# ISHIHARA SANGYO KAISHA

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# Consolidated Financial Highlights For the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001

		Millions of yen		
	2002	2001		Note) 2002
For the years ended March 31,				
Net sales:				
Domestic	¥ 40,705	¥ 43,952	\$ 30	5,480
Overseas	51,812	48,092	38	38,832
Total	92,517	92,044	69	04,312
Sales classified by segment:				
Inorganic chemicals	45,903	49,445	34	44,488
Organic chemicals	41,941	35,443	31	14,758
Other business	4,673	7,156	3	35,066
Total	92,517	92,044	69	04,312
Operating income	7,605	7,267	9	57,072
Net income	1,833	1,427		13,754
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	5,173	5,520	3	38,821
Research and development costs	6,350	5,551	4	<del>1</del> 7,653
As of March 31,				
Current assets	94,318	112,301	70	07,831
Total assets	160,525	183,209	1,20	)4,691
Current liabilities	87,058	98,761	65	53,343
Shareholders' equity	43,533	42,941	32	26,704
		Yen		. dollars Note)
Per share data				
Net income	¥ 5.02	¥ 3.91	\$	0.04
Shareholders' equity	119.32	117.69		0.90
Number of employees (as of March 31)	1,863	1,938		

Note: The U.S. dollar amounts in this report have been translated from the yen amounts, for convenience only, at ¥133.25 = U.S.\$1.00, the rate of exchange prevailing on March 31, 2002.

# To Our Shareholders and Friends

In presenting this annual report covering the business activities of Ishihara Sangyo Kaisha Group (ISK) for fiscal 2001, ended March 31, 2002, we will first summarize the year's business climate worldwide.

After years of dynamic performance, the U.S. economy plunged sharply in the wake of the bursting of the dot-com bubble and the September 11th terrorist attacks. Partly affected by these setbacks, European and Asian markets began to lose momentum, disrupting economic development worldwide. In Japan, stock prices remained in the doldrums and the country's inability to alter its social structure further fueled the deterioration of the economy. As a result, deflationary pressure became stronger and the unemployment rate reached the highest level of the postwar period, soaring above five percent. In the private sector, the overall corporate financial base shrank while capital expenditures and consumption continued to drop.

Constricted by several unfavorable factors, however, we at ISK strove to improve profitability and expand our business operations based on the four-year structural improvement plan we initiated in April 1999. We also endeavored to reshape our corporate structure to survive and achieve further business development.

During the year under review, our revenues in the organic chemical business greatly increased as sales of agrochemicals in overseas markets remained robust and sales royalty income for our new products rose. In contrast, the faltering stock prices in major markets and the Japanese structural economic slump strongly affected the inorganic chemical business. Also, we suffered losses in our other business category. Consequently, we posted sales of ¥92.5 billion (US\$694 million), a year-on-year increase of ¥0.4 billion, while reporting an operating profit of ¥7.6 billion (US\$57 million), a year-on-year increase of ¥0.3 billion. Reflecting extraordinary losses from the write-down of investment securities and the allowance for doubtful receivables of Ishihara Argentina S.A., an overseas affiliate, net income amounted to ¥1.8 billion (US\$14 million), an increase of ¥0.4 billion from the previous year.

Motivated to strengthen our corporate profitability and financial base, we have been making every effort to implement our four-year structural improvement plan. Thanks to these corporate efforts, we have eliminated unprofitable businesses, curtailed non-performing assets, and slashed interest-bearing liabilities. As a result, we have greatly bettered our financial position.

Meanwhile, as businesses throughout the world experience increasing difficulties, the unrestricted flow of goods, capital, and services has become predominant worldwide, and each market has been developing its potential for growth. Within this global economy, we have successfully sharpened our competitive edge and consolidated our management structure appropriate to meet the new challenges in the market. Paying heed to the ongoing process of globalization, we endeavor to establish a more profitable corporate structure by thoroughly implementing business plans and actions based on departmental strategies.

As our corporate objectives in the future, we intend to obtain more profits from our core businesses and foster our new businesses in the 21st century while creating a stable financial position and increasing our corporate value.

In the agrochemical sector, we consider the next ten years as our second development period, in which we will try to double our sales by 2010. During this period, we will reorganize our corporate structure to provide a satisfactory platform for our business activities for the development, registration, production, and sales promotion in the world's major markets. Also, we will expand our market presence as an R&D-based manufacturer, increasing the number of countries of registration for ISK-developed products. We believe these new products will become a strong foundation for our development in the next decade.

In the titanium dioxide business, we set up a working committee for rationalizing the titanium dioxide business structure in June 2001 to enhance our international cost competitiveness and profit potential. This committee is providing the leadership for the thorough review of the business operations of all our group companies.

We will make our functional material business more profit-oriented by targeting certain growth industries, such as the IT industry, the environmental industry, and the consumer industry. Also we will aggressively utilize IT and other operating resources to further enhance our bottom line and facilitate operational management.

We have been making steady progress in the genetic sector, hoping that it will become one of our core businesses in the future. In April 2002, we initiated the marketing of GenomONE, an HVJ Envelop Vector kit for gene function analysis. We are now intensifying our commitment to vector kit commercialization. In addition, we have been concentrating our research capabilities and resources in the IT industry, the biotechnology industry, the nanotechnology industry, the environmental industry, and the food industry to expand our business potential.

We are accelerating liquidation of corporate assets and reduction of group company inventories to ensure that our businesses further prosper. Therefore, we will be able to minimize our interest-bearing liabilities and make our assets more valuable.

The rating of our corporate bonds was upgraded in December 2001, which we believe is a significant consequence of our continuous efforts to find appropriate solutions to our tasks derived from the four-year structural improvement plan. We intend to add more value to our brick-and-mortar presence in the industry. Directed by our corporate precept, "Contributing to Society and Life by Creating a Better Global Environment," we wish to satisfy our customers' various demands for titanium dioxide, functional materials, agrochemicals, organic intermediates, pharmaceuticals. In this respect, we will redouble our efforts to provide our customers with environmental-friendly products of greater quality at reasonable prices.

