customer needs and establishing new information and services focused around the construction equipment rental business, the mainstay of the Company's principal business activity.

2. Basic policies concerning distribution of earnings

In order to ensure the long-term, integrated expansion of shareholders' profits, Kanamoto Company continues to focus comprehensively on both capital investments based on its mediumterm profit plan and on profitability, dividend trend and a sound financial position. The Company also remains committed to its policy of stable dividend growth.

To accomplish these goals, Kanamoto Company focuses on the importance of cash flow and places particular importance on the growth of EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes and depreciation and amortization).

Furthermore, given the Company's present circumstances and markets, the Company believes it has adopted an appropriate position with regard to its investments and has no plans to reduce its positions at this time. The Company will continue to flexibly examine its activities, however, in accordance with the distribution of future investment positions.

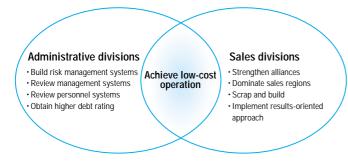
3. Medium to long-term corporate management strategy

In its principal business of construction equipment rentals, the Company is continuing to implement to the extent possible the following two business strategies, together with other firms that are recognized as being the leading companies in their own businesses.

- 1 Increase the efficient utilization of its rental assets through its strategy of building a dominant network in existing sales territories, by opening a greater number of small-scale branch offices
- 2 Expand its business base by constructing an alliance group of business partners in regions such as western Japan, where the Company has not previously built its own sales branches

By continuing to pursue this strategy, the Company has created a group of firms that employs more than 1,300 individuals and has achieved an expansionary trend that will provide future growth. Nevertheless, any increase in the number of offices and employees brings a danger of succumbing to so-called "big company syndrome," where a company's organization becomes inflexible or employee morale stagnates. In order to avoid this result, based on the new "Kanamoto Survival Plan" Three-Year Plan initiated in November 2001, Kanamoto Company will strengthen its internal management systems in the following areas.

Among these objectives, Kanamoto will promote further improvements in business efficiency and greater operating efficiency for its rental assets by taking maximum advantage of the online network linking all of the Company's branches. This system provides the underlying structure of the Company's operations, and is more advanced and vastly superior to similar efforts at other companies in the industry.



Under its scrap and build policy, Kanamoto has adopted a proactive system to promptly close unprofitable branches that do not satisfy the Company's prescribed standards and shift its human resources and rental assets to regions with higher needs. Kanamoto's policy is to place priority on opening branches that can rapidly attain profitability. Specifically the Company has placed its greatest priority on the Kanto region, particularly in the Tokyo area.

In addition, Kanamoto is taking steps to strengthen its alliance group. These include boosting business capabilities without regard to whether a firm is a consolidated or non-consolidated company, and enhancing tie-ups among the firms as a group. As part of this effort, Kanamoto made Daiichi Machine Industries Co., Ltd. (Head office: Kanoya, Kagoshima Prefecture), whose main sales territory is the southern area of Kyushu, a subsidiary company in November 2001.

Finally, as its strategy in the finance and administrative division, Kanamoto will continue to focus on improving its bond rating with a view of ensuring access to diverse, high-quality capital funding, in order to improve and strengthen its financial position.

4. Changes to the Company's management organization and measures concerning corporate governance

To provide overall management for the Kanamoto group, the Company holds a regular "alliance group meeting" that is attended by the management of each group company. This meeting serves to ensure a thorough understanding of the group's business objectives and management policies, and to provide each firm participating in the group with a sense of harmony as well as independence. For those companies subject to consolidation in particular, these meeting focus on improvements to the business development capabilities of the entire group by strengthening the business of each respective firm and ensuring a solid financial base.

In January 2001, Kanamoto introduced a corporate officer system. The Company took this step as a means to clarify responsibility for execution of the Company's business and speed up decisionmaking. In addition to consolidating the organizational framework in the Construction Equipment Rental Division and clarifying the system of responsibility in each region, the new system will improve the communication function for top-down notification of instructions such as management policies and provide a system for keeping every employee well informed about the Company's policies.

