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Since 1948, Clarion has been a leader in the car audio electronics industry by developing highly innovative products which consistently set new standards for quality, ingenuity and durability.

Around the world, the Clarion name stands for creativity and quality.

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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Million	Thousands of U.S. Dollars	
For the years ended March 31,	2000	1999	2000
Net Sales	¥191,855	¥199,575	\$1,807,401
Operating Income	3,332	7,033	31,395
Net (Loss) Income	(17,713)	1,051	(166,870)
Per Share of Common Stock (Yen or U.S. Dollars):			
Net (Loss) Income	(113.82)	6.76	(1.072)
Cash Dividends	_	3.00	_
As at March 31,			
Shareholders' Equity	20,403	38,469	192,213
Total Assets	171,011	180,858	1,611,038

Note: U.S. dollar amounts are translated, for convenience only, at \$106.15 = U.S.\$1, the rate prevailing on March 31, 2000.

Business Environment Results

During the year ending March 31, 2000, the business environment for Clarion and members of the Clarion Group was buoyed in the international arena by the robust performance of the U.S. economy, recovery in Europe driven by strong export demand due to a weaker Euro and the success of Asian economies in finally overcoming the effects of the currency crisis. On the domestic front, however, conditions remained bleak, with consumer spending continuing to decline despite massive public spending initiatives. The situation was further aggravated by a sharp rise in the value of the yen that left some export-oriented firms struggling.

Sales of automobiles, the company's main area of interest, expanded in the U.S. market while continuing to struggle here at home, with production falling below last year's level. One bright spot did appear in the new miniclass car market where sales have been doing well.

In response to these difficult conditions, Clarion seized the initiative and launched an aggressive campaign to introduce new products in both domestic and overseas markets. Helped along by growth in the new mini-class car category, domestic original equipment manufacturer (OEM) sales for the year grew by 10.5% over the previous year to ¥55,310 million (\$521.1 million). In overseas markets, however, the increase in unit sales of products was overshadowed by a fall in revenues of 9.1% for the term due to both the weaker dollar and the sliding Euro.

Falling prices for aftermarket and OEM products, in both domestic and overseas markets, contributed to a year-on-year decline in consolidated net sales of 3.9% to \$191,855 million (\$1,807.4 million).

During the year, Clarion introduced special rationalization measures designed to raise productivity and lower the bottom line on cost price and fixed expenses. Such determined efforts, however, floundered against the tide of demands by customers for price reductions that were compounded by foreign exchange factors, namely a weaker dollar and a Euro still seeking its own level. As a result, consolidated operating income went down 52.6% year-onyear to ¥3,332 million (\$31.4 million). In the area of consolidated net income, there was a net loss for the year of ¥17,713 million (\$166.9 million). Extraordinary losses for the term included one-off costs of ¥5,096 million (\$48.0 million) for write-down and disposal of inventories incurred over the course of restructuring efforts to streamline distribution channels and ¥4,645 million (\$43.8 million) arising from introduction of new accounting procedures that increased the reserve for accrued employee retirement benefits. Losses were also incurred from the write-down on investments in securities, which came to ¥1,853 million (\$17.5 million).

Sales by Category

Car Audio-Visual Equipment

With domestic car production falling below last year's level, Clarion launched special efforts to expand sales of car CD, car television and car navigation systems.

Success in increasing OEM sales in the domestic market was offset by a fall in revenue from overseas due to appreciation of the yen in relation to other currencies. Sales in the car audio-visual equipment category declined by 2.9% from the previous year to ¥173,911 million (\$1,638.4 million).

Special Equipment

In the area of commercial karaoke systems, Clarion's efforts to invest in new market development with the spread spectrum (SS) synthesizer karaoke system were thwarted by a drop in business at karaoke rooms and hotels and the general decline of the karaoke market. Sales in this cat-

egory declined by 5.6% from the previous year to 9,408 million (\$88.6 million).

An aggressive drive to boost sales of audio-visual equipment for buses was overshadowed by falling demand for voice-synthesizer PA systems for intracity buses and audio-visual equipment for tour buses. Sales for this category declined by 19.3% to ¥4,141 million (\$39.0 million).

Restraints on investment in plants and facilities in general also affected sales of SS wireless modems, with sales declining 18.1% from the previous year to \$4,393 million (\$41.4 million).

Overseas Sales

Strong markets for OEM and aftermarket products in North America and Europe led to growth in unit sales. Despite this, however, a stronger yen in relation to the dollar and the Euro led to an actual decline in yen denominated revenues. On the bright side, exports to the Asia Region grew, buoyed by strong performances, particularly in the recovering Taiwanese and Australian economies.

Dividend Policy

The Clarion policy with regard to dividends is to place top priority on rewarding shareholders with regular dividend payments. Due to the sharp fall in profits for this fiscal period, however, Clarion was forced to forgo payment of dividends for the 1999 fiscal year.

The company will devote maximum effort to improving business results during the current year in order to be able to return profits to shareholders in the form of regular dividend payments.

Outlook

Clarion expects the coming year to bring mild economic recovery based on growth in investment in plants and facilities in information technology related sectors. At the



same time, the company will be keeping a watchful eye on conditions in the business environment as apprehension continues over the decline in product prices, employment and future foreign-exchange trends.

The Clarion Group will work together to respond to these difficult conditions by adhering closely to the basic tenets of the management policy set out by the Clarion group. The Clarion Group will work together on developing IT technology in order to create technically superior products, while continuing efforts to strengthen the management system and increase profitability.

We look forward to the continued patronage and support of our shareholders and customers as we implement these efforts.

> Ichizo Ishitsubo Chairman and President

Development of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)

Studies are being conducted around the world on development of sophisticated intelligent transport systems (ITS) that organize the road map into information networks that facilitate highly sophisticated management of traffic information. Clarion has recently entered into an agreement with Hitachi Ltd. to develop hardware components for car navigation systems. Hitachi already possesses expertise in the area of electronic toll collection systems (ETC) and vehicle information and communications systems (VICS), which transmit information on current traffic congestion conditions and other topics to cars traveling on the road. Development is already underway on terminals for ETC systems.

Clarion AutoPC sales

Since the AutoPC was launched as an aftermarket product in the U.S. in January 1999, sales have grown in the region of 5000 units. Based on the Windows CE (Microsoft Corp.) operating system, the AutoPC serves as a car audio system, a computer and a navigation system, with the added feature of wireless transmission. Clarion will be launching sales of the second-generation AutoPC this year.

