Sumitomo

Consolidated semiannual results 2002

(Six-month period ended September 30, 2002)

[Prepared on the basis of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America]

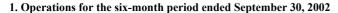
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(1) Summary		(Remark) Amounts are rounded to the nearest million								
	Total tradin	g transactions	Operatin	ng income	in earnings of subs	taxes, minority interests idiaries, and equity in ociated companies				
	(millions of yen)	increase/decrease (%)	(millions of yen)	increase/decrease (%)	(millions of yen)	increase/decrease (%)				
Apr.1-Sep.30, 2002	4,568,536	(-5.5)	38,722	(-8.6)	35,934	(-8.0)				
Apr.1-Sep.30, 2001	4,834,998	(-3.2)	42,349	(2.5)	39,079	(-41.9)				
Year ended										
March 31, 2002	9,645,379		88,368		83,008					

	Net income		Net income per share (basic)	Net income per share (diluted)				
	(millions of yen) ir	ncrease/decrease (%)	(yen)	(yen)				
Apr.1-Sep.30, 2002	21,407	(5.4)	20.12	19.74				
Apr.1-Sep.30, 2001	20,302	(-37.7)	19.08	18.69				
Year ended								
March 31, 2002	45,216		42.49	41.59				

1 Equity in earnings of associated companies

(Apr.1-Sep.30, 2002) ¥ 3,636 million (Apr.1-Sep.30, 2001) ¥ 63 million

(Apr.1, 2001-Mar.31, 2002)

¥ 209 million

② Average shares outstanding (consolidated)

None

(Apr.1-Sep.30, 2002) 1,064,070,538 (Apr.1-Sep.30, 2001) 1,064,188,928

(Apr.1, 2001-Mar.31, 2002)

1,064,206,644

③ Changes of accounting policies

④ Percentage figures are changes from the same period of the previous fiscal year.

(2) Financial position

	Total assets	Total shareholders' equity	Shareholders' equity ratio	Shareholders' equity per share
September 30, 2002	(millions of yen) 4,612,998	(millions of yen) 641,428	(%) 13.9	(yen) 602.80
September 30, 2001	4,777,892	597,440	12.5	561.45
March 31, 2002	4,852,554	650,366	13.4	611.14

(Note) Shares outstanding (consolidated) September 30, 2002: 1,064,078,559 September 30, 2001: 1,064,110,434 March 31, 2002: 1,064,192,949

(3)Consolidated cash flows

	Operating activities	Investing activities	Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	
	(millions of yen)	(millions of yen)	(millions of yen)	(millions of yen)
Apr.1-Sep.30, 2002	97,895	2,541	-100,757	273,386
Apr.1-Sep.30, 2001	34,237	-14,054	-44,935	228,897
Year ended				
March 31, 2002	72,726	-78,823	26,651	276,726

(4) Number of consolidated subsidiaries and other affiliated companies (equity method)

Consolidated subsidiaries 542

Associated companies

(5) Changes of number of consolidated subsidiaries and other affiliated companies (equity method)

(added) 36, (reduced) 17 Consolidated

Affiliated (added) 9, (reduced) 14

2. Projections (fiscal year ending March 31, 2003)

	Total trading transactions	Net income
	(millions of yen)	(millions of yen)
Year ending March 31, 2003	9,500,000	55,000

[Reference] Estimated net income (year ending March 31, 2003) per share (basic)

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¥ 51.69

⁽⁵⁾ For the FY2001, Minority interests in earnings of subsidiaries is excluded from Income before income taxes and equity in earnings of associated companies. The figures for Apr.1-Sep.30, 2001 are reclassified accordingly

⑥ Operating income is presented in a manner customarily used in Japan solely for Japanese investors purpose.

The Group's business operations

- (1) The Group, with Sumitomo Corporation as its nucleus and through branches covering the globe and their information networks, operates in a wide array of industries; in addition it is undertaking diversified activities as an integrated trading company, including providing various forms of financing to business transaction partners, organizing and coordinating various industrial projects, and investing in subsidiaries in industries such as information technology and retailing.
- (2) Commodities and contents of business, and principal subsidiaries and associated companies by industry segment are as follows:

Industry segment	Commodities and contents of business							
	Principal subsidiaries and associated companies							
	Domestic sales, international trading and processing of iron & steel and nonferrous metal products. Other related businesses.							
Metal Products	Sumisho Metalex Corporation (S) O / Sumisho Tekko Hanbai Co., Ltd. (S) / Asian Steel Company Ltd. (S)							
	SC Metal Pty. Ltd. (S) / SC Steel Investment, Inc. (S)							
Transportation & Construction Systems	Domestic sales and international trading of ships, aircrafts, railroad transportation systems, automobiles, construction machinery and related equipment and parts. Other related businesses.							
Construction Systems	Sumisho Auto Leasing Co., Ltd. (S) 🔘 / Summit Development S.A. (S) / P.T. Oto Multiartha (S) / Oshima Shipbuilding Co., Ltd. (A)							
Machinery & Electric	Domestic sales, international trading and construction of machinery and equipment related to industries, infrastructure, electricity and energy. Sales and installation of equipment and systems related to communication network and electronics. Promoting other related businesses.							
	Sumisho Machinery Trade Corporation (S) / SC Machinex Corporation (S) / Mobicom Corporation (A)							
Media, Electronics &	Distribution and installation of equipment, systems, parts and materials related to information and communications, the Internet, and network systems. Promoting media businesses, including programming and movies, and other related businesses.							
Network	Sumisho Computer Systems Corporation (S) 🔘 / Sumisho Electronics Co., Ltd. (S) 🔾 Sumitronics Asia Holding Pte. Ltd. (S)							
	Jupiter Telecommunications Co., Ltd. (A)							
Chemical	Manufacturing and sales of inorganic and specialty chemicals, pharmaceuticals, agricultural chemicals, plastics and organic chemicals, and materials and systems related to biotechnology. Promoting other related businesses.							
Chemicai	Sumitomo Shoji Plastics Co., Ltd. (S) / Summit Pharmaceuticals International Corporation (S) / Sumitomo Shoji Chemicals Co., Ltd. (S) Cantex Inc. (S)							
Mineral Resources &	Development and international trading of iron ore, coal, iron sources, nonferrous raw materials, crude oil, LNG, petroleum, carbon, materials and finished products of crude oil, gas and coal. Domestic electricity and energy related businesses.							
Energy	Sumisho Oil Corporation (S) / Sumisho LPG Holdings Co., Ltd.(S) / Nusa Tenggara Mining Corporation (S)							
	Sumisho Coal Australia Pty. Ltd. (S) / LNG Japan Corporation (A)							
Consumer Goods &	Production and international trading of raw materials and products of foodstuffs, textiles and fertilizers. Operating retail and downstream businesses handling a wide range of consumer goods and services.							
Service	Summit Inc. (S) / Shinko Sugar Co., Ltd. (S) / Nittoh Bion Co., Ltd. (S) / Yoshihara Oil Mill, Ltd. (A) Mammy Mart Corporation (A) / Otto-Sumisho Inc. (A)							
	Production and international trading of cement, wood chips, paper pulp, tires and other materials. Owning and managing properties, and developing, contracting, and consulting for residential properties.							
Materials & Real Estate	Sumisho Paper Co., Ltd. (S) / S.C. Cement Co., Ltd. (S) / IG Kogyo Kaisha., Ltd (S)							
	Sumisho & Mitsuibussan Kenzai Co., Ltd. (A) / P.T. Summitmas Property (A)							
	Financial and commodity business. Comprehensive logistic services, marketing of industrial parks, and insurance services.							
Financial & Logistics	Bluewell Corporation (S) / Sumitrans (Japan) Corporation (S) / P.T. East Jakarta Industrial Park (S) Sumisho Capital Management Co. (S)							
Domestic Regional	Various businesses in key points in Japan.							
Business Units, Offices and Branch Offices	Sumisho Textile Company, Ltd. (S) / Sumisho Steel Sheets Works Co., Ltd. (S) / Sumisho Montblanc Co., Ltd. (S) Reibi Corporation (S) / Nippon Katan Co., Ltd. (A) ○							
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Various businesses in key points in the world.							
Overseas Subsidiaries and Branches	Sumitomo Corporation of America (S) / Sumitomo Corporation Europe Holding Ltd. (S) / Sumitomo Corporation (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. (S) Total 8 subsidiaries in China (S)							
Corporate	Sumisho Lease Co., Ltd. (A) ⊚							

(Notes

- 1. (S) stands for subsidiaries, and (A) for associated companies.
- 2. The companies mentioned above include listed companies at; Tokyo Stock Exchange etc. (marked^(*)), JASDAQ (marked^(*)).

