Sanyo Special Steel Co., Ltd.

Financial Report for

The Year Ended March 31, 2023

Sanyo Special Steel Co., Ltd. and Consolidated Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

As of March 31, 2022 and 2023

		Millior	ns of v	/en		ousands of U.S ollars (Note 3)
ASSEIS		2022		2023		2023
Current Assets:						
Cash and bank deposits (Notes 6 and 22)	¥	14,483	¥	21,653	\$	162,144
Notes and accounts receivable - trade, and contract assets (Notes 6, 10, 11 and 27)		69,019		66,372		497,022
Electronically recorded monetary claims (Note 6)		8,707		11,637		87,139
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts		(356)		(449)		(3,365
Inventories (Notes 8 and 10)		113,512		128,229		960,227
Income taxes receivable		18		45		335
Deposits paid in parent company (Notes 6, 22 and 27)		7,924		9,954		74,539
Other		7,196		4,258		31,894
Total current assets		220,503		241,699		1,809,935
Property, Plant and Equipment:						
Land (Note 10)		13,259		13,496		101,064
Buildings and structures (Note 10)		75,042		74,816		560,248
Machinery and equipment (Note 10)		286,723		284,450		2,130,072
Construction in progress		3,408		9,026		67,58
Other (Note 10)		14,953		15,651		117,20
		393,385		397,439		2,976,17
Less: Accumulated depreciation		(281,410)		(282,256)		(2,113,642
Total property, plant and equipment		111,975		115,183		862,537
Intangible Assets:						
Goodwill		33,284		32,441		242,933
Other		4,102		3,677		27,532
Total intangible assets		37,386	_	36,118	_	270,465
Investments and Other Assets:						
Investments in securities (Notes 6, 7 and 9)		4,996		5,003		37,468
Long-term loans receivable		2		3		23
Deferred tax assets (Note 14)		2,055		1,489		11,15
Net defined benefit assets (Note 13)		300		997		7,464
Other		902		935		7,00.
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts		(208)		(209)		(1,560
Total investments and other assets		8,047	_	8,218		61,54
Total assets	¥	377,911	¥	401,218	\$	3,004,482

	Millions of yen					ousands of U.S ollars (Note 3)
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		2022		2023		2023
Current Liabilities:		2022				2020
Short-term loans (Notes 6, 10 and 12)	¥	34,367	¥	35,481	\$	265,699
Current portion of long-term loans (Notes 6, 10 and 12)		3,306		8,251		61,788
Commercial paper (Note 6 and 12)		12,001		30,999		232,133
Notes and accounts payable - trade		49,426		39,544		296,118
Accounts payable - other		10,262		11,120		83,272
Accrued income taxes		5,475		4,654		34,852
Accrued expenses		12,685		11,823		88,533
Provision for environmental measures		4		4		29
Other (Notes 11 and 12)		2,711		5,516		41,304
Total current liabilities		130,237		147,392		1,103,728
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Long-term Liabilities:						
Bonds payable (Notes 6 and 12)		10,000		10,000		74,884
Long-term loans (Notes 6, 10 and 12)		19,324		11,571		86,645
Accrued directors' and corporate auditors' retirement benefits		68		56		417
Deferred tax liabilities (Note 14)		4,743		5,279		39,533
Provision for loss on guarantees		1		1		8
Provision for environmental measures		207		133		997
Net defined benefit liabilities (Note 13)		12,165		8,752		65,535
Other (Note 12)		2,321		2,010		15,059
Total long-term liabilities		48,829		37,802		283,078
Total liabilities		179,066		185,194		1,386,806
Contingent Liabilities (Note 25)						
Net Assets (Note 15)						
Shareholders' Equity:						
Common stock:						
Authorized 94,878,400 shares in 2022 and 2023	v	52 800	¥	53 800	¢	102 075
Issued 54,507,307 shares in 2022 and 2023	¥	53,800	Ŧ	53,800 51,503	\$	402,877 385,676
Capital surplus		51,486		51,503		-
Retained earnings		85,733		101,028		756,533
Less: Treasury stock, at cost (19,566 shares in 2022 and 21,557 shares in 2023)		(28)		(32)		(242
Total shareholders' equity		190,991		206,299		1,544,844
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income:						
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities		1,383		1,894		14,180
Deferred gains (losses) on hedges		2,134		(1,101)		(8,238
Foreign currency translation adjustments		4,120		5,626		42,127
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans		(1,634)		1,657		12,405
Total accumulated other comprehensive income		6,003	_	8,076		60,474
Non-controlling Interests		1,851		1,649		12,358
		109 945		216,024		1,617,676
Total net assets		198,845		210,024		1,017,070

Sanyo Special Steel Co., Ltd. and Consolidated Subsidiaries

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

For the years ended March 31, 2022 and 2023

		Million	ns of v	/en		ousands of U.S. ollars (Note 3)
		2022	13 01 y	2023		2023
Net Sales (Note 28)	¥	363,278	¥	393,844	\$	2,949,257
Cost of Sales (Notes 8 and 16)	-	303,394	-	326,790	Ŷ	2,447,132
Gross profit		59,884		67,054		502,125
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Selling, General and Administrative Expenses (Notes 16 and 17)		38,467		38,562		288,766
Operating income		21,417		28,492		213,359
Other Income:						
Interest and dividends		263		478		3,579
Rent income		442		347		2,598
Exchange gains		164		494		3,701
Other		243		287		2,146
		1,112		1,606		12,024
Other Expenses:						
Interest		(615)		(960)		(7,191
Other		(250)		(282)		(2,104
		(865)		(1,242)		(9,295
Ordinary income		21,664		28,856		216,088
Extraordinary Gains and Losses:						
Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment (Note 18)		43		250		1,873
Gain on sale of investment in securities (Note 7)		92		15		1,075
Loss on sale and disposition of property, plant and equipment (Note 19)		(193)		(651)		(4,878
Loss on liquidation of subsidiaries (Note 20)		(414)		(425)		(3,185
Loss on evaluation of investments in securities (Note 7)		(219)				(0,100
Loss on evaluation of investments in securities (rote 7)		(691)		(811)		(6,074
Income before income taxes		20,973		28,045		210,014
Income Taxes: (Note 14)						
Current		5,252		6,529		48,888
Deferred		224		0,32) 711		5,330
Dunita		5,476		7,240		54,218
Net income		15,497		20,805		155,796
Net Income Attributable to Non-controlling Interests		230		62		462
Net Income Attributable to Owners of the Parent	¥	15,267	¥	20,743	\$	155,334
	Ŧ	15,207	Ŧ	20,745	φ	155,554
		Y	'en		US	dollars (Note 3
		2022		2023	0.0.	2023
Per Share:		000 10		200 70	¢	
Net income (Note 21)	¥	280.19	¥	380.70	\$	2.85
Cash dividends		90.00		100.00		0.75

Net assets

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Sanyo Special Steel Co., Ltd. and Consolidated Subsidiaries

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the years ended March 31, 2022 and 2023

		Millior	Millions of yen			usands of U.S. llars (Note 3)
		2022		2023		2023
Net Income	¥	15,497	¥	20,805	\$	155,796
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss):						
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities		(278)		511		3,825
Deferred gains (losses) on hedges		1,249		(3,235)		(24,222)
Foreign currency translation adjustments		4,828		1,591		11,917
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans		56		3,291		24,641
Share of other comprehensive income of affiliates accounted for by the equity method		69		—		_
Total other comprehensive income (Note 4)		5,924		2,158		16,161
Comprehensive Income		21,421		22,963		171,957
Comprehensive income attributable to:						
Owners of the parent		21,064		22,766		170,481
Non-controlling interests		357		197		1,476

Sanyo Special Steel Co., Ltd. and Consolidated Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the year ended March 31, 2022

	Number of			Mi	llions of yen		
	outstanding common shares	Com	nmon stock	Caj	pital surplus		Retained earnings
Balance at beginning of year	54,490,533	¥ 53,800		¥	51,486	¥	72,924
Cumulative effects of changes in accounting policies			_		_		(6)
Restated balance	54,490,533		53,800		51,486		72,918
Net income attributable to owners of the parent			_		_		15,267
Cash dividends paid	—		—		—		(2,452)
Acquisition of treasury stock	(2,913)		—		—		—
Disposal of treasury stock	121		—		0		—
Change in ownership interest due to transactions with non-controlling interests	_		_		—		—
Other changes for fiscal year 2021, net	—		—		—		—
Total changes for fiscal year 2021	(2,792)		_		0		12,815
Balance at end of year	54,487,741	¥	53,800	¥	51,486	¥	85,733

				Millions	of yen			
	Treasury stock, at cost		Valuation difference on available-for- sale securities		Deferred gains on hedges		cu trai	oreign rrency nslation 1stments
Balance at beginning of year	¥	(23)	¥	1,661	¥	885	¥	(650)
Cumulative effects of changes in accounting policies		_		_		_		_
Restated balance		(23)		1,661		885		(650)
Net income attributable to owners of the parent		_		_		_		_
Cash dividends paid		_		—		—		—
Acquisition of treasury stock		(5)		—		—		—
Disposal of treasury stock		0		—		—		—
Change in ownership interest due to transactions with non-controlling interests		_		_		_		—
Other changes for fiscal year 2021, net		_		(278)		1,249		4,770
Total changes for fiscal year 2021		(5)		(278)		1,249		4,770
Balance at end of year	¥	(28)	¥	1,383	¥	2,134	¥	4,120

			Milli	ons of yen		
	0	easurements f defined nefit plans	со	Non- ntrolling nterests		Total
Balance at beginning of year	¥	(1,690)	¥	1,495	¥	179,888
Cumulative effects of changes in accounting policies		_		_		(6)
Restated balance		(1,690)		1,495		179,882
Net income attributable to owners of the parent		_		_		15,267
Cash dividends paid		—		_		(2,452)
Acquisition of treasury stock		—		_		(5)
Disposal of treasury stock		—		_		0
Change in ownership interest due to transactions with non-controlling interests		—		_		_
Other changes for fiscal year 2021, net		56		356		6,153
Total changes for fiscal year 2021		56		356		18,963
Balance at end of year	¥	(1,634)	¥	1,851	¥	198,845

Sanyo Special Steel Co., Ltd. and Consolidated Subsidiaries

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the year ended March 31, 2023

	Number of			Mil	lions of yen			
	outstanding common shares	Common stock		ck Capital surplus			Retained earnings	
Balance at beginning of year	54,487,741	¥	53,800	¥	51,486	¥	85,733	
Cumulative effects of changes in accounting policies			_		_		_	
Restated balance	54,487,741		53,800		51,486		85,733	
Net income attributable to owners of the parent			_		_		20,743	
Cash dividends paid	—		_				(5,448)	
Acquisition of treasury stock	(1,991)		_				—	
Disposal of treasury stock	—		_				—	
Change in ownership interest due to transactions with non-controlling interests	_		_		17		_	
Other changes for fiscal year 2022, net	—		—				—	
Total changes for fiscal year 2022	(1,991)		_		17		15,295	
Balance at end of year	54,485,750	¥	53,800	¥	51,503	¥	101,028	

				Millions	of yen			
	Treasury stock, at cost		Valuation difference on available-for- sale securities		Deferred gains on hedges		cı tra	oreign rrency nslation 1stments
Balance at beginning of year	¥	(28)	¥	1,383	¥	2,134	¥	4,120
Cumulative effects of changes in accounting policies		_		_		_		_
Restated balance		(28)		1,383		2,134		4,120
Net income attributable to owners of the parent		_		_		_		_
Cash dividends paid		_		—				—
Acquisition of treasury stock		(4)		—				—
Disposal of treasury stock		_		—		_		—
Change in ownership interest due to transactions with non-controlling interests		-		_		_		_
Other changes for fiscal year 2022, net		_		511		(3,235)		1,506
Total changes for fiscal year 2022		(4)		511		(3,235)		1,506
Balance at end of year	¥	(32)	¥	1,894	¥	(1,101)	¥	5,626

