

To All Shareholders:

**Notification of the Convocation to
the 39th Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders**

The 39th Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of Japan Petroleum Exploration Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the “JAPEX”) will be held according to the details below, and we kindly ask for your attendance.

If you cannot attend on the day of the meeting, you may exercise your voting rights through a written document. Please review the “Reference Document for Shareholders Meeting” described below, and express your vote on the enclosed Voting Right Exercise Form. When sending the Voting Right Exercise Form, please send so it will arrive at our office by Tuesday, June 23, 2009.

Thank you very much for your attention and cooperation.

Details:

1. Date and Time: 10:00 a.m., June 24, 2009 (Wednesday)
2. Location: Tokyo Station Conference “Sapia Hall” (Sapia Tower 5F)
1-7-12 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
3. Agenda:
 - Announcements: 1) Business report and consolidated financial report of the 39th Term (from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009), and audit reports from the accounting auditor and Board of Corporate Auditors on the consolidated financial report
2) Financial report of the 39th Term (from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009)
 - Resolution items:
 - Item 1: Appropriation of Surplus
 - Item 2: Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation
 - Item 3: Election of Sixteen (16) Directors
 - Item 4: Election of two (2) Corporate Auditors
 - Item 5: Awarding Retirement Benefits to Retiring Corporate Auditors
 - Item 6: Payment of Bonuses to Directors and Corporate Auditors

*Upon on your arrival at the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, please submit the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form to the venue reception. Thank you.

*In case the Reference Document for Shareholders Meeting, or business report, financial report or consolidated financial report is modified, such modification shall be posted on the JAPEX website. (<http://www.japex.co.jp/>)

NOTE: This document is an abridged translation of the Japanese “Notification of the Convocation to the 39th Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders” “Reference Documents for Shareholders Meeting” and “Financial Report” of JAPEX. This translation is intended for reference and convenience purposes only. In the event of any discrepancy between this translation and the Japanese original, the original shall prevail. JAPEX does not guarantee the accuracy and/or the completeness of this translation and shall have no liability for any errors or omissions therein.

Reference Documents for Shareholders Meeting

Item 1: Appropriation of Surplus

1. Details concerning the Year-end Dividends

JAPEX employs the basic policy of long-term, stable distribution of dividends in considering the retained earnings for investment in new oil and gas reserves and the development of transportation systems, including pipelines, as well as respecting the return of profits to our shareholders.

The 39th term dividends will be as follows:

(1) Type of dividend property: Money

(2) Distribution and total amount of dividend property:

20 yen per share of common stock

Total amount of dividends: 1,143,059,860 yen

(3) Effective date of distribution of surplus: June 25, 2009

2. Other Appropriations of Surplus

(1) Item and amount of reduced surplus:

Retained earnings brought forward: 15,000,000,000 yen

(2) Item and amount of increased surplus:

General reserve: 15,000,000,000 yen

Item 2: Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

1. Reasons for the Amendment

All stocks of JAPEX have become subject to Book-Entry Transfer System for Stocks, etc. (Electronic Share Certificates System) with the enforcement of the Act for Partial Revision of the Act on Transfer of Corporate Bonds, etc. for Streamlining Settlement Concerning Stock Trading, etc.” (Act No. 88 of 2004; hereinafter referred to as the “Act for Streamlining Settlement of Stocks, etc.”) on January 5, 2009. Accordingly, JAPEX proposes to revise the existing Articles of Incorporation as follows:

(1) It is deemed resolved that the provision in the existing Articles of Incorporation to the effect that share certificates of JAPEX are issued was abolished on the date on which said Act was enforced. Therefore, JAPEX proposes to delete that provision, as well as provisions concerning share certificates in respect of Part Holdings and words referring to the register of lost share certificates. (Article 8, Paragraph 2 of Article 9, Paragraph 3 of Article 11, and Article 12 of the existing Articles of Incorporation)

(2) With the abolition of “Act on Custody and Transfer of Share Certificate, etc.” (Act No. 30 of 1984”), JAPEX proposes to delete words referring to “beneficial shareholders” and “the register of beneficial shareholders”. (Article 10, and Paragraph 3 of Article 11 of the existing Articles of Incorporation)

(3) In line with the deletion of Article 8 of the existing Articles of Incorporation as described in (1) above, the numbers of relevant articles from Article 9 shall be appropriately adjusted.

