Financial Section

Three-Year Financial Data

OTSUKA CORPORATION and Its Consolidated Subsidiaries Years ended December 31, 2000, 2001 and 2002				Thousands of
Teals chied becomber 51, 2000, 2001 and 2002			Millions of yen	U.S. dollars
	2000	2001	2002	2002
Net sales	¥334,911	¥328,151	¥324,289	\$2,703,535
System Integration Business	241,904	230,561	219,690	1,831,513
Service and Support Business	91,603	96,338	103,380	861,859
Other Business	1,404	1,252	1,219	10,163
Operating income	5,922	8,178	7,990	66,611
Recurring profit	6,207	7,665	7,766	64,744
Income before income taxes and minority interests	5,708	4,859	4,706	39,233
Net income	2,997	2,531	2,405	20,050
Total assets	167,761	148,111	148,563	1,238,541
Total interest-bearing debt	46,549	36,983	29,795	248,395
Total shareholders' equity	51,196	41,131	42,351	353,072
Net income per share (EPS) (Yen and U.S. dollars)	99.67	79.94	75.96	0.63
Dividends per share of common stock (Yen and U.S. dollars)	25.00	25.00	20.00	0.17
Cash flows from operating activities per share (Yen and U.S. dollars)	316.42	496.55	468.47	3.91
Operating income to net sales ratio (%)	1.77	2.49	2.46	_
Net income to net sales ratio (%)	0.89	0.77	0.74	_
Total interest-bearing debt ratio (%)	27.75	24.97	20.06	_
Shareholders' equity ratio (%)	30.52	27.77	28.51	_
Return on equity (ROE) (%)	7.56	5.48	5.76	_

 $^{^{\}star}$ Figures for ROE are calculated using average shareholders' equity. U.S. dollar amounts are computed using the December 31, 2002 exchange rate of ¥119.95=US\$1. Figures in parentheses are negative figures.

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Management's Analysis of Operating Results and Financial Position

Summary

In fiscal 2002, ended December 31, 2002, the Japanese economy still showed no signs of a recovery. Amid the ongoing slide in stock prices that accompanied the global economic slowdown, the nation experienced a worsening unemployment rate and continued deflation.

In the IT industry, the OTSUKA Group's business domain, although companies recognize that investment in IT systems is necessary to increase productivity and reduce costs, there was a more pronounced trend of reassessing or postponing capital expenditure plans because of the worsening economy.

Amid these conditions, the OTSUKA Group, under its New-Web Strategy initiated in fiscal 2002, worked to implement business strategies that increase enterprise value by (1) integrating "Real Business" (directly interacting with each customer) and "Virtual Business" (utilizing the Internet or "Web") and (2) offering customer-driven products and services based on the Group's fundamental policy of leveraging its comprehensive capabilities to deliver solutions tailored to customer needs. Specifically, the OTSUKA Group focused on its office supply catalog mail-order service business "tanomail," original knowledge-management system ("ODS21": OTSUKA Document Solutions 21), original ERP software ("SMILE series"), and its security-related business. The "tanomail" registered significant growth, thanks to the Group's strategic alliance with Ito-Yokado Co., Ltd., and its efforts to win new customers. In its security business, the Group was also proactive in forging intra-industry alliances.

Summary of Sales and Profits

				Millions of yen
			Amount of change,	% change,
	2001	2002	year on year	year on year
Net sales	¥328,151	¥324,289	-3,862	-1.2%
System Integration Business	230,561	219,690	-10,871	-4.7
Service and Support Business	96,338	103,380	+7,042	+7.3
Other Business	1,252	1,219	-33	-2.7
Cost of sales	251,483	247,837	-3,646	-1.5
Gross profit	76,668	76,452	-216	-0.3
Selling, general and administrative expenses	68,490	68,462	-28	-0.0
Operating income	8,178	7,990	-188	-2.3
Recurring profit	7,665	7,766	+101	+1.3
Income before income taxes and minority interests	4,859	4,706	-153	-3.2
Income taxes*	2,344	2,269	-75	-3.2
Net income	2,531	2,405	-126	-5.0

^{*} Including adjustment amount for corporate and other taxes

Sales Summary

The Service and Support Business, which enjoys high margins, registered firm sales, while consolidated subsidiaries also achieved revenue growth. However, PC sales volume decreased and unit prices declined. In addition, the Group's retail business (" α Land") reduced the number of shops from five to three. Consequently, consolidated sales amounted to ¥324,289 million, down 1.2% from the previous fiscal year.