Management policy

1. Medium-term management strategies and business activity etc. during the period

• Step Up Plan

Under the Step Up Plan, our medium-term management plan for the period through next March, we have been working to drastically expand our profit base and further strengthen our corporate constitution by allocating our management resources strategically and drawing on the integrated corporate strength of the entire Sumitomo Corporation Group. There are only a few months left to go before the end of the plan period, but so far we are progressing steadily toward our targets. Meanwhile, in July this year we reorganized our Corporate Group operations from six groups into two groups, one office and one department to achieve enhanced functionality and productivity.

• Creating and expanding core businesses

In order to reach our targets under the Step Up Plan, our business units have been devoting energy to creating and expanding core businesses. Here are some examples of the progress that has been made:

(1) Consumer retailing

In April this year we merged the operations of Sumisho Retail Stores, Inc., with those of Asahi Medix Co., Ltd., which we acquired in 2000, into Sumisho Drugstores, Inc., thereby adding momentum to the development of our drugstore chain. As a result we have expanded our network of outlets in the Tokyo area to 70, consisting primarily of TomoD's stores, which include prescription departments. We have also been actively developing our retail outlets with the aim of expanding our fashion brand business including the opening by Coach Japan, Inc., of its flagship store in Tokyo's upscale Ginza district in May this year.

(2) Energy

LNG Japan Corporation, a joint venture with Nissho Iwai Corporation, has achieved steady progress in developing its business, including the conclusion of a contract for the supply of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to China's Fujian Province from a gas field over which it holds a part of the rights. Meanwhile, in the context of rising demand for clean energy sources, in the field of wind power generation we bid successfully to have a newly established subsidiary handle a large-scale wind power generation project for Tohoku Electric Power Co., Inc. In addition, we have taken an equity stake in Acumentrics Corporation, a U.S. company in the business of developing and manufacturing fuel cells to generate electricity by chemically combining hydrogen and oxygen, and we acquired exclusive rights to carry out marketing and sales for it in Japan.

(3) Biotechnology

Summit Pharmaceuticals International Corporation has been developing its drug discovery support services for Japanese pharmaceutical companies, and SC BioSciences Corporation has been working in close liaison with it to promote sales of biotechnology-related equipment and other products and services. Together with these two subsidiaries we set up a biotechnology venture fund last year, and we have been using this to channel investment into promising new firms as part of our ongoing overall drive in this field.

(4) Telecommunications

Jupiter Telecommunications Co., Ltd. (J-COM), a multiple system operator offering cable television, Internet, and telephone services, has been steadily increasing its base of subscribers, which reached approximately 1.52 million households as of the end of September, up 29% from a year before. This company has launched a pay-per-view online video service using broadband connections, and—in a first for the Japanese cable television industry—introduced a system for automatic monthly payment of the charges for this service from viewers' bank accounts. Meanwhile, Jupiter Programming Co., Ltd., also a multiple system operator, which provides programming for cable TV and satellite broadcasting services, has worked together with J-COM and marketed a variety of programming content, including films and sports programs.

(5) China

In China, with its fast-developing economy, we have launched a parcel-delivery business through a joint venture with a domestic firm Shanghai Dazhong Transportation (Group) Co., Ltd. and Japan's Sagawa Express Co., Ltd. In addition, building on our rich store of experience in other Asian countries, we have begun to develop an industrial park in the city of Wuxi jointly with its municipal government and have been working to build up our logistical network there. Since last year we have dispatched nine company-wide missions to various destinations in China, and we have worked to expand our business ties with private-sector firms playing a significant role in the Chinese economy. Among the fruits of these efforts was our equity investment in TCL Corporation, a company with which we had previously done business in the consumer electronics field. As an additional move to expand our operating base in China, we established Sumitronics Shanghai Co., Ltd. to move ahead with the integrated supply of electronics parts through our Supply Chain Management (SCM)¹ system. We have also been laying the groundwork for future business in a variety of other fields. In the polyvinyl chloride field, for example, as we envisage a dramatic rise in Chinese demand for high-quality film in the period to come, we have made an equity investment in Sanshui Changfeng Plastics Co., Ltd., a local manufacturing and sales company.

¹ The Supply Chain Management (SCM) system is an overall approach aimed at maximizing the efficiency of the flows of goods, payments, and information all the way from the procurement stage through production and sales, based on the application of advanced information technology (IT) and logistics technology (LT).