			Milli	ons of yen		
	0	easurements f defined nefit plans	co	Non- ntrolling nterests		Total
Balance at beginning of year		¥ (1,634)		1,851	¥	198,845
Cumulative effects of changes in accounting policies		_		_		—
Restated balance		(1,634)		1,851		198,845
Net income attributable to owners of the parent		_		_		20,743
Cash dividends paid		_		_		(5,448)
Acquisition of treasury stock		_		_		(4)
Disposal of treasury stock		—		—		—
Change in ownership interest due to transactions with non-controlling interests		—		_		17
Other changes for fiscal year 2022, net		3,291		(202)		1,871
Total changes for fiscal year 2022		3,291		(202)		17,179
Balance at end of year	¥	1,657	¥	1,649	¥	216,024

	Number of		Thou	sands o	of U.S. dollars (N	Note 3)	
	outstanding common shares	Common stock		Capital surplus			Retained earnings
Balance at beginning of year	54,487,741	\$	402,877	\$	385,550	\$	642,001
Cumulative effects of changes in accounting policies			_		_		_
Restated balance	54,487,741		402,877		385,550		642,001
Net income attributable to owners of the parent			_		_		155,334
Cash dividends paid	_		_		_		(40,802)
Acquisition of treasury stock	(1,991)		_		_		_
Disposal of treasury stock	_		_		—		_
Change in ownership interest due to transactions with non-controlling interests	_		_		126		_
Other changes for fiscal year 2022, net		_	_		_		_
Total changes for fiscal year 2022	(1,991)		_		126		114,532
Balance at end of year	54,485,750	\$	402,877	\$	385,676	\$	756,533

			The	ousands of U.S	. dollars	(Note 3)		
	Treas	sury stock,		aluation erence on	Deferred gains		Foreign currency	
	â	at cost		ilable-for- securities	0	n hedges		anslation ustments
Balance at beginning of year	\$	(212)	\$	10,355	\$	15,985	\$	30,851
Cumulative effects of changes in accounting policies		_		_		_		_
Restated balance		(212)		10,355		15,985		30,851
Net income attributable to owners of the parent		_		_		_		_
Cash dividends paid		—		—		—		—
Acquisition of treasury stock		(30)		—		—		—
Disposal of treasury stock		—		—		—		—
Change in ownership interest due to transactions with non-controlling interests		_		_		_		_
Other changes for fiscal year 2022, net		_		3,825		(24,223)		11,276
Total changes for fiscal year 2022		(30)		3,825		(24,223)		11,276
Balance at end of year	\$	(242)	\$	14,180	\$	(8,238)	\$	42,127

		Thousa	nds of	U.S. dollars (N	Note 3)			
	(easurements of defined nefit plans		Non- ontrolling nterests		Total		
Balance at beginning of year	\$	(12,236)	\$	13,860	\$	1,489,031		
Cumulative effects of changes in accounting policies		_		_				
Restated balance		(12,236)		13,860		1,489,031		
Net income attributable to owners of the parent		_		_		155,334		
Cash dividends paid		—		_		(40,802)		
Acquisition of treasury stock		—		—		(30)		
Disposal of treasury stock		—		—		—		
Change in ownership interest due to transactions with non-controlling interests		_		_		126		
Other changes for fiscal year 2022, net		24,641		(1,502)		14,017		
Total changes for fiscal year 2022		24,641		(1,502)		128,645		
Balance at end of year	\$	12,405	\$	12,358	\$	1,617,676		

Sanyo Special Steel Co., Ltd. and Consolidated Subsidiaries

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the years ended March 31, 2022 and 2023

	Million	1s of yen	Thousands of U dollars (Note 3
	2022	2023	2023
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Income before income taxes	¥ 20,973	¥ 28,045	\$ 210,01
Adjustments -			
Depreciation and amortization	15,904	13,765	103,07
Amortization of goodwill	3,375	2,925	21,90
Increase in allowance for doubtful accounts	70	74	55
Increase in provision for bonuses	685	156	1,17
Increase in net defined benefit liabilities	97	53	39
Decrease in net defined benefit assets	205	227	1,69
Increase (decrease) in accrued directors' and corporate	2	(12)	(9
auditors' retirement benefits, less payments			
Decrease in provision for environmental measures	(274)	(80)	(59
Decrease in provision for loss on guarantees	(2)	(0)	(
Interest and dividend income	(263)	(478)	(3,57
Interest expense	615	960	7,19
Gain on sale of investments in securities	(92)	(15)	(11
Loss on evaluation of investments in securities	219	_	-
Loss (gain) on sale and disposition of property, plant and equipment	149	401	3,00
Loss on liquidation of subsidiaries	414	425	3,18
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Notes and accounts receivable - trade, and contract assets	(23,620)	1,389	10,40
Inventories	(36,970)	(11,411)	(85,45
Notes and accounts payable - trade	25,217	(14,390)	(107,75
Other, net	1,160	(2,165)	(16,19
Subtotal	7,864	19,869	148,78
Interest and dividend income received	263	477	3,57
Interest expense paid	(617)	(757)	(5,66
Income taxes paid	(424)	(7,434)	(55,67
Net cash provided by operating activities	7,086	12,155	91,02
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(13,832)	(13,576)	(101,66
Sale of property, plant and equipment	106	493	3,68
Acquisition of intangible assets	(711)	(276)	(2,06
Acquisition of investments in securities	(2)	(3)	(2
Sale of investments in securities	553	35	26
Proceeds from sales of investments in affiliates accounted for by the equity method	_	788	5,90
Decrease in long-term loans receivable	203	3	1
Payments into time deposits	(1,022)	(1,066)	(7,98
Proceeds from withdrawal of time deposits	931	1,048	7,84
Payments of long-term loans receivable	(2)	(4)	(3
Other, net	478	(208)	(1,55
Net cash used in investing activities	(13,298)	(12,766)	(95,60

					Tho	usands of U.S.
		Million	is of ye	n	do	llars (Note 3)
		2022		2023		2023
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:						
Decrease in short-term loans	¥	(2,098)	¥	(717)	\$	(5,366)
Increase in commercial paper		12,001		18,998		142,263
Proceeds from long-term loans		11,000		300		2,247
Repayment of long-term loans		(15,110)		(3,414)		(25,569)
Repayments of lease obligations		(1,035)		(797)		(5,968)
Payments for purchases of treasury stock		(5)		(4)		(30)
Proceeds from sales of treasury stock		0		_		_
Cash dividends		(2,449)		(5,442)		(40,748)
Cash dividends to non-controlling interests		(1)		(37)		(279)
Purchase of shares of subsidiaries not resulting in change in scope of consolidation		—		(344)		(2,575)
Other, net		(17)		(17)		(130)
Net cash provided by financing activities	_	2,286		8,526		63,845
Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash and Cash Equivalents		902		1,215		9,101
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(3,024)		9,130		68,368
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of the Year		24,881		21,857		163,675
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of the Year (Note 22)	¥	21,857	¥	30,987	\$	232,043

Sanyo Special Steel Co., Ltd. and Consolidated Subsidiaries NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of Presenting Consolidated Financial Statements

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of Sanyo Special Steel Co., Ltd. (the "Company") and its consolidated subsidiaries (together, the "Companies") have been prepared on the basis of accounting principles generally accepted in Japan, which are different in certain respects as to application and disclosure

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(1) Consolidation and investments in affiliates(a) Scope of consolidation and elimination

The Company had 37 subsidiaries as of March 31, 2023 (40 subsidiaries as of March 31, 2022). The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its 37 subsidiaries. The 37 subsidiaries that have been consolidated for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023 are listed below:

Yohkoh Bussan Co., Ltd. Santoku Kogyo Co., Ltd. Santoku Tech Co., Ltd. Santoku Seiken Co., Ltd. Santoku Computer Service Co., Ltd. Sanyo Special Steel Manufacturing de México, S.A. de C.V. Ningbo Sanyo Special Steel Products Co., Ltd. Siam Sanyo Special Steel Product Co., Ltd. Sanyo Special Steel U.S.A., Inc. SKJ Metal Industries Co., Ltd. Sanyo Special Steel Manufacturing India Private Limited Sanyo Special Steel Trading (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. Ovako Group AB and its 22 subsidiaries ("Ovako") and 2 subsidiaries

Mahindra Sanyo Special Steel Private Limited changed its trade name to Sanyo Special Steel Manufacturing India Private Limited on June 23, 2022.

Ovako Midco AB, Hillboms AB and Fastighets AB Synaren, which had been consolidated subsidiaries of Ovako Group AB, were excluded from the scope of consolidation for the current fiscal year since they were extinguished on January 23, 2023 in the absorption-type merger with Ovako Group AB and its subsidiary Ovako Sweden AB, which were the surviving companies.

The consolidated subsidiaries, except for the seven foreign subsidiaries (Sanyo Special Steel Manufacturing de México, S.A. de C.V., Ningbo Sanyo Special Steel Products Co., Ltd., Siam Sanyo Special Steel Product Co., Ltd., Sanyo Special Steel U.S.A., Inc., P.T. Sanyo Special Steel Indonesia, SKJ Metal Industries Co., Ltd., and Sanyo Special Steel Trading (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.,), use a fiscal year ending March 31, which is the same as that of the Company. The seven foreign subsidiaries use a fiscal year ending December 31. For these seven subsidiaries, certain adjustments are made, if appropriate, in preparing the consolidated financial statements to reflect material transactions which occur between their fiscal year-end and March 31.

For the purpose of preparing the consolidated financial statements, all significant intercompany transactions, balances and

requirements from International Financial Reporting Standards and are compiled from the consolidated financial statements prepared by the Company as required by the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan.

unrealized profits among the Companies have been eliminated.

(b) Investments in affiliates

The Company's investment in AB Järnbruksförnödenheter, an affiliate of the Company over which the Company has significant influence, is accounted for by the equity method.

The Company's investment in Advanced Green Components, LLC, an affiliate of the Company over which the Company had significant influence, was excluded from the scope of the equitymethod affiliates for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023 since the Company sold its entire interest in the affiliate.

(2) Foreign currency translation

Foreign currency transactions are translated into Japanese yen at the exchange rate prevailing at the respective transaction date. All monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies, whether long-term or short-term, are translated into Japanese yen at the exchange rate prevailing at each balance sheet date. Resulting gains and losses are included in net income or loss for the period.

All assets and liabilities of the foreign subsidiaries are translated into Japanese yen at the exchange rate prevailing at each balance sheet date.

Revenues and expenses are translated into yen based on the average exchange rate during the period.

These differences are recorded as foreign currency translation adjustments.

(3) Securities

The accounting standard for financial instruments ("Accounting Standards for Financial Instruments" (Accounting Standards Board of Japan ("ASBJ") Statement No. 10)) requires that securities be classified into four categories: trading securities, held-to-maturity debt securities, equity securities issued by subsidiaries and affiliates and available-for-sale securities. Except for the equity securities issued by subsidiaries and affiliates, securities that the Company has are all classified as available-for-sale securities.

Under the standard, marketable securities classified as availablefor-sale securities are carried at fair value with changes in unrealized holding gains and losses, net of the applicable income taxes, included directly in net assets. Equality securities without market prices classified as available-for-sale securities are carried at cost. A decline in the value of available-for-sale securities is reflected in net loss for the period unless deemed to be temporary. The cost of securities sold is determined by the moving average method.

(4) Derivative transactions and hedge accounting

Derivative financial instruments are stated at fair value.

The Companies use foreign exchange forward contracts and commodity futures contracts to reduce their exposure to market risks from fluctuations in foreign currencies and electricity prices. The Companies do not hold or issue financial derivative

instruments for trading purposes. If derivative transactions are used as hedges and meet certain hedging criteria, the Companies use the deferred hedge accounting method.

The Companies compare the total change in cash flow or rate fluctuation of hedging instruments and those of hedged items every half year and evaluate the hedge effectiveness based on the differences.