2. Content of Amendments

The suggested amendments are described in the following comparison chart.

(differing parts are underlined)

Current Articles of Incorporation	Suggested Amendments
<p>(Issue of Share Certificates) <u>Article 8. The Company shall issue share certificates in respect of shares.</u></p>	<p>(deleted)</p>
<p>(Number of Shares Constituting One Unit (<i>tangen</i>) of Stock <u>and non-issue of share certificates in respect of Part Holdings</u>) Article <u>9</u>. (skipped) <u>2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the previous Article, the Company is entitled not to issue share certificates in respect of holdings that constitute less than one <i>tangen</i> (part-holdings).</u></p>	<p>(Number of Shares Constituting One Unit (<i>tangen</i>) of Stock) Article <u>8</u>. (same as current) (deleted)</p>
<p>(Rights of Part Holdings) Article <u>10</u>. In respect of part holdings, company shareholders (<u>which shall be deemed to include beneficial shareholders</u>) shall be unable to exercise any rights other than those set out below: (1) to (2) (skipped)</p>	<p>(Rights of Part Holdings) Article <u>9</u>. In respect of part holdings, company shareholders shall be unable to exercise any rights other than those set out below: (1) to (2) (same as current)</p>
<p>(Share Register Administrator) Article <u>11</u>. (1) to (2) (skipped) 3) The Company shall delegate to the share register administrator the production and keeping of the Company's register of shareholders (<u>which shall include the register of beneficial shareholders</u>), <u>the register of lost share certificates</u> and the register of options in future share issues, and the administration of other shareholder registers, <u>the register of lost share certificates</u> and the register of options in future share issues. The company itself shall not handle these matters.</p>	<p>(Share Register Administrator) Article <u>10</u>. (1) to (2) (same as current) 3) The Company shall delegate to the share register administrator the production and keeping of the Company's register of shareholders and the register of options in future share issues, and the administration of other shareholder registers and the register of options in future share issues. The company itself shall not handle these matters.</p>
<p>(Share Handling Regulations) Article <u>12</u>. The <u>denomination of share certificates issued by the Company, and</u> annotation and recording in the shareholder register, <u>register of lost share certificates</u> and register of options in future share issues; arrangements and fees relating to the purchase of minor holdings, and other matters relating to shares and options in future share issues shall, other than as prescribed by law and the Company's Articles of Incorporation, be determined by the share handling regulations adopted by the Board of Directors.</p>	<p>(Share Handling Regulations) Article <u>11</u>. The annotation and recording in the shareholder register and register of options in future share issues; arrangements and fees relating to the purchase of minor holdings, and other matters relating to shares and options in future share issues shall, other than as prescribed by law and the Company's Articles of Incorporation, be determined by the share handling regulations adopted by the Board of Directors.</p>
<p>Article <u>13</u>. (Takeover Defense Measure) to Article <u>44</u>. (Statute of Limitation for Dividend Payments) (skipped)</p>	<p>Article <u>12</u>. (Takeover Defense Measure) to Article <u>43</u>. (Statute of Limitation for Dividend Payments) (same as current)</p>

Item 3: Election of Sixteen (16) Directors

Upon closing of this general meeting of shareholders, the term of office of all sixteen (16) Directors of the Board (Yuji Tanahashi, Osamu Watanabe, Katsuo Suzuki, Norihiko Sawara, Tadatsuna Koda, Hiroshi Sato, Yoichi Ohta, Nobuzo Ichikawa, Masaki Hattori, Shoichi Ishii, Chikao Yoshida, Toshio Ibi, Mitsuru Saito, Junichi Matsumoto, Nobuyuki Ogura, Kazuo Kawakami) will expire. We kindly ask our shareholder to elect sixteen (16) new Directors.