We look forward to the continued understanding and cooperation of our shareholders and customers.



Takashi Akizawa Chairman



Masahiko Mizoi

President

# **Business Overview**

### **INORGANIC CHEMICALS**

Titanium Dioxide, Functional Materials, and Magnetic Materials After years of tight supplies worldwide in the titanium dioxide sector ended with the economic slowdown in the U.S., product prices began to fluctuate in major markets this year. Despite this obstacle to our business, we continued our sales promotion activities. Unfortunately, however, these resulted in a decline of sales owing to the sluggish demand in Japan and overseas.

In the functional materials business, sales in electric materials dropped more than expected due to the considerable shortfall in ITrelated demand. As a result, our total sales in this category shrank year on year despite an increase in demand for photocatalytic use titanium dioxide as the EPA tightened its Tier 2 emission standards and ultrafine titanium dioxide.

Magnetic iron oxide sales dwindled in the wake of the company's withdrawal from the magnetic iron oxide business for videocassette tape.

Consequently, our inorganic chemical sales totaled ¥45.9 billion (US\$344 million), a decline of ¥3.5 billion from the year before, for an operating profit of ¥2.8 billion (US\$ 22 million), a decline of ¥1.5 billion from the previous year.

#### **ORGANIC CHEMICALS**

# Agrochemicals, Organic Intermediates, and Pharmaceuticals

In the overseas agrochemical industry, mergers and acquisitions among European and U.S. companies have further accelerated trends in major markets in which business is dominated by just a few companies. In Japan, industrial reorganization and competition among manufacturers have been intensifying as foreign companies continue to attract more customers through direct marketing. As a result, industrial competition in the agrochemical business has grown harsh. Industrial competition is expected to grow even more severe as genetically-modified crops increasingly enter into major markets, especially in the U.S.

Searching for good business opportunities within this market trend, we are developing ISK-branded products with a higher margin and stronger competitiveness while expanding our business worldwide. We are now deploying our managerial resources in major markets to establish distribution channels for our products. For this purpose, we increased our equity contribution to Belchim Crop Protection in Belgium, our long-time distribution partner in Europe. We also took an equity stake in Ceranova Handles Gmbh in Austria.

This year, FMC Corporation in the U.S. and ISK reached a development and sales agreement regarding IKI-220, our new insecticide under development. Under this agreement, FMC Corporation obtained permission for promoting this new product in American markets, excluding the four markets in South America, where we have our own distribution channels, and some European markets. Our affiliated company ISK Bioscience K.K. in Japan obtained the exclusive rights to market the agrochemicals and termiticide of the FMC Corporation.

Consequently, we reported sales of ¥41.9 billion (US\$315 million), a ¥6.4 billion rise from the previous year, in agrochemicals and intermediates, while recording an operating profit of ¥6.9 billion (US\$52 million) for the year, an increase of ¥1.9 billions from the year before, thanks to a surge in ISK-brand agrochemicals exports to American and European markets, and the Brazilian market in particular. Also, sales royalty income contributed to expanding sales in this category.

#### **OTHER BUSINESSES**

Our other businesses include Japanese subsidiaries in the construction industry and trading companies. This year, sales in this category amounted to ¥4.6 billion (US\$35 million), a year-on-year

decline of ¥2.4 billion over our operating profit of ¥0.9 billion (US\$7 million), a ¥0.1 billion increase from the previous year.

# **Consolidated Balance Sheets**

As of March 31, 2002 and 2001

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 1)
	2002	2001	2002
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and time deposits (Notes 5 and 13)	¥ 20,259	¥30,756	\$ 152,036
Short-term investments (Notes 3 and 5)	216	592	1,621
Trade receivables:			
Notes	5,118	5,859	38,408
Accounts	31,456	32,990	236,070
	36,574	38,849	274,478
Less allowance for doubtful receivables	(1,998)	(805)	(14,992
Trade receivables, net	34,576	38,044	259,486
Inventories (Note 4)	32,767	32,264	245,904
Deferred income taxes (Note 8)	956	1,238	7,174
Other current assets	5,544	9,407	41,610
Total current assets	94,318	112,301	707,831
Investments and advances			
Investments in securities (Notes 3 and 5)			
Unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates	3,465	3,961	26,005
Other	5,481	7,841	41,130
Total investments in securities	8,946	11,802	67,135
Long-term loans	186	244	1,395
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	. (0)	(0)	(0
Net long-term loans	186	244	1,395
Deferred income taxes (Note 8)	3,079	2,679	23,112
Other	1,410	1,318	10,579
Total investments and advances	13,621	16,043	102,221
Property, plant and equipment, at cost (Note 5)			
Land	•	5,968	43,961
Buildings and structures	45,222	45,353	339,379
Machinery and equipment		106,376	804,523
Construction in progress	1,146	1,133	8,598
	159,429	158,830	1,196,461
Less accumulated depreciation	(107,654)	(104,239)	(807,912
Property, plant and equipment, net	51,775	54,591	388,549
Other assets	811	274	6,090

	Mil	lions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 1)
	2002	2001	2002
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity			
Current liabilities			
Short-term bank loans (Note 5)	¥ 46,999	¥ 48,487	¥ 352,716
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 5)	13,974	19,639	104,868
Trade payables:			
Notes	4,049	5,477	30,389
Accounts	12,549	12,704	94,174
	16,598	18,181	124,563
Accrued income taxes	204	173	1,532
Accrued expenses	5,265	5,537	39,511
Other current liabilities	4,018	6,744	30,153
Total current liabilities	87,058	98,761	653,343
Long-term liabilities			
Long-term debt (Note 5)	21,540	32,908	161,652
Accrued retirement benefits for employees (Note 7)		3,366	29,426
Accrued retirement benefits for directors and corporate auditors		968	6,442
Deferred income taxes (Note 8)		1,141	1,476
Other	3,171	2,980	23,791
Total long-term liabilities	29,687	41,363	222,787
Contingent liabilities (Note 12)			
Minority interests	247	144	1,857
Shareholders' equity			
Common stock:			
Authorized: 1,000,000,000 shares	42.020	42,029	215 /11
Issued: 369,757,510 shares in 2002 and 2001			315,411
Capital surplus (Note 9)		5,235	39,290
		278	733
Retained earnings (Note 9)		14	8,263 (9,471)
Net unrealized holding (loss) gain on securities			
Translation adjustments	(1,447)	(2,402)	(10,856)
Less treasury stock, at cost:			
4,925,543 shares in 2002 and 4,884,163 shares in 2001	(2,221)	(2,213)	(16,666)
Total shareholders' equity		42,941	326,704
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Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	¥160,525	¥183,209	\$1,204,691