(5) Amortization of goodwill

Goodwill is amortized using the straight-line method over a reasonably determined period on individual basis.

(6) Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of moving average cost or net realizable value.

(7) Depreciation and amortization

The Companies compute depreciation using the straight-line method for property, plant and equipment.

For assets acquired on or before March 31, 2007, the Company and its domestic subsidiaries depreciated the assets using the straight-line method over five years from the year following the fiscal year when depreciation up to the depreciable limit amount is completed.

Amortization of capitalized software costs for internal use is computed by the straight-line method based on the useful life of the asset estimated to be mainly five years. Amortization of other intangible assets is computed by the straight-line method. (8) Research and development costs

Research and development costs are charged to profit or loss as incurred.

(9) Allowance for doubtful accounts

Allowance for doubtful accounts is provided at an amount based on past loss experience plus the amount estimated to be uncollectible based on an assessment of certain individual accounts.

(10) Provision for bonuses

Provision for employees bonuses is provided at the estimated amount of bonuses to be paid to the employees in the following year. It was recorded as accrued expenses on the consolidated balance sheet.

(11) Accrued directors' and corporate auditors' retirement benefits

Certain consolidated subsidiaries provide for lump-sum payments to retiring directors and corporate auditors based on internal rules.

(12) Provision for loss on guarantees

To provide for losses on guarantees, the Company makes a provision for potential losses at the end of the fiscal year. (13) Provision for environmental measures

Reserve for environmental measures for obligatory PCB treatment in Japan and removing soil pollution at overseas steelmaking plants is stated as the estimated cost at the end of the fiscal year.

(14) Accounting methods for employees' retirement benefits

In the calculation of retirement benefit obligations, the estimated amount of retirement benefits is attributed to the consolidated fiscal year using the benefit formula basis.

Prior service costs are posted in expenses from the consolidated

fiscal year of accrual by the straight-line method over a period of 10 years, which is within the average remaining service years of the employees.

Actuarial gains and losses are posted in expenses after the consolidated fiscal year of accrual by the straight-line method over periods of mainly 10 years and 17 years, which are within the average remaining service years of the employees.

Providing for lump-sum payments to retiring executive officers is calculated based on internal rules.

In the calculation of net defined benefit liabilities and retirement benefit expenses, certain consolidated subsidiaries have adopted a simplified method that determines the benefits payable assuming the voluntary retirement of all employees at the fiscal year-end as retirement benefit obligations.

(15) Income taxes

The asset-liability method is used to recognize deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and their tax bases.

(16) Accounting policy for revenue and expenses

The Companies recognize revenue based on the following fivestep approach.

Step 1: Identify contracts with customers.

- Step 2: Identify the performance obligations in the contract.
- Step 3: Determine the transaction price.
- Step 4: Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract.
- Step 5: Recognize revenue when the entity satisfies a performance obligation.

Revenue in the Companies are generated mainly from the sale of special steel products in which the performance obligation is to transfer the merchandise and finished goods to the customer based on the sales contracts.

The Companies recognize revenue when the customer receives the merchandise and finished goods, control of the goods is transferred to the customer and the performance obligations are satisfied.

However, the Companies and its subsidiaries recognize revenue from domestic sales at the point of shipment in cases in which control of the goods is transferred to the customer within a reasonable period according to Paragraph 98 of the Implementation Guidance on Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition.

The transaction price is measured based on the contract with customers. In cases in which there is variable consideration in the contract, it is estimated and included in the transaction price to the extent that there is no material reversal.

The consideration involved in the transaction does not contain a significant financing component because the relevant payment period is within a short-term after the satisfaction of the performance obligation.

(17) Net income and cash dividends per share

Net income per share is computed by dividing net income available for distribution to shareholders of common stock by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the year. Diluted net income per share is not disclosed because potentially dilutive securities are not issued.

Cash dividends per share shown for each year in the consolidated statements of operations represent dividends declared as applicable to the respective years rather than those paid during the years. (18) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated statements of cash flows consists of cash on hand, bank deposits able to be withdrawn on demand, short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less and which represent a minor risk of fluctuations in value and deposits paid in parent company. (19) Significant accounting estimates

Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible Assets (a) Carrying amounts in the current year's financial statements

			U	ousands of .S. dollars			
		Millions 2022	s of y	2023	(Note 3) 2023		
Property, Plant and Equipment	¥	111,975	¥	115,183	\$	862,537	
Intangible Assets	¥	37,386	¥	36,118	\$	270,465	

(b) Significant accounting estimates for identified items

For property, plant and equipment and intangible assets, to determine whether the recognition of an impairment loss is required, it is necessary to compare the undiscounted future cash flows that are expected to be generated from the asset or the asset group with its book value whenever there is an indication of impairment in the asset or the asset group. If the recognition of an impairment loss is deemed necessary, the book value is reduced to the recoverable amount, and the resulting decrease in the book value is recognized as an impairment loss.

The Companies group assets with consideration for business management segments. In principle, the Company is classified by business segment, and each consolidated subsidiary is classified as one asset group. In addition to the asset groups that recorded impairment loss in the current consolidated fiscal year, the asset groups of Sanyo Special Steel Manufacturing de México, S.A.de C.V. and SKJ Metal Industries Co., Ltd., which had recognized indications of impairment, did not record impairment loss because the undiscounted future cash flows for each asset group exceeded the book value.

Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets which were recorded on the consolidated balance sheet at the end of the current consolidated fiscal year have a significant impact on the consolidated financial statements for the following consolidated fiscal year when the business circumstances of the Companies are affected by extreme changes in future economic conditions and business declines significantly.

(20) Additional information

On March 9, 2023, the Company was notified by MITSUI & CO., LTD. (hereinafter "MITSUI"), one of the minority shareholders of Sanyo Special Steel Manufacturing India Private Limited (hereinafter "SSMI"), that MITSUI was exercising its putoption under the shareholders agreement. Due to this exercise, the Company is obligated to purchase from MITSUI all SSMI shares (3,046,821 shares) held by MITSUI.

The purchase price is to be determined in accordance with the provisions of the shareholders agreement, and the financial impact at this time is uncertain.

3. U.S. Dollar Amounts

The translations of Japanese yen amounts into U.S. dollar amounts are included solely for the convenience of readers outside Japan. These translations should not be construed as representations that the Japanese yen amounts actually represent or have been or could be converted into U.S. dollars. The rate of \$133.54 to U.S. \$1.00, the approximate rate of exchange as at March 31, 2023, has been used for these translations.

4. Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

Amounts reclassified to net income in the current year that were recognized in other comprehensive income in the current or previous periods and the tax effects for each component of other comprehensive income were as follows:

		Millior	ns of ye	en	Thousands of U.S dollars (Note 3)	
	2	2022		2023		2023
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities						
Increase (decrease) during the year	¥	(297)	¥	726	\$	5,435
Reclassification adjustments		(92)		(11)		(82)
Subtotal, before tax		(389)		715		5,353
Tax (expense)		111		(204)		(1,528)
Subtotal, net of tax		(278)		511		3,825
Deferred gains on hedges						
Increase (decrease) during the year		2,407		(1,220)		(9,136)
Reclassification adjustments		(834)		(2,854)		(21,371)
Subtotal, before tax		1,573		(4,074)		(30,507)
Tax (expense)		(324)		839		6,285
Subtotal, net of tax		1,249		(3,235)		(24,222)
Foreign currency translation adjustments						
Increase during the year		4,828		1,591		11,917
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans						
Increase (decrease) during the year		(279)		4,229		31,670
Reclassification adjustments		182		150		1,117
Subtotal, before tax		(97)		4,379		32,787
Tax (expense)		153		(1,088)		(8,146)
Subtotal, net of tax		56		3,291		24,641
Share of other comprehensive income of an affiliate accounted for by the equity method						
Increase during the year		69				
Subtotal		69		_		_
Total other comprehensive income	¥	5,924	¥	2,158	\$	16,161

5. Statements of cash flows

There were no significant non-cash transactions as of March 31, 2022 and 2023.

6. Financial Instruments

(1) Status of financial instruments

The Companies procure funds required by their business plans through bank loans and bonds payable. Temporary surplus funds are invested in short-term bank deposits, etc., with a low probability of loss of principal. The Companies use derivative transactions mainly to hedge foreign currency operating transactions and electricity price fluctuation risk and limit the amounts to actual demand.

Notes and accounts receivable and electronically recorded monetary claims are exposed to the credit risk of customers. In order to reduce the risk, the Companies regularly monitor the maturity dates and balances of receivables of all customer accounts and evaluate the credit risk of its main customers arising from any deterioration in their financial situation, etc., according to the Company regulations. Notes and accounts receivable denominated in foreign currencies are exposed to exchange rate risks. The Companies reduce the risks by settling both notes and accounts receivable and notes and accounts payable within the same foreign currencies and executing derivative transactions (forward exchange contracts).

Deposits paid in parent company are deposits to Nippon Steel Corporation. The deposit and withdrawal of such funds are possible at any time. Investments in securities are mainly the shares of business partners. These shares are exposed to the risk of volatility in market prices, and the Companies periodically monitor the market prices and regularly review their share portfolios taking into consideration their relationships with their business partners.

Notes and accounts payable are paid within one year. Notes and accounts payable denominated in foreign currencies are exposed to

exchange rate risk. The Companies reduce the risk by settling both notes and accounts receivable and notes and accounts payable within the same foreign currencies and executing derivative transactions (forward exchange contracts).

Certain foreign subsidiaries enter into derivative transactions (commodity futures trading) to manage the risk of purchased electricity price fluctuation. The Companies execute and manage derivative transactions in accordance with the internal rules which stipulate the transaction authority. For details on hedging instruments, hedging items, hedging policy and the methods used to evaluate hedge effectiveness, refer to - Note 2(4), "Derivative transactions and hedge accounting."

Bank loans, bonds payable and commercial paper are primarily used to procure funds related to operating and investing activities.

To manage liquidity risks, the Companies prepare and update cash flow plans as appropriate and maintain the liquidity on hand necessary to meet their obligations. Further, the Company has commitment line contracts in preparation for contingencies.

Because the risk of fluctuation is incorporated into the calculation of the fair values of financial instruments, the fair values may fluctuate due to the adoption of different assumptions and other factors. In addition, the contract amounts of derivative transactions in the notes to "Derivative Transactions" are not indicative of the market risk associated with derivative transactions themselves.

(2) Fair values of financial instruments

Carrying amounts, fair values and differences between carrying amounts and fair values of relevant items were as follows: 2022

	Millions of yen						
	В	ook value	I	Fair value	Dif	ference	
(1) Investments in securities							
Available-for-sale securities	¥	4,011	¥	4,011	¥	—	
(2) Bonds payable		(10,000)		(9,974)		26	
(3) Long-term loans (including current portion))	(22,630)		(22,605)		25	
(4) Derivative transactions							
① Hedge accounting not applied		1		1		—	
2 Hedge accounting applied		2,821		2,821			

(%1) Debt is displayed by parentheses.

(%2) "Cash and bank deposits," "Notes and accounts receivable - trade," "Electronically recorded monetary claims," "Deposits paid in parent company," "Notes and accounts payable - trade," "Short-term loans" "Commercial paper" and "Accounts payable" are omitted because they are settled in a short period of time and their fair values approximate their book values.

