# Fiscal Year ending October 31, 2002

# **Interim Financial Statements Bulletin (Consolidated)**

June 14, 2002

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SEC Accounting Standards

The Company has not adopted SEC accounting standards

# **1. Consolidated Operating Results for the Interim Period ended April 30, 2002** (Nov. 1, 2001 – Apr. 30, 2002) **(1) Consolidated Operating Results** (Numbers less than one million yen have been rounded down)

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	Revenues		Operating Inco	me	Ordinary Income		
	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	Millions of yen	%	
Six months ended April 30, 2002	32,615	-0.1	1,695	3.5	1,779	- 13.6	
Six months ended April 30, 2001	32,640	-	1,637	-	2,059	-	
Fiscal year ended October 31, 2001	67,346		2,872		3,257		

	Net Income		Net Income per Share of Common Stock	Net income per share on a fully diluted basis
	Millions of yen	%	Yen	Yen
Six months ended April 30, 2002	931	78.0	30.79	24.32
Six months ended April 30, 2001	522	-	17.30	14.20
Fiscal year ended October 31, 2001	472		15.64	13.89

Notes 1. Investment profit or loss accounted for by the equity method

Six months ended April 30, 2002 Six months ended April 30, 2001 Fiscal year ended October 31, 2001 -

2. Average number of shares (consolidated) outstanding during the period

Six months ended April 30, 2002 30,234,542 share Six months ended April 30, 2001 30,228,376 shares Fiscal year ended October 31, 2001 30,229,603 shares

3. Are there any changes in accounting method? Yes

4. The percentages shown for revenues, operating income, ordinary income and net income are the percent increase or decrease compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year

## (2) Consolidated Financial Position

	Total Assets	Shareholders' Equity	Shareholders' Equity Ratio	Shareholders' Equity per Share
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	%	Yen
Six months ended April 30, 2002	103,857	31,429	30.3	1,039.46
Six months ended April 30, 2001	106,181	31,751	29.9	1,050.09
Fiscal year ended October 31, 2001	106,639	30,843	28.9	1,020.03

Notes 1. Number of shares (consolidated) issued and outstanding at end of period

 Six months ended April 30, 2002
 30,236,044 shares

 Six months ended April 30, 2001
 30,236,951 shares

 Fiscal year ended October 31, 2001
 30,237,259 shares

## (3) Consolidated Cash Flows

	Cash Flow from Operating Activities	Cash Flow from Investing Activities	Cash Flow from Financing Activities	Balance of Cash and Equivalents at End of Period
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen
Six months ended April 30, 2002	8,708	-617	-3,458	20,624
Six months ended April 30, 2001	7,869	-268	-8,243	15,780
Fiscal year ended October 31, 2001	12,469	<b>-762</b>	- 12,137	15,991

# (4) Companies to which consolidation accounting and equity method accounting apply

Number of consolidated subsidiaries: 6

Number of non-consolidated subsidiaries accounted for by the equity method: 0

Number of affiliated companies accounted for by the equity method: 0

# (5) Changes in scope of consolidation and application of equity method accounting

Consolidation (new companies) 1 (Excluded) 0
Equity method accounting (new companies) 0 (Excluded) 0

# 2. Projected Consolidated Operating Results for the Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 2002

(November 1, 2001 - October 31, 2002)

	Revenues	Ordinary Income	Net Income
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen
Full year	63,200	2,320	1,130

Reference: Projected net income per share of common stock (Full year) ¥37.37

The above projections were prepared based upon information available to the Company at the time the projections were announced as well as various assumptions concerning the future economic and business environment. Actual operating results may differ from the projected figures depending upon various factors in the future. Please refer to Page 6 for details of the projections.

## I Current Conditions of the Company's group

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 non-consolidated 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)

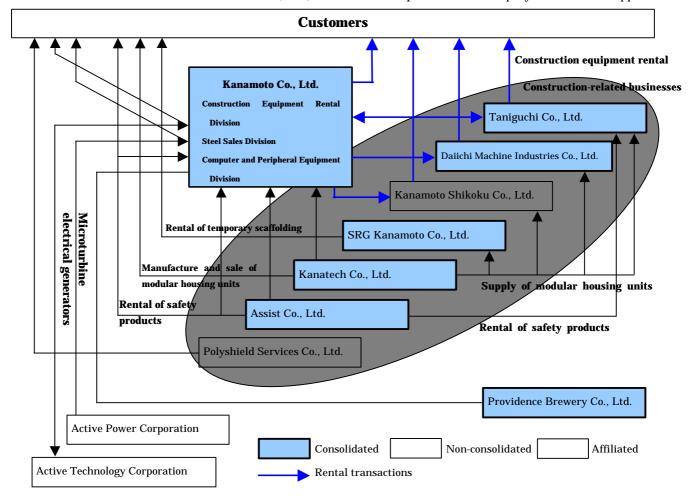
The Company's Steel Sales Division sells steel products and construction-related manufactured goods. The Company has no subsidiaries or affiliated companies related to this division.

# (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.

# (Relationship of the Operating Businesses)

(Note) Indicates companies to which equity method is not applied



# **II Management Policies and Operating Results**

## 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 medium-term 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

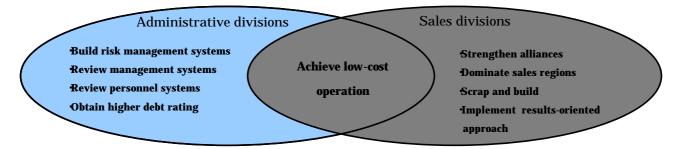
In its principal business of construction equipment rentals, the Company is continuing to implement to the extent possible the following two business strategies, together with other firms that are recognized as being the leading companies in their own businesses.

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

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 an executive director system. The Company took this step as a means to clarify responsibility for execution of the Company's business and speed up decision-making. 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.

## 2. Operating Results and Financial Position

## (1) Summary of the interim period under review

During the interim period under review, Japan's economic conditions grew more serious. The sense of economic gloom deepened, demonstrated not only by the continual negative outlook captured by the Diffusion Index (DI), which measures corporate sentiment, but also by the fact that the government's forced efforts to restore government finances disregarded economic trends and made it plausible to talk about a possible "March crisis" in Japan's economic and financial system.

In the construction industry, the principal customer for Kanamoto's construction equipment rental business, an extremely severe business environment continued not only because of lower public works spending but also because of a rapid deceleration of private sector capital investment, with the exception of the Tokyo metropolitan area. A summary of operating results for each operating division is discussed below.

#### **Construction-related business**

The latest figures based on research by the Japan Civil Engineering Association (issued June 2002) showed that Japan's construction companies rely on construction equipment rentals for 55.5% (up 1.2% points over the prior year) of their equipment needs. The demand for construction equipment rentals remains unchanged and vigorous. The number of public works construction projects declined following cuts in the public works budget, however, and revenues for the construction industry overall were lower. As a result, construction equipment rental companies including Kanamoto faced strong pressure to reduce unit prices. Despite the upward trend in the use of rentals to meet construction equipment needs, therefore, revenues for the construction equipment rental industry as a whole declined for the second year, and the business environment confronting the industry remained extremely difficult.

## **Conditions for the Company (Unconsolidated)**

Kanamoto took further steps to secure revenues for its Construction Equipment Rental Division. These included reorganizing the existing branch network, dividing Hokkaido into two territories and consolidating the six prefectures in the Tohoku, Kanto-Shinetsu and Kinki-Chubu areas into three territories, implementing measures to improve the distribution efficiency of rental assets, and closing unprofitable branches while simultaneously pursuing flexible business development by shifting human resources and rental assets away from unprofitable areas.

During the interim period under review, the Company increased the number of branches by six. This reflected one new branch in Hokkaido, three new branches and one branch closing in the Tohoku region, three new branches and one branch closing in the Kanto area and one new branch in the Kinki-Chubu area. Based on these changes, and assisted by the positive results of the Company's alliance strategy in western Japan, the Company kept the decline in construction equipment rental revenues to 5.8%.

By region, rental revenue declined by 12.5% in Hokkaido, as demand for public works construction decreased. Revenues also fell 9.2% in the Tohoku area for the same reason. Rental revenues grew 5.8% in the Kanto-Shinetsu area that includes Tokyo, where public works spending and private construction demand remained vigorous. In the Kinki-Chubu area, revenues climbed 9.1%.