System Integration Business

The System Integration Business, which provides optimum system introduction services—ranging from consulting to system design, development, installation, and network construction—focused on the knowledge-management system "ODS21" and original ERP software "SMILE α " and "SMILE ie". "SMILE ie" is a Web-based version for medium-to-large companies. Although orders for software and network construction were firm, companies continued to restrain IT-related investment. As a result, segment sales totaled ¥219,690 million, down 4.7% from the previous fiscal year, owing to a shortage of hardware sales.

Service and Support Business

The Service and Support Business provides total system support, including the provision of supplies, maintenance of hardware and software, telephone support, and training that follows system installation. In the office supply segment, the Company turned in a solid showing, thanks to moves to expand the lineup of environment-friendly and other products in the "tanomail" office supply catalog mail-order service business as well as efforts to upgrade the capabilities of associated information systems. In addition, the Group focused on OTSUKA Security Management ("OSM"). Consequently, the Service and Support Business achieved sales of ¥103,380 million, up 7.3% from the previous fiscal year and exceeding ¥100 billion.

Other Business

Although the construction industry continued to face harsh conditions as a whole, segment sales totaled ¥1,219 million, down only 2.7% from the previous fiscal year, owing to the Group's efforts to win new customers.

Income and Expenses

Gross profit was ¥76,452 million, down 0.3% from the previous fiscal year, owing to a decrease in System Integration Business sales. However, the gross profit margin improved 0.2 percentage point, to 23.6%. Due to the effect of the decline in the operating margin that accompanied lower sales in the System Integration Business, operating income was ¥7,990 million, down 2.3% from the previous fiscal year.

Thanks to lower interest payments due to a reduction in interest-bearing debt, recurring profit was ¥7,766 million, up 1.3% from the previous fiscal year, marking the second consecutive year of record profit.

Income before income taxes and minority interests decreased 3.2%, to ¥4,706 million, owing to (1) a loss of ¥2,129 million due to amortization of transition amount arising from adopting a new accounting standard for retirement benefits associated with the adoption of retirement benefit accounting in the previous fiscal year and (2) write-downs of the value of investment securities.

As a result of the aforementioned factors, net income totaled ¥2,405 million, down 5.0% from the previous fiscal year, and earnings per share slipped to ¥75.96, from ¥79.94 in the previous fiscal year.

Financial Position

				Millions of yen
			Amount of change,	% change,
	2001	2002	year on year	year on year
Assets:	¥148,111	¥148,563	+452	+0.3%
Current assets	75,286	77,201	+1,915	+2.5
Fixed assets	72,825	71,362	-1,463	-2.0
Liabilities:	106,559	105,765	-794	-0.7
Current liabilities	91,221	94,894	+3,673	+4.0
Long-term liabilities	15,338	10,871	-4,467	-29.1
Minority interests	421	447	+26	+6.0
Shareholders' equity	41,131	42,351	+1,220	+3.0

Assets

Current assets rose ¥1,915 million to ¥77,201 million, owing to an increase in accounts receivable from the previous fiscal year-end. Property, plant and equipment increased; however, because of declines in guarantee money paid and investment securities, total fixed assets fell ¥1,463 million to ¥71,362 million. Total assets rose ¥452 million to ¥148,563 million from the previous fiscal year-end.

Liabilities

Current liabilities rose ¥3,673 million to ¥94,894 million, owing to an increase in accounts payable. On the other hand, fixed liabilities fell ¥4,467 million to ¥10,871 million. As a result, total liabilities slipped ¥794 million to ¥105,765 million from the previous fiscal year-end.

Shareholders' Equity

Shareholders' equity grew ¥1,220 million to ¥42,351 million, owing to an increase in retained earnings.

The interest coverage was 12.9 times. The interest-bearing debt ratio was 20.06%, return on assets (ROA)* was 5.45%, and return on equity (ROE) was 5.76%, all improvements over the previous fiscal year-end.