The Company has also abolished the seniority system and replaced it with an emphasis on ability and performance-based evaluations.

Under this new system, Kanamoto is aggressively appointing promising young employees as on-site managers of the Company's 136 branch offices.

5. Issues to be addressed by the Company

Because of the pressure on construction companies to lower rental unit prices that has accompanied recent public works spending cuts, the construction equipment rental industry is experiencing deteriorating profit margins. In order to maintain its growth in the face of this environment, Kanamoto must continue to introduce equipment to meet the demand for renewal construction (bridge inspection vehicles) and the most up-to-date equipment such as specialized equipment (large-scale electrical generators or ground improvement equipment) that competitors cannot make available. In addition, the Company must also build an organization that can deliver this equipment to users throughout Japan and differentiate Kanamoto from other firms, through fast, accurate maintenance and a responsive asset quality assurance system.

Because such differentiation also runs the risk leading to higher costs, however, as mentioned earlier Kanamoto has drafted a "Kanamoto Survival Plan" Three-Year Plan, which the Company will implement beginning from November 2001. With this plan Kanamoto seeks to achieve a low-cost operation without sacrificing service quality, by lowering its purchasing costs through planned rental asset purchases and reviewing and reducing all expenditures.

For its marketing efforts as well, Kanamoto will take maximum advantage of its high-quality services and top-down system of guidance created by the change in organization, in order to implement systematic marketing from its sales force to top management.

In the past, Kanamoto Company delayed opening branches in the large market provided by the Kanto region, particularly the Tokyo metropolitan area, because of the problem of obtaining suitable branch office sites. Over the coming years Kanamoto will focus on the Tokyo metropolitan area as the most important business territory for new growth and proceed to build a sales office network. While there are many competitors and achieving branch profitability is expected to be challenging, the Company can anticipate suitable results because its branch network will be newly constructed.

Kanamoto will also continue its venture business support activities, in order to nurture new businesses that will follow the growth path of its construction equipment rental business. Among the companies Kanamoto has invested in so far, microturbine electrical generators and VoIP (Internet telephony) technology show strong promise.

Kanchu Kanamoto, President

K. Kanamoto

[As of April 30, 2002]

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		Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note)
April 30, 2001 (Unaudited)	October 31, 2001	April 30, 2002 (Unaudited)	April 30, 2002 (Unaudited)
¥ 15,780	¥ 15,991	¥ 20,624	\$ 160,686
278	120	592	4,614
24,048	25,808	20,439	159,246
1,368	1,118	959	7,472
222	230	247	1,925
4,148	3,283	3,160	24,623
(200)	(325)	(401)	(3,124)
45,644	46,225	45,620	355,442
59,473	56,322	52,392	408,195
14,503	14,883	15,216	118,548
4,859	4,949	4,879	38,015
(48,748)	(46,639)	(45,411)	(353,804)
30,087	29,515	27,076	210,954
24,182	24,397	24,635	191,937
110	59	58	448
54,379	53,971	51,769	403,339
4,561	3,789	3,745	29,180
609	1,567	1,702	13,257
1,567	1,534	1,628	12,685
(579)	(447)	(607)	(4,726)
6,158	6,443	6,468	50,396
¥ 106,181	¥ 106,639	¥ 103,857	\$ 809,177
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

			Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note)
	April 30, 2001 (Unaudited)	October 31, 2001	April 30, 2002 (Unaudited)	April 30, 2002 (Unaudited)
Current liabilities :				
Short-term bank loans	¥ 517	¥ 510	¥ 750	\$ 5,846
Current portion of long-term debt	14,715	15,240	20,962	163,323
Notes and accounts payable, trade	13,324	12,620	10,725	83,559
Accrued income taxes	1,263	1,319	921	7,174
Accrued bonuses for employees	539	595	573	4,468
Other current liabilities	2,104	1,643	1,489	11,597
Total current liabilities	32,462	31,927	35,420	275,967
Non-current liabilities :				
Long-term debt	38,233	40,043	33,863	263,835
Accrued pension and severance costs	1,019	2,009	2,055	16,010
Other liabilities	2,608	1,750	920	7,167
Total non-current liabilities	41,860	43,802	36,838	287,012
Minority interests	108	67	170	1,324
Shareholders' equity :				
Common stock	8,596	8,597	8,597	66,979
Additional paid-in capital	9,720	9,720	9,720	75,733
Retained earnings	12,718	12,396	13,038	101,582
Net unrealized gains on securities	727	141	85	665
Treasury stock	(10)	(11)	(11)	(85)
Total shareholders' equity	31,751	30,843	31,429	244,874
	¥ 106,181	¥ 106,639	¥ 103,857	\$ 809,177

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			Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note)
	April 30, 2001	October 31, 2001	April 30, 2002	April 30, 2002
	(Unaudited)	2001	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Rental revenues	¥ 21,659	¥ 41,839	¥ 21,024	\$163,808
Cost of rentals	15,626	31,190	15,327	119,418
Sales of goods	10,982	25,507	11,591	90,308
Cost of sales	8,679	19,986	8,847	68,930
Gross profit	8,336	16,170	8,441	65,768
Selling, general and administrative expenses	6,698	13,298	6,745	52,558
Operating income	1,638	2,872	1,696	13,210
Other income (expenses) :				
Interest and dividend income	27	40	11	87
Interest expenses	(294)	(544)	(242)	(1,885)
Others, net	(360)	(1,343)	259	2,023
Income before income taxes	1,011	1,025	1,724	13,435
Income taxes :				
Current	1,231	1,883	866	6,750
Deferred	(763)	(1,308)	(111)	(865)
	468	575	755	5,885
Income before minority interests	543	450	969	7,550
Minority interests in subsidiaries	20	(23)	38	296
Net income	¥ 523	¥ 473	¥ 931	\$ 7,254
			Yen	U.S.dollars (Note)
	April 30, 2001	October 31, 2001	April 30, 2002	April 30, 2002
	(Unaudited)	2001	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Per share of common stock :				
Basic	¥ 17.30	¥ 15.64	¥ 30.79	\$ 0.24
Diluted	14.20	13.89	24.32	0.19

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			Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note)
	April 30, 2001 (Unaudited)	October 31, 2001	April 30, 2002 (Unaudited)	April 30, 2002 (Unaudited)
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Cash flows from operating activities	¥ 7,870	¥ 12,470	¥ 8,708	\$ 67,847
Cash flows from investing activities	(269)	(763)	(617)	(4,807)
Cash flows from financing activities	(8,243)	(12, 138)	(3,458)	(26,945)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(642)	(431)	4,633	36,095
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	16,422	16,422	15,991	124,591
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	¥ 15,780	¥ 15,991	¥ 20,624	\$ 160,686

Segment Information

[For the six months ended April 30, 2002 (Unaudited)]

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	Construction related business	Steel related business	Information and communication related and other business	Total	Eliminations and corporate items	Consolidated
Sales						
Outside customers	¥ 28,833	¥ 3,158	¥ 625	¥ 32,616	¥ -	¥ 32,616
	\$ 224,647	\$ 24,601	\$ 4,869	\$ 254,117	\$ -	\$ 254,117
Intersegment	¥ -	¥ -	¥ -	¥ -	¥ -	¥ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	¥ 28,833	¥ 3,158	¥ 625	¥ 32,616	¥ -	¥ 32,616
	\$ 224,647	\$ 24,601	\$ 4,869	\$ 254,117	\$ -	\$ 254,117
Operating expenses	¥ 27,169	¥ 3,169	¥ 650	¥ 30,988	(¥ 67)	¥ 30,921
	\$ 211,680	\$ 24,687	\$ 5,064	\$ 241,431	(\$ 524)	\$ 240,907
Operating profit	¥ 1,664	(¥ 11)	(¥ 25)	¥1,628	¥ 67	¥ 1,695
	\$ 12,967	(\$ 86)	(\$ 195)	\$ 12,686	\$ 524	\$ 13,210

Amounts shown in the table are millions of yen and thousands of U.S. dollars.

