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the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of July 2005
Commission File Number: 001-06439

SONY CORPORATION
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

7-35 KITASHINAGAWA 6-CHOME, SHINAGAWA-KU, TOKYO, JAPAN

(Address of principal executive offices)

The registrant files annual reports under cover of Form 20-F.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SONY CORPORATION
(Registrant)

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By: /s/ Nobuyuki Oneda
 (Signature)
 Nobuyuki Oneda
 Executive Vice President and
 Chief Financial Officer

Date: July 28, 2005

List of materials

Documents attached hereto:

- i) Consolidated Financial Results for the First Quarter Ended June 30, 2005

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No: 05-039E
 3:00 P.M. JST,
 July 28, 2005

Consolidated Financial Results for the First Quarter Ended June 30, 2005

Tokyo, July 28, 2005 -- Sony Corporation today announced its consolidated results for the first quarter ended June 30, 2005 (April 1, 2005 to June 30, 2005).

(Billions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars, except per share amounts)

	First quarter ended June 30			
	2004	2005	Change in Yen	2005*
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Sales and operating revenue	Y1,612.1	Y1,559.4	-3.3%	\$14,177
Operating income (loss)	9.8	(15.3)	-	(139)
Income before income taxes	6.6	12.9	+95.1	117
Equity in net income (loss) of affiliated companies	20.1	(9.1)	-	(83)
Net income (loss)	23.3	(7.3)	-	(66)
Net income (loss) per share of common stock				
- Basic	Y25.10	(Y8.68)	-	(\$0.08)
- Diluted	22.79	(8.68)	-	(0.08)

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* U.S. dollar amounts have been translated from yen, for convenience only, at the rate of Y110=U.S.\$1, the approximate Tokyo foreign exchange market rate as of June 30, 2005.

Unless otherwise specified, all amounts are on the basis of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the U.S. ("U.S. GAAP").

Consolidated Results for the First Quarter Ended June 30, 2005

Sales and operating revenue ("sales") decreased 3.3% compared with the same quarter of the previous fiscal year; on a local currency basis sales decreased 3%. (For all references herein to results on a local currency basis, see Note I.) This reflects the establishment of SONY BMG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT ("SONY BMG") (please refer to Note to Operating Performance Highlights by Business Segment).

Sales within the Electronics segment decreased 1.4%. Although sales of flash memory and hard drive "Network Walkman" digital audio players, LCD flat panel televisions and "VAIO" PCs increased, there was a significant decrease in sales of CRT and Plasma televisions. In the Game segment, sales increased 64.0% as a result of an increase of both hardware and software sales. In the Pictures segment, there was a 2.6% decrease in revenue primarily due to lower theatrical revenues. In the Financial Services segment, revenue increased by 15.1% mainly due to an increase in revenue from insurance premiums at Sony Life Insurance Co., Ltd. ("Sony Life").

An operating loss of Y15.3 billion (\$139 million) was recorded, which is a deterioration of Y25.1 billion (a Y30.7 billion deterioration on a local currency basis) compared to the same quarter of the previous fiscal year.

In the Electronics segment, an operating loss was recorded mainly due to a continued deterioration in the cost of sales ratio resulting from a decline in unit selling prices, as well as a decrease in sales to outside customers. In the Game segment, an increased operating loss was recorded as a result of both increased advertising and marketing expenses and research and development costs. In the Pictures segment, despite the weaker than expected theatrical performance of films released during the quarter, there was a slight increase in operating income partially attributable to distribution fees recognized on sales of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. ("MGM") titles. In the Financial Services segment, there was an increase in operating income mainly attributable to the increase in revenue from insurance premiums at Sony Life.

Restructuring charges, which are recorded as operating expenses, amounted to Y15.9 billion (\$144 million) for the quarter compared to Y12.0 billion for the same quarter of the previous fiscal year. In the Electronics segment, restructuring charges were Y15.5 billion (\$141 million) compared to Y10.8 billion in the same quarter of the previous fiscal year.

Income before income taxes increased 95.1% due to an improvement in the net effect of other income and expenses compared to the same quarter of the previous fiscal year. This was mainly the result of a gain of Y17.9 billion (\$162 million) on change in

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interest in subsidiaries and equity investees associated with the sale of a portion of the stock in So-Net M3 Inc., a consolidated subsidiary of Sony Communication Network Corporation ("SCN"), and in DeNA Co., Ltd., an equity affiliate of SCN accounted for by the equity method. Furthermore, in addition to a decrease in net foreign exchange loss compared to the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, there was also an increase in royalty income.

Income taxes*: During the current quarter, Sony recorded Y12.1 billion (\$109 million) of income tax expense, resulting in an effective tax rate of 93.4%. This effective tax rate exceeded the Japanese statutory tax rate due primarily to the recording of valuation allowances against deferred tax assets by several of Sony's domestic and overseas consolidated subsidiaries. In the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, Sony recorded a net tax benefit as a result of the reversal of deferred tax liabilities on undistributed earnings from a foreign subsidiary.

*In June 2005, Sony Corporation received notification from the Tokyo Regional Taxation Bureau ("TRTB") that profits reported from its transactions with a number of its worldwide subsidiaries (CD and DVD disc manufacturing operations) for the five fiscal year period from 1998 through 2002 had been reassessed. The TRTB concluded that the distribution of profits between Sony and these subsidiaries had been under-allocated to Sony Corporation. As a result, taxable income was reassessed incorporating an additional Y21.4 billion, resulting in Sony Corporation incurring an additional cash tax (including corporation tax and others) of approximately Y4.5 billion. Sony believes that its allocation of income was appropriate and that the proper amount of tax has been paid within each jurisdiction. As a result, Sony plans to promptly lodge a formal objection against this decision with the TRTB. Simultaneous to this process, Sony also plans to file a formal request (where applicable) for bilateral consultations between the governments of the relevant countries involved and Japan to obtain relief from double taxation under the applicable tax treaties. Sony believes that it will ultimately be able to resolve this issue to its satisfaction. As a result of this reassessment, Sony does not expect any material impact to its consolidated results.

Equity in net income (loss) of affiliated companies decreased Y29.2 billion compared to the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, resulting in the recording of an equity loss of Y9.1 billion (\$83 million). Equity in net income of affiliated companies for the same quarter of the previous fiscal year included the recording of Y12.8 billion as equity in net income for InterTrust Technologies Corporation. This amount reflected InterTrust's proceeds from a license agreement arising from the settlement of a patent-related lawsuit.

An equity loss of Y7.6 billion (\$69 million) was recorded for S-LCD Corporation, a joint-venture with Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., for the manufacture of amorphous TFT LCD panels, which started shipments during the current quarter. Sony also recorded equity in net loss of approximately Y6.5 billion (\$59 million) for MGM**. This includes non-cash interest of Y1.2 billion (\$11 million) on cumulative preferred stock. This equity in net loss is subject to adjustment reflecting the final allocation of the purchase price for the acquisition.

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Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications AB ("Sony Ericsson") contributed Y4.6 billion (\$42 million) to equity in net income, a decrease of Y1.2 billion compared to the same quarter of the previous fiscal year. In addition, SONY BMG's net income was offset by restructuring charges associated with the merger of Sony and Bertelsmann AG's recorded music businesses, and, as a result, an equity loss of Y1.0 billion (\$9 million) was recorded for the joint venture.