(*3) Equity securities without market prices are not included in "(1) Investments in securities." The book values of those financial instruments were as follows:

	Milli	ons of yen
Unlisted equity securities	¥	985

Carrying amounts, fair values and differences between carrying amounts and fair values of relevant items were as follows: 2023

	Millions of yen					Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 3)						
В	ook value	F	air value	Dif	ference	F	Book value	I	Fair value	Di	fference	
¥	4,716	¥	4,716	¥	—	\$	35,319	\$	35,319	\$	—	
	(10,000)		(9,982)		18		(74,884)		(74,749)		135	
	(19,822)		(19,684)		138		(148,433)		(147,405)		1,028	
	(4)		(4)		_		(32)		(32)		_	
	(1,198)		(1,198)		_		(8,972)		(8,972)		_	
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(*3) Equity securities without market prices are not included in "(1) Investments in securities." The book values of those financial instruments were as follows:

	Millio	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 3)	
Unlisted equity securities	¥	287	\$	2,149	

(3) Financial assets with maturities were as follows:

The aggregate maturities subsequent to March 31, 2022:

		Millions of yen								
	Wi	Within 1 year		1 year or more but within 5 years		5 years or more but within 10 years		ears or more		
Cash and bank deposits	¥	14,483	¥	—	¥	—	¥	—		
Notes and accounts receivable - trade		69,019		—		—		—		
Electronically recorded monetary claims		8,707		—		—		—		
Deposits paid in parent company		7,924		—		—		_		
Total	¥	100,133	¥		¥		¥			

The aggregate maturities subsequent to March 31, 2023:

				Million	s of yen				
	W	ithin 1 year	1 year or more but within 5 years		5 years or more but within 10 years		10 years or mo		
Cash and bank deposits	¥	21,653	¥	_	¥	_	¥	_	
Notes and accounts receivable - trade		66,372		—		—		—	
Electronically recorded monetary claims		11,637		—		—		—	
Deposits paid in parent company		9,954		—		—		_	
Total	¥	109,616	¥	_	¥	_	¥	-	
	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 3)								
	W	ithin 1 year	1 year or more but within 5 years		5 years or more but		10 years or more		
	vv	itilli i yeai			withi	in 10 years	10 yea		
Cash and bank deposits	\$	162,144	\$	_	\$	_	\$	—	
Notes and accounts receivable - trade		497,022		_		_		—	
Electronically recorded monetary claims		87,139		_		_		_	
Deposits paid in parent company		74,539		—		—		_	
Total	\$	820,844	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	

(4) Bonds payable, short-term loans, commercial paper and long-term loans were as follows:

The aggregate maturities subsequent to March 31, 2022:

	Wi	thin 1 year	year 1 year or more but within 5 years		-	rs or more but hin 10 years	10 years or more	
Short-term loans	¥	34,367	¥	_	¥	—	¥	_
Commercial paper		12,001		—		—		—
Bonds payable		_		10,000		—		—
Long-term loans (including current portion)		3,306		19,324		_		_
Total	¥	49,674	¥	29,324	¥		¥	_

The aggregate maturities subsequent to March 31, 2023:

	W	ithin 1 year	1 yea	ar or more but	5 years	or more but	10 year	s or more
	**	itilii i yeai	wi	thin 5 years	within	10 years	10 year	s of more
Short-term loans	¥	35,481	¥	_	¥	-	¥	-
Commercial paper		30,999		_		-		—
Bonds payable		_		10,000		-		—
Long-term loans (including current portion)		8,251		11,571		_		_
Total	¥	74,731	¥	21,571	¥	_	¥	_
				Thousands of U.	S. dollars (N	ote 3)		
	W	ithin 1 year	1 yea	ar or more but	5 years	or more but	10 year	s or more
	**	itilii i yeai	wi	thin 5 years	within	10 years	10 year	s of more
Short-term loans	\$	265,699	\$	_	\$	_	\$	-
Commercial paper		232,133		_		-		—
Bonds payable		—		74,884		_		_
Long-term loans (including current portion)		61,788		86,645		_		_
Total	\$	559,620	\$	161,529	\$	_	\$	_

(5) Fair values of financial instruments by level of inputs

2022

Based on the observability and the significance of the inputs used to determine fair values, fair values of financial instruments are presented by categorizing measurements into the following three levels:

Level 1 fair value: fair values measured by quoted prices of identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2 fair value: fair values measured using observable inputs other than Level 1.

Level 3 fair value: fair values measured using unobservable inputs.

When multiple inputs of different categories are used in measuring fair value, the Companies classify the fair value into the category from which the lowest inputs are used.

(a) Financial instruments measured at fair values in the consolidated balance sheet

2022				M;11:	ns of ye	n		
		Level1		Level2	is of ye	Level3		Total
Investments in securities								
Available-for-sale securities								
Stock	¥	4,011	¥	_	¥	_	¥	4,011
Derivative transactions								
Currency related		_		9		_		9
Commodity related		_		2,937		_		2,937
Total assets	¥	4,011	¥	2,946	¥	_	¥	6,957
				Million	ns of ye	n		
		Level1		Level2		Level3		Total
Derivative transactions								
Currency related	¥	—	¥	124	¥	—	¥	124
Commodity related		_		_		_		_
Total liabilities	¥	_	¥	124	¥	_	¥	124
2023								
		T 11			ns of ye			
		Level1		Level2		Level3		Total
Investments in securities								
Available-for-sale securities			T 7					
Stock	¥	4,716	¥	_	¥	_	¥	4,716
Derivative transactions								
Currency related		_		6		_		6
Commodity related	*7		T 7	184	*7	_	*7	184
Total assets	¥	4,716	¥	<u>190</u>	¥ ns of yer	_	¥	4,906
		Level1		Level2	is of ye	Level3		Total
Derivative transactions								
Currency related	¥	_	¥	1,392	¥	_	¥	1,392
Commodity related	-	_	-		-	_	-	
Total liabilities	¥	_	¥	1,392	¥	_	¥	1,392
				Thousands of U		rs (Note 3)		,
		Level1		Level2		Level3		Total
Investments in securities								
Available-for-sale securities								
Stock	\$	35,319	\$	_	\$	_	\$	35,319
Derivative transactions								
Currency related		_		45		_		45
Commodity related		_		1,380		_		1,380
Total assets	\$	35,319	\$	1,425	\$	_	\$	36,744
		Level1		Thousands of U Level2	.S. dolla	rs (Note 3) Level3		Total
Derivative transactions		20,011		10,012		Levels		10101
Currency related	\$	_	\$	10,429	\$	_	\$	10,429
Commodity related	Ψ	_	Ψ		Ψ	_	Ψ	
Total liabilities	\$		\$	10,429	\$		\$	10,429
	Ψ		Ψ	10,727	Ψ		Ψ	10,727

(b) Financial instruments other than those measured at fair values in the consolidated balance sheet

2022

					Million	ns of ye	n		
		Level1			Level2		Level3		Total
Bonds payable	¥		_	¥	9,974	¥	—	¥	9,974
Long-term loans (including current portion)			_		22,605		_		22,605
Total liabilities	¥		—	¥	32,579	¥	—	¥	32,579
2023									
					Million	ns of ye	n		
		Level1			Level2		Level3		Total
Bonds payable	¥		—	¥	9,982	¥	_	¥	9,982
Long-term loans (including current portion)			—		19,684		_		19,684
Total liabilities	¥		—	¥	29,666	¥	_	¥	29,666
					Thousands of U	S. dolla	rs (Note 3)		
		Level1			Level2		Level3		Total
Bonds payable	\$		—	\$	74,749	\$	_	\$	74,749
Long-term loans (including current portion)			_		147,405				147,405
Total liabilities	\$		_	\$	222,154	\$	_	\$	222,154

(%) Valuation techniques and inputs used in measuring fair values

Investments in securities

The fair values of listed equity securities are measured using quoted prices. The fair values are classified as Level 1 because the securities are exchanged in active markets.

Derivative transactions

The fair values of currency forward contracts are classified as Level 2 because the fair values are based on prices, etc., provided by financial institutions. The fair values of derivative transactions for commodity related purchased electricity price risk are classified as Level 2 because the fair values are measured using the discounted present value method using quoted market prices and other observable inputs.

Bonds payable

The fair values of bonds payable issued by the Company are based on quoted market prices. However, the fair values of the bonds are classified as Level 2 because the fair values are not determined by quoted market prices in an active market.

Long-term loans

The fair values of long-term loans are classified as Level 2 because the fair values are measured using the discounted present value method, i.e., the interest rates that would be applicable to similar new loans and reflect the total amount of payment obligations of principal and interest and the remaining payment period adjusted by credit risks.

7. Securities

The aggregate acquisition costs and fair values (book values) of marketable securities classified as available-for-sale securities as of March 31, 2022 and 2023 were as follows:

						Millior	ns of	yen						Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 3)				
				2022						2023						2023		
	Ace	quisition	F	air value	Unre	alized gain	Ac	quisition	F	air value	Unr	ealized gain	A	cquisition	I	Fair value	Un	realized gain
		cost	(bo	ok value)		(loss)		cost	(bc	ook value)		(loss)		cost	(b	ook value)		(loss)
Securities w	vhos	se book v	value	exceeds a	acquisi	tion cost:												
Stock	¥	1,999	¥	3,803	¥	1,804	¥	2,203	¥	4,716	¥	2,513	\$	16,496	\$	35,319	\$	18,823
Securities w	vhos	se acquis	ition	cost exce	eeds bo	ook value:												
Stock		213		208		(5)		—		_		—		_		_		_
Total	¥	2,212	¥	4,011	¥	1,799	¥	2,203	¥	4,716	¥	2,513	\$	16,496	\$	35,319	\$	18,823

Available-for-sale securities sold in the year ended March 31, 2022 and 2023 were as follows:

		Millions of yen							Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 3)									
				2022					2	2023						2023		
	An	ounts	Re	alized		Realized	Ar	nounts	Re	alized		Realized	A	mounts	Re	ealized	F	Realized
	of	sales	g	ains		losses	0	fsales	g	gains		losses	0	fsales	Ę	gains		losses
Stock	¥	553	¥	92	¥	_	¥	35	¥	15	¥	—	\$	260	\$	116	\$	—

The Companies recognize impairment loss on available-for-sale securities when the market value declines by more than 50 percent, or the market value declines by more than 30 percent but less than 50 percent and the Companies' management determines the decline to be other than temporary. For available-for-sale securities for which fair values are deemed extremely difficult to assess, when the value of those securities substantially declines, the Companies recognize impairment loss, except for cases in which the future recoverability of the value of those securities is reasonably supported.

Impairment loss on available-for-sale securities recognized ¥219 million for the year ended March 31, 2022.

8. Inventories

Inventories held by the Companies at March 31, 2022 and 2023 consisted of the following:

					Tho	usands of U.S.
		Million	en	do	llars (Note 3)	
		2022		2023		2023
Merchandise	¥	2,214	¥	3,226	\$	24,159
Finished products		24,548		30,455		228,059
Work-in-process		58,088		58,792		440,251
Raw materials and supplies		28,662		35,756		267,758
Total	¥	113,512	¥	128,229	\$	960,227

The net loss included in cost of sales due to inventories written down for the years ended March 31, 2022 and 2023 were ¥137 million and ¥673 million (\$5,042 thousand), respectively.

9. Affiliates

Items relevant to affiliates at March 31, 2022 and 2023 were as follows:

		Millio	ns of y	en	ousands of U.S. ollars (Note 3)
		2022		2023	 2023
Investments in securities (stocks)	¥	705	¥	13	\$ 95

10. Assets Pledged as Collateral

A breakdown of assets pledged as collateral and the related secured liabilities as of March 31, 2022 and 2023 were as follows:

					Thou	isands of U.S.
		Million	ns of ye	n	dol	lars (Note 3)
	2022 2023			2023		
Assets pledged as collateral:						
Notes and accounts receivable - trade, and contract assets	¥	4,914	¥	4,984	\$	37,325
Inventories		3,867		4,281		32,057
Land		3,361		3,469		25,979
Buildings and structures		135		145		1,085
Machinery and equipment		178		360		2,692
Other property, plant and equipment		318		627		4,695
Total	¥	12,773	¥	13,866	\$	103,833
Secured liabilities:						
Short-term loans (including current portion of long-term loans payable)		488		421		3,152
Long-term loans		588		271		2,026
Total	¥	1,076	¥	692	\$	5,178

The assets above were pledged as collateral for bank guarantees in addition to the liabilities above.

