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Financial Results of the Third Quarter ended December 31, 2009**Company name: NIKON CORPORATION**

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Note: Amounts less than 1 million yen are omitted.

1. Consolidated Results of the Third Quarter ended December 31, 2009 (From April 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009)

(1) Financial Results

(%: change from the previous year)

	Net sales		Operating income		Ordinary income		Net income	
	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Million yen	%
Nine months ended December 31, 2009	591,490	(15.6)	(16,143)	-	(18,633)	-	(17,648)	-
Nine months ended December 31, 2008	700,719	-	54,844	-	53,152	-	31,283	-

	Net income per share of common stock	Net income per share of common stock after dilution
	Yen	Yen
Nine months ended December 31, 2009	(44.52)	-
Nine months ended December 31, 2008	78.89	75.69

(2) Financial Position

	Total assets	Net assets	Equity Ratio	Net assets per share of common stock
	Million yen	Million yen	%	Yen
Third Quarter ended December 31, 2009	783,738	363,323	46.3	915.78
Year ended March 31, 2009	749,805	379,086	50.5	955.72

(Reference) Equity: Third Quarter ended December 31, 2009: 363,020 million yen

Year ended March 31, 2009: 378,853 million yen

2. Dividends

	Dividend per share				
	First Quarter ended	Second Quarter ended	Third Quarter ended	Year-end	Annual
	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen
Year ended March 31, 2009	-	12.50	-	5.50	18.00
Year ending March 31, 2010	-	4.00	-	-	-
Year ending March 31, 2010 (Planned)		-	-	4.00	8.00

(Note) Revision of cash dividend forecast for this period: None

3. Forecasts for Year Ending March 31, 2010 (From April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010)

(%: change from the previous year)

	Net sales		Operating income		Ordinary income		Net income		Net income per share of common stock
	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Million yen	%	Yen
Full year	770,000	(12.5)	(16,000)	-	(19,000)	-	(17,000)	-	(42.89)

(Note) Revision of forecast for this period: Yes

4. Other

(1) Changes of significant subsidiaries during the current fiscal year (change of specified subsidiaries that affected the scope of consolidated reporting): None

(2) Adoption of simplified accounting methods and special accounting methods for quarterly consolidated financial statements: Yes

Note: Please see "4. Other" of [Qualitative Information, Financial Statements, etc.] on page 4 for further details.

(3) Changes of accounting policies applied, procedures and methods of presentation for preparing quarterly consolidated financial statements

1. Changes by revision of accounting standards: None

2. Changes other than the above: None

(4) Number of shares issued (common stock)

1. Number of shares issued as of the term end (including treasury stocks):

Third Quarter ended December 31, 2009 400,878,921 shares

Year ended March 31, 2009 400,878,921 shares

2. Number of treasury stock as of the term end:

Third Quarter ended December 31, 2009 4,473,598 shares

Year ended March 31, 2009 4,472,250 shares

3. Average number of shares during the term:

Third Quarter ended December 31, 2009 396,394,492 shares

Third Quarter ended December 31, 2008 396,555,697 shares

Statement regarding the proper use of financial forecasts and other special remarks

These forecasts are based on the Company's current assumptions and beliefs in light of the information currently available to it, and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties. The Company's actual results may differ materially from those discussed in these forecasts as a result of numerous factors outside of the Company's control.

Qualitative Information, Financial Statements, etc.

1. Qualitative information regarding the consolidated operating results

During the nine months ended December 31, 2009, the Precision Equipment Business and the Instruments Business were impacted by cutbacks in capital investments by clients, although there were signs of recovery in some markets. Further, the Imaging Products Business performed solidly from the beginning of the fiscal year through the third quarter, in spite of the effect of stagnant personal consumption and the strong yen, as market conditions gradually recovered.

As a result of the foregoing, the nine months ended December 31, 2009 saw net sales of 591,490 million yen, down by 109,229 million yen (15.6%) year-on-year, operating loss of 16,143 million yen (compared with operating income of 54,844 million yen in the same period of the previous year), ordinary loss of 18,633 million yen (compared with ordinary income of 53,152 million yen in the same period of the previous year), and net loss of 17,648 million yen (compared with net income of 31,283 million yen in the same period of the previous year). Performance by business segment is as follows:

In the Precision Equipment Business, sales were as expected. In the field of IC steppers and scanners, efforts were made to develop and promote the steady sale mainly of the leading edge ArF immersion scanners. In the field of LCD steppers and scanners, proactive efforts were initiated for entry into the Chinese market.

During the third quarter, the Imaging Products Business saw year-on-year recovery in shipments to markets, with the unit sales of both digital SLR cameras and compact digital cameras exceeding those of the same period of the previous year.