**On April 8, 2005, a consortium led by Sony Corporation of America and its equity partners completed the acquisition of MGM. As part of the acquisition, Sony invested \$257 million in exchange for 20% of the total equity. However, based on the percentage of common stock owned, Sony records 45% of MGM's net income (loss) as equity in net income (loss) of affiliated companies.

As a result, a net loss of Y7.3 billion (\$66 million) was recorded, a decrease of Y30.5 billion compared to the same quarter of the previous fiscal year.

Operating Performance Highlights by Business Segment

Note: As of August 1, 2004, Sony and Bertelsmann AG combined their recorded music businesses in a joint venture. The newly formed company, SONY BMG, is 50% owned by each parent company. Under U.S. GAAP, SONY BMG is accounted for by Sony using the equity method and, since August 1, 2004, 50% of net profits or losses of this business have been included under "Equity in net income (loss) of affiliated companies."

In connection with the establishment of this joint venture, Sony's non-Japan based disc manufacturing and physical distribution businesses, formerly included within the Music segment, have been reclassified to the Electronics segment to recognize the new management reporting structure whereby Sony's Electronics segment has now assumed responsibility for these businesses. Effective April 1, 2005, a similar change was made with respect to Sony's Japan based disc manufacturing business. Results for the first quarter ended June 30, 2004 in the Electronics segment have been restated to account for these reclassifications.

Effective April 1, 2005, Sony no longer breaks out its music business as a reportable segment as it no longer meets the materiality threshold. Accordingly, the results for Sony's music business are now included within the Other segment and the prior year's results have been reclassified to the Other segment for comparative purposes. Results for the first quarter of this fiscal year in the Other segment include the results of Sony Music Entertainment Inc.'s ("SMEI") music publishing business and Sony Music Entertainment (Japan) Inc. ("SMEJ"), excluding Sony's Japan based disc manufacturing business which, as noted above, has been reclassified to the Electronics segment. However, results for the same quarter of the previous fiscal year in the Other segment include the consolidated results for SMEI's recorded music business for the first quarter, as well as the results for SMEI's music publishing business and SMEJ excluding Sony's Japan based disc manufacturing business.

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Electronics

	(Billions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars)			
	First quarter ended June 30			
	2004	2005	Change in	2005
			Yen	
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Sales and operating revenue	Y1,131.3	Y1,115.3	-1.4%	\$10,139
Operating income (loss)	8.3	(36.3)	-	(330)

Unless otherwise specified, all amounts are on a U.S. GAAP basis.

Sales decreased by 1.4% compared to the same quarter of the previous fiscal year (a 1% decrease on a local currency basis). In addition, sales to outside customers decreased 7.5% compared to the same quarter of the previous fiscal year. There was a significant decline in sales of CRT televisions, which experienced a continued shift in demand towards flat panel televisions, and Plasma televisions, which faced intense business competition. On the other hand, there was an increase in sales of several products including flash memory and hard drive "Network Walkman" digital audio players, which experienced increased sales in all regions, particularly in Japan and Europe, LCD flat panel televisions, which experienced an increase in unit sales in all regions and "VAIO" PCs, where notebook PCs enjoyed strong sales.

An operating loss of Y36.3 billion (\$330 million) was recorded, a deterioration of Y44.6 billion compared with the Y8.3 billion operating income recorded in the same quarter of the previous fiscal year. This was primarily the result of a continued deterioration in the cost of sales ratio as a result of a decline in unit selling prices, as well as a decline in sales to outside customers, despite being partially offset by favorable foreign exchange rates and a reduction in the loss on the sale, disposal and impairment of assets. With regard to products within the Electronics segment, the increase in operating loss was mainly attributable to LCD televisions and CCDs, which were both impacted by a decline in unit selling prices. On the other hand, "VAIO" PCs experienced an increase in operating income due to good sales performance.

Inventory, as of June 30, 2005, was Y573.6 billion (\$5,215 million), a Y33.3 billion, or 5.5%, decrease compared with the level as of June 30, 2004 and a Y59.2 billion, or 11.5%, increase compared with the level as of March 31, 2005.

Note: In association with the completion of business integration of Sony Group's semiconductor manufacturing businesses in July 2004, it was decided to account for semiconductor manufacturing operations inventory, previously recorded in the Game segment, within the Electronics segment as of the quarter beginning July 1, 2004. (Regarding the integration of Sony Group's

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semiconductor manufacturing operations, please refer to Note 6.)

Operating Results for Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications AB

The following operating results for Sony Ericsson, which is accounted for by the equity method, are not consolidated in Sony's consolidated financial statements. However, Sony believes that this disclosure provides additional useful analytical information to investors regarding operating performance. In addition, please note that the operating results of Sony Ericsson discussed below are reported on an International Financial Reporting Standards basis, and thereby differ from the operating results reported on a U.S. GAAP basis contained within Sony's equity in net income (loss) of affiliated companies.

Sales for the quarter were Euro 1,614 million, representing a year-on-year increase of Euro 110 million, or 7%. Sales were boosted by a 14% increase in units shipped compared to the same period last year, resulting in a total of 11.8 million units shipped for the quarter. Income before taxes was Euro 87 million and net income was Euro 75 million, which represents a year-on-year decrease of Euro 26 million, or 23%, and Euro 14 million, or 16%, respectively, reflecting increased investment in research and development to support a broadening product portfolio. As a result, equity in net income of Y4.6 billion (\$42 million) was recorded by Sony.

Game

	(Billions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars)			
	First quarter ended June 30			
	2004	2005	Change in Yen	2005
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Sales and operating revenue	Y105.4	Y172.8	+64.0%	\$1,571
Operating loss	(2.9)	(5.9)	-	(54)

Unless otherwise specified, all amounts are on a U.S. GAAP basis.

Sales increased 64.0% compared with the same quarter of the previous fiscal year (a 64% increase on a local currency basis).

Hardware: There was an increase in overall sales in the U.S., Europe and Japan as a result of an increase of PlayStation 2 ("PS2") unit sales in Europe and the U.S. compared to the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, in addition to the contribution to sales from PlayStation Portable ("PSP").

Software: Overall software sales increased as a result of the contribution to sales from PSP software, as well as the continued strong sales of PS2. On a regional basis, although revenue decreased in Japan, it increased in Europe and the U.S.

An operating loss of Y5.9 billion (\$54 million) was recorded, an

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increase of Y3.0 billion compared with the same quarter of the previous fiscal year. This was mainly due to an increase in selling, general and administrative expenses mainly reflecting advertising and marketing expenses incurred during the current quarter, as well as aggressive research and development spending associated with future business, despite the favorable performance and growth of the PS2 and PSP businesses respectively.

Worldwide hardware production shipments:*

-> PS2: 3.53 million units (an increase of 2.82 million units)

-> PSP: 2.09 million units**

Worldwide software production shipments:*

-> PS2: 35 million units (a decrease of 3 million units)

-> PSP: 4.9 million units**

* Production shipment units of hardware and software are counted upon shipment of the products from manufacturing bases. Sales of such products are recognized when the products are delivered to customers.