The candidates for the Directors are as listed below:

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Brief history, Position and responsibilities in JAPEX or representations in other corporations	JAPEX shares owned
1	Yuji Tanahashi (October 13, 1934)	<p>April 1958 Joined The Ministry of International Trade and Industry (hereinafter referred to as the "MITI")</p> <p>June 1991 Vice Minister of International Trade and Industry</p> <p>Aug. 1997 Chairman at New Energy Foundation</p> <p>June 2001 President at JAPEX Offshore, Ltd. (up to the present date)</p> <p>June 2001 President at JAPEX</p> <p>Jan. 2007 Chairman at Canada Oil Sands Co., Ltd. (up to the present date)</p> <p>June 2008 Chairman at JAPEX (up to the present date)</p>	7,000 shares
2	Osamu Watanabe (December 6, 1940)	<p>April 1964 Joined MITI</p> <p>July 1997 Vice Minister of International Trade and Industry</p> <p>July 2002 Chairman at Japan External Trade Organization</p> <p>June 2007 Executive Vice President at JAPEX</p> <p>June 2008 President (up to the present date)</p>	3,100 shares
3	Katsuo Suzuki (April 26, 1945)	<p>April 1969 Joined JAPEX</p> <p>June 1996 General Manager of International Oil & Gas Division, Second Project Dept.</p> <p>April 2001 General Manager of International Oil & Gas Division and General Manager of Middle East Project Dept.</p> <p>June 2002 Director, General Manager of International Oil & Gas Division and General Manager of Middle East Project Dept.</p> <p>Feb. 2005 Director, Assistant President of International Oil & Gas Division</p> <p>June 2005 Managing Director, Assistant President of International Oil & Gas Division</p> <p>June 2006 Managing Director, President of International Oil & Gas Division</p> <p>Oct. 2006 Senior Managing Director, President of International Oil & Gas Division</p> <p>June 2007 Executive Vice President, President of International Oil & Gas Division (up to the present date)</p>	2,400 shares

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Brief history, Position and responsibilities in JAPEX or representations in other corporations	JAPEX shares owned
4	Norihiko Sawara (November 28, 1944)	<p>Oct. 1967 Joined JAPEX</p> <p>Oct. 2003 General Manager of Nagaoka Division Office</p> <p>June 2004 Director, General Manager of Nagaoka Division Office</p> <p>June 2005 Managing Director, President of Exploration Division</p> <p>Oct. 2006 Senior Managing Director, President of Exploration Division</p> <p>Jan. 2007 President at JAPEX Libya Ltd. (up to the present date)</p> <p>June 2007 President at JAPEX Buton Ltd. (up to the present date)</p> <p>June 2008 Executive Vice President at JAPEX (up to the present date)</p>	1,400 shares
5	Tadatsuna Koda (December 24, 1944)	<p>April 1967 Joined MITI</p> <p>July 1994 Deputy Director-General at MITI</p> <p>Oct. 1995 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Oman</p> <p>July 1998 Director at Electric Power Development Co., Ltd.</p> <p>June 2001 Managing Director at JAPEX</p> <p>June 2005 Managing Director, General Manager of Marketing & Sales Division</p> <p>May 2006 Managing Director, President of Marketing & Sales Division</p> <p>Oct. 2006 Senior Managing Director, President of Marketing & Sales Division (up to the present date)</p>	2,200 shares
6	Hiroshi Sato (January 22, 1947)	<p>April 1970 Joined JAPEX</p> <p>June 1999 General Manager of Finance & Accounting Dept.</p> <p>June 2002 Director, General Manager of Finance & Accounting Dept.</p> <p>June 2005 Managing Executive Officer</p> <p>June 2006 Managing Director</p> <p>June 2007 Senior Managing Director (up to the present date)</p>	1,800 shares
7	Yoichi Ohta (October 14, 1948)	<p>April 1974 Joined JAPEX</p> <p>June 2003 General Manager of Exploration Technology Dept., Exploration Division</p> <p>June 2005 Executive Officer, General Manager of Exploration Technology Dept., Exploration Division</p> <p>April 2006 Executive Officer, General Manager of Exploration Technology Dept., Exploration Division and General Manager of Information Technology Dept.</p> <p>June 2006 Managing Executive Officer, General Manager of Information Technology Dept.</p> <p>June 2007 Managing Director, General Manager of Exploration Division</p> <p>June 2008 Senior Managing Director, President of Exploration Division (up to the present date)</p>	1,200 shares