In the Instruments Business, the industrial instruments business continued to struggle in difficult conditions as opposed to the bioscience business, which remained strong since beginning of the fiscal year. Profit was also impacted by the temporary expenses incurred, due to the addition of Nikon Metrology NV as a consolidated subsidiary ending the second quarter.

2. Qualitative information regarding the consolidated financial position

During the nine months ended December 31, 2009, total assets increased by 33,933 million yen from the end of the previous fiscal year to 783,738 million yen. This is due mainly to the increase in cash and deposits, and notes and accounts receivable-trade.

During the nine months ended December 31, 2009, total liabilities increased by 49,696 million yen from the end of the previous fiscal year to 420,415 million yen. This is due mainly to the increase in notes and accounts payable-trade.

During the nine months ended December 31, 2009, net assets decreased by 15,763 million yen from the end of the previous fiscal year to 363,323 million yen. This is due mainly to the decrease in retained earnings as a result of the posting of the net loss, in spite of an increase in the valuation difference on available-for-sale securities.

During the nine months ended December 31, 2009, cash flows from operating activities amounted to an inflow of 74,637 million yen. The main causes of increase were the 25,287 million yen in depreciation and amortization, a 38,835 million yen decrease in inventories, and a 26,064 million yen increase in notes and accounts payable-trade. On the other hand, the main causes of decrease were the posting of 20,599 million yen as a loss before income taxes and a 26,220 million yen increase in notes and accounts receivable-trade. Cash flows from investing activities amounted to an outflow of 37,987 million yen. The main causes of the decrease were expenditure in the amount of 22,066 million yen for the purchase of property, plant and equipment, and expenditure in the amount of 9,425 million yen for the purchase of shares of affiliates in relation to the acquisition of Nikon Metrology NV by TOB.

Further, cash flows from financing activities amounted to an outflow of 13,563 million yen. The main causes of the decrease were an expenditure of 7,074 million yen in repayment of long-term loans payable and the 3,602 million yen in cash dividends paid.

3. Qualitative information regarding the consolidated financial forecasts

In the Precision Equipment Business, sales are expected to be achieved as planned in both semiconductor-related and liquid crystal panel-related fields, despite the harsh business climate. Meanwhile, there are signs of market recovery.

The Imaging Products Business is expected to continue to perform well, in spite of lingering uncertainties regarding developments of the exchange rates and the market environment.

Of the Instruments Business, it is expected that the bioscience business will remain solid. In the industrial instruments business, however, it is anticipated that time will be required for the recovery of market conditions of all the industries for which we do business, although there are indications of recovery in some parts of the market.

The forecast for the year ending March 31, 2010 is changed as below.

Revised Consolidated Forecast for the Year Ending March 31, 2010 (From April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010)

(Million yen)

	Net sales	Operating income	Ordinary income	Net income
Previous Forecast	760,000	(18,000)	(24,000)	(21,000)
Revised Forecast	770,000	(16,000)	(19,000)	(17,000)
Difference	10,000	2,000	5,000	4,000
Ratio	1.3%	-	-	-
Results of Year ended March 31, 2009	879,719	48,184	47,689	28,055

4. Other

(1) Adoption of simplified accounting methods and special accounting methods for quarterly consolidated financial statements

Computation Method for Income Taxes and Deferred Tax Assets and Liabilities

As regards the computation of the amount of income taxes due, only significant add-subtract items and tax deduction items are taken into consideration.

An approach involving the application of the business forecast and tax planning as of the end of the previous fiscal year is used in determining the collectibility of deferred tax assets, when it is deemed that there has been no significant change in business environment, temporary differences, and other factors since the previous fiscal year.

Deferred income taxes are included in the "Income taxes."

(2) Changes of accounting policies applied, procedures and methods of presentation for preparing quarterly consolidated financial statements

Not applicable.

(Additional Information)

Effective from April 1, 2009, Nikon Corporation and its domestic wholly-owned subsidiaries have applied the consolidated tax system.