** There were no sales of PSP during the same quarter of the previous fiscal year.

Inventory, as of June 30, 2005, was Y84.0 billion (\$764 million), a Y27.4 billion, or 24.6%, decrease compared with the level as of June 30, 2004 and a Y6.6 billion, or 8.5%, increase compared with the level as of March 31, 2005. (Regarding inventory, please refer to the note in the above Electronics segment.)

Pictures

	(Billions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars)			
	First quarter ended June 30			
	2004	2005	Change in Yen	2005
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Sales and operating revenue	Y148.2	Y144.4	-2.6%	\$1,313
Operating income	4.1	4.2	+3.5	39

The results presented above are a yen-translation of the results of Sony Pictures Entertainment ("SPE"), a U.S. based operation which aggregates the results of its worldwide subsidiaries on a U.S. dollar basis. Management analyzes the results of SPE in U.S. dollars, so discussion of certain portions of its results are specified as being on "a U.S. dollar basis."

Sales decreased 2.6% compared with the same quarter of the previous fiscal year (1% decrease on a U.S dollar basis). Sales, on a U.S. dollar basis, decreased primarily due to lower theatrical revenues on fewer films, partially offset by distribution fees recognized on sales of MGM titles and an increase in television advertising revenues generated from

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several of SPE's international channels. Major contributors to the current year's first quarter revenues included the home entertainment releases of Hitch, Are We There Yet? and Boogeyman.

Operating income increased 3.5% compared with the same quarter of the previous fiscal year. The increase is partially attributable to the MGM distribution fees, increased television advertising revenue and the home entertainment releases noted above. Partially offsetting these higher profits were the weaker than expected U.S. theatrical performances of XXX: State of the Union, Lords of Dogtown and Bewitched.

Financial Services

	(Billions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars)			
	First quarter ended June 30			
	2004	2005	Change in	2005
			Yen	
Financial service revenue	Y133.6	Y153.8	+15.1%	\$1,398
Operating income	10.4	21.9	+110.7	199

Unless otherwise specified, all amounts are on a U.S. GAAP basis. Therefore, they differ from the results that Sony Life discloses on a Japanese statutory basis.

Financial service revenue increased 15.1% compared with the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, mainly due to an increase in revenue at Sony Life. Revenue at Sony Life was Y127.6 billion (\$1,160 million), a Y14.9 billion, or 13.3% increase compared with the same quarter of the previous fiscal year. The main reasons for this increase were an increase in revenue from insurance premiums reflecting an increase in insurance-in-force and an increase in valuation gains from stock conversion rights in convertible bonds.

Operating income increased by Y11.5 billion or 110.7% compared with the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, mainly as a result of an increase of operating income at Sony Life due to the increase in revenue mentioned above and an improvement in gains and losses from investments in the general account at Sony Life. As a result of the abovementioned factors, operating income at Sony Life increased by Y12.0 billion or 114.1% to Y22.5 billion (\$205 million).

Other

	(Billions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars)			
	First quarter ended June 30			
	2004	2005	Change in	2005
			Yen	

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	Y147.7	Y95.4	-35.4%	\$868
Sales and operating revenue				
Operating income (loss)	(3.2)	4.9	-	45

Unless otherwise specified, all amounts are on a U.S. GAAP basis.

Sales decreased 35.4% compared with the same quarter of the previous fiscal year. Sales in the Other segment, for the first quarter of the current fiscal year, incorporate the results of Sony's music businesses (please refer to Note to Operating Performance Highlights by Business Segment) which include both SMEI's music publishing business and SMEJ. There was a significant decrease in sales within the Other segment reflecting the fact that the results for the same quarter of the previous fiscal year in the Other segment incorporated the results for SMEI's recorded music business, which, as noted above, was combined with Bertelsmann AG's recorded music business to form the SONY BMG joint venture.

Sales at SMEJ increased compared with the same quarter of the previous fiscal year as a result of increased album and singles sales. Best-selling albums and singles during the quarter included THUMP X by PORNO GRAFFITTI, AWAKE by L'Arc-en-Ciel and E-Complete A Side Singles-by ZONE.

Excluding sales recorded within Sony's music business, there was a slight increase in sales within the Other segment. This increase was mainly the result of increases in sales recorded at an imported general merchandise retail business and at SCN, where the contents business performed well during the quarter.

Operating income of Y4.9 billion (\$45 million) was recorded, representing an improvement of Y8.1 billion as compared with the operating loss in the same quarter of the previous fiscal year. This improvement was mainly the result of both the fact that, as noted above, the results for SMEI's recorded music business, which recorded an operating loss in the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, are now recorded as part of the results of the SONY BMG joint venture, and the continued strong performance at SMEJ. Operating income at SMEJ increased significantly compared to the previous fiscal year due to an improvement in the cost of sales ratio and the higher sales noted above.

Excluding the operating income recorded in the music business, the Other segment recorded a small amount of operating income, compared with the operating loss recorded in the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, mainly as the result of cost reductions within the segment.

Operating Results for SONY BMG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT

The following operating results for SONY BMG, which is accounted for by the equity method, are not consolidated in Sony's consolidated financial statements. However, Sony believes that this disclosure provides additional useful analytical information to investors regarding operating performance.

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SONY BMG recorded sales revenue of \$1,019 million, loss before income taxes of \$23 million, and a net loss of \$18 million during the quarter ended June 30, 2005. Loss before income taxes includes \$93 million of restructuring charges. As a result, equity in net loss of ¥1.0 billion (\$9 million) was recorded by Sony.

Cash Flow

The following charts show Sony's unaudited condensed statements of cash flows on a consolidated basis for all segments excluding the Financial Services segment and for the Financial Services segment alone. These separate condensed presentations are not required under U.S. GAAP, which is used in Sony's consolidated financial statements. However, because the Financial Services segment is different in nature from Sony's other segments, Sony believes that these presentations may be useful in understanding and analyzing Sony's consolidated financial statements.

Cash Flow - Consolidated (excluding Financial Services segment)

(Billions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars)				
First quarter ended June 30				
Cash flow	2004	2005	Change in Yen	2005
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- From operating activities	(¥72.9)	(¥97.3)	¥-24.5	(\$885)
- From investing activities	(174.9)	(70.4)	+104.5	(640)
- From financing activities	(49.1)	(28.4)	+20.7	(258)
Cash and cash equivalents	592.9	519.7	-73.2	4,725
at beginning of the first quarter				
Cash and cash equivalents	309.2	327.7	+18.4	2,979
as of June 30				

Operating Activities: During the quarter ended June 30, 2005, although there was a decrease in notes and accounts receivable, trade within the Electronics and Game segments, in addition to the recording of a net loss, there was an increase in inventory mainly within the Electronics segment and a decrease in notes and accounts payable, trade, mainly within the Game segment.

Investing Activities: During the quarter ended June 30, 2005, Sony made capital investments mainly in relation to semiconductor manufacturing facilities and LCD television assembly facilities.

As a result, the total amount of cash flow from operating activities and from investing activities was a net use of cash of ¥167.8 billion (\$1,525 million).

Financing Activities: During the quarter ended June 30, 2005, cash was used to make dividend payments and redeem a portion of short-term borrowings.