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Brief history, Position and responsibilities in JAPEX or representations in other corporations	JAPEX shares owned
8	Nobuzo Ichikawa (July 20, 1949)	<p>April 1972 Joined JAPEX</p> <p>June 1999 General Manager of Marketing & Sales Dept. I, Marketing & Sales Division</p> <p>Dec. 2001 General Manager of Sakhalin Project Dept.</p> <p>June 2002 Director, General Manager of Sakhalin Project Dept.</p> <p>June 2005 Director, General Manager of Energy Supply System Dept.</p> <p>June 2005 Managing Executive Officer, General Manager of Energy Supply System Dept.</p> <p>April 2006 Managing Executive Officer, General Manager of Energy Supply System Dept., and East Japan Pipeline Project Dept.</p> <p>June 2006 Managing Director, General Manager of Energy Supply System Dept., and East Japan Pipeline Project Dept.</p> <p>April 2007 Managing Director (up to the present date)</p>	2,000 shares
9	Masaki Hattori (July 21, 1948)	<p>April 1973 Joined JAPEX</p> <p>June 1999 General Manager of Exploration Dept. I, Exploration Division,</p> <p>June 2003 Director, General Manager of Exploration Division</p> <p>June 2005 Managing Executive Officer, General Manager of Exploration Division</p> <p>June 2006 Managing Director, General Manager of Exploration Division</p> <p>June 2007 President at JAPEX Pipeline Ltd. (up to the present date)</p> <p>June 2007 Managing Director, General Manager of Nagaoka Division Office at JAPEX (up to the present date)</p>	2,000 shares
10	Shoichi Ishii (September 23, 1949)	<p>April 1973 Joined JAPEX</p> <p>June 1999 General Manager of Corporate Planning Dept.</p> <p>June 2003 Director, General Manager of Corporate Planning Dept.</p> <p>June 2005 Managing Executive Officer, General Manager of Nagaoka Division Office</p> <p>June 2006 Managing Director, General Manager of Nagaoka Division Office</p> <p>June 2007 Managing Director (up to the present date)</p>	1,500 shares
11	Chikao Yoshida (January 21, 1948)	<p>April 1975 Joined JAPEX</p> <p>April 2003 General Manager of Development Division, Engineering Dept.</p> <p>June 2004 Director, General Manager of Development Division</p> <p>June 2005 Managing Executive Officer, General Manager of Development Division</p> <p>June 2006 Managing Director, President of Development Division (up to the present date)</p>	3,500 shares