11. Receivables arising from contracts with customers, contract assets and contract liabilities

Receivables arising from contracts with customers, contract assets as of March 31, 2022 and 2023 were as follows:

					The	ousands of U.S.
		Million	do	ollars (Note 3)		
		2022		2023		2023
Notes receivable - trade	¥	3,511	¥	3,478	\$	26,042
Accounts receivable - trade		65,508		62,894		470,980
Contract assets		_		_		_

Receivables arising from contracts with customers, contract liabilities as of March 31, 2022 and 2023 were as follows:

					Th	ousands of U.S.
		Millions of yen				ollars (Note 3)
		2022		2023		2023
Contract liabilities	¥	111	¥	42	\$	313

12. Short-term Loans, Commercial Paper, Bonds Payable, Long-term Loans and Lease liabilities

Short-term loans at March 31, 2022 and 2023 represent bank overdrafts with weighted-average interest rates of 0.73% and 2.48%, respectively. In business in Japan, it is customary for short-term borrowings to be rolled over every year. For short-term financing, the Companies have commitment line contract arrangements with several financial institutions for an aggregate maximum amount of ¥13,458 million (\$100,775 thousand). At March 31 2023, the total ¥13,458 million (\$100,775 thousand) was unused.

Also, commercial paper at March 31 2022 and 2023 issued by the Company with weighted-average interest rates of (0.08) % and 0.02%.

Bonds payable at March 31, 2022 and 2023 consisted of the following:

					Thou	isands of U.S.
		Million	ns of ye	n	dol	lars (Note 3)
		2022		2023		2023
Bonds payable due 2024 with interest rates of 0.30% at March 31, 2022 and 2023	¥	10,000	¥	10,000	\$	74,884
The annual maturities of bonds payable outstanding at March 31, 2023 were as for	ollow	s:				
					Thou	isands of U.S.
Year ending at March 31,			Mil	llions of yen	dol	lars (Note 3)
2025			¥	10,000	\$	74,884
Long-term loans at March 31, 2022 and 2023 consisted of the following:					These	and of U.S.
Long-term loans at March 31, 2022 and 2023 consisted of the following:		Million	e of ve	'n		isands of U.S.
Long-term loans at March 31, 2022 and 2023 consisted of the following:		Million 2022	is of ye	2023		usands of U.S. lars (Note 3) 2023
Long-term loans at March 31, 2022 and 2023 consisted of the following: Loans from banks and other financial institutions due 2023 to 2027 with			is of ye			lars (Note 3)
			is of ye			lars (Note 3)
Loans from banks and other financial institutions due 2023 to 2027 with	¥		ns of ye			lars (Note 3)
Loans from banks and other financial institutions due 2023 to 2027 with interest rates ranging from 0.30% to 10.40% at March 31, 2022 and due 2024 to 2027 with interest rates ranging from 0.22% to 10.80% at March 31, 2023	¥	2022 22,630		2023 19,822	dol	lars (Note 3) 2023 148,433
Loans from banks and other financial institutions due 2023 to 2027 with interest rates ranging from 0.30% to 10.40% at March 31, 2022 and due 2024	¥	2022		2023	dol	lars (Note 3) 2023
Loans from banks and other financial institutions due 2023 to 2027 with interest rates ranging from 0.30% to 10.40% at March 31, 2022 and due 2024 to 2027 with interest rates ranging from 0.22% to 10.80% at March 31, 2023	¥	2022 22,630		2023 19,822	dol	lars (Note 3) 2023 148,433
Loans from banks and other financial institutions due 2023 to 2027 with interest rates ranging from 0.30% to 10.40% at March 31, 2022 and due 2024 to 2027 with interest rates ranging from 0.22% to 10.80% at March 31, 2023	¥	2022 22,630 2,117		2023 19,822 1,993	dol	lars (Note 3) 2023 148,433 14,929

The annual maturities of long-term loans outstanding at March 31, 2023 were as follows:

	Thou	isands of U.S.
Millions of yen	dol	lars (Note 3)
¥ 790) \$	5,916
661		4,947
11,231		84,112
111		829
18	i	133
¥ 12,811	\$	95,937
	¥ 790 661 11,231 111 18	Millions of yen dol ¥ 790 \$ 661 11,231 111 111 18

13. Retirement Benefits

The Company has funded defined benefit lump-sum payment plans and defined contribution pension plans for employee retirement benefits. The domestic consolidated subsidiaries have similar plans.

As a result of setting up retirement benefit trusts, some severance indemnity plans are funded and make lump-sum payments based on salary and length of service as retirement benefits.

Certain overseas consolidated subsidiaries have funded or unfunded defined benefit pension plans and defined contribution pension plans for employee retirement benefits.

The defined benefit pension plans of the Company and certain consolidated subsidiaries calculate net defined benefit liabilities and retirement benefit costs by the simplified method.

(1) Defined benefit plans

(a) Movements in retirement benefit obligations, except plans applying the simplified method:

				Tho	usands of U.S.	
	Millio	Millions of yen				
	2022		2023	2023		
Balance at beginning of year	¥ 21,092	¥	20,626	\$	154,458	
Service cost	927		750		5,614	
Interest cost	171		351		2,628	
Actuarial loss	(1,248)		(3,895)		(29,167)	
Benefits paid	(732)		(687)		(5,146)	
Prior service cost	(262)		_		_	
Other	678		(159)		(1,187)	
Balance at end of year	¥ 20,626	¥	16,986	\$	127,200	

(b) Movements in plan assets, except plans applying the simplified method:

				Thou	isands of U.S.	
	Million	Millions of yen				
	2022		2023		2023	
Balance at beginning of year	¥ 11,029	¥	9,736	\$	72,905	
Expected return on plan assets	195		206		1,542	
Actuarial gain (loss)	(1,758)		341		2,554	
Contributions paid by employer	265		34		252	
Benefits paid	(157)		(195)		(1,458)	
Other	162		42		320	
Balance at end of year	¥ 9,736	¥	10,164	\$	76,115	

(c) Movements in liability for retirement benefits of defined benefit plans applying the simplified method:

	s of yen		dollars (Note 3)		
2	022	2	2023		2023
¥	953	¥	975	\$	7,298
	134		147		1,097
	(112)		(192)		(1,435)
	—		3		26
¥	975	¥	933	\$	6,986
	¥	2022 ¥ 953 134 (112) -	2022 2 ¥ 953 ¥ 134 (112) 	2022 2023 ¥ 953 ¥ 975 134 147 (112) (192)	2022 2023 ¥ 953 ¥ 975 134 147 (112) (192) - 3

(d) Reconciliation from retirement benefits obligations and plan assets to liability (asset) for retirement benefits:

					Tho	usands of U.S.
		do	llars (Note 3)			
		2022		2023		2023
Funded retirement benefit obligations	¥	20,626	¥	16,986	\$	127,200
Plan assets		(9,736)		(10,164)		(76,115)
		10,890		6,822		51,085
Unfunded retirement benefit obligations		975		933		6,986
Total net liability (asset) for retirement benefits at end of year		11,865		7,755		58,071
Net defined benefit liabilities		12,165		8,752		65,535
Net defined benefit assets		(300)		(997)		(7,464)
Total net liability (asset) for retirement benefits at end of year	¥	11,865	¥	7,755	\$	58,071

(e) Retirement benefit costs:

					Tho	usands of U.S.
		Millions of yen				
		2022		2023		2023
Service cost	¥	927	¥	750	\$	5,614
Interest cost		171		351		2,628
Expected return on plan assets		(195)		(206)		(1,542)
Amortization of actuarial gain		190		182		1,364
Amortization of prior service cost		(4)		(26)		(196)
Retirement benefit costs based on the simplified method		134		146		1,099
Total retirement benefit costs	¥	1,223	¥	1,197	\$	8,967
Extra retirement payments		25		117		878

(f) Remeasurements of defined benefit plans:

					Tho	usands of U.S.
		Millior	ns of y	en	do	llars (Note 3)
		2022		2023		2023
Prior service cost	¥	257	¥	(26)	\$	(196)
Actuarial gain (loss)		(354)		4,405		32,983
Total	¥	(97)	¥	4,379	\$	32,787

(g) Accumulated remeasurements of defined benefit plans:

					Tho	ousands of U.S.
		Million	s of y	en	do	ollars (Note 3)
		2022		2023		2023
Prior service cost yet to be unrecognized	¥	(257)	¥	(231)	\$	(1,730)
Actuarial gain yet to be unrecognized		2,414		(1,873)		(14,022)
Total	¥	2,157	¥	(2,104)	\$	(15,752)

(h) Plan assets:

① Plan assets comprise:

	2022	2023
Equity securities	62%	64%
Cash and bank deposits	33%	31%
Other	5%	5%
Total	100%	100%

2 Long-term expected rate of return

Current and target asset allocations and historical and expected returns on various categories of plan assets have been considered in determining the long-term expected rate of return.

(i) Actuarial assumptions

	2022	2023
Discount rate (mainly)	0.4%, 2.6%	0.6%, 3.9%
Long-term expected rate of return (mainly)	1.7%, 2.5%	1.5%, 4.8%
Expected rate of pay increase	3.7%	2.8%

Certain foreign consolidated subsidiaries use the expected rate of pay increase.

The Companies do not describe the expected rate of pay increase because they, other than certain foreign consolidated subsidiaries, mainly adopt a point basis and the effect on the calculation of retirement benefit obligations is immaterial.

(2) Defined contribution plans

The Company and certain consolidated subsidiaries have contributed a total of \$1,638 million and \$1,603 million (\$12,002 thousand) to the defined contribution plans for the years ended March 31, 2022 and 2023, respectively.

14. Income Taxes

Significant components of deferred tax assets and liabilities at March 31, 2022 and 2023 were as follows:

		Millior	s of ve	n	usands of U.S. llars (Note 3)
		2022	is of ye	2023	 2023
Deferred tax assets:					
Tax loss carry forwards	¥	2,979	¥	3,030	\$ 22,693
Net defined benefit liabilities		1,540		694	5,193
Amortization of transition obligations corresponding to contribution of certain marketable securities to employee retirement benefit trusts		1,043		1,010	7,562
Gain on investment of certain marketable securities to employee retirement benefit trusts		887		925	6,926
Impairment loss		863		863	6,465
Accrued bonuses		675		724	5,422
Unrealized gains		414		646	4,836
Devaluation loss on marketable securities		176		176	1,317
Excess depreciation of depreciable assets		230		437	3,274
Devaluation loss on inventories		169		406	3,043
Business tax payable		308		179	1,337
Other		936		1,086	 8,135
Gross deferred tax assets		10,220		10,176	76,203
Valuation allowance for tax loss carry forwards		(2,877)		(2,974)	(22,272
Valuation allowance for deductible temporary differences		(1,425)		(1,666)	 (12,472
Less: Valuation allowance		(4,302)		(4,640)	(34,744)
Total deferred tax assets	¥	5,918	¥	5,536	\$ 41,459
Deferred tax liabilities:					
Depreciation, etc., of foreign subsidiaries	¥	(3,779)	¥	(3,569)	\$ (26,723)
Adjustment of carrying amount based on fair value		(1,250)		(1,387)	(10,390)
Reserve for deferred capital gains from property, plant and equipment		(842)		(828)	(6,200)
Securities to employee retirement benefit trusts		(547)		(530)	(3,966
Net defined benefit assets		(91)		(232)	(1,738)
Unrealized holding gains on securities		(416)		(620)	(4,642)
Other		(1,682)		(2,160)	 (16,180)
Total deferred tax liabilities		(8,607)		(9,326)	 (69,839)
Net deferred tax assets (liabilities)	¥	(2,689)	¥	(3,790)	\$ (28,380)

Valuation allowance increased by ¥338 million (\$2,531 thousand). The main factors in the increase were recognition of valuation allowance for tax loss carryforwards.