Clarion's efforts to promote the AutoPC as an OEM product have borne fruit, with sales to Citroen of France (for the Xsara) commencing in January 2000.

Clarion will be launching the product in other markets in Europe, as well as in Japan and Asia, as the necessary software is developed. The AutoPC is expected to come into increasing use as a terminal for ITS systems.

New Product Development

In the car audio field, the shift toward digital as seen in CD and MD car audio systems has now become a veritable sea change. During the fiscal year, Clarion announced 12 new models in the ADDZEST series of aftermarket products that include audio center units and compact car television systems. The main products in this series are 2DIN class

audio center units featuring AM/FM tuner and both CD and MD format players.

Paralleling the trend in popularity of car audio systems in recent years is the growing demand for car navigation systems. With strong sales of the CD-ROM based ADDZEST S-Navi, Clarion has succeeded in climbing to the top ranks in terms of market share. The DVD-ROM based navigation system, with its large volume information capacity, has been selling well since its debut last summer.

Clarion now supplies car navigation systems on an OEM basis to the domestic automobile manufacturers, while orders from overseas manufacturers are also increasing.

On April 1, 2000, Clarion spun off the Precision Device (PD) Business Division, responsible for developing, manufacturing and marketing the drive components used in car audio and car navigation systems, as wholly owned subsidiary, Clarion Device Co., Ltd. This move is part of a drive to establish a more competitive presence in both domestic and overseas OEM auto manufacturing markets.

Clarion contributes to safer driving with a safe driving system based on a miniature, high sensitivity CCD camera. The system enables drivers to monitor images of blind spots to the rear and the clearances on either side of the vehicle at intersections with poor visibility.

SS Modem Holds Promise for Wireless Networks of the Future

The SS transmission technology Clarion has developed over the years is highly resistant to noise and offers very reliable performance in SS wireless modem applications for both the office and factory. In addition to the main area of car audio and navigation systems, Clarion intends to establish a strong presence in the SS transmission and ITS markets.

Developing Global Markets

Clarion's fundamental approach to the car audio business is to conduct product development and manufacturing,

parts procurement and sales within those regions with high demand for Clarion products. In line with this policy, Clarion is currently building a system of regional head-quarters that divides the world into 4 areas, one of which is Japan. Bases for designing and developing products are also located in each region to ensure systems meet the specific requirements of local markets.

North America

The big three automobile manufacturers in the U.S. OEM market have adopted QS-9000 as the product quality standard set for parts procured from component suppliers. Meeting these standards is an essential condition for doing business with the big three. Within the Clarion group, Clarion Device Co., Ltd., the OEM Business Division and factories in Mexico and China have already obtained the necessary certification. In May 2000, Clarion do Brazil Ltda. was established as a wholly owned subsidiary of Clarion Corporation of America to produce and sell integrated CD and radio systems in Brazil.

The aftermarket in North America is characterized by severe competition, with Clarion and other Japanese brands accounting for an 80% share. Clarion is seeking to expand its market share with intensive efforts to produce low-priced, high-quality products featuring enhanced functionality.

Clarion has also recently entered into contracts with Sirius Satellite Radio (New York) and XM Satellite Radio (Washington) to design and develop car radio systems for receiving digital satellite broadcasts in the American market. Clarion intends to develop, manufacture and market the satellite radio systems on both an OEM and aftermarket basis to manufacturers of complete automobiles.

Europe

Clarion established Clarion Hungary Electronikai Kft. in Nagykata, Hungary, as its production base for car audio systems and components for group companies in the European market. The new factory commenced production in January 1999 and is progressing steadily toward its production target of one million units per year, which is expected to increase Clarion's share of the EU OEM market.

Populated by both local and Japanese manufacturers, the aftermarket in Europe is also a highly competitive one. In addition to its position in the hotly contested car audio market, Clarion is a strong player in car navigation systems and car television systems and has been successful in increasing sales. Clarion launched sales of car navigation systems based on the maps and languages for six different countries, beginning with Italy in April and continuing with France and Belgium in September. These have proved very popular. Germany is at the forefront in development of traffic information systems. Clarion plans to intensify product development and sales efforts to establish a strong base in preparation for when the ECU-wide traffic information systems come on line.

Asia

In China, Xiamen Clarion Electrical Enterprise Co. Ltd. (CXEE), which commenced production in December 1998. Dongguan Clarion Orient Electronics Co. Ltd. (DCOE) succeeded in obtaining QS-9000 certification required by the big three automobile manufacturers in the U.S. DCOE has already been certified for the international ISO9002 standards.

In Malaysia, Clarion (Malaysia) Sdn., Bhd. handles OEM sales of Clarion products to Malaysia's national automobile manufacturer. The Philippine plant is currently the main production base for the company's OEM products.

After the temporary setback caused by the economic crisis, the Asian aftermarket is on the road to recovery. Clarion has succeeded in increasing sales here by offering a full line of car audio, car navigation and car television systems.

Consolidated Balance Sheets March 31, 2000 and 1999

	Millions of Yen		Thousands of U.S. Dollars
	2000		2000
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
Cash on Hand and in Banks	¥ 22,190	¥21,521	\$ 209,051
Notes and Accounts Receivable	35,183	34,740	331,446
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(2,545)	(1,152)	(23,983)
Marketable Securities	4,144	2,594	39,040
Inventories	38,277	44,784	360,593
Deferred Income Taxes	700	_	6,599
Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets	7,089	7,936	66,788
Total Current Assets	105,039	110,423	989,536
Property, Plant and Equipment:			
	05.014	25 000	037.530
Buildings and Structures	25,214 45,719	25,088	237,539 430,702
Machinery and Equipment	70,933	51,288 76,376	668,241
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(49,320)	(53,854)	(464,632)
Less. Accumulated Depreciation	21,613	22,522	203,608
Land	8,701	9,054	81,976
	108	940	1,022
Construction in Progress	30,423	32,518	286,607
Intensible Assets	7,028	<u> </u>	
Intangible Assets	•	3,430	66,208
Other Assets	4,528	9,882	42,664
Adjustments on Foreign Currency Translation	9,644	6,378	90,854
Total Assets	¥171,011	¥180,858	\$1,611,038