# **Consolidated Statements of Income**

For the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 1)
-	2002	2001	2002
Net sales (Note 15)	¥92,517	¥92,044	\$694,312
Cost of sales (Note 6)	66,068	66,707	495,817
Gross profit	26,449	25,337	198,495
Selling, general and administrative expenses (Note 6)	18,844	18,070	141,423
Operating income (Note 15)	7,605	7,267	57,072
Other income:			
Interest and dividend income	336	519	2,524
Gain on sales of property, plant and equipment	15	364	113
Gain on sales of investments in securities	195		1,463
Foreign exchange gain	171	1,946	1,280
Other	1,204	670	9,042
	1,921	3,499	14,422
Other expenses:			
Interest expense	2,472	2,650	18,550
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	283	626	2,127
Loss on devaluation of investments in securities	1,229	1,747	9,221
Loss on liquidation of magnetic materials business for			
videotape operations		2,264	_
Other	3,346	3,984	25,113
	7,330	11,271	55,011
Income (loss) before income taxes and minority interests	2,196	(505)	16,483
Income taxes (Note 8):			
Current	412	557	3,093
Deferred	(96)	(2,497)	(721)
Minority interests	47	8	357
Net income	¥ 1,833	¥ 1,427	\$ 13,754

# Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity For the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001

		Millions of yen						
	Number of shares of common stock	Common stock	Capital surplus	Surplus arising from land revaluation	Retained earnings	Net unrealized holding gain (loss) on securities	Translation adjustments	Treasury stock, at cost
Balance at March 31, 2000	369,756,417	¥42,028	¥5,235	¥—	¥(1,149)	¥ —	¥ —	¥(2,213)
Net income for the year ended March 31, 2001	_	_	_		1,427	_	_	_
Conversion of convertible bonds	1,093	1	0	_	_	_	_	_
Unrealized holding gain on securities	_	_	_	_	_	14	_	_
Translation adjustments	_		_	_	_	_	(2,402)	
Balance at March 31, 2001	369,757,510	42,029	5,235		278	14	(2,402)	(2,213)
Net income for the year ended March 31, 2002	_	_	_	_	1,833	_	_	
Decrease in retained earnings resulting from restructuring of U.S. subsidiaries	_	_	_	_	(1,010)	_	_	_
Unrealized holding loss on securities	_		_			(1,276)		
Surplus arising from land revaluation	_	_	_	98	_	_	_	_
Translation adjustments	_	_	_	_	_	_	955	_
Increase in treasury stock	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(8)
Balance at March 31, 2002	369,757,510	¥42,029	¥5,235	¥98	¥1,101	¥(1,262)	¥(1,447)	¥(2,221)

		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 1)						
	Number of shares of common stock	Common stock	Capital surplus	Surplus arisin from land revaluation	g Retained earnings	Net unrealized holding gain (loss) on securities	Translation adjustments	Treasury stock, at cost
Balance at March 31, 2001	369,757,510	\$315,411	\$39,290	\$ —	\$ 2,085	\$ 108	\$(18,030)	\$(16,605)
Net income for the year ended March 31, 2002	_	_	_	_	13,754	_	_	_
Decrease in retained earnings resulting from restructuring of U.S. subsidiaries	_	_	_	_	(7,576)	_	_	_
Unrealized holding loss on securities	_	_	_	_	_	(9,579)	_	_
Surplus arising from land revaluation	_	_	_	733	_	_	_	_
Translation adjustments	_	_	_	_	_	_	7,174	_
Increase in treasury stock	_	_	_			_		(61)
Balance at March 31, 2002	369,757,510	\$315,411	\$39,290	\$733	\$ 8,263	\$(9,471)	\$(10,856)	\$(16,666)

# **Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

For the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001

			Thousands of
-	Milli	ons of yen	U.S. dollars (Note 1)
	2002	2001	2002
Cash flows from operating activities			
Income (loss) before income taxes and minority interests	¥ 2,196	¥ (505)	\$ 16,483
Adjustments to reconcile income (loss) before income taxes and minority	,	` ,	
interests to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	5,417	5,666	40,655
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	160	556	1,198
Loss on devaluation and sales of investments in securities	1,239	1,852	9,301
Foreign exchange gain	(722)	(641)	(5,416)
Gain on sales of investments in securities	(195)	(5)	(1,464)
Reversal of retirement benefits		(3,495)	(1)101)
Provision for retirement benefits	446	4,334	3,344
Interest and dividend income	(336)	(519)	(2,524)
Interest expense	2,472	2,650	18,550
Equity in loss (earnings) of affiliated companies	283	(68)	2,121
Other	1,182	442	8,869
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	1,102	772	0,007
Receivables	3,134	(6,766)	23,517
Inventories	255	(381)	1,914
	997	648	7,485
Other current assets and other operating assets			
Payables	(1,888)	3,917	(14,166)
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	(3,397)	3,083	(25,491)
Subtotal	11,243	10,768	84,376
Interest and dividend income received	528	283	3,963
Interest paid	(2,452)	(2,440)	(18,404)
Income taxes paid	(342)	(528)	(2,567)
Net cash provided by operating activities	8,977	8,083	67,368
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(3,631)	(2,692)	(27,252)
Increase in investments in securities	(420)	(601)	(3,153)
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment	385	409	2,890
Proceeds from sales of investments in securities	849	753	6,372
Increase in long-term loans	82	36	613
Decrease in long-term loans	(23)	(25)	(171)
Other, net	1,860	(222)	13,959
Net cash used in investing activities	(898)	(2,342)	(6,742)
Cash flows from financing activities			
(Decrease) increase in short-term bank loans, net	(1,543)	531	(11,578)
Proceeds from long-term debt	3,160	9,530	23,715
Repayment of long-term debt	(6,227)	(4,512)	(46,731)
Repayment of bonds	(0,227) $(14,335)$	(2,489)	(107,579)
Other, net	(8)	(2,40))	(61)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(18,953)	3,061	(142,234)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	377	444	2,828
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(10,497)	9,246	(78,780)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	30,696	21,450	230,366
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year (Note 13)	¥20,199	¥30,696	\$151,586

# Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

For the years ended March 31, 2001 and 2000

# 1. Basis of Presenting Financial Statements

Ishihara Sangyo Kaisha, Ltd. (the "Company") and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries maintain their accounts and records in accordance with accounting principles and practices generally accepted and applied in Japan. Its foreign consolidated subsidiaries maintain their accounts in conformity with the requirements of their countries of domicile. The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been compiled from the consolidated financial statements prepared by the Company as required by the Securities and Exchange Law of Japan, which may differ in certain material respects from accounting principles and practices generally accepted in countries and jurisdictions other than Japan.

The translation of yen amounts into U.S. dollar amounts is included solely for convenience, as a matter of arithmetic computation only, at the rate of \(\frac{\pmathbf{\text{4}}}{133.25} = \text{U.S.\$1.00}\), the approximate rate of exchange in effect on March 31, 2002. The translation should not be construed as a representation that yen have been, could have been, or could in the future be, converted into U.S. dollars at the above or any other rate.

### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

# (a) Principles of Consolidation and Accounting for Investments in Unconsolidated Subsidiaries and Affiliates

The accompanying consolidated financial statements for the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001 consist of the accounts of the Company, ISK Bioscience K.K., ISK Singapore Pte. Ltd., the ISK Americas Incorporated Group (7 subsidaries), ISK Biosciences Europe S.A., ISK Taiwan Co., Ltd., Ishihara Argentina S.A., Ishihara Tecno Corporation, Ishihara Enterprise & Co. Inc., ISK Engineering Corporation and ISK Distribution Service Co. Ltd.

All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The foreign consolidated subsidiaries are consolidated on the basis of fiscal periods ending December 31, which differs from the balance sheet date of the Company. As a result, adjustments have been made for any significant intercompany transactions which took place during the period between the year ends of these foreign consolidated subsidiaries and the year end of the Company.

The Company's remaining subsidiaries have not been consolidated, because they are not significant in terms of total assets, retained earnings, net sales and net income. The investments in significant affiliates have been stated at the underlying net equity after the elimination of intercompany profit. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and the remaining affiliated companies are stated at cost.

### (b) Foreign Currency Translation

# Foreign currency transactions

Effective April 1, 2000, the Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries adopted a revised "Accounting Standard for Foreign Currency Translation" issued by the Business Accounting Deliberation Council of Japan. Under this standard, all monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into yen amounts at the rates of exchange in effect at the balance sheets date, except that receivables and payables hedged by qualified forward foreign exchange contracts are translated at their corresponding contract rates. All other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at their historical rates.

Revenue and expense items arising from transactions denominated in foreign currencies are generally translated into yen at the exchange rates in effect at the respective transaction dates. Foreign exchange gain or loss is credited or charged to income in the year in which such gain or loss is recognized for financial reporting purposes.

The effect of the adoption of the revised standard on the consolidated financial statements was to decrease loss before income taxes and minority interests for the year ended March 31, 2001 by ¥1,119 million from the amounts which would have been recorded if the method applied in the previous year had been followed. *Financial statements of foreign consolidated subsidiaries* 

The balance sheets accounts of the foreign consolidated subsidiaries are translated into yen at the rates of exchange in effect at the balance sheets date except that the components of shareholders' equity are translated at their historical rates. Revenue and expense accounts are translated at the average rates of exchange in effect during the year. Differences resulting from translating financial statements denominated

in foreign currencies have not been included in the determination of net income but are reported as translation adjustments as a component of shareholders' equity.

# (c) Cash and Cash Equivalent

For the purposes of the consolidated statements of cash flows for the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and in banks and other highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less when purchased.

#### (d) Inventories

Inventories of the Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries are valued at cost determined by the weighted average method. Inventories of the foreign consolidated subsidiaries are stated at the lower of cost or market, the cost of ISK Singapore Pte. Ltd. being determined by the moving average method and the cost of other subsidiaries being determined by the average method.

#### (e) Investments in Securities

Effective April 1, 2000, the Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries adopted "Accounting Standard for Financial Instruments" issued by the Business Accounting Deliberation Council of Japan. This standard requires that securities be classified into three categories: trading securities, held-to-maturity debt securities and other securities.

Under this standard, trading securities are carried at fair value. Gain and loss, both realized and unrealized, are charged to income. Held-to-maturity debt securities are carried at amortized cost. Marketable securities classified as other securities are carried at fair value, with any changes in unrealized holding gain or loss, net of the applicable income taxes, reported as a separate component of shareholders' equity. Non-marketable securities classified as other securities are carried at cost. Cost of securities sold is determined by the moving average method. Though March 31, 2001, marketable securities classified as other securities were carried at cost determined by the moving average method.

The effect of the adoption of this standard for marketable securities classifed as other securities is reported as net unrealized holding (loss) gain on securities as a separate component of shareholder's equity. The overall effect at March 31, 2002 was to decrease investments in securities by \$1,235 million (\$9,268 thousand) and to increase deferred tax liabilities by \$17 million (\$126 thousand) and minority interests by \$1 million (\$8 thousand) as compared to the amounts which would have been recorded under the method applied in the previous year.

As of April 1, 2000, the Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries assessed their intent in holding their short-term investments and investments in securities and classified their securities at April 1, 2000 as "held-to-maturity debt securities" or "other securities" in accordance with the new standard referred to above. As a result, short-term investments of ¥8,439 million, which had been included in short-term investments at March 31, 2000, were reclassified to investments in securities effective March 31, 2001.