Outstanding Balance of Future Lease Payments (Consolidated)

[For the six months ended April 30, 2002]

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			Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note)
	April 30, 2001 (Unaudited)	October 31, 2001	April 30, 2002 (Unaudited)	April 30, 2002 (Unaudited)
Finance Leases				
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Within one year	¥ 2,483	¥ 3,264	¥ 3,789	\$ 29,523
After one year	5,482	5,323	7,264	56,594
Total	7,965	8,587	11,053	86,117
Operating Leases				
Within one year	1,428	1,681	1,616	12,593
After one year	3,386	2,837	2,783	21,686
Total	¥ 4,814	¥ 4,518	¥ 4,399	\$ 34,279

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			Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note)
	April 30, 2001 (Unaudited)	October 31, 2001	April 30, 2002 (Unaudited)	April 30, 2002 (Unaudited)
Current assets :				
Cash	¥ 9,038	¥ 8,282	¥ 19,985	\$ 155,711
Time deposits	5,950	7,410	_	_
Notes receivable, trade	14,734	12,520	11,376	88,632
Accounts receivable, trade	8,848	12,587	8,160	63,574
Inventories	928	806	544	4,239
Other current assets	4,608	3,598	3,540	27,580
Less : Allowance for doubtful accounts	(197)	(318)	(367)	(2,858)
Total current assets	43,909	44,885	43,238	336,878
Property and equipment :				
Rental equipment	59,473	56,321	51,120	398,283
Buildings	10,504	10,766	10,876	84,736
Structures	3,740	3,857	3,866	30,119
Machinery and equipment	4,814	4,923	4,754	37,042
Less : Accumulated depreciation	(48,592)	(46,491)	(44,179)	(344,206)
	29,939	29,376	26,437	205,974
Land	24,043	24,258	24,258	189,000
Construction in progress	110	59	57	448
Total property and equipment	54,092	53,693	50,752	395,422
Investments and other assets :				
Investments and other assets	7,140	7,292	7,551	58,828
Less : Allowance for doubtful accounts	(579)	(447)	(607)	(4,726)
Total investments and other assets	6,561	6,845	6,944	54,102
	¥ 104,562			

			Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note)
	April 30, 2001 (Unaudited)	October 31, 2001	April 30, 2002 (Unaudited)	April 30, 2002 (Unaudited)
Current liabilities :				
Current portion of straight bonds	¥ -	¥ -	¥ 5,278	\$ 41,120
Current portion of long-term bank loans	7,851	7,755	8,115	63,226
Notes payable, trade	10,338	9,151	7,831	61,011
Accounts payable, trade	1,856	2,647	1,695	13,205
Notes payable, other	375	422	215	1,675
Accounts payable, other	8,348	8,284	8,105	63,145
Accrued income taxes	1,234	1,290	898	6,998
Accrued bonuses for employees	524	575	553	4,306
Other current liabilities	530	722	682	5,322
Total current liabilities	31,056	30,846	33,372	260,008
Non-current liabilities :				
Straight bonds	5,278	5,278	_	_
Convertible bonds	9,733	9,281	7,754	60,413
Long-term bank loans	13,076	14,305	16,336	127,277
Long-term accounts payable, other	12,248	12,399	9,816	76,476
Accrued pension and severance costs	1,015	1,998	2,042	15,912
Other liabilities	273	282	176	1,373
Total non-current liabilities	41,623	43,543	36,124	281,451
Shareholders' equity :				
Common stock	8,596	8,597	8,597	66,979
Additional paid-in capital	_	9,720	9,720	75,733
Legal reserve	9,720	1,372	1,372	10,693
Retained earnings	1,345	11,205	11,665	90,881
Net unrealized gains on securities	11,495	141	85	665
Treasury stock	727	(1)	(1)	(8)
Total shareholders' equity	31,883	31,034	31,438	244,943
	¥ 104,562	¥ 105,423	¥ 100,934	\$ 786,402