With regard to sales revenue, on the other hand, the division's sales of used construction equipment exhibited strong growth, supported by the healthy economies of Southeast Asia and by the Company's development of sales activities in other parts of Japan. As a result, revenues from sales of equipment increased 12.2% compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year.

From the standpoint of profitability, the Company restored the Construction Equipment Rental Division's profitability and achieved results that greatly exceeded its initial projections. This was the result of cost reductions based on the Company's new "Kanamoto Survival Plan" Three-Year Plan, which the Company began implementing during the period under review, and greater balance from reviewing the way in which the Company introduces assets, which enabled it to smooth the depreciation expense burden while maintaining capital investment (construction equipment rental assets).

#### **Conditions for consolidated subsidiaries**

Interim period operating results for consolidated subsidiaries in construction-related businesses were as follows.

At **Taniguchi Co., Ltd.**, interim period net income fell 30.1% compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year despite a revenue increase of 0.6%, as the firm made a strong effort to obtain more orders in the face of lower public works construction in Hokkaido.

**Assist Co., Ltd.** enjoyed the results of its prior year efforts to expand and strengthen its sales offices. Revenue increased by 20.0%, and net income rose by 12.5%.

Although **SRG Kanamoto Co., Ltd.** was able to increase revenue by 16.5% after opening a new branch in Sapporo, net income remained unchanged from the same period of the prior fiscal year because of lower unit prices.

**Kanatech Co., Ltd.** doubled its revenues as the supply of its modular housing units to other members of Kanamoto's alliance group remained on track. Net income declined by 10.0% from the same period of the prior fiscal year, however, as costs rose because of efforts to broaden the firm's product line-up and higher transportation expenses.

**Daiichi Machine Industries Co., Ltd.** became a new consolidated subsidiary in November 2001. Because this company changed its fiscal period closing month and applied special accounting rules, a direct comparison to the prior fiscal year operating results is not possible. Nevertheless, the firm achieved steady growth in construction equipment rental and sales income and net income.

As a result of the above activities, interim period consolidated revenues from construction-related business rose by 2.8% to \$28,833 million, and operating income increased by 5.1% to \$1,664 million.

#### Steel sales-related business

The Steel Sales Division focused its sales efforts on the Sapporo metropolitan area, which accounts for the largest portion of sales in the Hokkaido region. Nevertheless, the weakening of construction investment including private sector demand negatively affected sales. The division also made a decision to abolish its steel production raw materials (iron scrap) section as of the end of January 2002. As a result, sales fell 19.3% from the level of the same period of the prior fiscal year to \$3,157 million, and the division incurred an operating loss of \$11 million.

# Computer and peripheral equipment related business and other businesses

Rental revenue at Kanamoto's Computer and Peripheral Equipment Rental Division, which manages the Company's information and telecommunications-related businesses, came under pressure as firms reached the end of a purchasing cycle for new equipment and demand weakened because of customer cutbacks in research expenses. Compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year, rental revenue declined 14.2%. Equipment sales rose marginally by 1.5%.

In other businesses, Kanamoto established Providence Brewery Co., Ltd. in July 1999 with the goal of creating a business to help to revitalize the city of Muroran, where the Company first began. Despite this intention, however, weak personal consumption demand and the inability to expand sales channels in the tradition-bound alcoholic beverage industry made it difficult to continue operations. Faced with uncertain prospects, Kanamoto was unable to avoid a decision to discontinue local beer production in February 2002. Because of the small scale of the brewery's earnings, this decision did not have a material affect on the Company's revenues and earnings.

Revenues for the Company's computer and peripheral equipment-related business and other businesses fell 8.1% to \$624 million, and these businesses incurred an operating loss of \$25 million.

## (Fiscal Year ending October 31, 2002 Interim Consolidated Operating Results)

		Revenues	Operating Income	Ordinary Income	Net Income
Interim period	Mil. yen	32,615	1,695	1,779	931
Change from same	%	-0.1	3.5	- 13.6	78.0
period of prior year					

## (Other business operating results)

The effect of Japan's economic recession has reduced the number of promising investment targets for the Company's venture business support activities. The Company did not provide any support such as new capital investment during the interim consolidated period under review.

Kanamoto is currently pursuing project sales of Capstone microturbine electrical generators that will run on a variety of previously underutilized gases (methane gases such as colliery gas, biogas and sludge digestion gas). The Company expects these efforts to result in additional new business in the future.

## (2) Consolidated cash flow

Cash flow from operating activities increased by ¥838 million compared to the interim period of the prior consolidated fiscal year to ¥8,708 million. This change primarily reflected the increase in income before taxes and adjustments, a smaller increase in accrued employees retirement benefits, a decrease in trade accounts receivable, a decrease in accounts payable and an increase in corporate and other taxes paid.

Cash flow used for investing activities was ¥617 million. This was ¥348 million greater than in the same period of the prior fiscal year, and was mainly the result of larger expenditures for the acquisition of tangible fixed assets and outlays for the acquisition of subsidiary company stock that accompanied the change in the scope of application of consolidation accounting.

Cash flow used for financing activities declined by ¥4,784 million compared with the interim period of the prior fiscal year to ¥3,458 million. Although the Company made payments to redeem corporate bonds by purchase, this was largely funded by an increase in long-term bank borrowing.

As a result of the above activities, the balance of cash and equivalents at the end of the interim consolidated accounting period was \$20,624 million, up \$4,844 million compared with the end of the interim period of the prior consolidated fiscal year.

## (3) Outlook for the full fiscal year

Kanamoto expects the budget for public works construction to remain on a downward trend as Japan's government implements spending cutbacks. We also do not foresee any immediate turnaround in private sector capital investment demand, although the consensus is that such demand has reached the bottom and will not worsen. The Company therefore cannot anticipate any large increases in construction equipment rental revenue. Based on its projections of slightly lower revenues, a lighter depreciation and amortization expense burden, improvement to its earnings structure and no further one-time expenses such as those that accompanied the adoption of new accounting standards, Kanamoto projects that it will be able to maintain a suitable level of profitability.

(Fiscal Year ending October 31, 2002 Projected Full-year Consolidated Operating Results)

		Revenues	Operating Income	Ordinary Income	Net Income
Full year projection	Mil. yen	63,200	2,350	2,320	1,130
Change from prior	%	-6.2	- 18.2	-28.8	139.4
year					

(The above projection reflects adjustments to Company forecast announced on May 29, 2002)

The Kanamoto group aims to ensure higher earnings in the Company's main business of construction equipment rentals by strengthening the management of this division and each group company within the division. The Company will simultaneously promote rationalization of administrative and maintenance activities, in order to strengthen low-cost operations. The priority for creation of new branches will be on the Tokyo metropolitan area. In November 2001, Kanamoto opened its Hassumu Mega-Station, a large-scale multi-use facility located in Hassumu in Sapporo, Hokkaido. Because this facility has gradually begun to show synergistic results, the Company plans to carry out a similar management arrangement in other areas of Japan that will similarly unify the group.

With regard to the Company's consolidated subsidiaries as well, there are many alliance partners for the company's main operations in the construction equipment rental business. Kanamoto plans to further create alliances and unify operations, in order to improve operating efficiency.

The Company's Computer and Peripheral Equipment Rental Division will newly commercialize and market KISARA, the VoIP Internet telephone product developed by Soft Front Inc. In other areas, Kanamoto will continue its efforts to expand sales of Capstone Corporation's microturbine electrical generators.