Tax loss carryforwards and their deferred tax assets by expiration periods:

						A	As of I	March 31, 202	22					
							Mil	lions of yen						
		2023		2024		2025		2026		2027	2	028 and		Total
		2025		2021		2023		2020		2027	1	beyond		rotui
Tax loss carry forwards (a)	¥	153	¥	237	¥	187	¥	146	¥	105	¥	2,151	¥	2,979
Valuation allowance		(153)		(237)		(180)		(146)		(105)		(2,056)		(2,877)
Net deferred tax assets	¥	_	¥	_	¥	7	¥	_	¥	_	¥	95	¥	102

(a) The amount of tax loss carryforwards shown in the table above is after multiplying by the statutory income tax rate.

						A	As of I	March 31, 202	23					
		Millions of yen												
	:	2024		2025 2026 2027			2028		029 and beyond		Total			
Tax loss carry forwards (b)	¥	246	¥	181	¥	134	¥	113	¥	283	¥	2,073	¥	3,030
Valuation allowance		(246)		(176)		(134)		(113)		(283)		(2,022)		(2,974)
Net deferred tax assets	¥	—	¥	5	¥		¥	—	¥	—	¥	51	¥	56

		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 3)																		
		2024 2025 2026 2027 2028		2024		2026 2027		2026 2027		2027		2027		2027		2028		029 and beyond		Total
Tax loss carry forwards (b)	\$	1,846	\$	1,355	\$	1,001	\$	846	\$	2,119	\$	15,526	\$	22,693						
Valuation allowance		(1,846)		(1,314)		(1,001)		(846)		(2,119)		(15,146)		(22,272)						
Net deferred tax assets	\$	—	\$	41	\$	—	\$	—	\$	—	\$	380	\$	421						

(b) The amount of tax loss carryforwards shown in the table above is after multiplying by the statutory income tax rate.

The reconciliation between the statutory income tax rate and the effective income tax rate for the year ended March 31, 2022 and 2023 were as follows:

	2022	2023
Statutory income tax rate	30.6 %	30.6 %
Add (deduct)		
Non-deductible expenses, including entertainment expenses	0.2	0.2
Non-taxable income, including dividend income	(0.1)	(0.1)
Equalization tax	0.1	0.1
Increase (decrease) in valuation allowance	(2.4)	0.0
Effect of special tax credits	(0.6)	(1.7)
Difference in applicable tax rates between consolidated subsidiaries	(5.7)	(7.3)
Amortization of goodwill	4.9	3.2
Other	(0.9)	0.8
Effective income tax rate	26.1 %	25.8 %

15. Net Assets

Under the Japanese Corporate Law (the "Law"), the entire amount of the issue price of new shares is required to be accounted for as common stock. However, a company may, by a resolution of the Board of Directors, account for an amount not exceeding 50% of the issue price of the new shares as additional paid-in capital, which is included in capital surplus. However, an increase resulting from a share exchange can be included in capital surplus up to the full amount.

The Law provides that the smaller of an amount equal to 10% of the dividend or the excess, if any, of 25% of common stock over the total of additional paid-in capital and legal earnings reserve must be set aside as additional paid-in capital or legal earnings reserve, in cases in which a dividend distribution of surplus is made.

Under the Law, additional paid-in capital may be used to eliminate or reduce a deficit or may be capitalized by a resolution of the shareholders' meeting, and legal earnings reserve may be used to eliminate or reduce a deficit by a resolution of the shareholders' meeting. Legal earnings reserve is included in retained earnings in the accompanying financial statements.

Additional paid-in capital and legal earnings reserve may not be distributed as dividends. Under the Law, however, all additional paidin capital and all legal earnings reserve may be transferred to other capital surplus and retained earnings respectively, which are potentially available for dividends.

The maximum amount that a company can distribute as dividends is calculated based on its non-consolidated financial statements in accordance with the Law.

At the Company's Board of Directors meeting held on, May 19, 2022, the directors approved cash dividends in the amount of $\frac{1}{2}$, 452 million. At the Company's Board of Directors meeting held on, October 31, 2022, the directors approved cash dividends in the amount of $\frac{1}{2}$, 997 million. At the Company's Board of Directors meeting held on, May 18, 2023, the directors approved cash dividends in the amount of $\frac{1}{2}$, 452 million. At the Company's Board of Directors meeting held on, May 18, 2023, the directors approved cash dividends in the amount of $\frac{1}{2}$, 452 million.

16. Research and Development Costs

Research and development costs charged to manufacturing costs and selling, general and administrative expenses for the years ended March 31, 2022 and 2023 totaled ¥2,220 million and ¥2,019 million (\$15,120 thousand), respectively. For the year ended March 31, 2023, research and development cost in the Specialty Steel, Metal Powders and Formed & Fabricated Materials segments amounted to ¥1,626 million (\$12,177 thousand), ¥360 million (\$2,699 thousand) and ¥33 million (\$244 thousand), respectively.

17. Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

The main components of selling, general and administrative expenses for the years ended March 31, 2022 and 2023 were as follows:

					Tho	usands of U.S.
		Millior	ns of ye	n	do	llars (Note 3)
	2022			2023		2023
Packing and delivery expenses	¥	14,892	¥	14,815	\$	110,942
Salaries		9,731		9,588		71,795
Provision of allowance for doubtful accounts		1		43		321
Provision for bonuses		518		576		4,315
Retirement benefit expenses		618		585		4,379
Provision for directors' retirement benefits		14		16		119

18. Gain on Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment

The components of gain on sale of property, plant and equipment for the years ended March 31, 2022 and 2023 were as follows:

		Million	doll	ars (Note 3)					
	2	022	-	2023	2023				
Land	¥	—	¥	183	\$	1,372			
Buildings and structures		37		37		273			
Machinery and equipment		6		30		228			
Total	¥	43	¥	250	\$	1,873			

19. Loss on Sale and Disposition of Property, Plant and Equipment

The components of loss on sale and disposition of property, plant and equipment for the years ended March 31, 2022 and 2023 were as follows:

				Tho	usands of U.S.			
	Milli	Millions of yen						
	2022		2023		2023			
Buildings and structures	¥ 24	¥	38	\$	281			
Machinery and equipment	86		162		1,213			
Other	83		451		3,384			
Total	¥ 193	¥	651	\$	4,878			

20. Loss on Liquidation of Subsidiaries

In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2022, the Company decided to liquidate P.T. Sanyo Special Steel Indonesia, a consolidated subsidiary. The estimated amount of special retirement benefits, etc., to be incurred as a result of this liquidation (¥55 million) was recorded as loss on liquidation of subsidiaries.

The Company also decided to transfer a portion of the business of Siam Sanyo Special Steel Product Co., Ltd., a consolidated subsidiary. As a result, a loss on liquidation of subsidiaries was recorded in impairment loss on the following asset group:

Segment	Company	Location	Use	Туре	Amou (Millions)	
Formed and Fabricated Materials	Siam Sanyo Special Steel Product Co., Ltd.	Samutprakarn, Thailand	Business assets	Buildings and structures Machinery and equipment Construction in progress Property, plant and equipment and other	¥	307 45 1 1
	C0., Eta.			Intangible assets and other		5
				Total	¥	359

The Companies group assets with consideration for business management segments. In principle, the Company is classified by business segments, and each consolidated subsidiary is classified as one asset group.

Regarding the above asset groups, the changes in the range or method of use due to a transfer of a portion of the business have significantly reduced the recoverable amounts. Since the recoverable values declined below the book values, the book values were reduced to the recoverable values and the reductions were recorded as loss on liquidation of subsidiaries (¥359 million) in extraordinary losses.

Recoverable value is based on the estimated transfer value determined by the net sales value.

In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, the Company decided to liquidate certain subsidiaries of Ovako Group AB, a consolidated subsidiary. As a result, the estimated amount of facility removal costs and special severance payments, etc., (¥403 million (\$3,018 thousand)) was recorded as loss on liquidation of subsidiaries.

In addition, the amount of special retirement benefits to be incurred as a result of a transfer a portion of the business of Siam Sanyo Special Steel Product Co., Ltd., a consolidated subsidiary (¥22 million (\$167 thousand)) was recorded as loss on liquidation of subsidiaries.

21. Net Income Per Share

Net income per share for the years ended March 31, 2022 and 2023 were as follows:

				Т	housands of U.S.
		Million	is of yen		dollars (Note 3)
		2022	2023		2023
Net income attributable to owners of the parent		15,267	20,7	43	155,334
Net income of common stock attributable to owners of the parent	¥	15,267	¥ 20,7	43 \$	155,334
			Thousands of	dol 43 43 \$ \$ shares 2023 54, U.S. d	
		2022		202	3
Weighted-average number of shares of common stock		54,489)	1	54,486
		Y	en	U.	S. dollars (Note 3)
		2022	2023		2023
Net income per share		280.19	380.	70	2.85

The Companies had no dilutive securities for the years ended March 31, 2022 and 2023.

22. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents at March 31, 2022 and 2023 consisted of the following:

					Tho	usands of U.S.
		Million	ns of yea	n	do	llars (Note 3)
Cash and bank deposits		2022		2023		2023
Cash and bank deposits	¥	14,483	¥	21,653	\$	162,144
Time deposits with deposit terms of over 3 months and other		(550)		(620)		(4,640)
Deposits paid in parent company		7,924		9,954		74,539
Cash and cash equivalents	¥	21,857	¥	30,987	\$	232,043

23. Accounting for Leases

(1) Non-cancelable operating leases

(a) As a lessee

Outstanding future lease payments under non-cancelable operating leases at March 31, 2022 and 2023 were as follows:

					Thou	sands of U.S.
		Million	ns of ye	n	doll	ars (Note 3)
		2022		2023		2023
Due within one year	¥	219	¥	200	\$	1,500
Due after one year		1,022		852		6,379
Total	¥	1,241	¥	1,052	\$	7,879

(2) IFRS 16 "Leases"

(a) Outline of leased assets

Some overseas consolidated subsidiaries have applied IFRS 16 "Leases". The vehicle and rent expenses on real estate of the subsidiary are recorded as right-of-use assets. Right-of-use assets are included in "Other" of property, plant and equipment in the consolidated balance sheet.

(b) Accounting for the depreciation and amortization of leased assets

Right-of-use assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the shorter period of the lease term or the estimated useful life.

24. Derivatives

(1) Derivative transactions to which hedge accounting was not applied

Currency-related transactions

The contracted amount, fair value and unrealized gain (loss) of forward exchange contracts recognized for the year ended March 31, 2022 were as follows:

	Millions of yen											
		ontract mount	Contract amount after 1 year		Fair value			ealized 1 (loss)				
Forward exchange contracts:												
Buying												
U.S. dollars	¥	114	¥	—	¥	(7)	¥	(7)				
Japanese yen		59		—		0		0				
Selling												
U.S. dollars		2		—		2		2				
Euros		2		—		6		6				
Total	¥	177	¥	_	¥	1	¥	1				

The contracted amount, fair value and unrealized gain (loss) of forward exchange contracts recognized for the year ended March 31, 2023 were as follows:

		Millions of yen									Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 3)								
		ontract mount	Contract amount Fa after 1 year		Fai	Fair value Unrealized gain (loss)		Contract amount		Contract amount after 1 year		Fair value		Unrealized gain (loss)					
Forward exchange contracts:																			
Buying																			
U.S. dollars	¥	122	¥	—	¥	(1)	¥	(1)	\$	912	\$	—	\$	(10)	\$	(10)			
Japanese yen		70		—		2		2		520		—		14		14			
Selling																			
U.S. dollars		0		—		0		0		3		_		0		0			
Euros		1		—		(5)		(5)		11		_		(36)		(36)			
Total	¥	193	¥	_	¥	(4)	¥	(4)	\$	1,446	\$	_	\$	(32)	\$	(32)			

(2) Derivative transactions to which hedge accounting was applied

Derivative transactions to which hedge accounting was applied for the years ended March 31, 2022 and 2023 were as follows: (a) Currency-related transactions

	2022	2023
Method of hedge accounting	Principle method	Principle method
Type of derivative transactions	Commodity futures contract	Commodity futures contract
	Selling Euros	Selling Euros
M ain hedged items	Accounts payable - trade	Accounts payable - trade
Contract amount	¥28,046 million	¥33,559 million (\$251,303 thousand)
1 year or more amount of contract	¥11,971 million	¥13,883 million (\$103,959 thousand)
Fair value	¥(116) million	¥(1,382) million (\$(10,352) thousand)

(b) Interest rate and currency swap transactions Not applicable.