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Cash and Cash Equivalents: The total balance of cash and cash equivalents, accounting for the effect of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations, was Y327.7 billion (\$2,979 million) as of June 30, 2005, a decrease of Y192.1 billion compared to March 31, 2005 and an increase of Y18.4 billion compared with June 30, 2004.

Cash Flow - Financial Services segment

(Billions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars)				
First quarter ended June 30				
Cash flow	2004	2005	Change in Yen	2005
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- From operating activities	Y50.5	Y8.7	Y-41.9	\$78
- From investing activities	(209.8)	(150.1)	+59.7	(1,364)
- From financing activities	92.3	62.5	-29.8	568
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the first quarter	256.3	259.4	+3.1	2,358
Cash and cash equivalents as of June 30	189.4	180.5	-8.9	1,640

Operating Activities: Net cash from operating activities increased mainly due to an increase in revenue from insurance premiums, reflecting primarily an increase in insurance-in-force at Sony Life.

Investing Activities: Payments for investments and advances exceeded proceeds from maturities of marketable securities, sales of securities investments and collections of advances primarily as a result of investments in mainly Japanese fixed income securities carried out as a result of an increase in revenue from insurance premiums at Sony Life.

Financing Activities: In addition to the increase in policyholders' accounts at Sony Life, deposits from customers in the banking business increased primarily due to an increase in the number of accounts.

Cash and Cash Equivalents: As a result of the above, the balance of cash and cash equivalents was Y180.5 billion (\$1,640 million) as of June 30, 2005, which was a decrease of Y78.9 billion compared to March 31, 2005 and a decrease of Y8.9 billion compared to June 30, 2004.

Notes

Note I: During the quarter ended June 30, 2005, the average value of the yen was Y106.7 against the U.S. dollar and Y134.1 against the Euro, which was 1.9% higher against the U.S. dollar and 2.5% lower against the Euro, compared with the average rates for the same quarter of the previous fiscal year. Operating

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results on a local currency basis described herein reflect sales and operating income obtained by applying the yen's average exchange rate in the same quarter of the previous fiscal year to local currency-denominated monthly sales, cost of sales, and selling, general and administrative expenses in the current quarter. Local currency basis results are not reflected in Sony's financial statements and are not measures conforming with U.S. GAAP. In addition, Sony does not believe that these measures are a substitute for U.S. GAAP measures. However, Sony believes that local currency basis results provide additional useful analytical information to investors regarding operating performance.

Note II: "Sales and operating revenue" in each business segment represents sales and operating revenue recorded before intersegment transactions are eliminated. "Operating income" in each business segment represents operating income recorded before intersegment transactions and unallocated corporate expenses are eliminated.

Note III: In the third quarter ended December 31, 2004, Sony adopted Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") Issue No. 04-8, "The Effect of Contingently Convertible Instruments on Diluted Earnings per Share." As a result of adopting EITF Issue No. 04-8, diluted earnings per share of net income (loss) for the three months ended June 30, 2004 have been restated (see Note 9 regarding EITF Issue No. 04-8).

Outlook for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2006

Sony's forecast for consolidated operating results for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006 has been revised as per the table below:

	Current Forecast -----	Change from Previous Forecast -----	April Forecast -----
Sales and operating revenue	Y7,250 billion	-3%	Y7,450 billion
Operating income	30 billion	-81	160 billion
(Restructuring charges included within Operating income)	88 billion	+22	72 billion)
Income before income taxes	70 billion	-59	170 billion
Equity in net income (loss) of affiliated companies	(8 billion)	-	5 billion
Net income	10 billion	-88	80 billion

Assumed foreign currency exchange rates from the second quarter: approximately Y107 to the U.S. dollar and approximately Y130 to the Euro.

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The principal reason for this revised forecast is that, in addition to an increase in restructuring charges, a significant deterioration in operating results is anticipated within the television business in the Electronics segment primarily as a result of lower than expected units sold compared to our initial forecasts and a significantly greater than expected deterioration in market prices. As a result, we anticipate an overall slight decrease in sales and a significant increase in operating loss within the Electronics segment for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006.

On the other hand, increased revenue and a slight increase in operating income is expected to be recorded within the Financial Services segment, reflecting the strong performance the segment recorded during the first quarter. In addition, given the current favorable condition of the business, we also expect increased sales and slightly increased operating income to be recorded within the Game segment.

There has been no significant change to our forecast as of April 27, 2005 for segments other than those mentioned above.

The above forecast includes restructuring charges, recorded as operating expenses, of approximately Y88 billion expected to be incurred across the Sony Group, primarily within the Electronics segment, an increase of Y16 billion from the forecast as of April 27, 2005, while Y90 billion of restructuring charges were recorded for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005.

On June 22, 2005, a new senior executive team took over responsibility for managing the company. A detailed review is now underway with regard to business strategy and operating structure and the announcement of the resulting plan is expected to take place in September 2005. In addition, as a consequence of the recent trends in the CRT television business, management continues to monitor whether there has been an impairment in the related assets. There is the possibility that these reviews will result in changes that will require additional restructuring charges to be incurred or asset impairment write-downs and that may impact the operating forecast detailed above. However, until this review is completed, the company is unable to estimate the impact of these changes and therefore the revised forecast above does not include any such effects.

In addition, the forecast for operating income and income before income taxes reflects an estimated gain of approximately Y60 billion in association with the transfer to the Japanese Government of the substitutional portion of Sony's Employee Pension Fund related to the benefit obligation associated with past employee service. Furthermore, Y35 billion of this estimated gain is reflected in the forecast for net income after deductions for the effect of income taxes.

Our forecast for capital expenditures, depreciation and amortization or research and development costs, as per the table below, is unchanged from the forecast of April 27, 2005.

Forecast Change from

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	-----	previous fiscal year
Capital expenditures (additions to fixed assets)	Y410 billion	+15%
Depreciation and amortization*	390 billion	+5
(Depreciation expenses for tangible assets)	320 billion	+6)
* Including amortization of intangible assets and amortization of deferred insurance acquisition costs.		
Research and development expenses	520 billion	+4

As of June 30, 2005, Sony had deferred tax assets on tax loss carry forwards in relation to Japanese local income taxes totaling Y77.6 billion. However, there is a possibility that, depending on future operating performance, Sony may establish a valuation allowance against part or all of its deferred tax assets that would be charged to income as an increase in tax expense. It should be noted, though, that the forecast above does not include this possibility.

For your reference, further details about valuation allowances against deferred tax assets can be found under the "Deferred Tax Asset Valuation" section of "Critical Accounting Policies" in Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects of Sony Corporation's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005.