## III Interim Consolidated Financial Statements

**Interim Consolidated Balance Sheets** (Amounts have been rounded down to the nearest thousand yen) **End of Current** End of Prior Prior Fiscal Year Summary Period Consolidated Fiscal Year Consolidated Fiscal Consolidated Balance **Interim Period** Year Interim Period Sheet (As of April 30, 2002) (As of April 30, 2001) (As of October 31,2001) Category Percent Percent **Amount** Percent Amount Amount (Assets) **Current Assets** 21,011,766 15,996,639 Cash and deposits 15,784,766 Notes and accounts 20,439,161 24,047,536 25,807,750 receivable, trade Negotiable securities 204,510 272,882 114,440 958,989 Inventory 1,368,469 1,117,400 Construction 2,784,487 3,378,866 2,931,588 equipment Deferred tax assets 247,114 222,143 230,232 375,898 769,201 351,760 Other current assets Allowance for -400,964-200,367-324,938doubtful accounts **Total Current Assets** 45,620,962 43.9 43.0 46,224,874 43.3 45,643,498 **Fixed Assets Tangible Fixed Assets** Rental equipment 1 17,549,688 20,336,553 19,820,577 **Buildings** and 2 8,068,926 8,182,337 8,163,141 structures Machinery, equipment and 1,239,391 1,338,636 1,300,205 delivery equipment 2 24,635,142 24.181.603 24,396,831 Land Construction in 57,505 110,100 58,896 progress Other tangible fixed 217.880 230.047 231,088 assets Total Tangible Fixed 51,768,535 53,970,740 50.6 49.9 54,379,278 51.2 **Assets** Intangible Fixed Assets **Total Intangible** 89,557 0.1 72,529 0.1 84,251 0.1 **Fixed Assets** Investments and Other Assets Investment securities 3,745,300 4,560,930 3,789,391 Deferred tax assets 1,701,602 609,073 1,567,069 Other assets 1,538,571 1,495,262 1,449,550 Allowance for -606,624-579,240-446,847doubtful accounts **Total Investments** 6,378,849 6.1 6,086,026 5.7 6,359,165 6.0 and Other Assets **Total Fixed Assets** 58,236,943 56.1 60,537,834 57.0 60,414,156 56.7 **Total Assets** 103,857,906 100.0 106,181,333 100.0 106,639,030 100.0

(Amounts have been rounded down to the nearest thousand yen)

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(Liabilities)		Amount	rercent	Amount	rencent	Amount	rercent
Current Liabilities							
Notes and accounts payable, trade	6	10,724,769		13,324,434		12,620,598	
Short-term bank loans	2	750,385		516,525		510,053	
Long-term bank loans due within one year Corporate bonds to be redeemed within one	2	8,304,937 5,277,692		7,889,407		7,819,446	
year Corporate taxes		920,796		1,263,445		1,319,459	
payable Accrued bonuses to							
employees Accounts payable,		573,459		538,760		594,688	
other		8,129,085		8,349,533		8,299,274	
Other current liabilities		739,274		580,146		763,794	
Total Current Liabilities		35,420,400	34.1	32,462,253	30.6	31,927,314	29.9
Long-term Liabilities							
Straight bonds		-		5,277,692		5,277,692	
Convertible bonds		7,754,000		9,733,000		9,281,000	
Long-term bank loans	2	16,831,060		13,293,542		14,547,095	
Retirement allowances to directors and auditors		176,174		273,522		282,426	
Accrued employees retirement benefits		2,054,945		1,018,988		2,008,761	
Long-term accrued expenses		9,829,051		12,262,848		12,405,133	
Consolidation adjustment		28,679		-		-	
Other long-term liabilities		164,105		-		-	
Total Long-term Liabilities		36,838,016	35.5	41,859,592	39.4	43,802,108	41.1
Total Liabilities		72,258,417	69.6	74,321,846	70.0	75,729,422	71.0
(Minority Interests)							
Minority interests		169,946	0.2	108,030	0.1	66,601	0.1
(Shareholders' Equity)							
Common stock		8,596,737	8.3	8,596,080	8.1	8,596,737	8.1
Additional paid-in capital		9,720,343	9.3	9,719,689	9.1	9,720,343	9.1
Consolidated retained earnings		13,038,067	12.5	12,718,429	12.0	12,395,900	11.6
Valuation difference on other investment		85,392	0.1	727,323	0.7	140,535	0.1

securities						1
	31,440,540	30.2	31,761,522	29.9	30,853,516	28.9
Treasury stock	-1,024	-0.0	-93	-0.0	-537	-0.0
Parent company stock held by subsidiaries	- 9,973	-0.0	- 9,973	-0.0	- 9,973	-0.0
Total Shareholders' Equity	31,429,542	30.2	31,751,456	29.9	30,843,006	28.9
Total Liabilities, Minority Interests and Shareholders' Equity	103,857,906	100.0	106,181,333	100.0	106,639,030	100.0