5. Consolidated Financial Statements

(1) Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Million yen)

	As of December 31, 2009	As of March 31, 2009
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and deposits	102,603	80,350
Notes and accounts receivable-trade	150,011	121,155
Inventories	226,566	265,214
Other	62,466	59,219
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(8,049)	(7,005)
Total current assets	533,598	518,935
Noncurrent assets		
Property, plant and equipment		
Buildings and structures, net	42,834	43,054
Machinery, equipment and vehicles, net	37,303	38,930
Land	15,033	14,970
Construction in progress	6,665	6,860
Other, net	21,604	22,257
Total property, plant and equipment	123,441	126,072
Intangible assets	40,384	25,379
Investments and other assets		
Investment securities	59,560	50,176
Other	27,462	29,301
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(709)	(60)
Total investments and other assets	86,313	79,417
Total noncurrent assets	250,139	230,869
Total assets	783,738	749,805

(Million yen)

	As of December 31, 2009	As of March 31, 2009
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Notes and accounts payable-trade	146,334	119,469
Short-term loans payable	30,187	16,373
Commercial papers	—	20,000
Current portion of bonds	10,000	10,000
Income taxes payable	3,936	2,947
Provision for product warranties	6,666	6,685
Other	129,135	113,858
Total current liabilities	326,260	289,335
Noncurrent liabilities		
Bonds payable	52,900	32,900
Long-term loans payable	18,118	26,756
Provision for retirement benefits	16,149	14,022
Provision for directors' retirement benefits	589	469
Other	6,397	7,234
Total noncurrent liabilities	94,154	81,382
Total liabilities	420,415	370,718
Net assets		
Shareholders' equity		
Capital stock	65,475	65,475
Capital surplus	80,711	80,711
Retained earnings	243,383	264,827
Treasury stock	(13,400)	(13,439)
Total shareholders' equity	376,169	397,576
Valuation and translation adjustments		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	3,666	(2,429)
Deferred gains or losses on hedges	(255)	(915)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(16,560)	(15,377)
Total valuation and translation adjustments	(13,149)	(18,722)
Subscription rights to shares	302	233
Total net assets	363,323	379,086
Total liabilities and net assets	783,738	749,805

(2) Consolidated Statement of Income

(Million yen)

	Nine months ended December 31, 2008 (from April 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008)	Nine months ended December 31, 2009 (from April 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009)
Net sales	700,719	591,490
Cost of sales	432,080	420,193
Gross profit	268,639	171,297
Selling, general and administrative expenses	213,795	187,441
Operating income (loss)	54,844	(16,143)
Non-operating income		
Interest income	929	287
Dividends income	1,113	803
Equity in earnings of affiliates	1,137	734
Other	2,384	2,684
Total non-operating income	5,564	4,510
Non-operating expenses		
Interest expenses	945	887
Cash discount	3,981	3,263
Other	2,328	2,849
Total non-operating expenses	7,255	7,000
Ordinary income (loss)	53,152	(18,633)
Extraordinary income		
Gain on sales of noncurrent assets	63	45
Gain on sales of investment securities	—	54
Total extraordinary income	63	100
Extraordinary loss		
Loss on retirement of noncurrent assets	877	278
Loss on sales of noncurrent assets	30	4
Impairment loss	402	—
Loss on valuation of investment securities	3,845	224
Loss on business restructuring	—	1,353
Environmental expenses	—	206
Total extraordinary loss	5,156	2,066
Income (loss) before income taxes	48,059	(20,599)
Income taxes	16,776	(2,950)
Net income (loss)	31,283	(17,648)

(3) Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

(Million yen)

	Nine months ended December 31, 2008 (from April 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008)	Nine months ended December 31, 2009 (from April 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009)
Cash flows from operating activities		
Income (loss) before income taxes	48,059	(20,599)
Depreciation and amortization	23,928	25,287
Impairment loss	402	405
Increase (decrease) in allowance for doubtful accounts	1,163	896
Decrease in provision for product warranties	(1,256)	(2)
Increase in provision for retirement benefits	836	2,218
Increase (decrease) in provision for directors' retirement benefits	(78)	120
Interest and dividends income	(2,042)	(1,091)
Equity in earnings of affiliates	(1,137)	(734)
Interest expenses	945	887
Gain on sales of noncurrent assets	(32)	(31)
Loss on retirement of noncurrent assets	877	334
Loss on revaluation of investment securities	3,845	224
Increase in notes and accounts receivable-trade	(16,669)	(26,220)
Decrease(increase) in inventories	(52,601)	38,835
Decrease in notes and accounts payable-trade	25,626	26,064
Other, net	26,436	21,538
Subtotal	58,302	68,143
Interest and dividends income received	2,058	1,881
Interest expenses paid	(893)	(861)
Income taxes (paid) refund	(50,168)	5,474
Net cash provided by operating activities	9,299	74,637
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(23,282)	(22,066)
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment	560	440
Purchase of investment securities	(3,071)	(221)
Proceeds from sales of investment securities	—	72
Payments for acquisition of new consolidated subsidiaries related to changes in scope of consolidation	—	(9,425)
Net Decrease(increase) in loans receivable	(294)	(46)
Other, net	(7,898)	(6,740)
Net cash used in investing activities	(33,986)	(37,987)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net increase(decrease) in short-term loans payable	7,597	(1,175)
Proceeds from long-term loans payable	1,700	831
Repayments of long-term loans payable	(2,778)	(7,074)
Proceeds from issuance of bonds	—	19,894
Redemption of bonds	(5,000)	—
Decrease in commercial papers	—	(20,000)
Cash dividends paid	(9,895)	(3,602)
Purchase of treasury stock	(12,319)	(41)
Other, net	(2,071)	(2,394)
Net cash used in financial activities	(22,768)	(13,563)
Effect of exchange rate change on cash and cash equivalents	(6,893)	(306)
Net Increase(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(54,349)	22,780
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	112,957	79,806
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	58,608	102,587