# (f) Derivatives and Hedging Activities

Derivative financial instruments are utilized by the Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries principally in order to manage certain risks arising from adverse fluctuation in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries have established a control environment which includes policies and procedures for risk assessment, including an assessment of the effectiveness of the hedging, and for the approval, reporting and monitoring of transactions involving derivatives. The Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries do not hold or issue derivatives for speculative trading purposes.

The Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries are exposed to certain market risks arising from their forward foreign exchange contracts and interest-rate option agreements. The Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries are also exposed to the risk of credit loss in the event of non-performance by the counterparties to the currency and interest-rate contracts; however, they do not anticipate nonperformance by any of these counterparties, all of whom are financial institutions with high credit ratings.

Derivatives are carried at fair value with any changes in unrealized gain or loss charged or credited to income, except for those which meet the criteria for deferred hedge accounting under which unrealized gain or loss is deferred as an asset or liability.

#### (g) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation of the assets is recognized primarily by the straight-line method.

Costs for maintenance, repairs and minor renewals are charged to income as incurred; major renewals and betterments are capitalized.

### (h) Research and Development Costs and Computer Software

Research and development costs are charged to income as incurred. Expenditures relating to computer software developed for internal use is charged to income as incurred, except if these are deemed to contribute to the generation of future income or cost savings. Such expenditures are capitalized as assets and amortized by the straight-line method over their useful lives, generally a period of 5 years.

# (i) Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries have provided allowances for doubtful receivables based on their historical experience of bad debts on ordinary receivables plus an additional estimate of probable specific doubtful accounts from customers experiencing financial difficulties.

The allowance for doubtful accounts of the foreign consolidated subsidiaries has been provided at an estimated amount of their probable bad debts.

## (j) Leases

The Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries lease certain equipment under non-cancelable lease agreements referred to as finance leases. Finance leases other than those which transfer the ownership of the leased property to the Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries are accounted for as operating leases.

The foreign consolidated subsidiaries lease certain equipment under non-cancelable lease agreements. These leased assets are generally classified and accounted for either as finance or operating leases in conformity with the accounting principles and practices accepted in the countries in which they are incorporated.

## (k) Retirement Benefits

The Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries have defined benefit pension plans and retirement benefit plans. The retirement benefit plans provide

for lump-sum payments to eligible employees upon retirement determined by reference to their basic salary, years of service and certain other factors.

Effective April 1, 2000, the Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries adopted "Accounting Standard for Retirement Benefits" issued by the Business Accounting Deliberation Council of Japan. In accordance with this standard, accrued retirement benefits are provided based on the amount of the projected benefit obligation reduced by the pension plan assets at fair value at the balance sheet date. The net retirement benefit obligation at transition of ¥6,506 million (\$48,826 thousand) is being amortized by the straight-line method over 15 years.

Actuarial gain or loss is amortized in the year following the year in which gain or loss is recognized, principally by the straight-line method over the estimated average remaining years of service of the employees participating in the plans.

The effect of the adoption of this standard for retirement benefits was to increase loss before income taxes and minority interests for the year ended March 31, 2001 by ¥623 million over the amount which would have been recorded under the method applied in the previous year.

Directors and corporate auditors are not covered by this plan. Accrued retirement benefits for directors and corporate auditors have been recorded at an amount equal to an estimate of the amounts payable to them if they retired at the balance sheet date.

The foreign consolidated subsidiaries do not have pension plans such as those of the Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries.

#### (l) Income Taxes

Income taxes are calculated based on taxable income and charged to income on an accrual basis. Certain temporary differences exist between taxable income and income reported for financial statement purposes which enter into the determination of taxable income in a different period. The Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries recognize the tax effect of such temporary differences in the consolidated financial statements.

#### 3. Short-term Investments and Investments in Securities

Marketable securities classified as held-to-maturity debt securities and other securities at March 31, 2002 and 2001 were as follows:

#### (a) Held-to-maturity debt securities

_	Millions of yen					Thousa	ınds of U.S. o	dollars	
	2002 2001					2002			
	Carrying value	Estimated fair value	Unrealized loss	Carrying value	Estimated fair value	Unrealized gain	Carrying value	Estimated fair value	Unrealized gain
Securities whose fair value exceeds their carrying value	¥—	¥—	¥—	¥10	¥11	¥1	\$	\$—	\$—
Securities whose carrying value exceeds their fair value	10	10	0	_	_	_	75	75	0
Total	¥10	¥10	¥0	¥10	¥11	¥1	\$75	\$75	\$0

#### (b) Other securities

		Millions of yen		Т	Thousands of U.S. dollars			
	2002				2002			
	Acquisition cost	Book value (fair market value)	Unrealized gain (loss)	Acquisition cost	Book value (fair market value)	Unrealized gain (loss)		
Securities whose fair market value exceeds their acquisition cost:								
Equity securities	¥720	¥901	¥181	\$5,402	\$6,761	\$1,359		
Subtotal	720	901	181	5,402	6,761	1,359		
Securities whose acquisition cost exceeds their fair market value:								
Equity securities	4,948	3,532	(1,416)	37,137	26,506	(10,631)		
Debt securities	50	50	_	375	375	_		
Other	3	2	(1)	21	17	(4)		
Subtotal	5,001	3,584	(1,416)	37,533	26,898	(10,635)		
Total	¥5,721	¥4,485	¥(1,236)	\$42,935	\$33,659	\$(9,276)		

_	Millions of yen				
		2001			
	Cost	Fair market value	Net unrealized gain (loss)		
Fair market value determinable:					
Equity securities	¥6,891	¥5,834	¥(1,057)		
Debt securities	50	51	1		
Other	3	3	0		
Total	¥6,944	¥5,888	¥(1,956)		

(c) A breakdown of other securities whose market value was not determinable at March 31, 2002 and 2001 is as follows:

	Million	Thousands of U.S. dollars	
	2002	2001	2002
Bonds held to maturity Other securities	¥ 156 1,045	¥592 887	\$1,171 7,845

(d) The proceeds from sales of, and gross realized gain and loss on, other securities for the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001 are summarized as follows:

	Millio	ns of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars
	2002	2001	2002
Proceeds from sales	¥6	¥38	\$45
Gross realized gain	0	16	1
Gross realized loss	2	11	15

(e) The carrying value of held-to-maturity debt securities and debt securities classified as other securities at March 31, 2002 is summarized as follows:

	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars
	Bonds	Bonds
Due in one year or less	¥216	\$1,621

#### 4. Inventories

Inventories at March 31, 2002 and 2001 are summarized as follows:

	Millio	Thousands of U.S. dollars	
	2002	2001	2002
Finished goods	3,864	5,199	\$148,439 28,996
Raw materials and supplies			68,469 \$245,904

## 5. Short-Term Bank Loans and Long-Term Debt

The average annual interest rates on short-term bank loans for the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001 were 1.6% and 1.7%, respectively.

