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## Earnings Forecast and Dividends Forecast for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2012

We announce the consolidated earnings forecast and the dividends forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012 as follows:

### 1. Consolidated Earnings Forecast for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2012

(US GAAP)

	Net Sales	Operating income	Income (loss) before income taxes and equity in earnings (loss) of affiliated company	Net income (loss)	Net income (loss) per share - (basic)
	Million yen	Million yen	Million yen	Million yen	Yen
FY2011 forecast (A)	138,000	1,000	(1,800)	(1,000)	(5.77)
(Reference) FY2010 actual (B)	99,634	6,111	5,551	3,163	18.03
Difference (A-B)	38,366	(5,111)	(7,351)	(4,163)	(23.80)
Percentage change	38.5%	(83.6%)	-	-	-

<Reasons for the Earnings Forecast for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2012>

We did not disclose the earnings forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012 in late October of last year due to 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 fiscal year ending March 31, 2012, taking into account trends in orders input received and other factors in the third quarter. Such earnings forecast is disclosed above.

### 2. Details of Dividends for the fiscal year

Record date	Dividend per share (yen)		
	Interim	Year-end	Annual total
Previous forecast (As of October 27, 2011)	—	Undecided	Undecided
Current forecast	—	10.00	15.00
Dividends paid for FY2011	5.00	—	—
Dividends paid for FY2010	5.00	5.00	10.00

<Reasons for the Dividends Forecast>

Our basic policy is to make consistent dividend distributions, following a target dividend payout ratio of 20% or more despite a fluctuating market environment.

As the integration with Verigy Ltd. (which Advantest acquired in July 2011) progresses, and in light of the expansion in our operations, the year-end dividend per share forecast which was previously undecided, is forecasted as ¥10.00, and the current annual total dividend forecast is ¥15.00 which is a ¥5.00 increase from the previous fiscal year.

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