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Category	Per	iod	Fiscal Year Interim		Fiscal Year Interim		Summary Consolidated	
Revenues from operations   Rental revenues   11,591,052   100.0   21,625,068   100.0   32,640,228   100.0   67,346,425   100.0   100			(From November	er 1, 2001	(From Nove	mber 1,	(From Novembe	r 1, 2000
Rental revenues   21,024,837   11,591,052   10,981,724   25,506,819   100.0   10,981,724   100.0   67,346,425	Category							
Rental revenues   21,024,837   11,591,052   10,981,724   25,506,819   100.0   10,981,724   100.0   67,346,425								
Sales	Revenues from operations							
Total revenues from operations Cost of revenues I15,327,322	Rental revenues		21,024,837		21,658,504		41,839,605	
Departion	Sales		11,591,052		10,981,724		25,506,819	
Cost of revenues from operations Cost of revenues         15,327,322         15,625,679         31,189,827           Cost of goods sold         8,847,179         8,678,648         19,986,164           Total cost of revenues         24,174,502         74.1         24,304,327         74.5         51,175,992         76.0           Gross profit         8,441,387         25,9         8,335,901         25,5         16,170,432         24.0           Selling, general and administrative expenses         1         6,745,872         20,7         6,698,161         20,5         13,298,018         19,7           Operating income         1,695,514         5.2         1,637,740         5.0         2,872,413         4.3           Non-operating revenues         8,268         20,172         17,257         18,211 <td></td> <td></td> <td>32,615,889</td> <td>100.0</td> <td>32,640,228</td> <td>100.0</td> <td>67,346,425</td> <td>100.0</td>			32,615,889	100.0	32,640,228	100.0	67,346,425	100.0
Cost of goods sold   8.847,179   24.304,327   74.5   51,175,992   76.0	Cost of revenues from							
Total cost of revenues	Cost of rental revenues		15,327,322		15,625,679		31,189,827	
Selling, general and administrative expenses   1	Cost of goods sold		8,847,179		8,678,648		19,986,164	
Selling general and administrative expenses   1   6.745.872   20.7   6.698.161   20.5   13.298.018   19.7	Total cost of revenues		24,174,502	74.1	24,304,327	74.5	51,175,992	76.0
administrative expenses   1   6.743.872   20.7   6.698.161   20.5   13.298.018   19.7	Gross profit		8,441,387	25.9	8,335,901	25.5	16,170,432	24.0
Operating income		1	6,745,872	20.7	6,698,161	20.5	13,298,018	19.7
Interest revenue	-		1,695,514	5.2	1,637,740	5.0	2,872,413	4.3
Dividend income	Non-operating revenues							
Gain on sale of investment securities   144,506   127,103   1242,730   1242	Interest revenue		8,268		20,172		17,257	
Insurance benefits   28,821   127,103   242,730	Dividend income		2,854		6,786		22,190	
Rents received       48,395       118,956       256,066         Gain on redemption of corporate bonds by purchase       44,915       -       8,143         Cash bonus received       158,980       -       86,487         Consolidation adjustment account write-off       3,186       -       -       -         Other       85,514       139,593       83,239         Total non-operating revenues       425,443       1.3       773,629       2.4       1,092,413       1.6         Non-operating expenses       241,941       293,706       544,075       544,075       544,075       544,075       163,512       163,512       163,512       170,100,000       170,7587       1.1       1.1       707,587       1.1       1.1       707,587       1.1       1.1       707,587       1.1       1.2			44,506		361,017		376,299	
Gain on redemption of corporate bonds by purchase         44,915 purchase         -         8,143 purchase           Cash bonus received         158,980 consolidation         -         86,487 consolidation           adjustment account write-off         3,186 consolidation         -         -           Other         85,514 consolidation         139,593 consolidation         83,239 consolidation           Total non-operating revenues         425,443 consolidation         1.3 consolidation         773,629 consolidation         2.4 consolidation           Non-operating expenses         241,941 consolidation         293,706 consolidation         544,075 consolidation         544,075 consolidation           Other         99,684 consolidation         58,161 consolidation         163,512 consolidation         163,512 consolidation           Total non-operating expenses         341,626 consolidation         1.0 consolidation         351,868 consolidation         1.1 consolidation           Other         1,779,331 consolidation         5.5 consolidation         3,257,239 consolidation         4.8           Extraordinary profits         Adjustment of prior period profit or loss consolidation         2 consolidation         2,256 consolidation           Gain on sale or retirement of fixed assets Guarantee of moving expenses         2 consolidation         2 consolidation           Other	Insurance benefits		28,821		127,103		242,730	
Corporate bonds by purchase   Cash bonus received   158,980   Consolidation adjustment account write-off   Other   85,514   139,593   83,239	Rents received		48,395		118,956		256,066	
Cash bonus received       158,980       -       86,487         Consolidation adjustment account write-off       3,186       -       -         Other       85,514       139,593       83,239         Total non-operating revenues       425,443       1.3       773,629       2.4       1,092,413       1.6         Non-operating expenses       241,941       293,706       544,075       544,075       544,075       544,075       544,075       544,075       544,075       544,075       544,075       544,075       544,075       544,075       544,075       544,075       544,075       544,075       544,075       544,075       64,075       64,075       64,075       64,075       64,075       65,043       65,	corporate bonds by		44,915		-		8,143	
Adjustment account write-off	-		158,980		-		86,487	
Total non-operating revenues         425,443         1.3         773,629         2.4         1,092,413         1.6           Non-operating expenses         241,941         293,706         544,075         544,075         544,075         544,075         1.1         163,512         1.1         707,587         1.1         707,587         1.1         707,587         1.1         707,587         1.1         2,256         4.8         1.1         707,587         1.1         2,256         4.8         2,256         4.8         4.8         4.8         4.8         4.178         4.178         4.178         4.178         4.178         4.178         4.178         4.178         4.178         4.178         4.168	adjustment account		3,186		-		-	
revenues Non-operating expenses  Interest expense Other  Ordinary income  Extraordinary profits  Adjustment of prior period profit or loss Gain on sale or retirement of fixed assets  Guarantee of moving expenses  Other  1.3  1.3  1.3  1.3  1.3  1.3  1.3  1.	Other		85,514		139,593		83,239	
Interest expense       241,941       293,706       544,075         Other       99,684       58,161       163,512         Total non-operating expenses       341,626       1.0       351,868       1.1       707,587       1.1         Ordinary income       1,779,331       5.5       2,059,501       6.3       3,257,239       4.8         Extraordinary profits       Adjustment of prior period profit or loss       2       5,943       -       2,256         Gain on sale or retirement of fixed assets       3       275       -       4,178         Guarantee of moving expenses       -       -       24,782         Other       4,168       -       1,934	1 0		425,443	1.3	773,629	2.4	1,092,413	1.6
Other         99,684         58,161         163,512           Total non-operating expenses         341,626         1.0         351,868         1.1         707,587         1.1           Ordinary income         1,779,331         5.5         2,059,501         6.3         3,257,239         4.8           Extraordinary profits         Adjustment of prior period profit or loss         2         5,943         -         2,256           Gain on sale or retirement of fixed assets         3         275         -         4,178           Guarantee of moving expenses         -         -         24,782           Other         4,168         -         1,934	Non-operating expenses							
Total non-operating expenses         341,626         1.0         351,868         1.1         707,587         1.1           Ordinary income         1,779,331         5.5         2,059,501         6.3         3,257,239         4.8           Extraordinary profits         Adjustment of prior period profit or loss         2         5,943         -         -         2,256           Gain on sale or retirement of fixed assets         3         275         -         4,178           Guarantee of moving expenses         -         -         24,782           Other         4,168         -         1,934	Interest expense		241,941		293,706		544,075	
Sample   S	Other		99,684		58,161		163,512	
Extraordinary profits  Adjustment of prior period profit or loss Gain on sale or retirement of fixed assets Guarantee of moving expenses Other  Extraordinary profits  - 2,256 - 2,256 - 4,178 - 4,178 - 24,782 - 24,782 - 1,934	. 0		341,626	1.0	351,868	1.1	707,587	1.1
Adjustment of prior period profit or loss Gain on sale or retirement of fixed assets Guarantee of moving expenses Other 4,168 - 1,934	Ordinary income		1,779,331	5.5	2,059,501	6.3	3,257,239	4.8
period profit or loss Gain on sale or retirement of fixed assets Guarantee of moving expenses Other  2,236  4,178  24,782  1,934	V -							
retirement of fixed assets Guarantee of moving expenses Other  4,178  24,782  24,782  1,934	period profit or loss	2	5,943		-		2,256	
expenses Other  4,168  - 24,782  1,934	retirement of fixed assets	3	275		-		4,178	
Other 4,168 - 1,934	9		-		-		24,782	
Total extraordinary profits 10,386 0.0 33,151 0.0	=		4,168		-		1,934	
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Total extraordinary profits		10,386	0.0	-	_	33,151	0.0

(Amounts have been rounded down to the nearest thousand ven)

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Period	Fiscal Year In	Current Consolidated Fiscal Year Interim Period		Prior Consolidated Fiscal Year Interim Period		Year olidated ncome	
Category	(From Novembe to April 30, 2			(From November 1, 2000 April 30, 2001)		(From November 1, 2000 to October 31,2001)	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	
Extraordinary losses							
Loss on sale or							
retirement of fixed 4	24,151		42,621		101,886		
assets							
Valuation loss on	13,329		15,000		126,450		
investment securities Transfer to reserve for							
accrued employees	_		991,011		1,982,023		
retirement benefits			001,011		1,002,020		
Other	27,908		-		55,340		
Total extraordinary losses	65,389	0.2	1,048,633	3.2	2,265,701	3.4	
Income before taxes and adjustments	1,724,329	5.3	1,010,868	3.1	1,024,690	1.5	
Corporate, local and business taxes	866,375	2.6	1,230,987	3.8	1,883,570	2.8	
Adjustment for							
corporate and other	- 111,075	-0.3	- 762,853	-2.3	-1,308,431	- 1.9	
taxes	111,073	0.0	702,000	2.0	1,000,101	1.0	
Minority interest in	07.000	0.1	10 700	0.0	00.107	0.0	
income or loss	- 37,992	-0.1	-19,768	-0.0	23,135	0.0	
Net income	931,036	2.9	522,965	1.6	472,686	0.7	

# 3. Statements of Consolidated Retained Earnings

(Amounts have been rounded down to the nearest thousand yen)

Period	Current Consolidated Fiscal Year Interim Period	Prior Consolidated Fiscal Year Interim Period	Prior Fiscal Year Consolidated Retained Earnings
Category	(From November 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002)	(From November 1, 2000 April 30, 2001)	(From November 1, 2000 to October 31,2001)
	Amount	Amount	Amount
Balance of consolidated retained earnings at the beginning of the period Reduction in consolidated retained earnings	12,395,900	12,484,124	12,484,124
Dividends	272,270	272,060	544,311
Directors and auditors' bonuses	16,600	16,600	16,600
(Auditors' bonuses)	(1,700)	(1,700)	(1,700)
Total reduction in retained earnings	288,870	288,660	560,911
Net income for the period	931,036	522,965	472,686
Balance of consolidated retained earnings at the end of the period	13,038,067	12,718,429	12,395,900

4. Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Amounts have been rounded down to the nearest thousand yen)