Long-term debt including the current portion at March 31, 2002 and 2001 consisted of the following.

Loans from banks and other financial institutions with interest rates in 2002 ranging from 1.0% to 5.8% due through 2017 and in 2001 ranging from 1.6% to 1.8% due through to 2017:

	Millio	Thousands of U.S. dollars	
_	2002	2001	2002
Loans from banks (secured)	¥21,657	¥24,073	\$162,527
Loans from banks (unsecured)	5,757	6,039	43,205
5.7% yen bonds due 2003	8,100	9,000	60,788
1.8% yen convertible bonds due 2001	_	13,435	_
	35,514	52,547	266,520
Less amounts due within one year	(13,974)	(19,639)	(104,868)
	¥21,540	¥32,908	\$161,652

The aggregate annual maturities of long-term debt subsequent to March 31, 2002 are summarized as follows:

Year ending March 31,	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars
2003	¥13,974	\$104,868
2004	6,478	48,618
2005	4,205	31,558
2006	3,493	26,210
2007	2,657	19,942
2008	4,707	35,324
	¥35,514	\$266,520

At March 31, 2002 and 2001, the following assets were pledged as collateral to secure the above short-term bank loans and long-term debt:

	Millions of yen			Thousands of U.S. dollars	
	2002		2001		2002
Cash and time deposits	¥ 10	¥	60	\$	75
Investments in securities including					
short-term investments	5,390		7,918		40,447
Property, plant and equipment,					
net of accumulated depreciation	37,436	3	35,717	2	80,949
All assets of ISK Singapore Pte. Ltd.					
(except for certain property, plant					
and equipment)	12,337	1	1,876	9	92,584
	¥55,173	¥5	5,571	<b>\$4</b> 1	14,055

## 6. Research and Development Costs

Research and development costs included in manufacturing costs and selling, general and administrative expenses for the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001 totaled ¥6,350 million (\$47,653 thousand) and ¥5,551 million, respectively.

#### 7. Retirement Benefits

The following table sets forth the funded and accrued status of the retirement benefit plans and the amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheets at March 31, 2002 and 2001 for the Company's and the consolidated subsidiaries' defined benefit plans:

	Millior	Thousands of U.S. dollars	
	2002	2001	2002
Retirement benefit obligation	¥10,470	¥9,762	\$78,576
Plan assets at fair value	(348)	(356)	(2,611)
Unfunded retirement benefit obligation	10,122	9,406	75,965
Unrecognized net retirement benefit obligation at transition Unrecognized actuarial (loss) gain	(5,639) (562)	(6,073) 33	(42,317) (4,222)
Accrued retirement benefits	¥ 3,921	¥3,366	\$29,426

The components of retirement benefit expenses for the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001 were as follows:

	Milli	Thousands of U.S. dollars	
	2002	2001	2002
Service cost	¥ 490	¥ 496	\$3,674
Interest cost	320	314	2,405
Expected return on plan assets	(14	) (15)	(107)
Amortization of retirement benefit obligation at transition	434	434	3,255
actuarial gain	(2	) —	(13)
Retirement benefit expenses	¥1,228	¥1,229	\$9,214

The assumptions used in accounting for the defined benefit plans for the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001 were as follows:

	2002	2001
Discounted rates Expected rate of return on plan assets	2.5% 4.0%	3.5% 4.0%

#### 8. Income Taxes

Income taxes applicable to the Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries consist of corporation, inhabitants' and enterprise taxes. The statutory tax rate in Japan for the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001 was, in the aggregate, approximately 40.8%.

Deferred income taxes reflect the net effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of the assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the corresponding amounts reported for income tax purposes.

The difference between the statutory tax rate and the effective tax rate for the year ended March 31, 2002 is reconciled as follows:

	2002
Statutory tax rate	40.8%
Permanently nondeductible expenses	14.4
Permanently nontaxable dividends	(2.6)
Per capita portion of inhabitants' taxes	2.6
Foreign income taxes	3.2
Valuation allowance	(45.8)
Effect of difference in tax rates on subsidiaries	(1.1)
Unrealized profit on intercompany transactions	2.9
Effective tax rate	14.4%

A reconciliation of the difference between the statutory income tax rate and the effective tax rate for the year ended March 31, 2001 has not been presented because a loss before income taxes and minority interests was recorded.

Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effect of the temporary differences between the carrying amounts of the assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the corresponding amounts for income tax purposes. The significant components of the Company and

consolidated subsidiaries' deferred tax assets and liabilities at March 31, 2002 and 2001 are summarized as follows:

	Millio	ns of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars
_			
	2002	2001	2002
Deferred tax assets:			
Tax loss carryforward	¥3,239	¥3,280	\$24,302
Write-down of inventories	82	78	615
Unrealized profit on			
intercompany transactions	282	212	2,118
Retirement benefits	166	146	1,243
Accrued expenses	137	140	1,030
Other	130	61	978
Total deferred tax assets	4,036	3,917	30,286
Deferred tax liabilities:			
Property, plant and equipment	179	1,141	1,343
Unrealized holding gain	1//	1,111	1,515
on securities	18	_	133
		1 1 / 1	
Total deferred tax liabilities	197	1,141	1,476
Net deferred tax assets	¥3,839	¥2,776	\$28,810

# 9. Capital Surplus and Retained Earnings

On October 1, 2001, an amendment (the "Amendment") to the Commercial Code of Japan (the "Code") became effective. The Amendment eliminates the stated par value of the Company's outstanding shares, which resulted in all outstanding shares having no par value as of October 1, 2001. As a result of the Amendment, all share issuances after September 30, 2001 will be of shares with no par value. Prior to the date on which the Amendment became effective, the Company's shares had a par value of ¥50 per share.