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Brief history, Position and responsibilities in JAPEX or representations in other corporations	JAPEX shares owned
12	Toshio Ibi (March 4, 1949)	<p>May 1972 Joined MITI</p> <p>Jan. 2001 Director-General for Technology Policy Coordination at MITI</p> <p>Sep. 2004 Advisor at JAPEX</p> <p>June 2005 Executive Officer</p> <p>Jan. 2006 Executive Officer, General Manager of Sapporo Division Office</p> <p>June 2006 Managing Executive Officer, General Manager of Sapporo Division Office</p> <p>June 2007 Managing Director, General Manager of Sapporo Division Office</p> <p>Nov. 2008 Managing Director, General Manager of International Oil & Gas Division (up to the present date)</p> <p>Mar. 2009 President at Universe Gas & Oil Company Inc. (up to the present date)</p>	1,700 shares
13	Mitsuru Saito (June 19, 1950)	<p>April 1973 Joined JAPEX</p> <p>June 1999 General Manager of Administration Dept.</p> <p>June 2003 General Manager of Personnel Dept.</p> <p>June 2005 Executive Officer, General Manager of Personnel Dept.</p> <p>June 2006 Managing Executive Officer</p> <p>June 2007 Managing Director (up to the present date)</p>	1,500 shares
14	Junichi Matsumoto (September 27, 1949)	<p>April 1973 Joined JAPEX</p> <p>June 2006 Executive Officer</p> <p>June 2007 Managing Executive Officer, General Manager of Development Division</p> <p>June 2008 Managing Director, General Manager of Development Division</p> <p>April 2009 Managing Director (up to the present date)</p> <p>April 2009 President at Kangean Energy Indonesia Ltd. (up to the present date)</p>	500 shares
15	Nobuyuki Ogura (May 14, 1952)	<p>April 1975 Joined JAPEX</p> <p>April 2001 General Manager of Overseas Exploration Dept. II, Exploration Division</p> <p>April 2003 General Manager of Overseas Exploration Dept., Exploration Division</p> <p>June 2006 Executive Officer</p> <p>June 2008 Managing Director, General Manager of Exploration Division (up to the present date)</p>	900 shares

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Brief history, Position and responsibilities in JAPEX or representations in other corporations	JAPEX shares owned
16	Kazuo Kawakami (April 26, 1933)	<p>April 1958 Appointed prosecutor</p> <p>Jan. 1983 Head of Special Investigation Force, The Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office</p> <p>Sep. 1989 Chief of Trial Proceedings, Supreme Public Prosecutors' Office</p> <p>May 1991 Recorded attorney (Daiichi Tokyo Bar Association) (up to the present date)</p> <p>June 2007 Director at JAPEX (up to the present date)</p>	1,000 shares

(Note) 1. Junichi Matsumoto, a candidate, is concurrently serving as the President of Kangean Energy Indonesia Ltd., to which JAPEX is lending funds.

No significant interest-based relationship exists between other candidates for Directors and JAPEX.

2. Kazuo Kawakami is a candidate for Outside Director.

3. While having no experience of being directly involved in corporate management, Kazuo Kawakami is judged to be qualified to be an Outside Director and appointed as a candidate for that post in the hope that he will enable further appropriate execution of our business by supervising our management and making extensive proposals on the basis of knowledge and experience as a legal expert. JAPEX had entered a legal advisory contract with him and paid advisory fee to him based on said contract during the period from November 2003 to June 2007. At the end of this general meeting of shareholders, Kazuo Kawakami will have served as Outside Director of JAPEX for two (2) years.

Item 4: Election of two (2) Corporate Auditors

Upon closing of this general meeting of shareholders, the term of office of Mr. Kiyoshi Wazumi and Mr. Tsutomu Sugiura, our Corporate Auditors, will expire. We kindly ask our shareholders to elect two (2) new Corporate Auditors.

The candidates for Corporate Auditors are as listed below:

The Board of Corporate Auditors consented to this proposal.

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Brief history, Position and responsibilities in JAPEX or representations in other corporations	JAPEX shares owned
1	Ken Fujii (October 24, 1948)	<p>May 1972 Joined JAPEX</p> <p>June 2002 General Manager of Development Dept. III, Development Division</p> <p>April 2003 General Manager of Operations Dept., Development Division</p> <p>June 2005 Executive Officer</p> <p>June 2007 Managing Executive Officer (up to the present date)</p>	1,500 shares
2	Morio Ishizeki (February 28, 1953)	<p>April 1976 Joined JAPEX</p> <p>June 2002 Senior Manager of Controlling Group, Finance & Accounting Dept.</p> <p>June 2005 Director at JAPEX SKS Corporation (up to the present date)</p>	-

(Note) No significant interest-based relationship exists between candidates for Corporate Auditors and JAPEX.