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Business Segment Information (Unaudited)

	(Millions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars)			
	Three months ended June 30			
Sales and operating revenue	2004	2005	Change	2005
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Electronics				
Customers	Y1,106,159	Y1,023,485	-7.5%	\$9,304
Intersegment	25,122	91,768		835
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Total	1,131,281	1,115,253	-1.4	10,139
Game				
Customers	100,061	165,477	+65.4	1,504
Intersegment	5,304	7,301		67
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Total	105,365	172,778	+64.0	1,571
Pictures				
Customers	148,191	144,381	-2.6	1,313
Intersegment	0	0		0
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Total	148,191	144,381	-2.6	1,313
Financial Services				
Customers	127,706	148,588	+16.4	1,351
Intersegment	5,918	5,226		47
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Total	133,624	153,814	+15.1	1,398
Other				

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Customers	130,021	77,502	-40.4	705
Intersegment	17,679	17,941		163
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Total	147,700	95,443	-35.4	868
Elimination	(54,023)	(122,236)	-	(1,112)
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Consolidated total	Y1,612,138	Y1,559,433	-3.3%	\$14,177

Electronics intersegment amounts primarily consist of transactions with the Game, Pictures and Other segments. Other intersegment amounts primarily consist of transactions with the Electronics and Game segments.

Operating income (loss)	2004	2005	Change	2005
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Electronics	Y8,277	Y(36,280)	-	\$(330)
Game	(2,881)	(5,895)	-	(54)
Pictures	4,101	4,246	+3.5%	39
Financial Services	10,403	21,923	+110.7%	199
Other	(3,192)	4,895	-	45
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Total	16,708	(11,111)	-	(101)
Unallocated corporate expenses and elimination	(6,934)	(4,171)	-	(38)
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Consolidated total	Y9,774	Y(15,282)	-	\$(139)

Commencing with the first quarter ended June 30, 2005, Sony has partly realigned its business segment configuration. Results in the first quarter of the previous year have been reclassified to conform to the presentations for the current quarter.
(See Note 5.)

Electronics Sales and Operating Revenue to Customers by Product Category

(Millions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars)

Three months ended June 30

Sales and operating revenue	2004	2005	Change	2005
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Audio	Y134,386	Y117,339	-12.7%	\$1,067
Video	251,205	251,073	-0.1	2,282
Televisions	189,068	150,305	-20.5	1,366
Information and Communications	182,136	183,306	+0.6	1,666
Semiconductors	66,910	53,646	-19.8	488

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Components	151,710	151,025	-0.5	1,373
Other	130,744	116,791	-10.7	1,062
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Total	Y1,106,159	Y1,023,485	-7.5%	\$9,304

The above table is a breakdown of Electronics sales and operating revenue to customers in the Business Segment Information. The Electronics segment is managed as a single operating segment by Sony's management. However, Sony believes that the information in this table is useful to investors in understanding the sales contributions of the products in this business segment. In addition, commencing with the first quarter ended June 30, 2005, Sony has partly realigned its product category configuration in the Electronics segment. (See Note 7.)

Geographic Segment Information (Unaudited)

(Millions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars)
Three months ended June 30

Sales and operating revenue	2004	2005	Change	2005
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Japan	Y484,632	Y468,272	-3.4%	\$4,257
United States	418,296	418,481	+0.0	3,805
Europe	375,333	331,123	-11.8	3,010
Other Areas	333,877	341,557	+2.3	3,105
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Total	Y1,612,138	Y1,559,433	-3.3%	\$14,177

Classification of Geographic Segment Information shows sales and operating revenue recognized by location of customers.

Consolidated Statements of Income (Unaudited)

(Millions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars, except per share amounts)
Three months ended June 30

	2004	2005	Change	2005
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Sales and operating revenue:				
Net sales	Y1,471,121	Y1,397,734		\$12,707
Financial service revenue	127,706	148,588		1,351
Other operating revenue	13,311	13,111		119
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	1,612,138	1,559,433	-3.3	14,177
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of sales	1,103,271	1,096,776		9,971
Selling, general and administrative expenses	376,937	349,476		3,177
Financial service expenses	117,294	126,637		1,151

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Loss on sale, disposal or impairment of assets, net	4,862	1,826		17
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	1,602,364	1,574,715		14,316
Operating income (loss)	9,774	(15,282)	-	(139)
Other income:				
Interest and dividends	4,981	6,169		56
Royalty income	5,661	8,700		79
Gain on sale of securities investments, net	689	2,141		20
Gain on change in interest in subsidiaries and equity investees	307	17,869		162
Other	6,849	5,758		52
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	18,487	40,637		369
Other expenses:				
Interest	7,527	4,846		44
Loss on devaluation of securities investments	931	800		7
Foreign exchange loss, net	5,683	1,392		13
Other	7,506	5,414		49
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	21,647	12,452		113
Income before income taxes	6,614	12,903	+95.1	117
Income taxes	(1,842)	12,051		109
Income before minority interest, equity in net income (loss) of affiliated companies and cumulative effect of an accounting change	8,456	852	-89.9	8
Minority interest in income (loss) of consolidated subsidiaries	621	(971)		(9)
Equity in net income (loss) of affiliated companies	20,142	(9,086)		(83)
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Income (loss) before cumulative effect of an accounting change	27,977	(7,263)	-	(66)

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Cumulative effect of an accounting change (2004: Net of income taxes of Y2,675 million)	(4,713)	-	-	-
Net income (loss)	Y23,264	Y(7,263)	-	\$ (66)
Per share data:				
Common stock				
Income (loss) before cumulative effect of an accounting change				
- Basic	Y30.20	Y(8.68)	-	\$ (0.08)
- Diluted	27.30	(8.68)	-	(0.08)
Net income (loss)				
- Basic	25.10	(8.68)	-	(0.08)
- Diluted	22.79	(8.68)	-	(0.08)
Subsidiary tracking stock				
Net income				
- Basic	13.87	449.14	+3,138.2	4.08

Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

	(Millions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars)			
	June 30	March 31	June 30	June 30
ASSETS	2004	2005	2005	2005
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Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	Y498,587	Y779,103	Y508,103	\$4,619
Time deposits	6,184	1,492	1,346	12
Marketable securities	494,219	460,202	479,801	4,362
Notes and accounts receivable, trade	1,113,384	1,113,071	1,021,903	9,290
Allowance for doubtful accounts and sales returns	(109,555)	(87,709)	(82,622)	(751)
Inventories	761,962	631,349	702,107	6,383
Deferred income taxes	123,965	141,154	131,738	1,198
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	440,486	517,509	431,961	3,927
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	3,329,232	3,556,171	3,194,337	29,040
Film costs	259,792	278,961	313,940	2,854
Investments and advances:				
Affiliated companies	168,222	252,905	273,221	2,484
Securities investments and other	2,386,537	2,492,784	2,746,073	24,964

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	2,554,759	2,745,689	3,019,294	27,448
Property, plant and equipment:				
Land	186,620	182,900	183,007	1,664
Buildings	934,311	925,796	927,776	8,434
Machinery and equipment	2,085,402	2,192,038	2,213,789	20,125
Construction in progress	117,456	92,611	118,638	1,079
Less-Accumulated depreciation	(1,952,104)	(2,020,946)	(2,054,443)	(18,677)
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	1,371,685	1,372,399	1,388,767	12,625
Other assets:				
Intangibles, net	233,271	187,024	192,902	1,754
Goodwill	287,278	283,923	288,028	2,618
Deferred insurance acquisition costs	363,401	374,805	380,238	3,457
Deferred income taxes	228,203	240,396	242,917	2,208
Other	522,106	459,732	454,050	4,128
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	1,634,259	1,545,880	1,558,135	14,165
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	Y9,149,727	Y9,499,100	Y9,474,473	\$86,132
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Short-term borrowings	Y103,828	Y63,396	Y54,147	\$492
Current portion of long-term debt	354,045	166,870	162,969	1,482
Notes and accounts payable, trade	762,582	806,044	758,955	6,900
Accounts payable, other and accrued expenses	783,635	746,466	666,433	6,058
Accrued income and other taxes	45,257	55,651	28,550	260
Deposits from customers in the banking business	413,654	546,718	574,814	5,226
Other	457,630	424,223	439,507	3,995
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	2,920,631	2,809,368	2,685,375	24,413
Long-term liabilities:				
Long-term debt	781,089	678,992	678,303	6,166
Accrued pension and severance costs	377,213	352,402	351,141	3,192
Deferred income taxes	88,469	72,227	76,889	699
Future insurance policy benefits and other	2,265,008	2,464,295	2,521,860	22,926