In other areas of business we have worked to exercise our integrated corporate strength and shift toward higher-value-added operations. For example, in the automobile dealership business, where we previously concentrated mainly on the European and Australian markets, we have increased our network of sales outlets in Asia through acquisitions, and we have also established a car sales finance subsidiary in Mexico. We have further strengthened our position in the market for home construction materials by entering into a capital and business tie-up with IG Kogyo Co., Ltd., a top manufacturer of siding that has superior technological capabilities. And we have actively developed our steel sheet processing business in Asia with the acquisition of steel business from Nomura Trading Holdings Co., Ltd., thereby enlarging our network of processing centers to total of 16 companies.

• Compliance

In November 2000, we established a Legal Compliance Committee; in April last year this committee released a manual for use inside the company, and we have kept up our efforts to raise employees' awareness of compliance-related issues. In the first half of the current fiscal year we have devoted further energy to the achievement of full-fledged compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. In particular we focused on the issue of food safety and labeling with the establishment of a cross-sectional committee encompassing the relevant business units and with the application of controls and consciousness-raising efforts extending also to our subsidiaries.

• Copper trading incident

With respect to the copper trading incident, several civil lawsuits are pending against the company outside of Japan. We have been vigorously defending ourselves against these lawsuits aiming at resolving them promptly. We have also been making maximum efforts to recover our own losses, bringing suits for damages against foreign companies that abetted the unauthorized copper trading.

2. Future Pressing issues

We are now taking our final step toward the target of a consolidated risk-adjusted return² ratio of at least 5% after taxes, which is our quantitative goal under the Step Up Plan. As a longer-range undertaking, we will redouble our efforts to increase our profitability so as to achieve a ratio that covers our shareholders' capital cost of 7.5%. Meanwhile, in the area of compliance, we will appoint "compliance leaders" in each of our business units, regional business units, and major overseas offices and will

² The "risk-adjusted return" is a measure of the profitability of a business against the risks involved in it. It is calculated as a fraction whose numerator is the return on the business as measured by the cash flow it is expected to generate during an accounting period and whose denominator is the value of the maximum losses that could be incurred if all the potential risks were actually to happen during the same period ("risk-adjusted assets").

continue to work to strengthen our compliance in every organizational unit and region; at the same time we will strive to improve the compliance systems of our subsidiaries so as to strengthen our group-wide compliance architecture.

With respect to corporate governance, we take the enhancement of management efficiency and soundness and the achievement of transparency to be the fundamental requirements, and with these in mind we intend to consider specific steps, such as the strengthening and functional upgrading of our corporate auditing setup, the appointment of outside advisors, reduction in the number of board members, the introduction of a system of executive officers, and the adoption of age and/or term limits for chairman and president.

Through the measures outlined above, we will work to further develop Sumitomo Corporation into a global leading company and to achieve prosperity and to realize dreams for our shareholders and all our other stakeholders. At the same time we will strive to further increase our corporate value and conduct our activities so as to earn our shareholders' understanding.

3. Attitude and policy for reducing the quantity of trading unit (round lot)

We understand that reducing the quantity of trading unit (round lot) might encourage to expand our investor base and the liquidity of Sumitomo Corporation's stock. Since we believe that our liquidity is at a satisfactory level currently, we will carefully consider this issue by examining both future market demand and its related cost.

4. Dividend policy

The company has a basic policy of ensuring long-term, stable dividends and has maintained an ordinary dividend of 8 yen per share since fiscal year 1989.

Management results

1. Operating results for the first half

The Company's consolidated total trading transactions for the first half of fiscal year 2002 amounted

to 4,568.5 billion yen, a 5.5% decrease from the same period of the previous fiscal year. This was due

to weak demand in domestic market, continued withdrawal from less profitable businesses, and

deconsolidation of certain subsidiaries into associated companies.

Gross trading profit decreased by 1.4% to 237.6 billion yen. By segment, in Materials and Real Estate,

sales of condominiums in Tokyo Metropolitan area showed strong performance. The subsidiaries'

foodstuff & fertilizer business and retail business in Consumer Goods & Service improved.

Transportation & Construction Systems increased due to the expanding automobile dealership

business in Europe. On the other hand, Machinery & Electric was affected by the slowdown of plant

project export business, and Media, Electronics & Network decreased due to the deconsolidation of

some subsidiaries into associated companies. Chemical, Domestic Regional Business Units and

Overseas Subsidiaries also decreased.