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			Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note)
	April 30, 2001 (Unaudited)	October 31, 2001	April 30, 2002 (Unaudited)	April 30, 2002 (Unaudited)
Rental revenues	¥ 21,143	¥ 41,456	¥ 19,925	\$ 155,242
Cost of rentals	15,470	31,303	14,762	115,017
Sales of goods	10,092	22,840	10,052	78,320
Cost of sales	7,900	17,570	7,467	58,179
Gross profit	7,865	15,423	7,748	60,366
Selling, general and administrative expenses	6,360	12,652	6,197	48,281
Operating income	1,505	2,771	1,551	12,085
Other income (expenses) :				
Interest and dividend income	27	40	8	62
Interest expenses	(284)	(524)	(227)	(1,768)
Others, net	(300)	(1,215)	145	1,131
Income before income taxes	948	1,072	1,477	11,510
Income taxes :				
Current	1,202	1,854	843	6,574
Deferred	(763)	(1,300)	(115)	(896)
	439	554	728	5,678
Net income	¥ 509	¥ 518	¥ 749	\$ 5,832
	April 30, 2001 (Unaudited)	October 31, 2001	Yen April 30, 2002 (Unaudited)	U.S.dollars (Note) April 30, 2002 (Unaudited)
Per share of common stock :				
Net income	¥ 16.84	¥ 17.14	¥ 24.75	\$ 0.19
Cash dividends applicable to the year	9.00	18.00	9.00	0.07

Outstanding Balance of Future Lease Payments (Non-Consolidated)

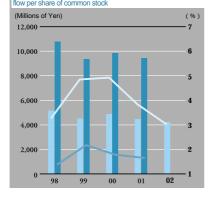
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			Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note)
	April 30, 2001 (Unaudited)	October 31, 2001	April 30, 2002 (Unaudited)	April 30, 2002 (Unaudited)
Finance Leases				
Within one year	¥ 2,468	¥ 2,893	¥ 3,348	\$ 26,085
After one year	5,420	4,788	6,621	51,583
Total	7,888	7,681	9,969	77,668
Operating Leases				
Within one year	1,428	1,681	1,616	12,593
After one year	3,386	2,837	2,783	21,686
Total	¥ 4,814	¥ 4,518	¥ 4,399	\$ 34,279

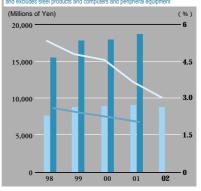
Cash Flow PCFR

CF = Net income + Depreciation expense - (Cash dividends + Bonuses to directors and auditors)
PCFR =Total market capitalization + CF = Stock Price + Cash flow per share of common stock



EBITDA+ EBITDA+ Ratio

EBITDA⁺ =Operating income + Depreciation expense + Other depreciation and amortization expense+ Low-price rental assets, and others EBITDA⁺ is an indicator used only for the construction equipment rental business and excludes steel products and computers and peripheral equipment



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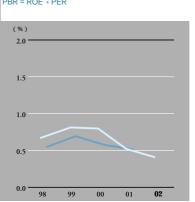


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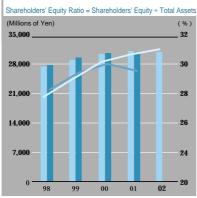
PBR