	Millions of Yen		Thousands of U.S. Dollars
	2000	1999	2000
LIABILITIES, MINORITY INTERESTS IN CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES			
AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current Liabilities:			
Short-Term Loans	¥ 67,521	¥ 65,146	\$ 636,092
Commercial Papers	2,000	5,500	18,841
Notes and Accounts Payable	29,587	30,165	278,730
Accrued Bonus	2,235	2,370	21,063
Income Taxes Payable	386	1,079	3,638
Other Current Liabilities	11,036	9,748	103,973
Total Current Liabilities	112,767	114,009	1,062,339
Long-Term Loans	25,123	21,045	236,680
Accrued Employees' Severance Indemnities	9,785	4,646	92,182
Other Long-Term Liabilities	701	1,915	6,611
Deferred Income Taxes	1,468	_	13,833
Total Liabilities	149,846	141,617	1,411,646
Minority Interests in Consolidated Subsidiaries	761	770	7,177
Commitments and Contingencies			
Shareholders' Equity:			
Common Stock, par value ¥50 per Share			
Authorized:450,000,000 shares			
Issued:155,624,878 shares at March 31, 2000 and 1999	19,432	19,432	183,066
Additional Paid-in Capital	26,934	26,933	253,742
Deficit	(25,962)	(7,894)	(244,586)
Treasury Stock	(1)	(1)	(9)
Total Shareholders' Equity	20,403	38,469	192,213
Total Liabilities, Minority Interests in Consolidated Subsidiaries			
and Shareholders' Equity	¥171,011	¥180,858	\$1,611,038

Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income for each of the three years in the period ended March 31, 2000

		Millions of Yen			
	2000	1999	1998	2000	
Net Sales	¥191,855	¥199,575	¥196,006	\$1,807,401	
Cost of Sales	150,002	150,742	145,593	1,413,114	
Gross Profit	41,853	48,833	50,412	394,287	
Selling, General and Administrative Expenses	38,520	41,800	42,500	362,891	
Operating Income	3,332	7,033	7,912	31,395	
Other Income (Expenses):					
Interest Income	420	409	618	3,959	
Dividend Income	130	120	132	1,233	
Interest Expenses	(2,473)	(2,938)	(3,432)	(23,305)	
Provision for Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(1,474)	_	_	(13,888)	
Loss on Sale or Disposal of Property, Plant					
and Equipment, Net	(909)	(185)	(587)	(8,567)	
Loss from Write-Down and Disposal of Inventories	(5,096)	(384)	_	(48,008)	
Loss from Write-Down of Investments in Securities	(1,853)	_	_	(17,460)	
Officers' Retirement Expenses	(197)	(27)	(391)	(1,860)	
Additional Accrual for Employees' Severance Indemnities	(4,645)	_	_	(43,762)	
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Investments in Securities, Net	241	(68)	600	2,275	
Loss from Write-Down of Marketable Securities	(151)	(84)	(845)	(1,423)	
Exchange (Loss) Income, Net	(948)	(1,939)	660	(8,940)	
Others, Net	(3,254)	33	305	(30,660)	
	(20,212)	(5,066)	(2,938)	(190,410)	
(Loss) Income before Income Taxes	(16,879)	1,966	4,974	(159,014)	
Provision for Income Taxes:					
Current	710	747	889	6,693	
Deferred	60	_	_	571	
	771	747	889	7,265	
	(17,650)	1,219	4,084	(166,280)	
Minority Interests	(62)	(168)	(151)	(590)	
Amortization of Goodwill	_	_	218	_	
Equity in Loss of Affiliates	_	_	25	_	
Net (Loss) Income	¥ (17,713)	¥ 1,051	¥ 3,739	\$ (166,870)	
		Yen		U.S. Dollars	
Per Share:					
Net (Loss) Income	¥ (113.82)	¥ 6.76	¥ 24.03	\$ (1.072)	
Cash Dividends		¥ 3.00	¥ 3.00		

Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity for each of the three years in the period ended March 31, 2000

	Number of Shares	Millions of Yen				
	of Common Stock Outstanding (Thousands)	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Legal Reserve	Deficit	Treasury Stocks
Balance at March 31, 1997	155,625	¥19,432	¥39,310	¥1,954	¥(26,506)	¥(1)
Net Income for the Year Ended March 31, 1998	_	_	_	_	3,739	_
Transfer to Legal Reserve	_	_	_	1	(1)	_
Subsidy from French Government Paid Back						
for Reduced Employment	_	_	(8)	_	_	_
Decrease from Initial Consolidation of Subsidiaries	_	_	_	_	(3)	_
Transfer from Legal Reserve	_	_	_	(1,668)	1,668	_
Transfer from Additional Paid - in Capital		_	(12,367)	_	12,367	_
Treasury Stock Transactions, Net	_	_	_	_		0
Balance at March 31, 1998	155,625	19,432	26,935	288	(8,738)	(0)
Net Income for the Year Ended March 31, 1999	_	_	_	_	1,051	_
Cash Dividends Paid	_	_	_	_	(466)	_
Transfer from Legal Reserve	_	_	_	(288)	288	
Subsidy from French Government Paid Back						
for Reduced Employment	_	_	(2)	_	_	
Decrease from Discontinued Consolidation of Subsidiaries		_	_	_	(28)	_
Treasury Stock Transactions, Net	_	_	_	_	_	(1)
Others		_	_	_	(1)	_
Balance at March 31, 1999	155,625	19,432	26,933	_	(7,894)	(1)
Cumulative Effect of an Accounting Change	_	_	_	_	134	_
Net Loss for the Year Ended March 31, 2000		_	_	_	(17,713)	_
Cash Dividends Paid	_	_	_	_	(466)	_
Increase from Initial Application of Equity Method						
for Investments in Affiliates	_	_	_	_	18	_
Decrease from Initial Consolidation of Subsidiaries	_	_	_	_	(38)	_
Treasury Stock Transactions, Net	_	_	_	_	_	0
Others	_	_	1	_	(2)	_
Balance at March 31, 2000	155,625	¥19,432	¥26,934	¥ —	¥(25,962)	¥(1)