The Code provides that an amount equal to at least 10% of the amounts to be disbursed as distributions of earnings be appropriated to the legal reserve until the sum of the legal reserve and capital surplus equals 25% of the common stock account. The Code also stipulates that, to the extent that the sum of the capital surplus account and the legal reserve exceeds 25% of the common stock account, any such excess is available for appropriation by resolution of the shareholders. No legal reserve has been included in retained earnings at March 31, 2002 or 2001.

#### **10. Land Revaluation**

At March 31, 2002, a domestic affiliate, which has been accounted for by the equity method, revalued its land held for business use in accordance with the "Land Revaluation Law" and the "Amended Land Revaluation Law." As a result of this revaluation by the affiliate, the Company recognized the portion attributable to the Company's interest in the unrealized gain on land revaluation and this has been accounted for as "surplus arising from land revaluation" under shareholders' equity in the consolidated balance sheet at March 31, 2002.

# 11. Leases

The following pro forma amounts represent the acquisition costs, accumulated depreciation and net book value of the leased assets as of March 31, 2002 and 2001, which would have been reflected in the consolidated

balance sheets if finance lease accounting had been applied to the finance leases currently accounted for as operating leases:

_	Millions of yen				Thou	Thousands of U.S. dollars			
		2002			2001			2002	
	Acquisition costs	Accumulated depreciation	Net book value	Acquisition costs	Accumulated depreciation	Net book value	Acquisition costs	Accumulated depreciation	Net book value
Machinery and equipment	¥3,705	¥1,481	¥2,224	¥2,858	¥996	¥1,862	\$27,807	\$11,113	\$16,694

Lease payments relating to finance leases accounted for as operating leases for the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001 amounted to ¥551 million (\$4,134 thousand) and ¥442 million, respectively. Depreciation of the leased assets computed by the straight-line method

over the respective lease terms for the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001 amounted to ¥551 million (\$4,134 thousand) and ¥442 million, respectively.

Future minimum lease payments (including the interest portion thereon) subsequent to March 31, 2002 for finance leases accounted for as operating leases are summarized as follows:

Year ending March 31,	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars
2003	¥ 622 1,602	\$ 4,671 12,023
2004 and increater	¥2,224	\$16,694

Future minimum lease payments (including the interest portion thereon) subsequent to March 31, 2002 for operating leases are summarized as follows:

Year ending March 31,	Million	ns of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars
2003	¥	334	\$ 2,503
2004 and thereafter		690	5,181
	¥1	,024	\$7,684

#### 12. Contingent Liabilities

As of March 31, 2002, the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries were contingently liable for the following:

	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars
Trade notes receivable discounted with banks	¥ 983	\$7,376
unconsolidated subsidiaries	287	2,151
	¥1,270	\$9,527

## 13. Supplemental Information to Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

A reconciliation between cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated statements of cash flows and cash and time deposits in the consolidated balance sheets as of March 31, 2002 and 2001 is presented as follows:

	Millio	Thousands of U.S. dollars	
-	2002	2001	2002
Cash and time deposits	¥20,259	¥30,756	\$152,036
excess of three months	(60)	(60)	(450)
Cash and cash equivalents	¥20,199	¥30,696	\$151,586

#### 14. Amounts per Share

	Yen				U.S. dollars
		2002	20	001	2002
Net income	¥	5.02	¥ 3	5.91	\$0.04
Net assets	1	19.32	117	.69	0.90

Net income per share is based on the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the respective years.

Net assets per share are based on the number of shares outstanding at the respective balance sheet dates.

# 15. Segment Information

# **Business segments**

The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries' operations are classified into 3 segments:

Inorganic chemicals

This segment's business involves titanium dioxide and functional materials which are value-added products designed to take advantage of the characteristics of titanium dioxide, magnetic materials and other inorganic chemical materials.

Organic chemicals

This segment's business involves agrochemicals, organic intermediates and active pharmaceutical ingredients.

Other business

This segment's business involves principally industries which trade and distribute the Company's goods, construct chemical plants, rent real estate, etc.

The summarized financial information by business segment for the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001 is as follows:

	Millions of yen						
	2002						
	Inorganic chemicals	Organic chemicals	Other business	Eliminations /corporate	Consolidated		
Sales and operating income:							
Net sales							
Outside customers	¥45,903	¥41,941 —	¥4,673 10,685	¥ — (10,685)	¥ 92,517		
Total sales	45,903	41,941	15,358	(10,685)	92,517		
Operating expenses	43,030	35,033	14,449	(7,600)	84,912		
Operating income	2,873	6,908	909	(3,085)	7,605		
Total assets	71,021	46,853	13,388	29,263	160,525		
Depreciation and amortization	3,985 3,642	918 912	92 36	367 (259)	5,362 4,331		

	Millions of yen						
	2001						
	Inorganic chemicals	Organic chemicals	Other business	Eliminations /corporate	Consolidated		
Sales and operating income:							
Net sales							
Outside customers Intersegment	¥49,445	¥35,443	¥ 7,156 10,635	¥ — (10,635)	¥ 92,044 —		
Total sales	49,445	35,443	17,791	(10,635)	92,044		
Operating expenses	44,976	30,461	17,045	(7,705)	84,777		
Operating income	4,469	4,982	746	(2,930)	7,267		
Total assets	72,824	51,943	13,875	44,567	183,209		
Depreciation and amortization	4,133 2,619	932 453	119 47	424 (178)	5,608 2,941		

	Thousands of U.S. dollars						
	2002						
	Inorganic chemicals	Organic chemicals	Other business	Eliminations /corporate	Consolidated		
Sales and operating income:							
Net sales							
Outside customers		\$314,758 —	\$35,066 80,187	\$ — (80,187)	\$ 694,312 —		
Total sales	344,488	314,758	115,253	(80,187)	694,312		
Operating expenses	322,924	262,915	108,439	(57,038)	637,240		
Operating income	21,564	51,843	6,814	(23,149)	57,072		
Total assets	532,990	351,615	100,477	219,609	1,204,691		
Depreciation and amortization	29,901 27,336	6,888 6,841	692 272	2,757 (1,946)	40,238 32,503		

Unallocable operating expenses consisting primarily of the Company's expenses relating to general affairs totaled ¥2,553 million (\$19,158 thousand) for the year ended March 31, 2002 and ¥2,453 million for the year ended March 31,

2001. These have been included in "Eliminations/corporate". Corporate assets principally consisted of the Company's cash and time deposits and investments in securities.