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by 2.5 billion yen from the same period of the

previous year, resulting from the increase in pension expense, amortization for software and the

expansion of subsidiaries' business. On the other hand, reversal of provision for doubtful receivables

increased by 2.2 billion yen mainly due to the collection of certain doubtful receivables.

Although valuation losses of equity investments in information & telecommunication related

businesses were recognized, interest expense and gain on sale of property and equipment improved. In

addition, equity in earnings of associated companies increased by 3.6 billion yen. As a result, net

income for the first half of this fiscal year totaled 21.4 billion yen, an increase of 1.1 billion yen, or a

5.4% increase from the same period of the previous year.

2. Projections for the full fiscal year

The projection for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003 is as follows.

Total trading transactions

9.5 trillion yen

Gross trading profit

510 billion yen

Net income

55 billion yen

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3. Financial position

As of September 30, 2002, total assets decreased by 239.6 billion yen to 4,613.0 billion yen from March 31, 2002. This was due to the reduction of operating assets in domestic businesses and the decrease of foreign currency assets' value caused by appreciation of the yen. Shareholders' equity decreased by 8.9 billion yen to 641.4 billion yen from March 31, 2002, affected by declining stock prices and an appreciation of the yen.

As a result, the shareholders' equity ratio improved by 0.5 points to 13.9%.

In the first half of fiscal year 2002, the net cash provided by operating activities was 97.9 billion yen, and by investment activities was 2.5 billion yen from strategic investments in new businesses and disposition of less profitable assets. Accordingly, free cash flow in the first half of fiscal year 2002 amounted to 100.4 billion yen. Net cash used in financing activities amounted to 100.8 billion yen, repaying the debt by utilizing the above free cash flow.

As a result, cash and cash equivalents decreased by 3.3 billion yen to 273.4 billion yen from March 31, 2002.

Statements of Consolidated Income

Six-month periods ended September 30, 2002 and 2001 (Unaudited)

		Millions of yen 2002 2001				
		2002		2001		2002
Total trading transactions	¥	4,568,536	¥	4,834,998	\$	37,143
Gross trading profit	¥	237,574	¥	240,901	\$	1,931
Other income (expenses):						
Selling, general and administrative expenses		(201,875)		(199,358)		(1,641)
Reversal of provision for doubtful receivables		3,023		806		25
Interest expense, net of interest income		(3,114)		(7,765)		(25)
Dividends		3,449		3,830		28
Gain (loss) on marketable securities and investments, net		(9,037)		12,139		(73)
Gain on sale of property and equipment, net		3,909		831		32
Other, net		2,005		(12,305)		15
Total		(201,640)		(201,822)		(1,639)
Income before income taxes, minority interests in earnings						
of subsidiaries, and equity in earnings of associated companies		35,934		39,079		292
Income taxes		(15,216)		(16,570)		(124)
Income before Minority interests in earnings of subsidiaries						
and equity in earnings of associated companies		20,718		22,509		168
Minority interests in earnings of subsidiaries, net						
(after income tax effect)		(2,947)		(2,270)		(24)
Equity in earnings of associated companies, net						
(after income tax effect)		3,636		63		30
Net income	¥	21,407	¥	20,302	\$	174
Amounts per share			Yen		Ţ	J.S. Dollars
Net income:						
Basic	¥	20.12	¥	19.08	\$	0.16
Diluted		19.74		18.69		0.16
Cash dividends applicable to the period	¥	4.00	¥	4.00	\$	0.03

The U.S. Dollar amounts represent translations of Japanese yen amounts at the rate of ¥123=US\$1.

Consolidated Balance Sheets
September 30, 2002 (Unaudited) and March 31, 2002

		Millions	of Yen		Millions	of U.S. Dollars
	Septer	mber 30, 2002	Mar	ch 31, 2002	Septem	ber 30, 2002
ASSETS						
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	¥	273,386	¥	276,726	\$	2,223
Time deposits		9,772		7,870		79
Marketable securities		5,131		5,567		42
Receivables—trade						
Notes and loans		251,924		289,416		2,048
Accounts		1,003,417	273,386 ¥ 276,726 Ser. 9,772 7,870 5,131 5,567 251,924 289,416 1,003,417 1,072,464 169,058 162,454 (8,623) (10,683) 372,955 406,615 25,493 24,203 58,959 46,533 117,784 133,970			8,158
Associated companies		169,058		162,454		1,374
Allowance for doubtful receivables		(8,623)		(10,683)		(70)
Inventories		372,955		406,615		3,032
Deferred income taxes		25,493		24,203		207
Advance payments to suppliers		58,959		46,533		479
Other current assets		117,784		133,970		959
Total current assets		2,279,256		2,415,135		18,531
Investments and long-term receivables:						
Investments in and advances to associated companies		297,035		285,418		2,415
Other investments		488,857		583,276		3,974
Long-term receivable		667,108		680,365		5,424
Allowance for doubtful receivables		(76,467)		(83,122)		(622)
Total investments and long-term receivables		1,376,533		1,465,937		11,191
Property and equipment, at cost less accumulated depreciation		754,848		776,346		6,137
Other assets		202,361		195,136		1,645
Total	¥	4,612,998	¥	4,852,554	\$	37,504

