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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of December 2004

Commission File Number 1-8320

Hitachi, Ltd.

(Translation of registrant s name into English)

6-6, Marunouchi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8280, Japan

(Address of principal executive offices)

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This report on Form 6-K contains the following:

- 1. Consolidated financial statements for the first half of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005.
- 2. Press release dated December 27, 2004 regarding Hitachi s purchase of Clarion shares.

SIGNATURES

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

Hitachi, Ltd.

(Registrant)

Date January 7, 2005

By /s/ Takashi Hatchoji

Takashi Hatchoji Senior Vice President and Executive Officer

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

Hitachi, Ltd. and Subsidiaries

September 30, 2004 and March 31, 2004

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (note 3)	
			September 30,	
Assets	September 30, 2004	March 31, 2004	2004	
Cash and cash equivalents	619,049	764,396	5,577,018	
Short-term investments (note 4)	152,321	177,949	1,372,261	
Trade receivables, net of allowance for doubtful receivables and unearned income- September 30, 2004 ¥47,135 million (\$424,640 thousand);				
March 31, 2004 ¥43,287 million:				
Notes (notes 7 and 10)	137,413	142,802	1,237,955	
Accounts (note 7)	1,972,987	2,043,727	17,774,658	
Inventories (note 5)	1,328,587	1,123,406	11,969,252	
Deferred income tax assets (current)	295,260	283,538	2,660,000	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	248,583	232,371	2,239,486	
Investments in leases (note 7)	476,313	451,753	4,291,108	
Investments and advances, including affiliated companies (note 4)	880,888	908,962	7,935,928	
Property, plant and equipment (note 6):				
Land	436,891	419,846	3,935,955	
Buildings	1,720,233	1,690,096	15,497,594	
Machinery and equipment	5,075,821	4,899,239	45,728,117	
Construction in progress	64,681	49,011	582,712	
	7,297,626	7,058,192	65,744,378	
Less accumulated depreciation	4,979,584	4,825,330	44,861,117	
Net property, plant and equipment	2,318,042	2,232,862	20,883,261	
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Deferred income tax assets (non-current)	558,486	572,982	5,031,406	
Other assets (note 8)	648,967	655,574	5,846,550	
	9,636,896	9,590,322	86,818,883	

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (note 3)
Liabilities and Stockholders Equity	September 30, 2004	March 31, 2004	September 30, 2004
Short-term debt	697,850	623,816	6,286,937
Current installments of long-term debt	346,582	559,647	3,122,360
Trade payables:			
Notes	68,655	67,581	618,514
Accounts	1,177,191	1,220,033	10,605,324
Accrued expenses	781,281	797,935	7,038,568
Income taxes	66,058	78,438	595,117
Advances received	263,878	216,544	2,377,279
Deferred income tax liabilities (current)	2,940	2,392	26,486
Other current liabilities	333,652	344,668	3,005,874
Long-term debt	1,421,409	1,314,102	12,805,486
Retirement and severance benefits	1,245,833	1,273,509	11,223,721
Deferred income tax liabilities (non-current)	23,275	20,924	209,685
Other liabilities	113,834	103,786	1,025,532
Total liabilities	6,542,438	6,623,375	58,940,883
Minority interests	874,376	798,816	7,877,261
Stockholders equity:			
Common stock	282,033	282,032	2,540,838
Capital surplus	552,404	551,690	4,976,613
Legal reserve	109,735	109,163	988,604
Retained earnings	1,674,929	1,651,272	15,089,450
Accumulated other comprehensive loss:			
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(78,338)	(95,786)	(705,748)
Minimum pension liability adjustments	(314,060)	(329,536)	(2,829,369)
Net unrealized holding gain on available-for-sale securities	26,536	31,499	239,063
Cash flow hedges	(832)	(41)	(7,496)
Treasury stock, at cost	(32,325)	(32,162)	(291,216)
Total stockholders equity	2,220,082	2,168,131	20,000,739
Commitments and contingencies (note 10)			
	9,636,896	9,590,322	86,818,883

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

Hitachi, Ltd. and Subsidiaries

Six months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003

	M	Thousands of	
	2004	illions of yen 2003	U.S. dollars (note 3) 2004
Revenues	4,329,935	4,041,407	39,008,423
Cost of sales	(3,324,078)	(3,157,976)	(29,946,649)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(878,525)	(863,192)	(7,914,640)
Impairment losses for long-lived assets (note 11)	(7,996)	-	(72,036)
Restructuring charges (note 12)	(3,877)	(10,317)	(34,928)
Interest income	6,113	6,301	55,072
Dividends income	4,022	4,233	36,235
Other income (note 13)	26,265	101,400	236,622
Interest charges	(14,235)	(16,318)	(128,243)
Other deductions (note 13)	(1,623)	(15,035)	(14,622)
Income before income taxes and minority interests	136,001	90,503	1,225,234
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Income taxes:			
Current	(59,857)	(71,127)	(539,252)
Deferred	(8,213)	(5,052)	(73,991)
Total income taxes	(68,070)	(76,179)	(613,243)
Income before minority interests	67,931	14,324	611,991
Minority interests	(26,773)	(8,940)	(241,198)
Net income	41,158	5,384	370,793
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Net income per share (note 14):	10.40	Yen	U.S. dollars (note 3)
Basic	12.48	1.63	0.11
Diluted	12.43	1.59	0.11

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

Hitachi, Ltd. and Subsidiaries

Six months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 $\,$

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (note 3)
	2004	2003	2004
Common stock:			
Balance at beginning of period	282,032	282,032	2,540,829
Conversion of convertible debentures	1	-	9
Balance at end of period	282,033	282,032	2,540,838
Capital surplus:			
Balance at beginning of period	551,690	562,214	4,970,180
Conversion of convertible debentures	536	937	4,829
Gains on sales of treasury stock	53	23	478
Increase (decrease) arising from issuance of subsidiaries common stock, divestiture and other	125	(13,626)	1,126
Balance at end of period	552,404	549,548	4,976,613
Legal reserve :			
Balance at beginning of period	109,163	111,309	983,451
Net transfer from (to) retained earnings	558	(2,693)	5,027
Net transfer to minority interests arising from conversion of subsidiaries convertible debentures	(13)	(108)	(117)
Net transfer from (to) minority interests arising from issuance of subsidiaries common stock and other	27	(97)	243
Balance at end of period	109,735	108,411	988,604
Retained earnings:			
Balance at beginning of period	1,651,272	1,655,029	14,876,324
Net income	41,158	5,384	370,793
Cash dividends	(16,490)	(10,095)	(148,559)
Net transfer from (to) legal reserve	(558)	2,693	(5,027)
Net transfer to minority interests arising from conversion of subsidiaries convertible debentures Net transfer from minority interests arising from issuance of subsidiaries common stock and other	(1,187) 734	(1,189) 584	(10,694) 6,613
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Balance at end of period	1,674,929	1,652,406	15,089,450
Accumulated other comprehensive loss:			
Foreign currency translation adjustments			
Balance at beginning of period	(95,786)	(60,948)	(862,937)
Other comprehensive income(loss), net of reclassification adjustments	17,051	(9,459)	153,612
Net transfer from(to) minority interests arising from conversion of subsidiaries convertible debentures	(8)	172	(72)