(c) Other

	2022	2023
Method of hedge accounting	Principle method	Principle method
Type of derivative transactions	Commodity futures contract	Commodity futures contract
Main hedged items	Electricity	Electricity
Contract amount	¥1,372 million	¥159 million (\$1,189 thousand)
1 year or more amount of contract	¥149 million	_
Fair value	¥2,937 million	¥184 million (\$1,380 thousand)

25. Contingent Liabilities

Guarantees for loans of employees and others at March 31, 2022 and 2023 were as follows:

					Thousands of U.S.
		Millior	ns of yeı	n	 dollars (Note 3)
	20)22		2023	 2023
UCHIDA-SATO TECH (THAILAND) CO., LTD.	¥	2	¥	3	\$ 22

26. Segment Information

(1) General information about reportable segments

The Companies' reportable segments are the business units for which the Company is able to obtain separate financial information in order for the Board of Directors to determine the distribution of management resources and evaluate business results. Each operating division develops business activities and establishes comprehensive strategies for domestic and overseas markets according to the products it handles. Therefore, the Companies consist of business segments according to their products based on operating divisions and have determined the reportable segments, as "Specialty Steel," "Metal Powder" and "Formed and Fabricated Materials."

The "Specialty Steel" segment includes the manufacture and sale of various special steel products such as bearing steel, engineering steel, stainless steel, heat resistant steel and tool steel. The "Metal Powder" segment includes the manufacture and sale of metal powder products. The "Formed and Fabricated Materials" segment includes the manufacture and sale of formed and fabricated materials made from special steel bars and tubes.

(2) Accounting methods and basis of measurement for reportable segment profit or loss and other material items

The accounting methods applied to the reportable segments are generally the same as those described in Note 2, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies," except that inventories are stated at cost to evaluate business results. Segment income is based on operating income. Intersegment transactions are based on market prices.

(3) Information about reportable segment profit or loss and other material items

						For the y	/ear e	nded Marcl	n 31, 2	2022				
							Mill	ions of ye	n					
			Repo	rtable segn	nents									
	Sn	ecialty Steel	Me	etal Powder	1	Formed and		Other		Total	۸di	ustments	С	onsolidated
	SP	celarty Steel			Fabri	cated Materials		Other		Iotai	Auj	ustinents		total
(a) Sales and operating income :														
Net sales														
Outside customers	¥	340,691	¥	4,555	¥	17,961	¥	71	¥	363,278	¥	—	¥	363,278
Intersegment transactions		9,589		—		0		1,073		10,662	((10,662)		-
Total		350,280		4,555		17,961		1,144		373,940	((10,662)		363,278
Segment income	¥	20,144	¥	818	¥	360	¥	28	¥	21,350	¥	67	¥	21,417
(b) Other:														
Depreciation	¥	14,895	¥	271	¥	710	¥	8	¥	15,884	¥	(21)	¥	15,863
Amortization of goodwill		3,375		—		—		—		3,375		—		3,375
Impairment loss ※4		_		_		359		_		359		_		359

1. The "Other" category is the information service segment not included in reportable segments.

2. Segment income adjustments are intersegment eliminations.

3. Segment income is adjusted with operating income in the consolidated statements of operations.

4. The impairment loss is included in loss on liquidation of subsidiaries (extraordinary losses) in the consolidated financial statements.

5. As information about segment assets and liabilities is not used to determine the distribution of management resources and evaluate business results, the Companies are not required to disclose information about segment assets and liabilities.

						For the y	ear e	ended Marcl	h 31,2	2023				
							Mil	lions of ye	n					
			Repo	ortable segn	nents		_							
	Sp	ecialty Steel	Me	etal Powder	Fab	Formed and ricated Materials		Other		Total	А	djustments	С	onsolidated total
(a) Sales and operating income :														
Net sales														
Outside customers	¥	368,508	¥	5,312	¥	19,860	¥	164	¥	393,844	¥	—	¥	393,844
Intersegment transactions		8,546		—		0		1,270		9,816		(9,816)		—
Total		377,054		5,312		19,860		1,434		403,660		(9,816)		393,844
Segment income	¥	26,983	¥	1,004	¥	367	¥	31	¥	28,385	¥	107	¥	28,492
(b) Other:														
Depreciation	¥	13,015	¥	97	¥	684	¥	4	¥	13,800	¥	(35)	¥	13,765
Amortization of goodwill		2,925		—		—		—		2,925		—		2,925
Impairment loss		_		—		—		—		_		_		—
						Thousan	ds of	f U.S. dolla	rs (No	ote 3)				
			Repo	ortable segn	nents		_							
	Sp	ecialty Steel	Me	etal Powder	Fabi	Formed and ricated Materials		Other		Total	А	djustments	C	onsolidated total
(a) Sales and operating income :														
Net sales														
Outside customers	\$:	2,759,535	\$	39,780	\$	148,722	\$	1,220	\$	2,949,257	\$		\$:	2,949,257
Intersegment transactions		63,998		_		1		9,511		73,510		(73,510)		_
Total		2,823,533		39,780		148,723		10,731		3,022,767		(73,510)		2,949,257
Segment income	\$	202,058	\$	7,521	\$	2,747	\$	231	\$	212,557	\$	802	\$	213,359
(b) Other:				-										-
Depreciation	\$	97,457	\$	725	\$	5,121	\$	30	\$	103,333	\$	(259)	\$	103,074
Amortization of goodwill		21,902		—		—		—		21,902				21,902
Impairment loss		_		_		_		_		_		_		_

1. The "Other" category is the information service segment not included in reportable segments.

2. Segment income adjustments are intersegment eliminations.

3. Segment income is adjusted with operating income in the consolidated statements of operations.

4. As information about segment assets and liabilities is not used to determine the distribution of management resources and evaluate business results, the Companies are not required to disclose information about segment assets and liabilities.

(4) Related Information

(a) Segment related information for the year ended March 31, 2022 was as follows:

1 Information about products and services

As described in "General information about reportable segments," the Companies are not required to disclose information about products and services.

② Information about geographic an	eas
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							Fo	r the year ende	d Ma	rch 31, 2022						
								Million	s of y	/en						
		Japan		Europe	((Sweden of Europe)	(Germany of Europe)		Asia	Nor	th America		Other		Total
Net Sales	¥	134,142	¥	161,214	¥	(41,256)	¥	(40,563)	¥	56,209	¥	9,857	¥	1,856	¥	363,278
								As of Mar		, .						
								Million	s of y	ven						
				Japan		Europe		(Sweden of Europe)		Asia	Nor	th America		Other		Total
Property, plan	it and	equip ment	¥	65,119	¥	37,252	¥	(30,270)	¥	5,691	¥	11	¥	3,902	¥	111,975

③ Information about major customers

Not applicable because there are no external customers whose sales account for 10% or more of the net sales in the consolidated statements of income.

(b) Segment related information for the year ended March 31, 2023 is as follows:

① Information about products and services

As described in "General information about reportable segments," the Companies are not required to disclose information about products and services.

② Information about geographic areas For the year ended March 31, 2023 Millions of yen (Sweden of (Germany of Other Japan Europe Asia North America Total Europe) Europe) Net Sales ¥ 150,488 ¥ 160,076 ¥ (41, 198)¥ (40, 467)¥ 66,533 ¥ 13,499 ¥ 3,248 ¥ 393,844 Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 3) (Sweden of (Germany of Japan Europe Asia North America Other Total Europe) Europe) Net Sales \$1,126,916 \$1,198,714 \$ (308,510) \$ (303,030) 498,225 \$ 101,081 24,321 \$2,949,257 \$ \$

						As of Mar	ch 31	,2023						
						Million	s of y	/en						
		Japan		Europe	((Sweden of Europe)		Asia	Nort	h America		Other		Total
Property, plant and equipment	¥	67,010	¥	37,287	¥	(29,992)	¥	6,030	¥	48	¥	4,808	¥	115,183
					Th	ousands of U.S	S. dol	lars (Note 3)						
		Japan		Europe	((Sweden of Europe)		Asia	Nort	h America		Other		Total
Property, plant and equipment	\$	501,802	\$	279,220	\$	(224,593)	\$	45,158	\$	356	\$	36,001	\$	862,537

③ Information about major customers

Not applicable because there are no external customers whose sales account for 10% or more of the net sales in the consolidated statements of income.

(5) Information about the amount of amortization of goodwill and the unamortized amount of goodwill by reportable segments

						As	of Ma	arch 31, 20)22					
		Millions of yen												
			Reportal	ole segn	ents		_							
	Specialty Steel Metal Powder					ormed and ated Materials	(Other		Total	Adjus	stments	Co	nsolidated total
Unamortized amount of goodwill	¥	33,284	¥	_	¥	_	¥	_	¥	33,284	¥	_	¥	33,284

			A	s of March 31, 2	2023				
				Millions of ye	n				
		Reportable segm	nents						
	Specialty Steel	Metal Powder	Formed and Fabricated Materials	Other		Total	Adjustments	С	Consolidated total
Unamortized amount of goodwill	¥ 32,441	¥ —	¥ —	¥ —	¥	32,441	¥ —	¥	32,441
			Thousan	ds of U.S. dolla	rs (No	te 3)			
		Reportable segm	nents						
	Specialty Steel	Metal Powder	Formed and Fabricated Materials	Other		Total	Adjustments		Consolidated total
Unamortized amount of goodwill	\$ 242,933	\$ –	<u>s</u> –	\$ –	\$	242,933	<u>s</u> –	\$	242,933

The amount of amortization of goodwill is omitted because the information is disclosed in "(3) Information about reportable segment profit or loss and other material items."

27. Related Party Information

(1) Related party transactions

		s durin larch 31	g the year ended , 2022		Resulting account balances					
	Description of		Amount		Account	Amount				
	transaction		Millions of yen		Account		Millions of yen			
Category:										
Parent company										
Name:	_									
Nippon Steel Corporation	_									
Head office address:										
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo										
Paid-in capital:	_									
¥419,524 million	 Deposit of funds 	¥	Q	,578	Deposits paid in	¥		7,924		
Business content:	- Deposit of funds	1	,	,570	parent company	1		1,724		
Production and selling of steel										
products, etc.										
Equity ownership percentage:										
Holding 53.07% directly										
Holding 0.10% indirectly										
Relation with related party:	_									
Deposit of funds										

Related party transactions for the year ended March 31, 2023 were as follows:

		during the year arch 31, 2023	r ended	Resulting	g account balanc	es	
		Am	ount		Am	ount	
	Description of transaction	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 3)	Account	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 3)	
Category:							
Parent company							
Name:	_						
Nippon Steel Corporation							
Head office address:	_						
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo							
Paid-in capital:	_						
¥419,524 million	 Deposit of funds 	¥ 7,066	\$ 52,911	Deposits paid in	¥ 9,954	\$ 74,539	
Business content: Production and selling of steel products, etc.		1 1,000	ф с_ уп	parent company	1 9,001	ф П ,ссу	
Equity ownership percentage:	_						
Holding 53.07% directly							
Holding 0.10% indirectly							
Relation with related party:	_						
Deposit of funds							

Deposit of funds is transaction by CMS and the transaction amount represents the average outstanding balance during the fiscal year.

		s during arch 31,	g the year ended 2022	Resulting account balances					
	Description of		Amount		Account		Amount		
			Millions of yer	1	Account		Millions of yen		
Category:									
Subsidiaries owned by the same									
parent company	_								
Name:									
Nippon Steel Finance Co., Ltd.	_								
Head office address:									
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo									
Paid-in capital:	Transfers of trade	¥		41,533	Accounts	¥		10,129	
¥1,000 million	receivable	Ŧ		41,555	receivable-other	Ŧ		10,129	
Business content:	-								
Engages in the group's financing									
operations	_								
Equity ownership percentage:									
Not applicable									
Relation with related party:	-								
Transfers of trade receivables									

Related party transactions with subsidiaries owned by the same parent company and subsidiaries of other related companies for the year ended March 31, 2022 were as follows:

Regarding the Company's accounts receivables, "Account Receivable Sales Contract" with Nippon Steel Finance Co., Ltd. has been concluded and the account receivables have been transferred.