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Other	276,082	227,631	244,682	2,225
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	3,787,861	3,795,547	3,872,875	35,208
Minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries	23,287	23,847	27,870	253
Stockholders' equity:				
Capital stock	480,285	621,709	621,717	5,652
Additional paid-in capital	992,834	1,134,222	1,134,263	10,311
Retained earnings	1,390,321	1,506,082	1,498,227	13,620
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(437,524)	(385,675)	(359,796)	(3,270)
Treasury stock, at cost	(7,968)	(6,000)	(6,058)	(55)
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	2,417,948	2,870,338	2,888,353	26,258
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	¥9,149,727	¥9,499,100	¥9,474,473	\$86,132
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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

	(Millions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars)		
	Three months ended June 30		
	2004	2005	2005
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Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income (loss)	Y 23,264	Y (7,263)	\$ (66)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash used in operating activities			
Depreciation and amortization, including amortization of deferred insurance acquisition costs	85,531	88,664	806
Amortization of film costs	55,055	53,654	488
Accrual for pension and severance costs, less payments	7,820	(1,101)	(10)
Loss on sale, disposal or impairment of assets, net	4,862	1,826	17
Gain on sales or loss on devaluation of securities investments, net	242	(1,341)	(13)
Gain on change in interest in subsidiaries and equity investees	(307)	(17,869)	(162)
Deferred income taxes	(15,627)	(2,624)	(24)
Equity in net (income) losses of affiliated companies, net of dividends	(19,668)	9,406	86

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Cumulative effect of an accounting change	4,713	-	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Decrease in notes and accounts receivable, trade	24,663	96,786	880
Increase in inventories	(88,947)	(64,677)	(588)
Increase in film costs	(51,412)	(79,247)	(720)
Decrease in notes and accounts payable, trade	(21,838)	(50,570)	(460)
Decrease in accrued income and other taxes	(13,674)	(23,849)	(217)
Increase in future insurance policy benefits and other	40,771	19,248	175
Increase in deferred insurance acquisition costs	(15,940)	(16,023)	(146)
Increase in marketable securities held in the financial service business for trading purpose	(12,343)	(13,956)	(127)
Increase in other current assets	(22,203)	(30,814)	(280)
Decrease in other current liabilities	(25,363)	(65,074)	(592)
Other	17,917	16,192	147
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Net cash used in operating activities	(22,484)	(88,632)	(806)
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Cash flows from investing activities:			
Payments for purchases of fixed assets	(128,891)	(114,074)	(1,037)
Proceeds from sales of fixed assets	14,359	7,232	66
Payments for investments and advances by financial service business	(414,488)	(301,423)	(2,740)
Payments for investments and advances (other than financial service business)	(67,182)	(13,136)	(119)
Proceeds from maturities of marketable securities, sales of securities investments and collections of advances by financial service business	214,755	169,551	1,541
Proceeds from maturities of marketable securities, sales of securities investments and collections of advances (other than financial service business)	6,552	12,388	113
Other	(1,132)	16,331	148
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Net cash used in investing activities	(376,027)	(223,131)	(2,028)
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Cash flows from financing activities:			

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Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	8,574	717	7
Payments of long-term debt	(39,461)	(6,644)	(60)
Decrease in short-term borrowings	(3,073)	(11,095)	(101)
Increase in deposits from customers in the financial service business	65,155	66,162	601
Increase in call money and bills sold in the banking business	15,000	400	4
Dividends paid	(11,577)	(12,474)	(114)
Other	31	(414)	(4)
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Net cash provided by financing activities	34,649	36,652	333
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Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	13,238	4,111	37
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Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(350,624)	(271,000)	(2,464)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the fiscal year	849,211	779,103	7,083
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Cash and cash equivalents at June 30	Y498,587	Y508,103	\$4,619
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(Notes)

1. U.S. dollar amounts have been translated from yen, for convenience only, at the rate of Y110 = U.S. \$1, the approximate Tokyo foreign exchange market rate as of June 30, 2005.

2. As of June 30, 2005, Sony had 929 consolidated subsidiaries (including variable interest entities). It has applied the equity accounting method in respect to 57 affiliated companies.

3. Sony calculates and presents per share data separately for Sony's common stock and for the subsidiary tracking stock which is linked to the economic value of Sony Communication Network Corporation, based on Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("FAS") No.128, "Earnings per Share". The holders of the tracking stock have the right to participate in earnings, together with common stock holders. Accordingly, Sony calculates per share data by the "two-class" method based on FAS No.128. Under this method, basic net income per share for each class of stock is calculated based on the earnings allocated to each class of stock for the applicable period, divided by the weighted-average number of outstanding shares in each class during the applicable period. The earnings allocated to the subsidiary tracking stock are determined based on the subsidiary tracking stockholders' economic interest in the targeted subsidiary's earnings available for dividends or change in accumulated losses that do not include those of the targeted

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subsidiary's subsidiaries. The earnings allocated to common stock are calculated by subtracting the earnings allocated to the subsidiary tracking stock from Sony's net income for the period.

Weighted-average shares used for computation of earnings per share of common stock are as follows. The dilutive effect in the weighted-average shares for the three months ended June 30, 2004 mainly resulted from convertible bonds.

Weighted-average shares	(Thousands of shares)	
	Three months ended June 30	
	2004	2005
Income (loss) before cumulative effect of an accounting change and net income (loss)		
- Basic	924,955	996,087
- Diluted	1,044,951	996,087

By adopting the Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") Issue No. 04-8, "The Effect of Contingently Convertible Instruments on Diluted Earnings per Share", issued in July 2004, diluted earnings per share of income before cumulative effect of an accounting change and net income for the three months ended June 30, 2004 were retroactively restated (see Note 9).

Weighted-average shares used for computation of earnings per share of the subsidiary tracking stock for the three months ended June 30, 2004 and 2005 are 3,072 thousand shares. There were no potentially dilutive securities or options granted for earnings per share of the subsidiary tracking stock.