Item 5: Awarding Retirement Benefits to Retiring Corporate Auditors

Upon closing of this general meeting of shareholders, Corporate Auditor Kiyoshi Wazumi and Tsutomu Sugiura will retire from the position.

Therefore, retirement benefits shall be awarded according to the standards specified by JAPEX in recognition of services during their tenure. We kindly ask our shareholders to allow deliberation by Corporate

Auditors with regard to the specific amount, period and method of awarding, etc.

Their brief histories are as follows:

Name	Brief History	
Kiyoshi Wazumi	June 2005	Full-time Corporate Auditor at JAPEX (up to the present date)
Tutomu Sugiura	June 2005	Full-time Corporate Auditor at JAPEX (up to the present date)

Item 6: Payment of Bonuses to Directors and Corporate Auditors

A total amount of bonus of 78,300,000 yen (74,234,000 yen to Directors, 4,066,000 yen to Corporate Auditors) will be paid to seventeen (17) Directors (including one (1) Outside Director) and four (4) Corporate Auditors tenured during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009, in view of the traditionally paid bonus amounts and the performance of the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009.

Consolidated Balance Sheets

(As of March 31, 2009)

(Unit: millions of yen)

Accounting titles (Assets)	Amount	Accounting titles (Liabilities)	Amount
Current assets	97,120	Current liabilities	24,093
Cash and deposits	27,702	Notes and accounts payable-trade	6,508
Notes and accounts receivable-trade	17,050	Income taxes payable	392
Short-term investment securities	11,510	Provision for directors' bonuses	93
Merchandise and finished goods	4,255	Provision for loss on disaster	188
Work in process	553	Other	16,909
Raw materials and supplies	6,200	Noncurrent liabilities	98,123
Deferred tax assets	1,315	Long-term loans payable	25,325
Other	28,543	Deferred tax liabilities	60,108
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(12)	Provision for retirement benefits	5,732
Noncurrent assets	403,324	Provision for directors' retirement benefits	559
Property, plant and equipment	142,767	Provision for cost of abandonment	5,725
Buildings and structures	52,024	Provision for loss on business of subsidiaries and affiliates	35
Wells	18,112	Other	635
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	48,278	Liabilities	122,216
Land	15,338		
Construction in progress	4,790	(Net assets)	
Other	4,223	Shareholders' equity	269,778
Intangible assets	4,392	Capital stock	14,288
Goodwill	1,063	Retained earnings	255,499
Other	3,328	Treasury stock	(9)
Investments and other assets	256,164	Valuation and translation adjustments	100,964
Investment securities	241,945	Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	105,430
Long-term loans receivable	13,432	Deferred gains or losses on hedges	(0)
Long-term accounts receivable-other	70	Foreign currency translation adjustment	(4,465)
Deferred tax assets	648	Minority interests	7,484
Other	5,939	Net assets	378,227
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(68)	Liabilities and net assets	500,444
Allowance for overseas investment loss	(5,803)		
Assets	500,444		

(Amounts truncated to millions of yen)

Consolidated Statements of Income

〔 From April 1, 2008
To March 31, 2009 〕

(Unit: millions of yen)