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Consolidated Balance Sheets
September 30, 2002 (Unaudited) and March 31, 2002

		Millions	of Yen		Millions	Millions of U.S. Dollars		
	Septemb	oer 30, 2002	Marc	ch 31, 2002		ber 30, 2002		
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY								
Current liabilities:								
Short-term debt	¥	536,094	¥	773,829	\$	4,358		
Current maturities of long-term debt		426,723		356,527		3,469		
Payables-trade								
Notes and acceptances		119,264		166,565		970		
Accounts		639,561		672,954		5,200		
Associated companies		27,485		25,361		223		
Accrued income taxes		13,871		9,840		113		
Other accrued expenses		40,037		37,456		326		
Advances from customers		61,720		64,831		502		
Other current liabilities		89,827		113,254		730		
Total current liabilities		1,954,582		2,220,617		15,891		
Long-term debt, less current maturities		1,920,529		1,883,581		15,614		
Accrued pension and severance liabilities		8,582		8,544		70		
Deferred income taxes		7,456		14,561		61		
Minority interests		80,421		74,885		653		
Shareholders' equity:								
Common stock		169,439		169,439		1,378		
Additional paid-in capital		189,548		189,548		1,541		
Retained earnings								
Appropriated for legal reserve		17,686		17,686		144		
Unappropriated		315,077		297,927		2,561		
		332,763		315,613		2,705		
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(49,853)		(23,858)		(405)		
Treasury stock, at cost		(469)		(376)		(4)		
Total shareholders' equity		641,428		650,366		5,215		
Total	¥	4,612,998	¥	4,852,554	\$	37,504		

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Statements of Consolidated Shareholders' Equity and Comprehensive Income Six-month period ended September 30, 2002 (Unaudited) and the year ended March 31, 2002

		Millions of Yen			Millions of U.S.Dollars	
		2002		2001		2002
Common Stock:						
Balance, beginning of period	¥	169,439	¥	169,432	\$	1,378
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Balance, end of period		169,439		169,439		1,378
Additional paid-in capital:						
Balance, beginning of period		189,548		189,536		1,541
Increace		_		12		-
Balance, end of period		189,548		189,548		1,541
Retained earnings appropriated for legal reserve:						
Balance, beginning of period		17,686		17,235		144
Transfer from unappropriated retained earnings		_		451		-
Balance, end of period		17,686		17,686		144
Unappropriated retained earnings:						
Balance, beginning of period		297,927		261,675		2,422
Net income for the period		21,407		45,216		174
Cash dividends paid		(4,257)		(8,513)		(35)
Transfer to retained earnings appropriated for legal reserve	e	_		(451)		-
Balance, end of period		315,077		297,927		2,561
Accumulated other comprehensive loss						
Balance, beginning of period		(23,858)		(14,728)		(194)
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax		(25,995)		(9,130)		(211)
Balance, end of period		(49,853)		(23,858)		(405)
Treasury stock						
Balance, beginning of period		(376)		(193)		(3)
Purchase of treasury stock		(93)		(183)		(1)
Balance, end of period		(469)		(376)		(4)
Disclosure of comprehensive income(loss)						
Net income for the period		21,407		45,216		174
Other comprehensive income(loss), net of tax:		21,101		10,210		111
Net unrealized holding losses on securities available for sale		(11,740)		(34,162)		(95)
Foreign currency translation adjustments		(14,295)		25,973		(116)
Net unrealized gains and losses on derivatives		40		(941)		0
Comprehensive income(loss)		(4,588)		36,086		(37)

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Condensed Statements of Consolidated Cash Flows Six-month periods ended September 30, 2002 and 2001