V	Thousands of U.S. Dollars				ollars		
	f Common Stoc Outstanding (Thousands)		Additional Paid-in Capital	Legal Reserve	Deficit	Treasury Stocks	
Balance at March 31, 1999	155,625	\$183,066	\$253,727	\$ —	\$(74,367)	\$(15)	
Cumulative Effect of an Accounting Change	_	_	_	_	1,265	_	
Net Loss for the Year Ended March 31, 2000	_	_	_	_	(166,870)	_	
Cash Dividends Paid	_	_	_	_	(4,398)	_	
Increase from Initial Application of Equity Method							
for Investments in Affiliates	_	_	_	_	176	_	
Decrease from Initial Consolidation of Subsidiaries	_	_	_	_	(367)	_	
Treasury Stock Transactions, Net	_	_	_	_	_	5	
Others	_	_	15	_	(24)		
Balance at March 31, 2000	155,625	\$183,066	\$253,742	\$ —	\$(244,586)	\$(9)	

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended March 31, 2000

	Millions of Yen	Thousands of U.S. Dollars
	2000	2000
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	W(4.6.0E0)	0(450.044)
Loss before Income Taxes	¥(16,879)	\$(159,014)
Depreciation	6,743	63,527
Amortization of Goodwill	189	1,781
Equity in Loss of Affiliates	(38)	(360)
Provision for Doubtful Accounts	1,518	14,308
Provision for Severance Indemnities, Less Payments	5,142	48,446
Interest and Dividend Income	(551)	(5,192)
Interest Expenses	2,473	23,305
Devaluation of Marketable Securities and Investments in Securities	2,002	18,868
Exchange Loss	496	4,675
Gain on Sales of Marketable Securities	(118)	(1,114) (2,276)
Gain on Sales of Property, Plant and Equipment	(241) (126)	(2,276) $(1,195)$
Loss on Disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment	1,480	13,950
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	1,400	13,730
Receivables	(3,398)	(32,017)
Inventories	3,209	30,233
Notes and Accounts Payable	(1,169)	(11,021)
Others, Net	5,110	48,141
Sub-Total	5,843	55,045
Interest and Dividend Received	548	5,168
Interest and Dividend Received	(2,519)	(23,733)
Income Taxes Paid	(1,004)	(9,461)
Jet Cash Provided by Operating Activities	2,868	27,018
ect Cash Floridea by Operating Activities	2,000	27,010
ash Flows from Investing Activities:	(4.0.49)	(0.020)
Increase in Time Deposits	(1,043)	(9,828)
Decrease in Time Deposits	1,619	15,252
Purchases of Marketable Securities	(296) 529	(2,791) 4,990
Purchases of Property, Plant and Equipment	(6,316)	(59,507)
Sales of Property, Plant and Equipment	1,896	17,869
Purchases of Intangible Assets	(3,024)	(28,492)
Sales of Intangible Assets	38	366
Purchases of Investments in Securities	(1,404)	(13,233)
Sales of Investments in Securities	1,243	11,714
New Acquisition of Subsidiaries	(80)	(762)
Increase in Loans	$(2,\hat{5}51)$	(24,037)
Collection of Loans	1,652	15,571
Others, Net	(10)	(96)
let Cash Used in Investing Activities	(7,747)	(72,986)
ash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Increase in Short-Term Loans, Net	2,632	24,802
Repayment of Commercial Papers	(3,500)	(32,972)
Proceeds from Long-Term Loans	15,672	147,643
Repayment of Long-Term Loans	(8,355)	(78,716)
Purchases of Treasury Stock	(90)	(855)
Sales of Treasury Stock	89	839
Cash Dividends Paid	(466)	(4,398)
Cash Dividends Paid to Minority Shareholders	(0)	(5)
let Cash Provided by Financing Activities	5,980	56,337
ffect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash and Cash Equivalents	(1,195)	(11,261)
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(94)	(892)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, at beginning	18,159	171,077
Cash and Cash Equivalents of Subsidiaries Initially Consolidated, at beginning	683	6,439

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

1. BASIS OF PRESENTING CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements of Clarion Co., Ltd. ("Clarion") and Consolidated Subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company") are basically an English version of those which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles and practices generally accepted in Japan and filed with the Japanese Ministry of Finance as a part of the Annual Security Report (a Japanese equivalent of Form 10-K in the U.S.). The accounting records of Clarion and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries and affiliates accounted for under the equity method are maintained in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Japanese Commercial Code and in conformity with accounting principles and practices generally accepted in Japan, which are different in certain respects as to application and disclosure requirements from International Accounting Standards. The accounting records of overseas consolidated subsidiaries and affiliates accounted for under the equity method are maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles prevailing in the respective regions in which they were incorporated. In general, no adjustments on the accounts of overseas consolidated subsidiaries are reflected in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements to comply with the Japanese accounting principles and practices followed by Clarion and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries.

Effective April 1, 1999, the Company adopted a new accounting standard

requiring presentation of a statement of cash flows for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000.

The Consolidated Financial Statements incorporate certain reclassifications of figures from those included in the Annual Security Report Statements in order to present in a form more familiar to the readers outside Japan. In addition, the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements include information which is not required under generally accepted accounting principles and practices in Japan but is presented herein as additional information.

The Consolidated Financial Statements are not intended to present the consolidated financial position and the results of operations and cash flows in accordance with accounting principles and practices generally accepted in countries and jurisdictions other than Japan.

The amounts presented in millions of yen are truncated after million. Totals may not add up exactly because of such truncation.

The U.S. dollar amounts stated in the Consolidated Financial Statements are included solely for convenience of readers outside Japan. The rate of ¥106.15=US\$1, the approximate rate of exchange as at March 31, 2000 has been used for the purpose of such translation. Those translations should not be construed as representations that the Japanese yen amounts actually represent, or have been or could be converted into U.S. dollars at that rate.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(1) Consolidation and Investments in Affiliates

The Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of Clarion and those of its subsidiaries in which it has control. Effective April 1, 1999, Clarion modified its method of identification for consolidated subsidiaries and affiliates in accordance with "Implementation Guideline on Revised Definition of Subsidiaries and Affiliates for Consolidated Financial Statements" issued by the Business Accounting Deliberation Council on October 30, 1998. Under this new method, companies controlled by Clarion are consolidated as subsidiaries regardless of the ownership percentage by Clarion, and companies influenced by Clarion in material degree on their financial, operating, or business policies through investment, personnel, financing, technology, trading or other relationship are accounted for as affiliates regardless of the ownership percentage by Clarion. This change did not identify additional consolidated subsidiaries or affiliates accounted for under the equity method in the year ended March 31, 2000.