Period	Current Consolidated Fiscal Year Interim Period	Prior Consolidated Fiscal Year Interim Period	Prior Fiscal Year Summary Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow
Category	(From November 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002)	(From November 1, 2000 April 30, 2001)	(From November 1, 200 to October 31,2001)
	Amount	Amount	Amount
Cash flow from operating activities			
Income before taxes and adjustments	1,724,329	1,010,868	1,024,690
Amortization of			
consolidation adjustment	-3,186	-	-
account			
Depreciation and	3,991,836	4,372,913	9,486,358
amortization expense	3,331,030	4,072,010	3,400,330
Gain on sale or retirement of	-275	-	-4,178
fixed assets Loss on sale or retirement of			
fixed assets	24,151	42,621	101,886
Gain from adjustment of			
prior period profit or loss	-	-	-1,618
Installment purchases of assets	170.005	074.000	001 001
for small-value rentals	179,985	274,690	361,621
Reclassification of cost of sales			
associated with disposal of	32,412	21,174	134,927
construction equipment			
Reclassification of cost of	mar ara	400 770	4 400 000
sales associated with	705,656	488,759	1,193,637
disposal of rental assets Expenditures for acquisition of			
rental assets	-363,898	-301,880	$-295,\!556$
Valuation loss on investment	40.000	47.000	
securities	13,329	15,000	126,450
Gain on sale of investment	$-44,\!506$	-361,017	- 376,299
securities	- 44,300	- 301,017	- 370,233
Gain on redemption of	-44,915	-2,457	-8,143
corporate bonds by purchase	,	13, 25 .	-,
Increase in allowance for	233,403	375,640	367,817
doubtful accounts Increase in accrued bonuses			
to employees	-21,228	35,857	91,785
Increase in accrued			
employees retirement	46,184	1,018,988	2,008,761
benefits	,	, ,	, ,
Increase in retirement			
allowances to directors and	-106,251	-13,932	-5,028
auditors			
Interest revenue and dividend income	- 11,122	-26,958	-39,448
Interest expense on			
installment purchases of	146,993	151,370	299,831
rental assets			,
Interest expense	241,941	293,706	544,075
(Increase) decrease in			
accounts receivable, trade	5,666,581	-716,116	-2,476,330
(Increase) decrease in	407 004	W 10 0 W 0	22.15-
inventory assets	187,031	$-542,\!258$	- 291,190
Increase (decrease) in	9 9 4 4 70 4	1 604 056	001 110
accounts payable, trade	$-2,\!344,\!794$	1,604,956	901,119
Increase in accounts	401,758	549,627	487,864
norroble other	101,100		
payable, other Directors and auditors'			

Other, net	-288,736	181,665	426,291
Subtotal	10,350,078	8,456,618	14,042,726
Interest and dividends received	11,122	26,958	39,448
Interest expense	-387,940	-442,641	$-844,\!586$
Payment of corporate and other taxes	$-1,\!265,\!038$	- 171,359	-767,928
Cash flow from operating activities	8,708,222	7,869,575	12,469,659

(Amounts have been rounded down to the nearest thousand yen)

		s have been rounded down to	
Period	Current Consolidated Fiscal Year Interim Period	Prior Consolidated Fiscal Year Interim Period	Prior Fiscal Year Summary Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow
Category	(From November 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002)	(From November 1, 2000 April 30, 2001)	(From November 1, 2000 to October 31,2001)
	Amount	Amount	Amount
Cash flow from investing activities			
Disbursements for investments in term deposits	-207,188	-	- 4,233
Revenue from redemption of term deposits	261,662	5,500	9,129
Funds used for the purchase of tangible fixed assets	$-472,\!829$	- 336,341	- 1,073,093
Funds provided from the sale of tangible fixed assets	18,743	82,689	122,249
Funds used for acquisition of subsidiary stock at time of change in scope of consolidation	- 114,274	-	-
Funds used for the purchase of intangible fixed assets	-8,198	- 15,821	- 28,669
Funds used for the purchase of investment securities	- 1,207,113	-2,047,491	- 2,772,134
Funds provided from sale of investment securities	1,112,187	2,100,406	3,066,275
Funds used for purchase of investments	-	- 57,665	- 82,439
Cash flow used for investing activities	-617,011	- 268,724	-762,916
Cash flow from financing activities			
Decrease in short-term bank			
loans	4,932	-4,210,089	$-4,\!216,\!562$
Funds provided by long-term bank loans	7,080,000	4,556,450	10,136,450
Funds used to repay long-term bank loans	$-4,\!598,\!828$	$-4,\!396,\!928$	-8,793,335
Funds used for redemption of straight bonds	$-1,\!482,\!085$	-60,543	- 506,857
Funds provided from the issue of common stock	-	9,177	10,488
Funds used for repayment of installment obligations	$-4,\!189,\!714$	- 3,888,227	$-8,\!242,\!273$
Funds provided from the sale of treasury stock	-	-	3,153
Funds used for the purchase of treasury stock	- 487	-	- 3,525
Payment of dividends to parent company	$-272,\!270$	-272,060	- 544,311
Funds provided from the issue of stock to minority	-	20,000	20,000
shareholders Funds used for other		007	4.057
financing activities  Cash flow used for financing		- 985	- 1,057
activities	$-3,\!458,\!453$	-8,243,207	- 12,137,831
Increase (decrease) in cash and equivalents	4,632,757	-642,357	- 431,088
Balance of cash and equivalents at beginning of period	15,991,306	16,422,395	16,422,395
Balance of cash and equivalents at end of the interim period	20,624,063	15,780,037	15,991,306
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# 5. Notes to the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies

## (1) Companies included in the consolidation

The six subsidiary companies included in the consolidation are SRG Kanamoto Co., Ltd., Taniguchi Co., Ltd., Assist Co., Ltd., Kanatech Co., Ltd., Providence Brewery Co., Ltd. and Daiichi Machine Industries Co., Ltd. In addition to the subsidiary companies listed above, Kanamoto Shikoku Co., Ltd. and Polyshield Services Co., Ltd. have been excluded from consolidation because their total assets, sales, profit or loss and retained earnings are small and do not have a material effect on the interim consolidated financial statements.

## (2) Matters pertaining to application of equity method accounting

The Company's investments in two affiliated companies (Active Technology Corporation and Active Power Corporation) have been excluded from items to which equity method accounting is applied because their respective effect on interim consolidated net income or loss and interim consolidated retained earnings is immaterial and neither company is important to the Company's overall operations.

## (3) Matters pertaining to the fiscal year for consolidated subsidiaries

The interim period closing date for all of the consolidated subsidiary companies is February 28. When preparing the interim consolidated financial statements, the Company used the subsidiaries' financial statements as of February 28 and made adjustments for significant transactions that occurred between March 1, 2002 and the interim consolidated accounting date on April 30, 2002 that were deemed to have a material effect on the interim consolidated financial results.

# (4) Accounting principles and standards

Valuation standards and valuation methods for principal assets

a. Negotiable securities

Other negotiable securities

Securities with a market price

• • • Market value method based on the market price or similar prices on the interim period closing date (The full amount of the valuation difference is charged to equity using the direct transfer to capital method, with the disposal cost determined by the moving average method)

Other negotiable securities

- · · · Cost method, cost being determined by the moving average method
- b. Appraisal standards and appraisal method for construction equipment

Amount after deduction of depreciation expense calculated according to the declining-balance method from the original prices, by separate fiscal year of purchase

## (Supplemental information)

The Company formerly used 7 years as the depreciable life for floor plate and steel plate. In consideration of the period over which such products can be used physically and economically, however, based upon their physical condition and customers' intentions to rent, respectively, beginning in the interim consolidated accounting period under review the Company changed the durable life of such products to 10 years based upon a projection of the period for their possible use. As a result, during the interim consolidated accounting period under review depreciation expense was \$104,640,000 lower, and gross profit, operating income, ordinary income and income before taxes and adjustments were \$104,640,000 higher, respectively, compared to what they otherwise would have been had the accounting standards used in previous periods been applied. The effect of this change on the Company's operating segment results is described in the section concerning segment information.

 $c.\ Appraisal\ standards\ and\ appraisal\ method\ for\ merchandise\ inventories\ and\ supplies$ 

Merchandise Inventories  $\cdot$  · · Lower of cost or market based on the last-in, first-out method Supplies · · · · · · · · · The latest purchase cost method

Depreciation methods for principal depreciable assets

a. Tangible fixed assets

The Company has adopted the declining-balance method. Buildings on land that is leased under a fixed-term land lease agreement, however, are depreciated using the straight-line method using the remaining period of the fixed-term lease as the depreciable life and zero residual value. For certain consolidated subsidiaries, the Company has adopted the straight-line method for buildings and

structures acquired on or after April 1, 2000 but excluding fixtures and equipment. The depreciable lives mainly used by the Company are as follows.