4. Sony's comprehensive income is comprised of net income and other comprehensive income. Other comprehensive income includes changes in unrealized gains or losses on securities, unrealized gains or losses on derivative instruments, minimum pension liabilities adjustments and foreign currency translation adjustments. Net income (loss), other comprehensive income and comprehensive income for the three months ended June 30, 2004 and 2005 were as follows:

	(Millions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars)		
	Three months ended June 30		
	2004	2005	2005
Net income (loss)	Y23,264	Y(7,263)	\$(66)
Other comprehensive income :			
Unrealized gains (losses) on securities	(15,163)	8,379	76
Unrealized gains (losses) on	(2,262)	1,490	14

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derivative instruments			
Minimum pension liabilities	(363)	(231)	(2)
adjustments			
Foreign currency translation	30,223	16,241	147
adjustments			
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	12,435	25,879	235
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Comprehensive income	Y35,699	Y18,616	\$169
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- As of August 1, 2004, Sony and Bertelsmann AG combined their recorded music businesses in a joint venture. In connection with the establishment of this joint venture, the non-Japan based disc manufacturing and physical distribution businesses, formerly included within the Music segment, have been reclassified to "Other" category in the Electronics segment. In addition, effective April 1, 2005, a similar change was made with respect to the Japan based disc manufacturing businesses. Results for the three months ended June 30, 2004 in the Electronics segment have been restated to account for these reclassifications.
As a result of these changes in the Music segment, Sony no longer breaks out the Music segment as a reportable segment as it no longer meets the materiality threshold. Effective April 1, 2005, results for the Music segment are included within the Other segment. Accordingly, results for the three months ended June 30, 2004 in the Electronics and the Other segments have been restated to conform to the presentation for this year.
- In July 2004, in order to establish a more efficient and coordinated semiconductor supply structure, the Sony group has integrated its semiconductor manufacturing business by transferring Sony Computer Entertainment's semiconductor manufacturing operation from the Game segment to the Electronics segment. As a result of this transfer, sales revenue and expenditures associated with this operation are now recorded within the "Semiconductor" category in the Electronics segment. The results for the three months ended June 30, 2004 have not been restated as such comparable figures cannot be practically obtained given that it was not operated as a separate line of business within the Game segment. This integration of the semiconductor manufacturing businesses is a part of Sony's semiconductor strategy of utilizing semiconductor technologies and manufacturing equipment originally developed or designed for the Game business within the Sony group as a whole.
- Commencing April 1, 2005, Sony has partly realigned its product category configuration in the Electronics segment. Accordingly, results of the previous year have been reclassified. The primary change is as shown below:

Main Product	Previous Product Category	New Product Category
Professional-use	"Televisions"	-> "Information and

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projector

Communications"

8. In July 2003, the Accounting Standards Executive Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants issued Statement of Position ("SOP") 03-1, "Accounting and Reporting by Insurance Enterprises for Certain Nontraditional Long-Duration Contracts and for Separate Accounts". SOP 03-1 requires insurance enterprises to record additional reserves for long-duration life insurance contracts with minimum guarantee or annuity receivable options. Additionally, SOP 03-1 provides guidance for the presentation of separate accounts. This statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2003. Sony adopted SOP 03-1 on April 1, 2004. As a result of the adoption of SOP 03-1, Sony's operating income decreased by Y968 million for the three months ended June 30, 2004. Additionally, on April 1, 2004, Sony recognized Y4,713 million of loss (net of income taxes of Y2,675 million) as a cumulative effect of an accounting change. In addition, the separate account assets, which are defined by insurance business law in Japan and were previously included in "Security investments and other" on the consolidated balance sheet, were excluded from the category of separate accounts under the provision of SOP 03-1. Accordingly, the separate account assets are now treated as general accounts and included in "Marketable securities" on the consolidated balance sheet.
9. In July 2004, the EITF issued EITF Issue No. 04-8, "The Effect of Contingently Convertible Instruments on Diluted Earnings per Share". In accordance with FAS No.128, Sony had not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share ("EPS") the number of potential common stock upon the conversion of contingently convertible debt instruments ("Co-Cos") that have not met the conditions to exercise the stock acquisition rights. EITF Issue No. 04-8 requires that the maximum number of common stock that could be issued upon the conversion of Co-Cos be included in diluted EPS computations from the date of issuance regardless of whether the conditions to exercise the rights have been met. EITF Issue No. 04-8 is effective for reporting periods ending after December 15, 2004. Sony adopted EITF Issue No. 04-8 during the quarter ended December 31, 2004. As a result of the adoption of EITF Issue No. 04-8, Sony's diluted EPS of income before cumulative effect of an accounting change and net income for the three months ended June 30, 2004 were restated. Sony's diluted EPS of income before cumulative effect of an accounting change and net income for the three months ended June 30, 2004 were decreased by Y1.22 and Y1.02, respectively, compared to those before adopting EITF Issue No. 04-8.

Other Consolidated Financial Data

(Millions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars)

	Three months ended June 30			
	2004	2005	Change	2005
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Capital expenditures (additions to property,	Y88,071	Y97,983	+11.3%	\$891

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plant and equipment)				
Depreciation and	85,531	88,664	+3.7	806
amortization expenses*				
(Depreciation expenses	(68,907)	(71,881)	(+4.3)	(653)
for property, plant and				
equipment)				
R&D expenses	123,582	118,388	-4.2	1,076

* Including amortization expenses for intangible assets and for deferred insurance acquisition costs

Condensed Financial Services Financial Statements (Unaudited)

The results of the Financial Services segment are included in Sony's consolidated financial statements. The following schedules show unaudited condensed financial statements for the Financial Services segment and all other segments excluding Financial Services. These presentations are not required under U.S. GAAP, which is used in Sony's consolidated financial statements. However, because the Financial Services segment is different in nature from Sony's other segments, Sony believes that a comparative presentation may be useful in understanding and analyzing Sony's consolidated financial statements. Transactions between the Financial Services segment and Sony without Financial Services are eliminated in the consolidated figures shown below.

Condensed Statements of Income

(Millions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars)

Three months ended June 30

Financial Services	2004	2005	Change	2005
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			%	
Financial service revenue	Y133,624	Y153,814	+15.1	\$1,398
Financial service expenses	123,221	131,891	+7.0	1,199
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Operating income	10,403	21,923	+110.7	199
Other income (expenses), net	(62)	(117)	-	(1)
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Income before income taxes	10,341	21,806	+110.9	198
Income taxes and other	3,826	9,734	+154.4	88
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Income before cumulative effect of an accounting change	6,515	12,072	+85.3	110
Cumulative effect of an accounting change	(4,713)	-	-	-
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Net income	Y1,802	Y12,072	+569.9	\$110
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(Millions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars)				
Sony without Financial Services	Three months ended June 30			
	2004	2005	Change	2005
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			%	
Net sales and operating revenue	Y1,486,409	Y1,412,793	-5.0	\$12,844
Costs and expenses	1,486,927	1,450,430	-2.5	13,186
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Operating income (loss)	(518)	(37,637)	-	(342)
Other income (expenses), net	(3,209)	28,735	-	261
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Income (loss) before income taxes	(3,727)	(8,902)	-	(81)
Income taxes and other	(25,189)	10,432	-	95
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Net income (loss)	Y21,462	Y(19,334)	-	\$(176)
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(Millions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars)				
Consolidated	Three months ended June 30			
	2004	2005	Change	2005
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			%	
Financial service revenue	Y127,706	Y148,588	+16.4	\$1,351
Net sales and operating revenue	1,484,432	1,410,845	-5.0	12,826
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Costs and expenses	1,612,138	1,559,433	-3.3	14,177
	1,602,364	1,574,715	-1.7	14,316
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Operating income (loss)	9,774	(15,282)	-	(139)
Other income (expenses), net	(3,160)	28,185	-	256
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Income before income taxes	6,614	12,903	+95.1	117
Income taxes and other	(21,363)	20,166	-	183
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Income (loss) before cumulative effect of an accounting change	27,977	(7,263)	-	(66)
Cumulative effect of an accounting change	(4,713)	-	-	-
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Net income (loss)	Y23,264	Y(7,263)	-	\$(66)
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Condensed Balance Sheets