# Geographic segments

Geographic segments are determined in conformity with geographic proximity and the Company's business bases as follows:

Asia: Singapore, Taiwan America: United States, Argentina Europe: Belgium

	Millions of yen						
	2002						
	Japan	Asia	America	Europe	Eliminations /corporate	Consolidated	
Sales and operating income:							
Net sales							
Outside customers	¥ 63,951 19,384	¥ 8,229 3,224	¥ 9,242 715	¥11,095 66	¥ — (23,389)	¥ 92,517 —	
Total sales	83,335	11,453	9,957	11,161	(23,389)	92,517	
Operating expenses	73,132	10,848	10,125	10,754	(19,947)	84,912	
Operating income (loss)	¥ 10,203	¥ 605	¥ (168)	¥ 407	¥ (3,442)	¥ 7,605	
Identifiable assets	¥126,556	¥21,584	¥ 8,063	¥ 6,562	¥ (2,240)	¥160,525	

	Millions of yen							
	2001							
	Japan	Asia	America	Europe	Eliminations /corporate	Consolidated		
Sales and operating income:								
Net sales								
Outside customers	¥ 67,719 21,632	¥ 5,250 6,417	¥ 9,759 1,014	¥9,316 67	¥ — (29,130)	¥ 92,044 —		
Total sales	89,351	11,667	10,773	9,383	(29,130)	92,044		
Operating expenses	77,242	10,732	11,432	9,066	(23,695)	84,777		
Operating income (loss)	¥ 12,109	¥ 935	¥ (659)	¥ 317	¥ (5,435)	¥ 7,267		
Identifiable assets	¥133,268	¥20,886	¥11,469	¥5,833	¥11,753	¥183,209		

			Thousands o	f U.S. dollars			
	2002						
	Japan	Asia	America	Europe	Eliminations /corporate	Consolidated	
Sales and operating income:							
Net sales							
Outside customers	\$479,934 145,468	\$ 61,756 24,194	\$69,355 5,370	\$83,267 493	\$ — (175,525)	\$ 694,312	
Total sales	625,402	85,950	74,725	83,760	(175,525)	694,312	
Operating expenses	548,832	81,414	75,983	80,708	(149,697)	637,240	
Operating income (loss)	\$ 76,570	\$ 4,536	\$ (1,258)	\$ 3,052	\$ (25,828)	\$ 57,072	
Identifiable assets	\$949,767	\$161,980	\$60,508	\$49,245	\$ (16,809)	\$1,204,691	

Unallocable operating expenses consisting primarily of the Company's expenses relating to general affairs totaled ¥2,553 million (\$19,158 thousand) for the year ended March 31, 2002 and ¥2,453 million for the year ended March 31, 2001. These have been included in "Eliminations/

corporate".

Corporate assets principally consisted of the Company's cash and time deposits, and investments in securities

# Overseas net sales

The regions are determined in conformity with geographic proximity and the Company's business activities, as follows:

Asia: China, Taiwan, South Korea, Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore America: United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, Brazil, Argentina, Mexico

Europe: Germany, Holland, France, Great Britain, Belgium, Italy, Eastern Europe and Middle East

Other: Australia, New Zealand, Africa

	Millions of yen						
	2002						
	Asia	America	Europe	Other	Total		
Overseas net sales Consolidated net sales	¥16,449	¥17,549	¥17,326	¥488	¥51,812 92,517		
Overseas net sales as a percentage of net sales	17.8%	19.0%	18.7%	0.5%	56.0%		

	Millions of yen 2001						
	Asia	America	Europe	Other	Total		
Overseas net sales	¥17,684	¥16,100	¥13,840	¥468	¥48,092 92,044		
Overseas net sales as a percentage of net sales	19.2%	17.5%	15.0%	0.5%	52.2%		

	Thousands of U.S. dollars 2002							
	Asia	America	Europe	Other	Total			
Overseas net sales Consolidated net sales	\$123,448	\$131,700	\$130,022	\$3,662	\$388,832 694,312			
Overseas net sales as a percentage of net sales	17.8%	19.0%	18.7%	0.5%	56.0%			



### Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants

The Board of Directors Ishihara Sangyo Kaisha, Ltd.

We have audited the consolidated balance sheets of Ishihara Sangyo Kaisha, Ltd. and consolidated subsidiaries as of March 31, 2002 and 2001, and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended, all expressed in yen. Our audits were made in accordance with auditing standards, procedures and practices generally accepted and applied in Japan and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements, expressed in yen, present fairly the consolidated financial position of Ishihara Sangyo Kaisha, Ltd. and consolidated subsidiaries at March 31, 2002 and 2001, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles and practices generally accepted in Japan applied on a consistent basis.

As described in Note 2, Ishihara Sangyo Kaisha, Ltd. and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries have adopted new accounting standards for foreign currency translation, financial instruments and employees' retirement benefits effective the year ended March 31, 2001 in the preparation of their consolidated financial statements.

The U.S. dollar amounts in the accompanying consolidated financial statements with respect to the year ended March 31, 2002 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 1.

Shin Rihm & Co.

June 27, 2002

See Note 1 which explains the basis of preparation of the consolidated financial statements of Ishihara Sangyo Kaisha, Ltd. under Japanese accounting principles and practices.

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