Rental assets 5-10 years Buildings 31-34 years

# (Supplemental information)

The Company formerly used 7 years as the depreciable life for temporary rental structures. In consideration of the period over which such products can be used physically and economically, however, based upon improved product quality and customers' intentions to rent, respectively, beginning in the interim consolidated accounting period under review the Company changed the durable life of such products to 10 years based upon a projection of the period for their possible use.

As a result, during the interim consolidated accounting period under review depreciation expense was \$123,550,000 lower, and gross profit, operating income, ordinary income and income before taxes and adjustments were \$123,550,000 higher, respectively, compared to what they otherwise would have been had the accounting standards used in previous periods been applied. The effect of this change on the Company's operating segment results is described in the section concerning segment information.

## b. Intangible fixed assets

Software for use within the Company is depreciated using the straight-line method based on the assumed useful life for internal use (5 years).

## Accounting standards for principal allowances and reserves

## a. Allowance for doubtful accounts

To provide for losses on doubtful accounts such as accounts receivable, the Company charges to income an amount based on actual loss experience for normal accounts, plus an amount for projected unrecoverable amounts based on assessments of individual accounts.

#### b. Accrued bonuses to employees

To fully provide for bonuses the Company will pay to employees, the Company appropriates an amount to the reserve for the interim accounting period liability based upon the estimated amounts of bonuses and salaries.

## c. Accrued employees retirement benefits

The Company provides for employees' accrued retirement benefits based upon the projected amounts of the liability for accrued employees retirement benefits and the value of pension assets at the end of the consolidated fiscal year. At the end of each interim consolidated accounting period, the Company appropriates an amount to the reserve to provide for the liability recognized during the period.

## d. Retirement allowances to directors and auditors

The Company provides for retirement allowances to directors and auditors based upon pertinent rules and appropriated to the account proportionately based upon length of service.

#### Accounting treatment for lease transactions

For finance lease transactions except for leases that transfer ownership of the property to the lessee, rent expenses are charged to income as payments are made.

# Hedge accounting for principal hedging methods

# a. Hedge transactions

The Company accounts for hedge transactions using allocations based on accounting standards for foreign currency-denominated transactions, and special rule accounting based on accounting standards for financial products.

## b. Hedge methods and hedged transactions

The Company uses currency swaps and forward transactions in order to avoid the currency fluctuation risk related to the Company's foreign currency-denominated straight bonds and liabilities for import payments. The Company also uses interest swaps to avoid interest rate fluctuation risk related to interest on bank borrowing.

# c. Hedging policies

The Company's use of derivative transactions is limited to hedging risk within the scope of the Company's assets and liabilities subject to market fluctuation risk.

## d. Method for evaluating the effectiveness of hedges

The Company does not evaluate the effectiveness of its hedge transactions because it can assume that its currency swap transactions and forward transactions will completely offset market fluctuations or changes in cash flow from the time hedge begins until it is terminated. In addition, the Company's interest swap transactions fulfill the requirements for special rule accounting, and the Company has elected to use this in place of an evaluation of effectiveness.

Accounting treatment of consumption tax

Consumption tax is taken out of all Statement of Income items and Balance Sheet items, except mainly for receivables and payables.

#### (5) Items included in cash and equivalents on the Interim Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Funds included in cash (cash and equivalents) on the Interim Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows include cash on hand, deposits that can be withdrawn on demand and highly liquid short-term investments that mature within three months of the date of acquisition and which can be easily converted into cash and that have minimal risk of a change in price.

# Change in significant matters for preparation of the interim consolidated financial statements (Change in accounting treatment)

In prior years the Company accounted for revenue from insurance benefits as insurance benefits in non-operating revenues whenever it suffered damages to rental assets and equipment utilized under leases as the result of an accident, and accounted for the asset book value as a loss on abandonment of fixed assets in extraordinary losses and the lease equipment contract cancellation charge as a miscellaneous loss in non-operating expenses, respectively. Because the purpose of providing equipment through the rental industry is to fully recover the invested amount from rental income earned by renting the equipment and it is possible to consider insurance proceeds collected as the result of an accident as a recovery of the invested amount, however, and because revenue from insurance benefits has been increasing, beginning in the interim consolidated accounting period under review the Company changed its method of accounting to account for insurance benefits as operating revenues and account for the book value of the rental asset and lease equipment contract cancellation charge as cost of revenues, respectively, in order for these items correspond to the cost of earnings.

As a result, gross profit and operating income increased by \$46,038,000, ordinary income decreased by \$31,560,000, and income before taxes and adjustments was unchanged, respectively, compared to what they otherwise would have been had the accounting standards used in previous periods been applied. The effect of this change on the Company's operating segment results is described in the section concerning segment information.

In prior years, the Company accounted for payments of employee housing rents as rental housing fees in selling, general and administrative expenses, and accounted for the employee portion of such expenses as rents received in non-operating revenues. Because the amounts for rental housing fees and rents received have been increasing with the growth in the number of Company employees, beginning in the interim consolidated accounting period under review the Company changed its accounting method in order to disclose the Company's material burden for housing rental expenses, by excluding the employee portion of employee housing rent expense from rental housing fees.

As a result, operating income increased by \$80,512,000 and ordinary income and income before taxes and adjustments were unchanged, respectively, compared to what they otherwise would have been had the accounting standards used in previous periods been applied. The effect of this change on the Company's operating segment results is described in the section concerning segment information.

# **Change in Disclosure Method**

The Company included the gain on redemption of corporate bonds by purchase and cash bonuses received in "Other" under non-operating revenues at the end of the prior consolidated fiscal year interim period. At the end of the interim consolidated accounting period under review, however, the Company classified these items separately because they account for more than ten percent of non-operating revenue.

The gain on redemption of corporate bonds by purchase and the cash bonuses received were \$2,457,000 and \$81,675,000, respectively, at the end of the prior consolidated fiscal year interim accounting period.

# **6. Notes to the Financial Statements**

(Notes to the Interim Period Consolidated Balance Sheets)