Accounting titles	Amount	
Net sales		202,127
Cost of sales		134,447
Gross profit		67,680
Exploration expenses		15,352
Selling, general and administrative expenses		32,237
Operating income		20,090
Non-operating income		
Interest income	1,253	
Dividends income	5,823	
Gain on sales of securities	490	
Reversal of provision for loss on business of subsidiaries and affiliates	275	
Other	1,839	9,682
Non-operating expenses		
Interest expense	494	
Loss on sales of securities	432	
Loss on valuation of securities	1,805	
Provision for cost of abandonment	2,055	
Foreign exchange losses	1,886	
Other	740	7,414
Ordinary income		22,358
Extraordinary income		
Reversal of allowance for doubtful accounts	8	
Gain on sales of noncurrent assets	0	
Subsidy	191	199
Extraordinary loss		
Loss on retirement of noncurrent assets	2,986	
Impairment loss	2,312	
Other	152	5,450
Income before income taxes		17,108
Income taxes-current	1,879	
Income taxes-deferred	1,686	3,565
Minority interests in income		981
Net income		12,560

(Amount truncated to millions of yen)

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets

〔 From April 1, 2008
To March 31, 2009 〕

(Unit: millions of yen)

	Shareholders' equity				Valuation and translation adjustments				Minority interests	Net assets
	Capital stock	Retained earnings	Treasury stock	Total shareholders' equity	Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	Deferred gains or losses on hedges	Foreign currency translation adjustment	Total valuation and translation adjustments		
Balance as of March 31, 2008	14,288	245,225	(7)	259,506	179,629	(0)	716	180,346	8,373	448,226
Changes of items during the period										
Dividends from surplus		(2,286)		(2,286)						(2,286)
Net income		12,560		12,560						12,560
Purchase of treasury stock			(2)	(2)						(2)
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity					(74,199)	—	(5,182)	(79,381)	(888)	(80,270)
Total changes of items during the period	—	10,274	(2)	10,272	(74,199)	—	(5,182)	(79,381)	(888)	(69,998)
Balance as of March 31, 2009	14,288	255,499	(9)	269,778	105,430	(0)	(4,465)	100,964	7,484	378,227

(Amount truncated to millions of yen)

Balance Sheets

(As of March 31, 2009)

(Unit: millions of yen)

Accounting titles	Amount	Accounting titles	Amount
(Assets)		(Liabilities)	
Current assets	65,229	Current liabilities	19,840
Cash and deposits	7,194	Accounts payable-trade	5,768
Accounts receivable-trade	13,533	Current portion of long-term loans payable	2,278
Short-term investment securities	5,568	Lease obligations	8
Merchandise and finished goods	4,159	Accounts payable-other	5,464
Raw materials and supplies	4,953	Accrued expenses	5,869
Advance payments-trade	0	Income taxes payable	10
Prepaid expenses	401	Deposits received	173
Deferred tax assets	1,104	Provision for directors' bonuses	78
Accrued income	36	Provision for loss on disaster	188
Short-term loans receivable	20,466	Other	1
Short-term loans receivable to subsidiaries and affiliates	715		
Accounts receivable-other	1,139	Noncurrent liabilities	95,718
Advances paid	1,037	Long-term loans payable	25,325
Other	4,918	Lease obligations	29
Noncurrent assets	401,321	Deferred tax liabilities	60,001
Property, plant and equipment	122,527	Provision for retirement benefits	5,038
Buildings	9,384	Provision for directors' retirement benefits	513
Structures	37,302	Provision for cost of abandonment	4,462
Wells	15,890	Other	348
Machinery and equipment	39,315		
Vessels	0	Liabilities	115,559
Vehicles	13		
Tools, furniture and fixtures	2,740	(Net assets)	
Land	12,801	Shareholders' equity	245,307
Lease assets	37	Capital stock	14,288
Construction in progress	4,594	Retained earnings	231,027
Wells in progress	445	Legal retained earnings	3,572
Intangible assets	1,246	Other retained earnings	227,455
Leasehold right	178	Reserve for overseas investment loss	399
Software	1,038	Reserve for mine prospecting	16,948
Other	29	Reserve for special depreciation	72
Investment and other assets	277,547	Reserve for advanced depreciation of noncurrent assets	283
Investment securities	202,703	Reserve for exploration	47,246
Stocks of subsidiaries and affiliates	72,455	General reserve	141,600
Long-term loans receivable	975	Retained earnings brought forward	20,904
Long-term loans receivable from subsidiaries and affiliates	17,582	Treasury stock	(9)
Long-term prepaid expenses	1,585	Valuation and translation adjustments	105,684
Other	2,794	Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	105,684
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(33)		
Allowance for overseas investment loss	(20,515)	Net assets	350,991
Assets	466,550	Liabilities and net assets	466,550