All significant intercompany transactions, balances and unrealized intercompany profits are eliminated on consolidation.

Subsidiaries with year-end dates other than March 31 are consolidated based on respective balance sheet dates. Necessary adjustments have been recorded to the Consolidated Financial Statements for significant transactions recorded during the period between those subsidiaries' year-end dates and the balance sheet date.

The excess of the cost over the underlying fair value of investments in subsidiaries is recognized as goodwill. In the year ended March 31, 2000, the Company changed the amortization period for goodwill relating to domestic subsidiaries to 10 years. In the year ended March 31, 1999 and prior, the Company amortized the same over 5 years. Goodwill of a U.S. subsidiary arising from its consolidation in the U.S. is amortized over 20 years.

(2) Translation of Foreign Currency Balances and Transactions

Foreign currency transactions are translated using foreign exchange rates prevailing at the transaction dates. Short-term receivables and payables denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the current exchange rates at balance sheet date.

All the assets and liabilities of foreign subsidiaries and affiliates are translated at current rates at the respective balance sheet dates and all the income and expense accounts are translated at average rates for respective periods. Foreign currency financial statement translation differences are recorded in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as a component of assets or liabilities.

(3) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, Cash and Cash Equivalents consists of cash, certificates of deposits with original maturity of three months or less, and other highly liquid investments which are virtually without risk of loss in value.

(4) Marketable Securities

Marketable Securities are stated at cost: cost being determined principally by the moving-average method.

(5) Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts is maintained for the amounts deemed uncollectible based on solvency analyses and for estimated delinquency based on collection rates estimated from historical credit loss experiences.

(6) Inventories

Inventories are stated principally at cost: cost being determined by the periodic average method. Reserve for potentially obsolete or slow-moving inventory is provided based on management's recoverability analysis. Supplies are stated at cost: cost being determined by the last purchase method.

(7) Investments in Securities

Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates, except for those immaterial to the Consolidated Financial Statements which are carried at cost, are accounted for under the equity method and included in Investments in Securities.

The carrying value of an investment is written down to its fair value when the fair value of the investment declines below cost and the impairment is judged to be other than temporary.

(8) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, Plant and Equipment, including significant renewals and improvements, are carried at cost. Maintenance and repairs including minor renewals and betterments are charged to income as incurred. Depreciation is computed principally under the declining-balance method at rates based on the estimated useful lives of the assets, which are prescribed by the Japanese income tax laws. Dies, included in Machinery and Equipment, are depreciated under the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. When retired or disposed of, the difference between the net book value and sales proceeds is charged or credited to income.

(9) Intangible Assets

Intangible Assets including goodwill and capitalized software costs are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation. Goodwill represents the excess of purchase price and related costs over the value assigned to the fair value of business acquired and is amortized under the straight-line method over the estimated economic lives of respective premiums paid on acquisitions.

(10) Capitalized Software Costs

Capitalized software costs consist of costs to purchase and develop software. All capitalized software costs are amortized under the straight-line method over 5 years.

At March 31, 2000, capitalized software costs are included in Intangible Assets. At March 31, 1999 and prior, capitalized software costs were included in Other Assets.

(11) Accrued Employees' Severance Indemnities

Generally, employees are entitled to lump sum indemnities upon termination of employment with the Company. The amount paid is calculated based on factors such as length of service, basic rates of pay, and conditions under which the terminations occur.

50% of such payments are covered by a contributory pension plan. The annual contribution to the fund, which consists of annual benefits and amortization of prior service costs, are charged to income when paid. At September 1, 1999, unamortized prior service costs, which is amortized over 10 years, amounted to ¥2,059 million.

The remaining 50% of the payments to the terminated employees are disbursed by the Company as terminations occur.

At March 31, 2000, Accrued Employees' Severance Indemnities is

provided for 100% of the Company's payments to employees based on the amount that would have been required assuming voluntary retirement of all employees at the balance sheet date.

At March 31, 1999 and prior, the same accrual was provided for 50% of the Company's payments to employees based on the amount that would have been required assuming voluntary retirement of all employees at the balance sheet date.

Such change caused an increase in Cost of Sales for ¥108 million, increase in Selling, General and Administrative Expenses for ¥132 million, decrease in Operating Income for ¥241 million, increase in Other Expenses for ¥4,645 million, increase in Loss before Income Taxes for ¥4,887 million, increase in Net Loss for ¥4,885 million, and increase in Deficit for ¥4,882 million.

(12) Research and Development Costs

Research and development costs are charged to income as incurred.

(13) Income Taxes

Effective April 1, 1999, the Company adopted the asset and liability method for accounting for income taxes. This method recognizes deferred tax assets and liabilities based on the difference between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities, using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. The cumulative effect at April 1, 1999, of an accounting change relating to accounting for income taxes is charged directly to Deficit and is reflected in the Consolidated Statement of Shareholders' Equity for the year ended March 31, 2000.

As of and for the year ended March 31, 1999 and 1998, income taxes are provided based on amounts required by the tax returns for the respective year.

(14) Revenue Recognition

Sales are generally recognized at the time the goods are delivered to the customers.

(15) Leases

Finance leases, other than those which involve transferring of ownership to the lessee of the leased assets by the end of the lease terms, are accounted for in a manner similar to operating leases.

(16) Appropriation of Deficit

Appropriation of Deficit reflected in the Consolidated Financial Statements is recorded after approval by the shareholders as required by the Japanese Commercial Code.

(17) Net (Loss) Income per Share

Net (Loss) Income per Share-Basic is computed by dividing (loss) income applicable to Common Stock by weighted-average number of shares of Common Stock outstanding during each year. The Company has no outstanding financial instruments with dilutive effects on its Net (Loss) Income per Share.

3. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Cash on Hand and in Banks at March 31, 2000, on the Consolidated Balance Sheet and Cash and Cash Equivalents at March 31, 2000, on the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows are reconciled as follows:

	Millions	Thousands of
	of Yen	U.S. Dollars
Cash on Hand and in Banks	¥22,190	\$209,051
Deposits with original maturities of three months or more	(3,513)	(33,101)
Debt security mutual funds	71	674
Cash and Cash Equivalents	¥18,748	\$176,624

4. INVENTORIES

Inventories at March 31, 2000 and 1999 consist of the following:

	Million	ns of Yen	Thousands of U.S. Dollars
	Mar	rch 31,	March 31,
_	2000	1999	2000
Finished products	¥21,224	¥28,775	\$199,944
Work in process	2,501	3,092	23,569
Raw materials and supplies	14,551	12,916	137,080
	¥38,277	¥44,784	\$360,593

5. MARKETABLE SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES

Investments in Securities at March 31, 2000 and 1999 consist of the following:

	Millio	ns of Yen	Thousands of U.S. Dollars
	Mai	rch 31,	March 31,
_	2000	1999	2000
Equity securities:			
Public companies	¥13,940	¥17,715	\$131,324
Affiliates:			
Clarion (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd	90	90	849
Higo Clarion Co., Ltd	_	36	_
Others	277	268	2,609
Others	40	115	382
	¥14,347	¥18,224	\$135,166

Fair values of Marketable Securities and Investments in Securities at March 31, 2000 are as follows:

		Millions of Yen	
	Book Value	Fair Value	Unrealized Gain (Loss)
Marketable Securities:			
Equity securities	¥3,879	¥5,317	¥ 1,438
Debt securities	45	33	(12)
Others	92	84	(8)
	¥4,017	¥5,435	¥ 1,417
Investments in Securities:			
Equity securities	¥13,510	¥11,986	Y(1,524)
Others	40	25	(14)
	¥13,551	¥12,011	¥(1,539)

	Thousands of U.S. Dollars		
	Book Value	Fair Value	Unrealized Gain (Loss)
Marketable Securities:			
Equity securities	\$36,548	\$50,096	\$13,547
Debt securities	428	312	(115)
Others	872	793	(78)
	\$37,849	\$51,202	\$13,353
Investments in Securities:			
Equity securities	\$127,281	\$112,917	\$(14,364)
Others	382	241	(140)
	\$127.664	\$113.159	\$(14,505)

The market values of listed securities represent principally the closing prices of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. The market values of equity securities traded over-the-counter represent the prices announced by Japanese Securities Dealers Association. The market values of non-listed mutual funds represent the standard quoted prices announced

by the fund managers.

Discount debentures, balances in money management funds, and non-public equity securities for ¥54 million, ¥36 million, and ¥796 million, respectively, are excluded from this table.

6. SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM LOANS

Short-Term and Long-Term Loans at March 31, 2000 and 1999 consist of the following:

	Millions of Yen March 31,		Thousands of U.S. Dollars March 31,
_			
_	2000	1999	2000
Short-term bank loans, consisting principally			
of 90 - day notes issued to banks	¥57,747	¥58,591	\$544,017
Current portion of long-term loans from banks			
and insurance companies	9,773	6,554	92,074
Total Short-Term Loans	67,521	65,146	636,092
Long-term loans from banks and insurance			
companies due through 2019	25,123	21,045	236,680
	¥92,644	¥86,191	\$872,772

The weighted-average rates for the Short-Term Loans and Long-Term Loans at March 31, 2000, were 3.03% and 2.30%, respectively.

Repayment schedule for long-term loans from banks and insurance companies are as follows:

	Millions	Thousands of
In the year ending March 31,	of Yen	U.S. Dollars
2001	¥9,773	\$92,074
2002	8,378	78,930
2003	7,163	67,481
2004	4,601	43,352
2005	2,476	23,327

At March 31, 2000, assets pledged as collateral for short-term and long-term loans are as follows:

	Millions of Yen	Thousands of U.S. Dollars
Notes Receivable	¥ 100	\$ 942
Net book value of :		
Buildings and Structures	3,593	33,851
Machinery and Equipment	246	2,319
Land	4,683	44,119
Marketable Securities	1,892	17,826
Investments in Securities	7,414	69,849
	¥17,929	\$168,909

7. COMMERCIAL PAPERS

The Company uses commercial papers, principally consisting of 90-day notes, to finance its short-term capital requirements. The weighted-average interest rates for these obligations at March 31, 2000 was 0.57%.

8. FAIR VALUES OF DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company enters into forward exchange contracts and interest rate swaps to manage market risks relating to fluctuations in the foreign exchange and interest rates. The Company does not hold or issue financial instruments for trading purposes. The estimated unrealized losses from these contracts at March 31, 2000 are as follows:

	Millior	Millions of Yen		
	Carrying Amount Unrealized			
Foreign currency contracts	. –	¥ (7)		
Interest rate swaps	. –	¥ (137)		

9. INCOME TAXES

Effective April 1, 1999, the Company adopted the asset and liability method for accounting for income taxes. The change resulted in Total Assets, Total Liabilities, and Net Loss to increase by ¥78 million, ¥53

million, and \$55 million, respectively; and in Deficit to decrease by \$78 million.

Significant components of the Company's deferred income tax assets and liabilities at March 31, 2000 are as follows:

	Millions	Thousands of
	of Yen	U.S. Dollars
Deferred income tax assets:		
Net operating losses carried-forward	¥3,821	\$36,000
Accrued pension costs	2,166	20,406
Valuation losses on inventories	1,784	16,814
Valuation allowance on marketable securities	1,295	12,192
Allowance for doubtful accounts	1,099	10,360
Foreign taxes paid	396	3,732
Accrued bonus	276	2,609
Others	1,520	14,321
Sub-Total	12,361	116,434
Netting with deferred income tax liabilities	(261)	(2,460)
Sub-Total	12,100	113,993
/aluation allowance	(11,391)	(107,316)
Total deferred income tax assets	708	6,677
Deferred income tax liabilities:		
Inventory valuation	1,568	14,773
Others	161	1,518
Sub-Total	1,729	16,292
Netting with deferred income tax assets	(261)	(2,460)
Total deferred income tax liabilities	1,468	13,833
Net deferred income tax liabilities	¥(759)	\$(7,156)

Provision for Income Taxes for the year ended March 31, 2000 consists of the following:

	Millions of Yen	Thousands of U.S. Dollars
Net provision for income taxes for consolidated subsidiaries	¥527	\$4,971
Base portion of the inhabitant taxes	48	456
Income taxes withheld on foreign interest income	131	1,237
Others	63	599
	¥771	\$7,265

10. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES

Research and development expenses included in Selling, General and Administrative Expenses for the years ended March 31, 2000, 1999 and

1998, totaled \$625 million, \$1,176 million and \$1,460 million, respectively.