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Period	End of Current Consolidated Fiscal Year Interim Period (As of April 30, 2002)	End of Prior Consolidated Fiscal Year Interim Period (As of April 30, 2001)	End of Prior Consolidated Fiscal Year (As of October 31,2001)
1. Total accumulated	(135 01 April 50, 2002)	(135 01 April 50, 2001)	(130 01 OCTOBET 31,2001)
depreciation for tangible	¥45,410,825,000	¥48,748,131,000	¥46,638,798,000
fixed assets	+43,410,023,000	+40,740,131,000	±40,030,730,000
2. Assets offered as collateral	Buildings and		
	¥38,883,000 structures		
security			
	Land ¥184,669,000		
	Total ¥223,553,000		
Corresponding liabilities	Short-term bank ¥189,400,000 loans Long-term bank loans due within ¥121,120,000 one year		
	Long-term bank ¥284,640,000		
	loans #284,640,000		
	Total ¥595,160,000		
3. Contingent liabilities  Joint and several guarantee of employee bank loans	¥24,936,000	¥26,243,000	¥26,839,000
Debt guarantee of affiliated company (Active Power	¥350,000,000	¥350,000,000	¥350,000,000
Corporation) loan liability			
4. Discount on notes receivable, trade	¥162,725,000	¥162,645,000	¥67,100,000
5. Balance of notes receivable, trade-endorsed	¥290,717,000	¥270,103,000	¥167,213,000
6. Accounting treatment of		The interim	
notes maturing at the end		period-end was a	
of the period		financial institution	
		holiday in Japan. Notes	
		receivable and payable	
		that matured on that	
		date were settled on the	
		immediately following	
		business day, as is	
		customary in Japan.	
		Notes outstanding for	
		which settlement was	
		postponed and which	
		are included in the	
		interim balances were	
		as follows.	
		Notes ¥2,089,610,000	
		receivable, trade	
		Notes payable, ¥1,340,272,000	
		trade	
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(Notes to the Interim Period Cons		
Current Consolidated Fiscal Year	Prior Consolidated Fiscal Year	Prior Consolidated Fiscal Year
Interim Period Interim Period (From November 1, 2001 (From November 1, 2000		(From November 1, 2000
to April 30, 2002)	to April 30, 2001)	to October 31, 2001)
1. Major expense categories and	Major expense categories and 1. Major expense categories and	
amounts included in selling, general	amounts included in selling, general	amounts included in selling, general
and administrative expenses	and administrative expenses	and administrative expenses
Employee salaries and ¥2,515,395,000	Employee salaries and ¥2,461,314,000	Employee salaries and ¥4,958,744,000
wages	wages	wages
Depreciation expense ¥509,745,000	Depreciation expense ¥538,780,000	Depreciation expense ¥1,099,677,000
Rents ¥703,769,000	Rents \\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	Rents ¥1,421,216,000
Transfer to allowance ¥320,694,000	Transfer to allowance ¥424,513,000	Transfer to allowance for ¥573,957,000
for doubtful accounts	for doubtful accounts	doubtful accounts
Transfer to accrued ¥570,609,000	Transfer to accrued ¥527,730,000	Transfer to accrued ¥594,688,000
bonuses to employees	bonuses to employees	bonuses to employees
Transfer to retirement allowances to ¥1,548,000	Transfer to retirement allowances to directors ¥8,904,000	Employees retirement ¥440,050,000 benefit expense
directors and auditors	and auditors	Transfer to retirement allowances to directors ¥17,808,000 and auditors
2. Details of gain from adjustment to	2	2. Details of gain from adjustment to
prior period profit or loss		prior period profit or loss
Amount received from ¥5,943,000		Amount received from ¥1,618,000
adjustment of tax liability		adjustment of tax liability
		Recovery of bad debts ¥638,000
		Total ¥2,256,000
3. Gain on sale or retirement of fixed	3	3. Gain on sale or retirement of fixed
assets		assets
Buildings and structures ¥81,000		Land ¥4,068,000
Machinery, equipment and ¥194,000		Buildings and structures ¥109,000
delivery equipment		Total ¥4,178,000
Total ¥275,000		
4. Loss on sale or retirement of fixed	4. Loss on sale or retirement of fixed	4. Loss on sale or retirement of fixed
assets	assets	assets
(Loss on sale of fixed assets)	(Loss on sale of fixed assets)	(Loss on sale of fixed
Machinery, equipment and ¥243,000	Machinery, equipment and ¥762,000	assets)
delivery equipment	delivery equipment	Buildings and structures ¥3,847,000
Buildings and structures ¥91,000	(Loss on retirement of fixed assets)	Machinery, equipment ¥818,000
Other assets ¥31,000	Rental equipment ¥34,174,000	and delivery equipment
(Loss on retirement of fixed assets)	Buildings and structures ¥5,992,000	(Loss on retirement of fixed
Rental equipment ¥7,788,000	Machinery, equipment and $$\Psi$1,280,000$	assets)
Buildings and structures ¥11,875,000	delivery equipment	Rental equipment ¥85,707,000
Machinery, equipment and ¥1,555,000	Other assets ¥412,000	Buildings and structures ¥8,437,000
delivery equipment	Total ¥42,621,000	Machinery, equipment ¥1,551,000
Other assets ¥2,564,000		and delivery equipment
Total ¥24,151,000		Other assets ¥1,524,000
		Total ¥101,886,000

(Notes to the Interim Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows)

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Current Consolidated Fiscal Year Interim Period (From November 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002)	Prior Consolidated Fiscal Year Interim Period (From November 1, 2000 to April 30, 2001)	Prior Consolidated Fiscal Year (From November 1, 2000 to October 31, 2001)	
Relationships between interim period	Relationships between interim period	Relationships between interim period	
ending balance for cash and equivalents	ending balance for cash and equivalents	ending balance for cash and equivalents	
and amounts for items shown on the	and amounts for items shown on the	and amounts for items shown on the	
interim consolidated balance sheet	interim consolidated balance sheet	interim consolidated balance sheet	
(As of April 30, 2002)	(As of April 30, 2001)	(As of October 31, 2001)	
Cash and equivalents ¥21,011,766,000	Cash and equivalents ¥15,784,766,000	Cash and equivalents ¥15,996,639,000	
Term deposits with a maturity longer than 3 $-$ ¥387,702,000 months	Term deposits with a maturity longer than 3 $ \$4,729,000$ months	Term deposits with a maturity longer than 3 $-\$5,333,000$ months	
Items considered to be ¥20,624,063,000	Items considered to be ¥15,780,037,000	Items considered to be ¥15,991,306,000	
cash and equivalents	cash and equivalents	cash and equivalents	

# **IV** Business segment information

# (Segment information by type of business)

# Prior consolidated fiscal year interim period (From November 1, 2000 to April 30, 2001)

(Unit: Yen thousands)

	Construction equipment rental business	Steel sales business	Computer and peripheral equipment and other businesses	Total	Eliminations or entire company	Consolidated
Revenues						
(1) Sales to outside customers	28,048,269	3,912,105	679,853	32,640,228	-	32,640,228
(2) Sales or transfers between related segments	178	-	-	178	- 178	-
Total	28,048,447	3,912,105	679,853	32,640,407	- 178	32,640,228
Operating expenses	26,464,698	3,873,033	677,929	31,015,661	- 13,173	31,002,488
Operating income	1,583,749	39,072	1,923	1,624,745	12,994	1,637,740

# Consolidated fiscal year interim period under review (From November 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002)

(Unit: Yen thousands)

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	Construction equipment rental business	Steel sales business	Computer and peripheral equipment and other businesses	Total	Eliminations or entire company	Consolidated
Revenues  (1) Sales to outside customers  (2) Sales or transfers between related segments	28,833,499	3,157,515	624,874	32,615,889	-	32,615,889
Total	28,833,499	3,157,515	624,874	32,615,889	-	32,615,889
Operating expenses	27,169,129	3,168,629	649,919	30,987,678	-67,303	30,920,375
Operating income	1,664,369	-11,113	-25,044	1,628,210	67,303	1,695,514

# Prior consolidated fiscal year (From November 1, 2000 to October 31, 2001)

(Unit: Yen thousands)

	Construction equipment rental business	Steel sales business	Computer and peripheral equipment and other businesses	Total	Eliminations or entire company	Consolidated
Revenues  (1) Sales to outside customers  (2) Sales or transfers between related segments	57,613,533	8,341,786	1,391,105	67,346,425	-	67,346,425
Total	57,613,533	8,341,786	1,391,105	67,346,425	-	67,346,425
Operating expenses	55,054,767	8,194,171	1,364,354	64,613,292	- 139,281	64,474,011
Operating income	2,558,766	147,615	26,750	2,733,132	139,281	2,872,413

(Notes) 1. Method of business classification

Businesses are classified based on consideration of similarities such as the type of labor and products, the nature of the business and the business markets.

2. Principal products, by business

Business	Principal products
Construction equipment rentals	Construction equipment such as hydraulic shovels, generators, temporary construction materials, construction safety equipment, temporary modular housing units, special rustproof and waterproof shields
Steel sales	Steel bar, sheet steel, steel products such as round bar, steel scrap
Computers and peripherals and other businesses	Computers and peripheral devices, telecommunications-related equipment, microturbine generators, microbrewery

3. As described in "5. (4) Accounting principles and standards" beginning in the interim consolidated accounting period under review the Company changed the depreciable life it uses for floor plate and steel plate from 7 years to 10 years. As a result of this change, operating expenses for construction-related businesses decreased by ¥104,640,000 and operating income increased by the same amount, respectively, for the interim consolidated accounting period under review, compared to what they otherwise would have been had the accounting standards used in prior period been applied.

During the interim consolidated accounting period under review, the Company similarly changed the durable life for rental housing from 7 years to 10 years. As a result of this change, operating expenses for construction-related businesses decreased by ¥123,550,000 and operating income increased by the same amount, respectively, for the interim consolidated accounting period under review, compared to what they otherwise would have been had the accounting standards used in prior period been applied.

As described in "Change in significant matters for preparation of the interim consolidated financial statements," the Company has changed its accounting treatment for revenue and expenses when it suffers damages to rental assets and equipment utilized under leases as the result of an accident. Beginning in the interim consolidated accounting period under review, the Company will recognize revenue received from insurance benefits as operating revenues rather than insurance benefits, and the rental asset book value and the lease equipment contract cancellation charge will be recognized as cost of revenues rather than as a loss on abandonment of fixed assets and miscellaneous loss, respectively. As a result, operating expenses for construction-related businesses decreased by \(\frac{\pmathbf{4}}{4}6,038,000\) and operating income increased by the same amount, respectively, compared to what they otherwise would have been had the accounting standards used in previous periods been applied.