(Unaudited)

		Millions	of Ye	n	Millions of U.S. Dollar		
		2002		2001		2002	
Operating activities:							
Net income	¥	21,407	¥	20,302	\$	174	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided							
by operating activities:							
Depreciation and amortization		36,405		32,435		296	
Reversal for doubtful receivables		(3,023)		(806)		(25)	
Gain (loss) on marketable securities and investments, net		9,037		(12, 139)		73	
Gain on sale of property and equipment, net		(3,909)		(831)		(32)	
Equity in earnings of associated companies, net		(3,636)		(63)		(30)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:							
Receivables		76,489		111,218		622	
Inventories		25,405		6,860		207	
Payables		(68,637)		(113,950)		(558)	
Other, net		8,357		(8,789)		69	
Net cash provided by operating activities		97,895		34,237		796	
nvesting activities:							
Changes in:							
Property and equipment		(14,997)		(45,207)		(122)	
Investments		42,090		(15,316)		342	
Loans		(21,258)		49,997		(173)	
Time deposits		(3,294)		(3,528)		(26)	
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		2,541		(14,054)		21	
Financing activities:							
Changes in:							
Short-term debt		(229,487)		(42,726)		(1,866)	
Long-term debt		133,664		2,572		1,087	
Cash dividnds paid		(4,257)		(4,257)		(35)	
Others		(677)		(524)		(5)	
Net cash used in financing activities		(100,757)		(44,935)		(819)	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(3,019)		2,117		(25)	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(3,340)		(22,635)		(27)	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		276,726		251,532		2,250	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	¥	273,386	¥	228,897	\$	2,223	

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Basis of Consolidated Financial Statements

1. Basis of consolidated financial statements

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") for interim financial information. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete consolidated financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) necessary for fair presentation have been included. The unaudited consolidated financial statements presented herein should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in Sumitomo Corporation's Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2002. The consolidated results of operations and other data for the six month period ended September 30, 2002 are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for the entire fiscal year ending March 31, 2003. All significant inter-company accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Certain information and note disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been condensed or omitted.

2. Consolidation and Investments in Subsidiaries and Associated Companies

(1) Number of majority-owned subsidiaries 542.

Number of domestic subsidiaries 182

Number of foreign subsidiaries 360

See P.2 for more detail of those subsidiaries

(2) Number of associated companies accounted for by the equity method.

Number of domestic associated companies 88

Number of domestic Foreign associated companies 104

See P.2 for more detail of those associated companies

3. Summary of significant accounting policies

(1) Marketable securities and other investments

All debt securities and marketable equity securities are classified as either ① trading securities, which are accounted for at fair value with unrealized gains and losses included in earnings,

- ② available-for-sale securities, which are accounted for at fair value with unrealized gains and losses excluded from earnings and reported in a separate component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets, or
- ③ held-to-maturity securities, which are accounted for at amortized cost.

(2) Allowance for doubtful receivables

An allowance for doubtful receivables is maintained at the level which, in the judgment of management, is adequate to provide for probable losses that can be reasonably expected.

The Companies maintain a specific allowance for impaired loans. In addition to the specific allowance, an allowance is established for probable losses that are not individually identified but are expected to have occurred that are inherent in the loans portfolio based on default probability and loss severity from the Companies' past experience.

(3) Accrued pension and severance liabilities

The Companies have pension plans and/or severance indemnities plans covering substantially all employees other than directors. The costs of these plans are principally accrued based on amounts determined in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No.87 "Employers' Accounting for Pensions."

(4) Derivative financial instruments

The Companies recognize all derivatives as either assets or liabilities in the balance sheet at fair value. Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recorded each period in current earnings or other comprehensive income (loss), depending on whether a derivative is designated as part of a hedge transaction and the type of hedge transaction.

(5) Business combinations, goodwill and other intangible assets

The Companies use purchase method accounting for all business combinations, based on SFAS No. 141, "Business Combinations," and SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets." Goodwill and other intangible assets with an indefinite useful life are no longer amortized but instead are assessed for impairment.