(Amount truncated to millions of yen)

Statements of Income

(From April 1, 2008)
(To March 31, 2009)

(Unit: millions of yen)

Accounting titles	Amount	
Net sales		157,818
Cost of sales		112,743
Gross profit		45,075
Exploration expenses		8,007
Selling, general and administrative expenses		24,029
Operating income		13,037
Non-operating income		
Interest income	928	
Interest on securities	182	
Dividends income	13,909	
Other	1,870	16,891
Non-operating expenses		
Interest expense	493	
Loss on valuation of securities	292	
Provision for overseas investment loss	31	
Provision for cost of abandonment	1,797	
Foreign exchange losses	1,223	
Other	644	4,483
Ordinary income		25,445
Extraordinary income		
Gain on sales of noncurrent assets	0	
Subsidy	191	191
Extraordinary loss		
Loss on retirement of noncurrent assets	3,037	
Loss on sales of noncurrent assets	0	
Impairment loss	2,432	5,469
Income before income taxes		20,167
Income taxes-current	(32)	
Income taxes-deferred	1,628	1,595
Net income		18,571

(Amount truncated to millions of yen)

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

〔 From April 1, 2008
To March 31, 2009 〕

(Unit: millions of yen)

	Shareholders' equity											Total shareholders' equity
	Capital Stock	Retained earnings									Treasury stock	
		Legal retained earnings	Other retained earnings							Total retained earnings		
			Reserve for overseas investment loss	Reserve for mine prospecting	Reserve for special depreciation	Reserve for advanced depreciation of noncurrent assets	Reserve for exploration	General reserve	Retained earnings brought forward			
Balance as of March 31, 2008	14,288	3,572	399	17,800	96	295	47,246	131,600	13,732	214,742	(7)	229,023
Changes of items during the period												
Provision of reserve for mine prospecting				5,300					(5,300)	—		—
Reversal of reserve for mine prospecting				(6,151)					6,151	—		—
Reversal of reserve for special depreciation					(24)				24	—		—
Reversal of reserve for advanced depreciation of noncurrent assets						(11)			11	—		—
Provision of general reserve								10,000	(10,000)	—		—
Dividends from surplus									(2,286)	(2,286)		(2,286)
Net income									18,571	18,571		18,571
Purchase of treasury stock											(2)	(2)
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity												
Total changes of items during the period	—	—	—	(851)	(24)	(11)	—	10,000	7,172	16,285	(2)	16,283
Balance as of March 31, 2009	14,288	3,572	399	16,948	72	283	47,246	141,600	20,904	231,027	(9)	245,307

	Valuation and translation adjustments			Net assets
	Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	Deferred gains or losses on hedges	Total valuation and translation adjustments	
Balance as of March 31, 2008	179,791	—	179,791	408,814
Changes of items during the period				
Provision of reserve for mine prospecting				—
Reversal of reserve for mine prospecting				—
Reversal of reserve for special depreciation				—
Reversal of reserve for advanced depreciation of noncurrent assets				—
Provision of general reserve				—
Dividends from surplus				(2,286)
Net income				18,571
Purchase of treasury stock				(2)
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity	(74,107)	—	(74,107)	(74,107)
Total changes of items during the period	(74,107)	—	(74,107)	(57,823)
Balance as of March 31, 2009	105,684	—	105,684	350,991

(Amounts truncated to millions of yen)