PBR = ROE × PER



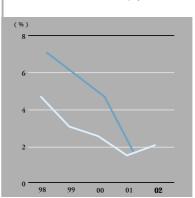
Shareholders' Equity

Shareholders' Equity Ratio



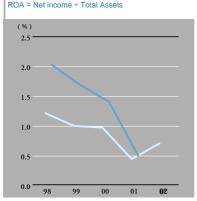
ROE

ROE = Net income ÷ Shareholders' equity = EPS ÷ BPS

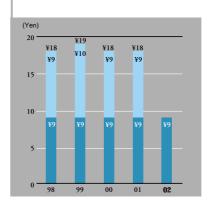




ROA = Net income + Total Assets



Dividend per Share of Common Stock



Daiichi Machine Industries Co., Ltd. becomes a Kanamoto subsidiary

As previously announced, on November 1, 2001 Kanamoto acquired majority ownership of the stock of Daiichi Machine Industries Co., Ltd. (Head office: Kanoya, Kagoshima Prefecture), making the company a subsidiary of Kanamoto.

Daiichi Machine and Kanamoto have built a strong, positive business relationship over many years. As one of the original members of the Company's alliance group, Daiichi Machine is helping Kanamoto grow as our business partner in the southern half of Kyushu.

[Company summary] Daiichi Machine Industries Co., Ltd. 1056-1 Kasanoharacho, Kanoya, Kagoshima Prefecture, Japan Kiyoto Matsui, President and Representative Director Established September 1, 1977 Sales offices 7 branches Employees 47 Capital ¥498 million

Sales ¥1,400 million (Fiscal year ended June 2001)



MTG adopted for electric power generation technology development research and testing using sewage digestion gas



Industrial package microturbine electrical generato from U.S. manufacturer Capstone Corporation

The Fukuoka Sewage Works Bureau, NKK Corporation (NKK) and Kanamoto Co., Ltd. will undertake joint research on power generation technology development using sewage digestion gas. The companies will conduct empirical tests using a microturbine electrical generator (MTG) built by the U.S. manufacturer Capstone Corporation and imported, sold and rented by Kanamoto.

The research will test the feasibility of generating electricity using an MTG and methane gas obtained from decomposition of organic

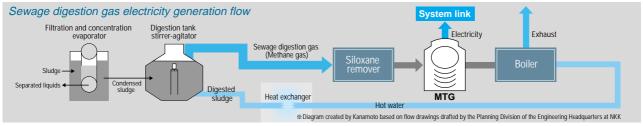
materials by microorganisms in sewage sludge as a fuel. The tests are scheduled to begin this summer, and will be continued for about three years until the end of March 2005.

The equipment used in the planned tests will be located at the Fukuoka Wajiro Water Treatment Center. The plant will generate electricity by heating dehydrated sludge in a stirrer-agitator, and drawing off the methane gas produced by fermentation to burn as fuel in the MTG. The plant will also use waste heat to warm the digestion tank and supply heat to other facilities.

One of the most significant aspects of the tests is the point that by utilizing a compact MTG, the quantity of methane required for plant operations will be limited to approximately 450Nm3 each day. This will make it possible to construct systems that can be introduced even for use

by existing small and medium-scale sewage treatment facilities. For Kanamoto, the project will provide promising research that can be expected to result in future demand for the corresponding number of MTG.





Branch Network

[As of April 30, 2002]

Our Growing Branch Network

	As of April 30,2002		
Number of Branches	Hokkaido	Honshu	Total
Construction Equipment Rental Operations	56	76	132
Steel Sales	3	0	3
Computer and Peripheral Equipment Rental Operations	0	1	1
Total	59	77	136

Kanamoto opened 8 branches and closed 2 branches during the first half of Fiscal 2002 (ends October 31, 2002).

Assist Co., Ltd. (9 offices)

Engaged in the rental of safety products such as signals or signs for the construction industry SRG Kanamoto Co., Ltd. (2 branches)

A joint venture between Kanamoto and SRG Takamiya Co., Ltd. that provides rentals of temporary scaffolding.

Kanatech Co., Ltd. (13 branches)

Designs, manufactures and sells modular housing units for construction use amoto Shikoku Co., Ltd.

A construction equipment rental company established as a joint venture between

Kanamoto and Tadano, Ltd.