Related party transactions with subsidiaries owned by the same parent company and subsidiaries of other related companies for the year ended March 31, 2023 were as follows:

		during the yea arch 31, 2023	r ended	Resulting account balances					
		Am	ount		Amount				
	Description of transaction	Millions of yen (Note 3)		Account	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 3)			
Category:									
Subsidiaries owned by the same parent company									
Name:	•								
Nippon Steel Finance Co., Ltd.									
Head office address:									
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo									
Paid-in capital:	Transfers of trade	¥ 47.417	\$ 355,075	Accounts	¥ 10,178	\$ 76,216			
¥1,000 million	receivable	¥ 47,417	\$ 333,075	receivable-other	¥ 10,178	φ /0,210			
Business content:	-								
Engages in the group's financing operations									
Equity ownership percentage:	•								
Not applicable	_								
Relation with related party:	-								
Transfers of trade receivables									

Regarding the Company's accounts receivables, "Account Receivable Sales Contract" with Nippon Steel Finance Co., Ltd. has been concluded and the account receivables have been transferred.

Related party transactions between a consolidated subsidiaries and related parties for the years ended March 31, 2022 and 2023 were as follows:

Not applicable.

- (2) Disclosures about the parent company and significant affiliates
- (a) Information about the parent company

Nippon Steel Corporation is listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Nagoya Stock Exchange, Fukuoka Stock Exchange and Sapporo Stock Exchange.

(b) Financial statements of significant affiliates Not applicable.

28. Revenue Recognition

(1) Information about disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers

The Companies operate in the Specialty Steel business, the Metal Powder business, the Formed and Fabricated Materials business, and Other business. The main products of each business segment were as follows. The Specialty Steel business includes various special steel products such as bearing steel, engineering steel, stainless steel, heat resistant steel and tool steel. The Metal Powder business includes metal powder products, and the Formed and Fabricated Materials business includes formed and fabricated materials made from special steel bars and tubes. Each business sells products to Japan, Europe, Asia, etc.

Net sales of each business segment by geographic areas for the year ended March 31, 2022 were as follows:

		For the year ended March 31, 2022											
		Millions of yen											
			Busi	iness segments	6								
	Sp	ecialty Steel	M	Metal Powder		Formed and Fabricated Materials		Total		Other		Consolidated total	
Net Sales													
Japan	¥	120,202	¥	3,473	¥	10,396	¥	134,071	¥	71	¥	134,142	
Europe		161,200		4		10		161,214		—		161,214	
Asia		50,555		900		4,754		56,209		_		56,209	
North America		7,845		178		1,834		9,857		_		9,857	
Other		889		—		967		1,856		—		1,856	
Total	¥	340,691	¥	4,555	¥	17,961	¥	363,207	¥	71	¥	363,278	

1. All net sales to outside customers are revenues arising from contracts with customers and are classified by country or region based on the location of the customer.

2. The "Other" category is the information service segment and not included in the business segments.

Net sales of each business segment by geographic areas for the years ended March 31, 2023 were as follows:

					F	or the year ende	ed Ma	rch 31, 2023				
						Million	s of y	/en				
	Business segments											
	Sp	ecialty Steel	Metal Powder		Formed and Fabricated Materials		Total		Other		Consolidated total	
Net Sales												
Japan	¥	135,512	¥	4,391	¥	10,421	¥	150,324	¥	164	¥	150,488
Europe		160,053		23		_		160,076		_		160,076
Asia		60,076		710		5,747		66,533		_		66,533
North America		11,275		188		2,036		13,499		—		13,499
Other		1,592		_		1,656		3,248		_		3,248
Total	¥	368,508	¥	5,312	¥	19,860	¥	393,680	¥	164	¥	393,844
					Т	housands of U.	S. dol	lars (Note 3)				
	Sp	ecialty Steel	М	etal Powder		Formed and icated Materials		Total		Other	C	Consolidated total
Net Sales												
Japan	\$	1,014,767	\$	32,886	\$	78,043	\$	1,125,696	\$	1,220	\$	1,126,916
Europe		1,198,542		172		_		1,198,714		_		1,198,714
Asia		449,877		5,316		43,032		498,225		—		498,225
North America		84,426		1,406		15,249		101,081		_		101,081
Other		11,923		_		12,398		24,321		_		24,321
Total	\$	2,759,535	\$	39,780	\$	148,722	\$	2,948,037	\$	1,220	\$	2,949,257

1. All net sales to outside customers are revenues arising from contracts with customers and are classified by country or region based on the location of the customer.

2. The "Other" category is the information service segment and not included in the business segments.

(2) Basic information to understand revenue from contracts with customers

Basic information to understand revenue from contracts with customers is as described in Note 2(16) "Accounting policy for revenue and expenses."

(3) Information to understand the amount of revenue in the current and subsequent fiscal years

A description of contract assets and contract liabilities recorded on the consolidated balance sheet was omitted because those balances were immaterial.

Since there were no material transactions of the Companies with initial contract terms of more than 1 year, a description of transaction price allocated to remaining obligations has been omitted.

29. Subsequent Events

(Additional acquisition of subsidiary's shares)

- (1) Overview of the Business Combination
- (a) Name of acquired company and description of business
 Acquired company: Sanyo Special Steel Manufacturing India Private Limited Business: Production and sale of special steel products
- (b) Date of the business combination

April 27, 2023

- (c) Legal form of the business combination Acquisition of shares from non-controlling shareholders
- (d) Name of the company after the business combination

Not changed

(e) Other items regarding overview of transaction

On April 20, 2022, the Company was notified by Mahindra and Mahindra Limited (hereinafter "M&M"), one of the minority shareholders of Sanyo Special Steel Manufacturing India Private Limited (hereinafter "SSMI"), that M&M was exercising its put-option under the shareholders agreement. As a result of negotiations and discussions with M&M, on April 27, 2023, the Company purchased from M&M all SSMI shares (3,475,264 shares) held by M&M.

The Company acquired an additional 22.81% of the voting rights of SSMI, resulting in the Company holding 80.0% of the voting rights of SSMI.

(2) Overview of accounting treatment to be applied

In accordance with the "Accounting Standard for Business Combinations" (ASBJ Statement No. 21) as well as the "Implementation guidance on Accounting Standard for Business Combinations and Accounting Standard for Business Divestitures" (ASBJ Guidance No. 10), the Company will account for the business combination as a transaction with non-controlling interests under the classification of transactions under common control.

(3) Matters to be provided upon additional acquisition of subsidiary's shares

Acquisition cost and breakdown by type of consideration

Consideration for acquisition: cash in the amount of INR (India rupee) 1,581 million (¥2,593 million, \$19,418 thousand) Acquisition cost: INR (India rupee) 1,581 million (¥2,593 million, \$19,418 thousand)

- (4) Change in the Company's ownership interest due to the transactions with non-controlling shareholders
- (a) Cause for change in capital surplus

Additional acquisition of subsidiary's shares

(b) Amount of capital surplus decreased by transactions with non-controlling shareholders ¥2,366 million (\$17,720 thousand)



Sanyo Special Steel Co., Ltd. and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Financial Statements For the Years ended March 31, 2022 and 2023 Together with Independent Auditor's Report

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Independent auditor's report

To the Board of Directors of Sanyo Special Steel Co., Ltd.:

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Sanyo Special Steel Co., Ltd. ("the Company") and its consolidated subsidiaries (collectively referred to as "the Group"), which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as at March 31, 2023 and 2022, the consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, changes in net assets and cash flows for the years then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Group as at March 31, 2023 and 2022, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Japan.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in Japan. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Japan, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Appropriateness of the Company's judgment as to whether an impairment loss should be recognized on property, plant and equipment and intangible assets of Sanyo Special Steel Manufacturing de México, S.A. de C.V.

The key audit matter	How the matter was addressed in our audit
In the consolidated balance sheet of the Company as of March 31, 2023, property, plant and equipment of ¥4,832 million and intangible assets of ¥135 million related to Sanyo Special Steel Manufacturing de México, S.A. de C.V. (hereinafter, "SMM")	The primary procedures we performed to assess the appropriateness of the Company's judgment as to whether an impairment loss should be recognized on property, plant and equipment and intangible assets of SMM included the following:

established in November 2015 were recognized.

While these assets are depreciated/amortized in a systematic manner, they need to be tested for impairment whenever there is an indication of impairment . The impairment test is performed by comparing the undiscounted future cash flows that are expected to be generated from the asset groups with their carrying amounts. If the recognition of an impairment loss is deemed necessary, the carrying amount is reduced to the recoverable amount, and the resulting decrease in the carrying amount is recognized as an impairment loss.

SMM identified an indication of impairment since operating loss has continued in spite of the improvement of the revenue due to increased sales volume. Accordingly, the Company performed an impairment test during the current fiscal year. In the impairment testing, undiscounted future cash flows were estimated based on the business plan of SMM prepared by management that incorporated an increase in sales volume including prospective new orders, an estimate which involved a degree of uncertainty. Accordingly, management's judgment thereon had a significant effect on the estimated undiscounted future cash flows.

We, therefore, determined that the appropriateness of the Company's judgment as to whether an impairment loss should be recognized on property, plant and equipment and intangible assets of SMM was the most significant in our audit of the consolidated financial statements for this fiscal year, and accordingly, a key audit matter.

(1) Internal control testing

We tested the design and operating effectiveness of certain of the Company's internal controls to determine whether an impairment loss should be recognized on property, plant and equipment and intangible assets.

(2) Assessment of the reasonableness of the estimated undiscounted future cash flows

In order to assess the appropriateness of key assumptions adopted in estimating the undiscounted future cash flows, we inquired of the planning department about the future uncertainty (increase in sales volume) incorporated into the business plan of SMM and the undiscounted future cash flows, which served as the basis for the estimate. In addition, we:

- compared the sales volume included in the business plan with the available external data on the projection of automobile sales volume in North America; and
- assessed the consistency of the projected increase in sales volume from prospective new orders with the most recent orders and the progress of negotiations with customers.

Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the disclosure documents that contain or accompany the audited consolidated financial statements, but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

We do not perform any work on the other information as we determine such information does not exist.

Responsibilities of Management and the Audit & Supervisory Committee for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Japan, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Japan.

The Audit & Supervisory Committee is responsible for overseeing the directors' performance of their duties with regard to the design, implementation and maintenance of the Group's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in Japan will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in Japan, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, while the objective of the audit is not to express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting
 and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or
 conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If
 we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's
 report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are
 inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to
 the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to
 cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate whether the presentation and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements are in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in Japan, the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

• Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Audit & Supervisory Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Audit & Supervisory Committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the Audit & Supervisory Committee, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Convenience Translation

The U.S. dollar amounts in the accompanying consolidated financial statements with respect to the year ended March 31, 2023 are presented solely for convenience. Our audit also included the translation of yen amounts into U.S. dollar amounts and, in our opinion, such translation has been made on the basis described in Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements.

Interest required to be disclosed by the Certified Public Accountants Act of Japan

Our firm and its designated engagement partners do not have any interest in the Company and its subsidiaries which are required to be disclosed pursuant to the provisions of the Certified Public Accountants Act of Japan.

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