Segment Information

Six-month periods ended September 30, 2002 and 2001 (Unaudited)

Operating segments:	Millions of Yen							
2002:	•							
	7	Γotal trading	G	Fross trading		Net		Segment
Segment	1	transactions		profit		income		assets
Metal Products	¥	445,454	¥	18,186	¥	3,701	¥	312,124
Transportation & Construction Systems		662,883		42,198		4,404		740,017
Machinery & Electric		686,118		8,716		(2,580)		402,926
Media, Electronics & Network		181,981		18,179		(3,955)		255,533
Chemical		196,753		12,117		1,214		178,381
Mineral Resources & Energy		698,875		14,825		2,052		273,997
Consumer Goods & Service		443,922		43,944		2,916		275,974
Materials & Real Estate		210,499		25,160		3,874		446,340
Financial & Logistics		56,711		7,041		612		165,530
Domestic Regional Business Units, Offices and Branch Offices		677,608		25,073		398		546,678
Overseas Subsidiaries and Branches		554,540		28,553		3,108		472,815
Segment Total		4,815,344		243,992		15,744		4,070,315
Corporate and Eliminations		(246,808)		(6,418)		5,663		542,683
Consolidated	¥	4,568,536	¥	237,574	¥	21,407	¥	4,612,998

	Millions of Yen									
2001: Segment	Total trading transactions		Gross trading profit		Net income		As of March 3 Segment assets			
Metal Products	¥	461,526	¥	18,984	¥	2,485	¥	314,112		
Transportation & Construction Systems		629,565		39,505		3,334		738,215		
Machinery & Electric		838,181		13,679		985		421,239		
Media, Electronics & Network		249,925		21,820		555		291,370		
Chemical		220,621		13,832		1,246		204,780		
Mineral Resources & Energy		545,161		15,378		1,350		266,705		
Consumer Goods & Service		460,583		40,647		689		277,404		
Materials & Real Estate		308,910		19,365		1,805		480,349		
Financial & Logistics		53,455		6,791		456		152,510		
Domestic Regional Business Units, Offices and Branch Offices		864,274		27,617		2,008		590,681		
Overseas Subsidiaries and Branches		541,977		30,349		4,771		477,281		
Segment Total		5,174,178		247,967		19,684		4,214,646		
Corporate and Eliminations		(339,180)		(7,066)		618		637,908		
Consolidated	¥	4,834,998	¥	240,901	¥	20,302	¥	4,852,554		

	Millions of U.S.Dollars									
2002: Segment	Total trading transactions		Gross trading profit		Net income		As o	of September 30 Segment assets		
Metal Products Transportation & Construction Systems Machinery & Electric Media, Electronics & Network Chemical Mineral Resources & Energy Consumer Goods & Service Materials & Real Estate Financial & Logistics Domestic Regional Business Units, Offices and Branch Offices Overseas Subsidiaries and Branches Segment Total	\$	3,622 5,389 5,578 1,480 1,600 5,682 3,609 1,711 461 5,509 4,508 39,149	\$	148 343 71 148 98 121 357 205 57 204 232 1,984	\$	30 36 (21) (32) 10 17 24 31 5 3 25	\$	2,538 6,016 3,276 2,077 1,450 2,228 2,244 3,629 1,346 4,444 3,844 33,092		
Corporate and Eliminations Consolidated	\$	(2,006) 37,143	\$	(53) 1,931	\$	46 174	\$	4,412 37,504		

Marketable Securities

September 30, 2002 (Unaudited) and March 31,2002

September 30, 2002:	ons of Yen											
	_			Unrealized		Unrealized						
		Cost	Gains			Losses		Fair Value				
Securities classified as:												
Available-for-sale:												
Equity securities	¥	244,135	¥	61,723	¥	27,979	¥	277,879				
Debt securities		12,525		3		61		12,467				
Held-to-maturity	_	23,821		26		13		23,834				
	¥	280,481	¥	61,752	¥	28,053	¥	314,180				
March 31, 2002:		Millions of Yen										
,	_			Unrealized		Unrealized						
		Cost		Gains		Losses	Fair Value					
Securities classified as:												
Available-for-sale:												
Equity securities	¥	246,024	¥	73,720	¥	22,666	¥	297,078				
Debt securities		17,939		151		43		18,047				
Held-to-maturity	_	28,859		9		127		28,741				
	¥	292,822	¥	73,880	¥	22,836	¥	343,866				
September 30, 2002:		Millions of U.S. Dollars										
		Cost		Unrealized Gains	,	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value					
Securities classified as:												
Available-for-sale:												
Equity securities	\$	1,985	\$	502	\$	228	\$	2,259				
Debt securities		101		0		0		101				
Held-to-maturity		194		0		0		194				
	\$	2,280	\$	502	\$	228	\$	2,554				

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