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Announcement of Revision of Business Forecasts

Based on recent business performance, Hitachi High-Technologies has decided to revise the Company's business forecasts, which were announced on October 23, 2008.

1. Revision of consolidated business forecasts

Forecasts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009 (April 1, 2008 - March 31, 2009)

(Millions of yen)

	Net sales	Operating income	Ordinary income	Net income	Net income per share(Yen)
Previous forecast (A)	880,000	35,000	35,300	22,000	159.95
Revised forecast (B)	760,000	17,000	18,300	9,100	66.16
(B) – (A)	-120,000	-18,000	-17,000	-12,900	-
% change	-13.6	-51.4	-48.2	-58.6	-
(Ref.)Previous results (FY2007)	943,124	49,141	48,705	26,932	195.80

2. Revision of non-consolidated business forecasts

Forecasts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009 (April 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009)

(Millions of yen)

	Net sales	Operating income	Ordinary income	Net income	Net income per share(Yen)
Previous forecast (A)	686,000	24,200	30,300	21,820	158.63
Revised forecast (B)	602,000	10,850	17,900	13,100	95.24
(B) – (A)	-84,000	-13,350	-12,400	-8,720	-
% change	-12.2	-55.2	-40.9	-40.0	-
(Ref.)Previous results (FY2007)	741,203	34,300	36,838	27,730	201.60

3. Reasons for the revisions

1) Consolidated business forecasts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009

(April 1, 2008 - March 31, 2009)

In the Electronic Device Systems business, semiconductor and liquid crystal display (LCD) panel manufacturers have frozen or delayed investment plans as a result of the rapid worldwide economic slowdown touched off by the financial crisis that began in the United States. As a result, the Company now projects that sales of semiconductor metrology and inspection system and module assembly system for LCD will fall significantly short of forecasts.

In the Life Sciences business, sales of clinical analyzers for European and U.S. markets remain relatively robust. In the Information Systems & Electronic Components and Advanced Industrial Products businesses, however, sales of products such as chip mounters and LCD-related components are expected to come in under projections due to customers postponing orders and falling oil and material prices.

In addition, Hitachi High-Technologies plans to record as an extraordinary loss expenses related to structural improvement. These charges are being taken in response to a deteriorating operating environment. Consequently, the Company now projects that net sales, operating income, ordinary income, and net income on a consolidated basis for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009 will be below previously announced forecasts.

In light of the aforementioned conditions, Hitachi High-Technologies has revised its consolidated business forecasts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009 as above.

2) Non-consolidated business forecasts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009

(April 1, 2008 - March 31, 2009)

Hitachi High-Technologies has revised its non-consolidated results forecasts announced on July 25, 2008, for the same reasons as the revisions to consolidated results forecasts.

Note: The above forecasts are based on information available at the time of their announcement and are subject to various risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from forecasts.

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