11. LEASES

The Company leases certain office and manufacturing equipment under lease contracts. The Company also leases audio equipment to customers. Lease expense and revenue on such lease transactions without ownershiptransfer for the year ended March 31, 2000 and 1999 are summarized as follows:

	Milli	ons of Yen	Thousands of U.S. Dollars
	2000	1999	2000
Lease expense	¥2,902	¥1,743	\$27,346
Lease revenue	¥ 148	¥ 160	\$ 1,399

The amount of outstanding future lease payments at March 31, 2000, excluding the interest thereon, is summarized as follows:

	Millions of Yen	Thousands of U.S. Dollars
Future lease payments:		
Within one year	¥ 2,369	\$22,326
Thereafter	2,595	24,448
Total	¥4,965	\$46,774

Proforma data on finance leases at March 31, 2000 (acquisition cost, accumulated depreciation, and depreciation expense for the period) are as follows:

	Millions	Thousands of
	of Yen	U.S. Dollars
Proforma acquisition cost	¥9,357	\$88,149
Proforma accumulated depreciation	¥4,609	\$43,426
Proforma net book value	¥4,747	\$44,722
Proforma depreciation expense	¥2,459	\$23,169
Proforma interest	¥ 431	\$ 4,060

Depreciation is calculated based on the straight-line method over the lease term of the assets with no residual value. Interest expense on a leased asset is calculated as a difference between the total lease payments and the assumed acquisition cost for the asset and is allocated over the lease term under the effective interest method.

The amount of outstanding future lease payments receivable at March 31, 2000 including the interest, are summarized as follows:

	Millions of Yen	Thousands of U.S. Dollars
Future lease payments receivable:		
Within one year	¥135	\$1,279
Thereafter	70	660
Total	¥205	\$1,939

Acquisition cost, accumulated depreciation, net book value and depreciation expense of the leased assets (machinery and equipment), including the interest, are as follows:

	Millions of Yen	Thousands of U.S. Dollars
Acquisition cost	¥ 232	\$ 2,186
Accumulated depreciation	(108)	(1,026)
Net book value	¥ 123	\$ 1,159
Depreciation	¥ 50	\$ 475

12. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company is contingently liable as a guarantor of indebtedness of affiliates and other companies in the aggregate amount of \S 620 million (\$5,840 thousand) at March 31, 2000. The Company is also contingently liable for outstanding notes discounted by banks in the ordinary course of

business, amounting to ¥ 10 million (\$ 95 thousand) at March 31, 2000. Future lease obligations for non-cancelable operating leases at March 31, 2000 are as follows: Due in 2001; ¥181 million (US\$1,708 thousand), Due in 2002 and thereafter; ¥299 million (US\$2,817 thousand).

13. SEGMENT INFORMATION

(1) Information by Business Segment

The Company operates principally in four business segments.

Car audio-visual equipment:

Car radios, car stereo players, car television with diversity antenna system, VCRs and others.

Audio entertainment equipment:

Karaoke system for commercial and home use, stereo equipment, music tapes, and video disks.

Specialty equipment:

Audio, visual and other specialty equipment for public transportation.

Others:

Wireless communication equipment and others.

	Millions of Yen					
			For the year ende	ed March 31, 2000		
	Car audio-visual equipment	Audio entertainment equipment	Specialty equipment	Others	Elimination and Corporate	Total
Net Sales	¥173,911	¥9,408	¥ 4,141	¥ 4,393	¥ —	¥191,855
Operating Expenses	170,205	7,540	5,287	5,490	_	188,523
Operating Income (Loss)	¥ 3,706	¥1,867	¥(1,145)	¥ (1,096)	¥ —	¥ 3,332
Assets	¥138,098	¥7,073	¥ 3,188	¥ 14,234	¥ 8,417	¥171,011
Depreciation	¥ 6,023	¥ 465	¥ 134	¥ 119	¥ —	¥ 6,743
Capital Expenditures	¥ 8,540	¥ 553	¥ 144	¥ 189	¥ —	¥ 9,427

		Millions	of Yen		
<u> </u>		For the year ende	d March 31, 1999		
	Car audio-visual equipment	Audio entertainment equipment	Others	Elimination and Corporate	Total
Net Sales	¥179,110	¥ 9,966	¥ 10,498	¥ —	¥199,575
Operating Expenses	170,411	10,503	11,626	_	192,542
Operating Income (Loss)	¥ 8,699	¥ (537)	¥ (1,128)	¥ —	¥ 7,033
Assets	¥145,398	¥ 9,493	¥ 14,603	¥ 11,363	¥180,858
Depreciation	¥ 6,124	¥ 501	¥ 226	¥ —	¥ 6,852
Capital Expenditures	¥ 8,760	¥ 598	¥ 312	¥ —	¥ 9,671

Segment information as of and for the year ended March 31, 1999 using the current classification would be as follows:

			Millions	of Yen		
			For the year ended	March 31, 1999		
	Car audio-visual equipment	Audio entertainment equipment	Specialty equipment	Others	Elimination and Corporate	Total
Net Sales	¥179,110	¥ 9,966	¥5,133	¥ 5,364	¥ —	¥199,575
Operating Expenses	170,411	10,503	5,766	5,860	_	192,542
Operating Income (Loss)	¥ 8,699	¥ (537)	¥ (632)	¥ (496)	¥ —	¥ 7,033
Assets	¥145,398	¥ 9,493	¥3,788	¥10,814	¥ 11,363	¥180,858
Depreciation	¥ 6,124	¥ 501	¥ 158	¥ 68	¥ —	¥ 6,852
Capital Expenditures	¥ 8,760	¥ 598	¥ 181	¥ 131	¥ —	¥ 9,671