(4) Notes regarding Going Concern Assumption
Not applicable

(5) Segment Information

[Industry Segments]

Nine months ended December 31, 2008 (From April 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008)

(Million yen)

	Precision Equipment	Imaging Products	Instruments	Other	Total	(Eliminations) or Corporate	Consolidated
Net sales							
1) Outside customers	158,204	494,109	34,219	14,186	700,719	—	700,719
2) Intersegment sales/transfer	1,004	847	1,536	25,605	28,994	(28,994)	—
Total	159,209	494,956	35,755	39,792	729,714	(28,994)	700,719
Operating income (loss)	8,613	46,001	(1,836)	2,322	55,100	(256)	54,844

Nine months ended December 31, 2009 (From April 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009)

	Precision Equipment	Imaging Products	Instruments	Other	Total	(Eliminations) or Corporate	Consolidated
Net sales							
1) Outside customers	97,181	450,103	29,592	14,612	591,490	—	591,490
2) Intersegment sales/transfer	558	327	721	19,996	21,603	(21,603)	—
Total	97,739	450,431	30,314	34,609	613,094	(21,603)	591,490
Operating income (loss)	(53,237)	43,951	(8,269)	1,337	(16,218)	74	(16,143)

Notes: 1. Method for classifying industry segments: The Group's industries are segmented based on their proximity in terms of the type and markets of their products.

2. Leading products of each industry:

Precision Equipment: IC steppers and scanners, LCD steppers and scanners

Imaging Products: Digital cameras, Film cameras, Interchangeable lenses

Instruments: Microscopes, Measuring instruments, Inspection equipment

Other: LCD Photomask Substrates, Sport Optics

[Geographic Segments]

Nine months ended December 31, 2008 (From April 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008)

(Million yen)

	Japan	North America	Europe	Asia/Oceania	Total	(Eliminations) or Corporate	Consolidated
Net sales							
1) Outside customers	214,254	209,917	174,271	102,276	700,719	—	700,719
2) Intersegment sales/transfer	396,097	1,571	93	125,746	523,509	(523,509)	—
Total	610,352	211,489	174,365	228,022	1,224,229	(523,509)	700,719
Operating income	39,261	997	2,842	11,780	54,880	(36)	54,844

Nine months ended December 31, 2009 (From April 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009)

	Japan	North America	Europe	Asia/Oceania	Total	(Eliminations) or Corporate	Consolidated
Net sales							
1) Outside customers	127,192	203,631	153,582	107,083	591,490	—	591,490
2) Intersegment sales/transfer	358,846	1,530	195	107,827	468,400	(468,400)	—
Total	486,039	205,162	153,778	214,911	1,059,891	(468,400)	591,490
Operating income (loss)	(27,661)	2,682	(488)	11,583	(13,883)	(2,260)	(16,143)

Notes: 1. The countries or regions are segmented by geographical vicinity.

2. Major countries or regions other than Japan:

(1) North America: U.S.A., Canada

(2) Europe: The Netherlands, Germany, The United Kingdom, France

(3) Asia/Oceania: China, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Australia

[Export Sales]

Nine months ended December 31, 2008 (From April 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008)

(Million yen)

	North America	Europe	Asia/Oceania	Other	Total
I. Export sales (A)	201,125	168,070	181,899	10,705	561,800
II. Net sales (B)					700,719
III. (A)/(B)	28.7	24.0	26.0	1.5	80.2

Nine months ended December 31, 2009 (From April 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009)

	North America	Europe	Asia/Oceania	Other	Total
I. Export sales (A)	194,334	150,435	135,960	12,111	492,842
II. Net sales (B)					591,490
III. (A)/(B)	32.9	25.4	23.0	2.0	83.3

Notes: 1. The countries or regions are segmented by geographical vicinity.

2. Major countries or regions other than Japan:

(1) North America: U.S.A., Canada

(2) Europe: The Netherlands, Germany, The United Kingdom, France

(3) Asia/Oceania: China, South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Australia

(4) Other: Middle & South America, Africa

3. Export sales indicate the sales of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries in countries or regions excluding Japan.