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Earnings Forecast for the Six Months Ending September 30, 2012

We announce the consolidated earnings forecast for the six months ending September 30, 2012 as follows:

1. Consolidated earnings forecast for the six months ending September 30, 2012**(US GAAP)**

| | Net Sales | Operating income (loss) |
|--|-----------------|-------------------------|
| | Million yen | Million yen |
| Forecast for the six months ending September 30, 2012 (A) | 72,000 ~ 77,000 | 3,000 ~ 6,000 |
| (Reference) Results for the six months ended September 30, 2011 (B) | 64,460 | (2,283) |
| Difference (A-B) | 7,540 ~ 12,540 | 5,283 ~ 8,283 |
| Percentage change | 11.7% ~ 19.5% | — |

<Reasons for the earnings forecast for the six months ending September 30, 2012>

We did not disclose the earnings forecast for the six months ending September 30, 2012 in late April of this year due to the difficulty in forecasting trends in the demand for semiconductors and investment plans for semiconductor related capital expenditure.

At this time, we are able to disclose the earnings forecast for the six months ending September 30, 2012, taking into account trends in orders input received and other factors in the first quarter. Such earnings forecast is disclosed above. The earnings forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013, announced in late April 2012, as net sales of (Y) 150-170 billion and operating income of (Y) 12-20 billion has not changed.

Explanation on the Appropriate Use of Future Earnings Projections and Other Special Instructions

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