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**Notice of the Difference between the Earnings Forecast for the Six Months Ending September 30, 2012 and Actual Results, and Revisions of Earnings Forecast for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2013**

The following table displays the differences between the earnings forecast for the six months ending September 30, 2012 announced on July 26, 2012 and the actual results. Furthermore, in light of recent changes in business performance, we announce revisions to the consolidated earnings forecast announced on April 26, 2012 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013 as follows:

**1. Six-month period ended September 30, 2012 (April 1, 2012 - September 30, 2012)**

**(US GAAP)**

	Net Sales Million yen	Operating income (loss) Million yen
Previous forecast (A) (announced April 26, 2012)	72,000 ~ 77,000	3,000 ~ 6,000
Actual Result (B)	72,558	3,369
Difference (B-A)	(4,442) ~ 558	(2,631) ~ 369
Percentage change	(5.8)% ~ 0.8%	(43.9)% ~ 12.3%

## &lt;Reasons for the differences&gt;

Because customers are becoming more cautious about entering into new capital expenditure projects, net sales was (Y) 72.6 billion which was at the lower range of the estimate, and operating income was (Y) 3.4 billion.

**2. Revised consolidated earnings forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013 (April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013)**

**(US GAAP)**

	Net Sales Million yen	Operating income (loss) Million yen
Previous forecast (A) (announced April 26, 2012)	150,000 ~ 170,000	12,000 ~ 20,000
Revised Forecast (B)	140,000 ~ 160,000	6,000 ~ 16,000
Difference (B-A)	(10,000)	(6,000) ~ (4,000)
Percentage change	(6.7)% ~ (5.9)%	(50.0)% ~ (20.0)%
(Reference) FY2011 Results	141,048	837

<Reasons for the earnings forecast revisions>

Since the summer of 2012, the outlook in the macro-economic environment has become more uncertain, resulting in the weakness in PC sales becoming more notable. Consequently, semiconductor manufacturers are becoming more cautious about entering into new capital expenditure projects. Reflecting this slowdown, Advantest has revised its consolidated net sales and operating income estimates for the full fiscal year.

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

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