During the interim consolidated accounting period under review, the Company similarly changed its accounting method to exclude the employee portion of employee housing rent expense from rental housing fees. As a result of this change, operating expenses for construction-related businesses decreased by \$78,074,000, operating expenses for steel sales-related business decreased by \$1,698,000 and operating expenses for computer and peripheral equipment business and other businesses decreased by \$739,000, respectively, and the operating income for each business increased by the same amounts, respectively, compared to what they otherwise would have been had the accounting standards used in previous periods been applied.

# (Segment information by location)

The Company does not report segment information by location because the Company did not have any consolidated subsidiaries or important offices located in countries or regions outside of Japan during the prior consolidated fiscal year interim period, the consolidated fiscal year interim period and the prior consolidated accounting fiscal year.

## (Foreign sales)

The Company did not have any foreign sales during the prior consolidated fiscal year interim period, the consolidated fiscal year interim period and the prior consolidated accounting fiscal year.

# **Lease Transactions**

## Current Consolidated Fiscal Year Interim Period (From November 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002)

- 1. Finance lease transactions except for leases that transfer ownership of the property to the lessee.
  - (1) Amounts corresponding to lease property acquisition prices, accumulated depreciation and outstanding balances at the end of the interim accounting period.

## Prior Consolidated Fiscal Year Interim Period (From November 1, 2000 to April 30, 2001)

- 1. Finance lease transactions except for leases that transfer ownership of the property to the lessee.
  - (1) Amounts corresponding to lease property acquisition prices, accumulated depreciation and outstanding balances at the end of the interim accounting period.

## Prior Consolidated Fiscal Year (From November 1, 2000 to October 31, 2001)

- 1. Finance lease transactions except for leases that transfer ownership of the property to the lessee.
- (1) Amounts corresponding to lease property acquisition prices, accumulated depreciation and outstanding balances at the end of the interim accounting period.

	Acquisition price (¥ '000)	Accumulated depreciation (¥ '000)	Outstanding balance (¥ '000)
Rental assets	¥19,042,497	¥8,378,550	¥10,663,947
Other assets	¥567,003	¥337,739	¥229,264
Total	¥19,609,501	¥8,716,289	¥10,893,211

		Acquisition price (¥ 000)	Accumulated depreciation (¥ '000)	Outstanding balance (¥ '000)
7	Rental assets	¥13,230,516	¥5,871,914	¥7,358,602
1	Other	¥794,854	¥334,152	¥460,702
	Total	¥14,025,371	¥6,206,067	¥7,819,304

	Acquisition price (¥ 000)	Accumulated depreciation (¥ 000)	Outstanding balance (¥ '000)
Rental assets	¥14,913,569	¥7,162,742	¥7,750,826
Other assets	¥1,220,026	¥563,453	¥656,572
Total	¥16,133,596	¥7,726,196	¥8,407,399

(2) Outstanding balance of future leas payments at the end of the interim period

Within one year	¥3,789,278,000	
After one year	¥7,263,822,000	
Total	¥11 053 101 000	

(2) Outstanding balance of future leas payments at the end of the interim period

Within one year	¥2,483,331,000	
After one year	¥5,482,320,000	
Total	¥7 965 652 000	

(2) Outstanding balance of future leas payments at the end of the interim period

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¥3,264,160,000	
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¥3,115,473,000

¥2,837,451,000

¥291,179,000

(3) Amount of lease payments, depreciation expense and interest expense

Lease payments	¥1,839,058,000	
Depreciation expense	¥1,657,595,000	
Interest expense	¥164,976,000	

- (4) Accounting method for amount equivalent to depreciation expense Straight-line depreciation using
  - the lease term as the depreciable
- (3) Amount of lease payments, (3) Amount of lease payments, depreciation expense and interest depreciation expense and interest expense

Lease payments	¥1,357,042,000	
Depreciation expense	¥1,239,438,000	
Interest expense	¥124,679,000	

- (4) Accounting method for amount
- equivalent to depreciation expense Same as at left
- (4) Accounting method for amount equivalent to depreciation expense Same as at left

Lease payments

Interest expense

Depreciation expense

(5) Accounting method for amount equivalent to interest expense Interest method using the difference between total lease payments and the acquisition price of the lease property, allocated equally to each year.

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- (5) Accounting method for amount equivalent to interest expense Same as at left
- (5) Accounting method for amount equivalent to interest expense Same as at left

2. Operating leases

Future lease payments

Within one year	¥1,616,353,000	
After one year	¥2,783,375,000	
Total	¥4,399,728,000	

2. Operating leases

expense

Future lease payments

Within one year	¥1,427,854,000
After one year	¥3,386,803,000
Total	¥4,814,658,000

2. Operating leases

Future lease payments

Within one year	¥1,680,768,000	
After one year	¥2,837,561,000	
Total	¥4 518 329 000	

# VI Notes related to negotiable securities

# Prior consolidated fiscal year interim period (As of April 30, 2001)

# Market value of negotiable securities

## 1. Other negotiable securities with a market value

(Unit: Yen thousands)

	Prior consolidated fiscal year interim period end		
	Acquisition cost	Amount reported on the interim consolidated balance sheet	Difference
(1) Stocks	1,468,149	2,918,702	1,450,553
(2) Bonds  Central and local government bonds	-	-	-
Corporate bonds	280,652	280,978	325
Other	20,000	19,378	-622
(3) Other	1,097,994	895,290	-202,704
Total	2,866,797	4,114,349	1,247,552

## 2. Details of other negotiable securities that do not have a market value

(Unit: Yen thousands)

	Prior consolidated fiscal year interim period end
	Amount shown on the interim period consolidated balance sheet
Other negotiable securities	
Unlisted stocks (excluding over-the-counter stocks)	719,463

# Consolidated fiscal year interim period under review (As of April 30, 2002)

# Market value of negotiable securities

1. Other negotiable securities with a market value

(Unit: Yen thousands)

	Consolidated fiscal year interim period under review		
	Acquisition cost	Acquisition cost	Acquisition cost
(1) Stocks	1,793,449	2,092,469	299,020
(2) Bonds  Central and local government bonds	-	-	-
Corporate bonds	250,407	245,785	-4,622
Other	20,000	14,800	-5,200
(3) Other	1,018,218	875,492	- 142,726
Total	3,082,075	3,228,547	146,471

# 2. Details of other negotiable securities that do not have a market value

(Unit: Yen thousands)

	Consolidated fiscal year interim period under review period end	
	Amount shown on the interim period consolidated balance sheet	
Other negotiable securities		
Unlisted stocks (excluding over-the-counter stocks)	502,210	
Unlisted foreign bonds	10,053	
Corporate bonds with attached warrants	10,000	

# Prior consolidated fiscal year (As of October 31, 2001)

# Market value of negotiable securities

# 1. Other negotiable securities with a market value

	Prior consolidated fiscal year end		
	Acquisition cost	Acquisition cost	Acquisition cost
(1) Stocks	1,677,993	2,157,125	479,132
(2) Bonds  Central and local government bonds  Corporate bonds  Other	- 231,270 -	- 227,830 -	- - 3,440 -
(3) Other	1,032,448	797,813	-234,635
Total	2,941,712	3,182,768	241,056

# 2. Details of other negotiable securities that do not have a market value (Unit: Yen thousands)

	Prior consolidated fiscal year end	
	Amount shown on the consolidated fiscal year-end balance sheet	
Other negotiable securities	·	
Unlisted stocks (excluding over-the-counter stocks)	497,010	
Unlisted foreign bonds	10,053	
Corporate bonds with attached warrants	10,000	

# **VII** Notes related to Derivative Transactions

# Prior consolidated fiscal year interim period (As of April 30, 2001)

Because it applies hedge accounting, the Company had no material items to report.

# Consolidated fiscal year interim period under review (As of April 30, 2002)

Because it applies hedge accounting, the Company had no material items to report.

# Prior consolidated fiscal year (As of October 31, 2001)

Because it applies hedge accounting, the Company had no material items to report.

(Unit: Yen thousands)