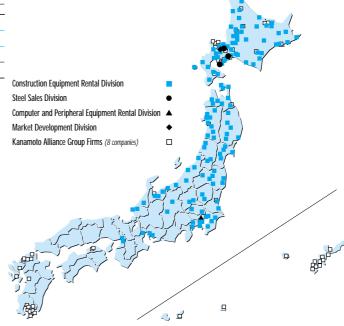
Kyushu Kensan Group (8 branches, 4 group companies)
Construction equipment rental company headquartered in Fukuoka Prefecture. Daiichi Machine Industries Co., Ltd. (7 branches)

Construction equipment rental company headquartered in Kagoshima Prefecture.

Taniguchi Co., Ltd. (3 trandres)
Developing a construction equipment rental business in the area around Otaru, Hokkaido

Machida Kikou Co., Ltd. (13 branches)

Construction equipment rental company headquartered in Okinawa Prefecture



[As of April 30, 2002]

SHAREHOLDERS' INFORMATION

Company Name

Kanamoto Company, Ltd.

Head Office

1-19, Odori Higashi 3-chome Chuo-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido 060-0041 Japan

Established

October 28, 1964

Capitalization

¥8.6 billion (Paid-in capital)

Listing Exchanges

Tokyo Stock Exchange, First Section Sapporo Stock Exchange

Stock Code

9678

Common Shares Issued and

Outstanding

30.253.000 shares

Fiscal Year-end

October 31

Revenues

¥64,295 million

(Fiscal year ended October 2001)

Number of Employees

1.137

(Excluding directors and temporary or part-time workers)

Principal Businesses

Rental of construction equipment, sale of

steel products

Rental of engineering workstations and

computer peripherals

Primary Lenders

The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi

The Mitsubishi Trust and Banking Corporation

Mizuho Corporate Bank

SUMITOMO MITSUI Banking Corporation

North Pacific Bank The Norinchukin Bank Hokkaido Shinren The Hokkaido Bank

UFJ Bank Limited

Shinkin Central Bank

Principal Shareholders

ORIX Corporation

Taichu Kanamoto

Saburo Kanamoto

The Mitsubishi Trust and Banking Corporation

Komatsu Corporation

Kanamoto Capital Company

The Hokkaido Bank

The Tokio Marine & Fire Insurance Company

North Pacific Bank DENYO Co., Ltd.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Directors

Taichu Kanamoto

Chairman

Kanchu Kanamoto

President

Hidemitsu Washida

Executive Vice President

Shinroku Sawada

Yukio Sato

Masahiro Matono

Kojiro Satsuma

Auditors

Toshizo Okumura

Standing Corporate Auditor

Norizumi Tsuda

Standing Corporate Auditor

Kiyoshi Onishi

Outside Corporate Auditor

Corporate Officers (Shown with the division that is representative of their work as a corporate officer)

Shinroku Sawada

Senior Corporate Officer

Manager in charge of Business Planning

Yukio Sato

Senior Corporate Officer

Division Manager, Construction Equipment Rental

Division

Eichu Kanamoto

Division Manager, Credit Management Division

Kimio Tsujioka

Division Manager, Administration Division

Kenichi Katayama

Affiliated Enterprises Section. Seconded to SRG

Kanamoto Co., Ltd.

Yoshikatsu Kon

Division Manager, Steel Sales Division

Nobuhito Utatsu

Division Manager, Accounting Division

Division Manager, Market Development Division; Manager, New Products Department

Masakazu Hirata

Deputy Division Manager, Construction Equipment Rental Division; Division Manager, Used Products

Sales Division; Manager, Quality Assurance

Section

Hitoshi Narita

Division Manager, Business Planning Division

Saburo Kudo

Division Manager, Construction Equipment Rental

Division, Tohoku Region

Tetsuo Kanamoto

Division Manager, Construction Equipment Rental Division, Kanto & Shinetsu Region; Division

Manager, Information Products Division

Keiichi Kitakata

Division Manager, Research & Investment Division