	2001	2002
Interest coverage ratio (times)	11.04	12.90
Interest-bearing debt ratio (%)	24.97	20.06
ROA* (%)	5.24	5.45
ROE (%)	5.48	5.76

^{*}ROA: Business profit/total assets (average during the period)

Business profit: Operating income + interest received + dividends received

Figures for ROE are calculated using average shareholders' equity.

Cash Flows

				Millions of yen
			Amount of change,	% change,
	2001	2002	year on year	year on year
Cash flows from operating activities	¥15,724	¥14,835	-889	-5.7%
Cash flows from investing activities	-4,837	-7,574	-2,737	+56.6
Cash flows from financing activities	-10,442	-7,969	+2,473	-23.7
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	4,963	4,298	-665	-13.4

Cash provided by operating activities totaled ¥14,835 million, down ¥889 million, or 5.7%, from the previous fiscal year. Inflows came mainly from income before income taxes and minority interests of ¥4,706 million, depreciation and amortization of ¥6,388 million, and an increase in reserve for retirement benefits of ¥2,400 million.

Cash used in investing activities totaled ¥7,574 million, up ¥2,737 million, or 56.6%, from the previous fiscal year. This primarily consisted of ¥3,515 million for the purchase of property, plant and equipment and ¥3,571 million for the development of software.

Cash used in financing activities totaled ¥7,969 million, down ¥2,473 million, or 23.7%, from the previous fiscal year. The primary financing activities were a ¥6,079 million net decrease in loans and ¥790 million for dividend payments.

As a result of the above factors, cash and equivalents were ¥4,298 million, down ¥665 million, or 13.4%, from the previous fiscal year.

Outlook

Regarding economic conditions going forward, although the U.S. economy is expected to stage a modest recovery, there are uncertainties including the response to the Iraq situation and the effectiveness of the government's economic stimulus package. Consequently, the economic environment in Japan in fiscal 2003 is expected to remain harsh under the effects of deflation.

Even so, companies have to carry out a certain amount of IT investment if they are to improve productivity and reduce costs. Furthermore, given concrete progress in the government's e-Japan plan and preferential tax treatment to promote corporate IT investment, such investment is expected to remain firm.

The OTSUKA Group aims to improve the quality of its management and increase its earnings capabilities, thereby enabling it to flexibly maneuver in this kind of business environment and deal with the issues that need addressing. Specifically, the Group will work to increase its sales and earnings capabilities by (1) continually maintaining and expanding its customer base, (2) upgrading its "Total α Support 21" service, (3) pushing ahead with its "New-Web Strategy", and (3) focusing on its "tanomail", "ODS21", and "SMILE series" products, while improving its ability to evaluate projects. The Group also plans to devote additional management resources to business areas with significant growth potential and enhance Group management.

Based on the aforementioned plan, the OTSUKA Group has set the following consolidated earnings targets for fiscal 2003: sales of ¥338,500 million (up 4.4%), operating income of ¥8,800 million (up 10.1%), recurring profit of ¥8,550 million (up 10.1%), and net income of ¥2,200 million (down 8.5%).

Consolidated Balance Sheets

OTSUKA CORPORATION and Its Consolidated Subsidiaries December 31, 2001 and 2002			Thousands of U.S. dollars
		Millions of yen	(Note 3)
	2001	2002	2002
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash, time deposits and other cash equivalents (Notes 6 and 10)	¥ 6,431	¥ 5,696	\$ 47,486
Accounts and notes receivable:			
Trade	45,935	45,147	376,382
Unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates	25	19	158
Other	3,802	7,224	60,225
	49,762	52,390	436,765
Less: Allowance for bad debts	(337)	(332)	(2,768)
	49,425	52,058	433,997
Inventories (Note 5)	16,120	15,999	133,381
Deferred taxes assets (Note 9)	861	863	7,195
Other current assets	2,449	2,585	21,551
Total current assets	75,286	77,201	643,610
Investments and advances:			
Investments in securities (Note 4)	4,086	3,240	27,011
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates	955	546	4,552
Guarantee deposits	7,629	6,138	51,171
Deferred taxes assets non-current (Note 9)	756	1,401	11,680
Deferred taxes assets revaluation for land	8,823	8,823	73,556
Other investments	1,441	1,145	9,545
	23,690	21,293	177,515
Property, plant and equipment (Notes 6 and 13):			
Land	8,654	9,334	77,816
Buildings and structures	56,254	58,211	485,294
Construction in progress	1,057	1,073	8,945
Others	9,573	9,472	78,966
	75,538	78,090	651,021
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(34,933)	(36,877)	(307,436)
Net property, plant and equipment	40,605	41,213	343,585
Intangibles and deferred charges:			
Software	7,940	7,859	65,519
Others	590	997	8,312
	8,530	8,856	73,831
Total assets	¥148,111	¥148,563	\$1,238,541