	Thousands of U.S. Dollars					
			For the year ende	ed March 31, 2000		
	Car audio-visual equipment	Audio entertainment equipment	Specialty equipment	Others	Elimination and Corporate	Total
Net Sales	\$1,638,358	\$88,632	\$ 39,017	\$ 41,392	\$ —	\$1,807,401
Operating Expenses	1,603,440	71,035	49,808	51,721	_	1,776,005
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 34,918	\$17,597	\$(10,790)	\$ (10,328)	s —	\$ 31,395
Assets	\$1,300,971	\$66,636	\$ 30,033	\$ 134,096	\$ 79,300	\$1,611,038
Depreciation	\$ 56,745	\$ 4,381	\$ 1,270	\$ 1,129	\$ —	\$ 63,527
Capital Expenditures	\$ 80,453	\$ 5,210	\$ 1,365	\$ 1,786	\$ <u> </u>	\$ 88,815

(2) Information by Geographic Segment

Sales of the Company classified by geographic area for the years ended March 31, 2000 and 1999 are summarized as follows:

_	Millions of Yen						
	For the year ended March 31, 2000						
	Japan	North and Central America (*1)	Asia and Australia (*2)	Europe (*3)	Elimination of inter segment sales and expenses	Total	
Sales to Outside Customers	¥ 97,083	¥57,815	¥ 5,625	¥31,330	¥ —	¥191,855	
Inter-Segment Sales	89,885	15,470	30,659	5,544	(141,559)	_	
Total Sales	186,969	73,286	36,284	36,874	(141,559)	191,855	
Operating Expenses	187,302	71,729	36,082	37,222	(143,813)	188,523	
Operating Income (Loss)	¥ (333)	¥ 1,557	¥ 202	¥ (347)	¥ 2,253	¥ 3,332	
Assets	¥106,210	¥36,688	¥13,641	¥19,552	¥ (5,082)	¥171,011	

_	Millions of Yen						
	For the year ended March 31, 1999						
	North and Asia and Elimination of inter segment Japan Central America (*1) Australia (*2) Europe (*4) sales and expenses						
Sales to Outside Customers	¥ 97,379	¥62,056	¥ 5,945	¥34,193	¥ —	¥199,575	
Inter-Segment Sales	70,816	13,064	36,491	357	(120,730)	_	
Total Sales	168,196	75,121	42,437	34,551	(120,730)	199,575	
Operating Expenses	165,120	74,231	41,445	33,301	(121,556)	192,542	
Operating Income	¥ 3,075	¥ 889	¥ 991	¥ 1,250	¥ 826	¥ 7,033	
Assets	¥113,400	¥38,644	¥15,812	¥17,876	¥ (4,875)	¥180,858	

		Thousands of U.S. Dollars					
_		For the year ended March 31, 2000					
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Sales to Outside Customers	\$ 914,588	\$544,661	\$ 52,998	\$295,153	\$ —	\$1,807,401	
Inter-Segment Sales	846,778	145,745	288,828	52,231	(1,333,584)	_	
Total Sales	1,761,366	690,406	341,826	347,385	(1,333,584)	1,807,401	
Operating Expenses	1,764,506	675,735	339,922	350,657	(1,354,816)	1,776,005	
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (3,139)	\$ 14,670	\$ 1,904	\$ (3,271)	\$ 21,232	\$ 31,395	
Assets	\$1,000,568	\$345,632	\$128,513	\$184,201	\$ (47,877)	\$1,611,038	

- otes. (*1) North and Central America: U.S.A, Canada, Mexico (*2) Asia and Australia: The People's Republic of China, Taiwan R.O.C., Singapore, Malaysia, The Philippines, Australia (*3) Europe: Germany, Sweden, U.K., Spain, France, Hungary (*4) Europe: Germany, Sweden, U.K., Spain, France

(3) Export Sales and Sales by Overseas Subsidiaries

Export sales information of the Company for the years ended March 31, 2000 and 1999 are as follows:

	Millions of Yen		Thousands of U.S. Dollars
	For the years	ended March 31,	For the year ended March 31,
_	2000	1999	2000
Export Sales and Sales by Overseas Subsidiaries			
North, Central and South America	¥57,202	¥ 61,856	\$538,885
Europe	31,997	34,905	301,439
Others	6,426	8,403	60,537
	¥95,626	¥105,165	\$900,862
Percentage of such against consolidated net sales	49.8%	52.7%	49.8%

14. ANALYSIS OF SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

An analysis of Selling, General and Administrative Expenses for each of the three years in the period ended March 31, 2000 is as follows:

	N	Thousands of U.S. Dollars		
_	2000	1999	1998	2000
Advertising Expenses	¥ 1,544	¥ 2,362	¥ 1,709	\$ 14,549
Packing and Shipping Charge	1,343	2,134	3,138	12,654
Sales Commission Expenses	2,090	2,399	2,435	19,692
Sales Promotion Expenses	2,265	1,954	2,241	21,345
Payroll Expenses	14,533	15,091	14,521	136,914
Depreciation	1,290	1,367	1,332	12,153
Rent	2,009	2,092	2,112	18,930
Others	13,444	14,399	15,007	126,651
	¥38,520	¥41,800	¥42,500	\$362,891

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Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants

To: the Board of Directors of Clarion Co., Ltd.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Clarion Co., Ltd. and Consolidated Subsidiaries as of March 31, 2000 and 1999; the related consolidated statements of (loss) income and shareholders' equity for each of the three years in the period ended March 31, 2000; and the related consolidated statement of cash flows for the year ended March 31, 2000, all expressed in Japanese 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 such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly the consolidated financial position of Clarion Co., Ltd. and Consolidated Subsidiaries at March 31, 2000 and 1999; the consolidated results of their operations for each of the three years in the period ended March 31, 2000; and the consolidated result of their cash flows for the year ended March 31, 2000 in conformity with accounting principles and practices generally accepted in Japan (see Note 1) applied on a consistent basis except for the following paragraphs.

As discussed in Note 2(11) to the consolidated financial statements, the Company changed its method of accounting for accrued employees' severance indemnities for the year ended March 31, 2000.

As discussed in Note 2 (13) to the consolidated financial statements, the Company changed its method of accounting for income taxes for the year ended March 31,2000.

The amounts expressed in U.S. dollars, which are provided solely for the convenience of the readers, have been translated on the basis set forth in Note 1 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Characyana audit Corporation

June 29, 2000 Tokyo, Japan

Notice to readers

The accompanying consolidated financial statements are not intended to present the consolidated financial position and results of operations and cash flows in accordance with accounting principles and practices generally accepted in countries and jurisdictions other than Japan. The standards, procedures and practices to audit such consolidated financial statements are those generally accepted and applied in Japan.

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