(Millions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars)				
Financial Services	June 30	March 31	June 30	June 30
ASSETS	2004	2005	2005	2005
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Current assets:				
Cash and cash	Y189,381	Y259,371	Y180,452	\$1,640

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equivalents				
Marketable securities	490,144	456,130	475,728	4,325
Notes and accounts receivable, trade	72,339	77,023	77,968	709
Other	81,891	197,667	100,926	918
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	833,755	990,191	835,074	7,592
Investments and advances	2,250,950	2,378,966	2,644,653	24,042
Property, plant and equipment	40,819	38,551	33,866	308
Other assets:				
Deferred insurance acquisition costs	363,401	374,805	380,238	3,457
Other	108,956	103,004	104,991	954
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	472,357	477,809	485,229	4,411
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	Y3,597,881	Y3,885,517	Y3,998,822	\$36,353
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Short-term borrowings	Y103,176	Y45,358	Y42,346	\$385
Notes and accounts payable, trade	7,176	7,099	8,232	75
Deposits from customers in the banking business	413,654	546,718	574,814	5,226
Other	158,775	109,438	112,359	1,021
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	682,781	708,613	737,751	6,707
Long-term liabilities:				
Long-term debt	135,993	135,750	134,879	1,226
Accrued pension and severance costs	10,748	14,362	14,685	133
Future insurance policy benefits and other	2,265,008	2,464,295	2,521,860	22,926
Other	120,406	142,272	149,169	1,357
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	2,532,155	2,756,679	2,820,593	25,642
Minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries	5,820	5,476	5,402	49
Stockholders' equity	377,125	414,749	435,076	3,955
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	Y3,597,881	Y3,885,517	Y3,998,822	\$36,353

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	(Millions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars)			
Sony without Financial Services	June 30 2004	March 31 2005	June 30 2005	June 30 2005
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	Y309,206	Y519,732	Y327,651	\$2,979
Marketable securities	4,075	4,072	4,073	37
Notes and accounts receivable, trade	935,065	952,692	865,106	7,864
Other	1,274,358	1,116,353	1,189,093	10,810
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	2,522,704	2,592,849	2,385,923	21,690
Film costs	259,792	278,961	313,940	2,854
Investments and advances	423,858	445,446	465,380	4,231
Investments in Financial Services, at cost	197,073	187,400	187,400	1,704
Property, plant and equipment	1,330,866	1,333,848	1,354,901	12,317
Other assets	1,272,866	1,189,398	1,199,863	10,908
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	Y6,007,159	Y6,027,902	Y5,907,407	\$53,704
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Short-term borrowings	Y373,908	Y204,027	Y191,677	\$1,742
Notes and accounts payable, trade	757,236	801,252	752,804	6,844
Other	1,144,546	1,132,201	1,040,032	9,455
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	2,275,690	2,137,480	1,984,513	18,041
Long-term liabilities:				
Long-term debt	777,738	627,367	626,821	5,698
Accrued pension and severance costs	366,465	338,040	336,456	3,059
Other	331,854	263,520	296,385	2,694
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	1,476,057	1,228,927	1,259,662	11,451
Minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries	17,567	18,471	22,517	205
Stockholders' equity	2,237,845	2,643,024	2,640,715	24,007
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	(Millions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars)			
Consolidated	June 30	March 31	June 30	June 30
ASSETS	2004	2005	2005	2005
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Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	Y498,587	Y779,103	Y508,103	\$4,619
Marketable securities	494,219	460,202	479,801	4,362
Notes and accounts receivable, trade	1,003,829	1,025,362	939,281	8,539
Other	1,332,597	1,291,504	1,267,152	11,520
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	3,329,232	3,556,171	3,194,337	29,040
Film costs	259,792	278,961	313,940	2,854
Investments and advances	2,554,759	2,745,689	3,019,294	27,448
Property, plant and equipment	1,371,685	1,372,399	1,388,767	12,625
Other assets:				
Deferred insurance acquisition costs	363,401	374,805	380,238	3,457
Other	1,270,858	1,171,075	1,177,897	10,708
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	1,634,259	1,545,880	1,558,135	14,165
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	Y9,149,727	Y9,499,100	Y9,474,473	\$86,132
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Short-term borrowings	Y457,873	Y230,266	Y217,116	\$1,974
Notes and accounts payable, trade	762,582	806,044	758,955	6,900
Deposits from customers in the banking business	413,654	546,718	574,814	5,226
Other	1,286,522	1,226,340	1,134,490	10,313
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	2,920,631	2,809,368	2,685,375	24,413
Long-term liabilities:				
Long-term debt	781,089	678,992	678,303	6,166
Accrued pension and severance costs	377,213	352,402	351,141	3,192
Future insurance policy benefits and other	2,265,008	2,464,295	2,521,860	22,926
Other	364,551	299,858	321,571	2,924

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	3,787,861	3,795,547	3,872,875	35,208
Minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries	23,287	23,847	27,870	253
Stockholders' equity	2,417,948	2,870,338	2,888,353	26,258
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	Y9,149,727	Y9,499,100	Y9,474,473	\$86,132
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Condensed Statements of Cash Flows

	(Millions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars)		
	Three months ended June 30		
Financial Services	2004	2005	2005
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Net cash provided by operating activities	Y50,544	Y8,650	\$78
Net cash used in investing activities	(209,778)	(150,060)	(1,364)
Net cash provided by financing activities	92,299	62,491	568
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Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(66,935)	(78,919)	(718)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the fiscal year	256,316	259,371	2,358
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Cash and cash equivalents at June 30	Y189,381	Y180,452	\$1,640
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	(Millions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars)		
	Three months ended June 30		
Sony without Financial Services	2004	2005	2005
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Net cash used in operating activities	Y(72,863)	Y(97,332)	\$(885)
Net cash used in investing activities	(174,929)	(70,426)	(640)
Net cash used in financing activities	(49,135)	(28,434)	(258)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	13,238	4,111	37
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Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(283,689)	(192,081)	(1,746)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the fiscal year	592,895	519,732	4,725
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Cash and cash equivalents at June 30	Y309,206	Y327,651	\$2,979
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	(Millions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars)		
	Three months ended June 30		
Consolidated	2004	2005	2005
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Net cash used in operating	Y(22,484)	Y(88,632)	\$(806)

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activities			
Net cash used in investing activities	(376,027)	(223,131)	(2,028)
Net cash provided by financing activities	34,649	36,652	333
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	13,238	4,111	37
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Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(350,624)	(271,000)	(2,464)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the fiscal year	849,211	779,103	7,083
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Cash and cash equivalents at June 30	Y498,587	Y508,103	\$4,619
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