			Thousands of U.S. dollars
		Millions of yen	(Note 3)
	2001	2002	2002
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current liabilities:			
Short-term bank loans (Note 6)	¥ 23,952	¥ 20,201	\$ 168,412
Current maturities of long-term debts (Note 6)	3,728	6,886	57,407
Accounts and notes payable:			
Trade	49,664	34,188	285,019
Unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates	414	359	2,993
Other	2,885	21,941	182,918
	52,963	56,488	470,930
Income taxes payable (Note 9)	1,648	1,565	13,047
Other current liabilities	8,930	9,754	81,317
Total current liabilities	91,221	94,894	791,113
Long-term debt (Note 6)	9,303	2,708	22,576
Reserve for retirement benefits (Note 7)	5,575	7,962	66,378
Deferred tax liabilities non-current (Note 9)	359	70	583
Other long-term liabilities	101	131	1,092
Minority interests in consolidated subsidiaries	421	447	3,727
Contingent liabilities (Note 8)			
Shareholders' equity			
Common stock:			
Authorized: 112,860,000 shares			
Outstanding: December 31, 2001 31,667,020 shares			
December 31, 2002 31,667,020 shares	10,375	10,375	86,494
Capital surplus	16,255	16,255	135,506
Excess of land revaluation after tax-effect accounting	(12,134)	(12,134)	(101,159
Retained earnings	26,122	27,745	231,305
Unrealized gain on investment securities after tax-effect accounting	558	212	1,767
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(45)	(102)	(841
Less: Treasury stock	(0)	(0)	(0
Total shareholders' equity	41,131	42,351	353,072
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	¥148,111	¥148,563	\$1,238,541

Consolidated Statements of Income

OTSUKA CORPORATION and Its Consolidated Subsidiaries For the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2002			Thousands of U.S. dollars
		Millions of yen	(Note 3)
	2001	2002	2002
Net sales (Note 14)	¥328,151	¥324,289	\$2,703,535
Cost of sales (Note 14)	251,483	247,837	2,066,169
Gross profit	76,668	76,452	637,366
Selling, general and administrative expenses (Note 14)	68,490	68,462	570,755
Operating income	8,178	7,990	66,611
Other income (expenses):			
Interest and dividend income	104	93	775
Interest expenses	(749)	(627)	(5,227
Gain on sale of investments in securities	_	153	1,275
Loss on liquidation of affiliate	_	(57)	(475
Loss on sale/disposal of property, plant and equipment	(409)	(338)	(2,818
Loss on evaluation/sale of investments in securities	(189)	(657)	(5,477
Loss on evaluation/sale of membership	(73)	(33)	(275
Equity in earnings of the affiliates	(149)	_	_
Amortization of transition amount arising from adopting new accounting standard			
for retirement benefit	(2,135)	(2,129)	(17,749
Other, net	281	311	2,593
	(3,319)	(3,284)	(27,378
Income before income taxes and minority interests	4,859	4,706	39,233
Income taxes (Note 9):			
Current	3,072	2,950	24,594
Deferred	(728)	(681)	(5,678
	2,344	2,269	18,916
Minority interests in net gains (losses) of consolidated subsidiaries	(16)	32	267
Net income	¥ 2,531	¥ 2,405	\$ 20,050
			U.S. dollars
		Yen	(Note 3)
Net income and dividends per share (Note 2 (15)):			
Net income	¥79.94	¥75.96	\$0.63
Cash dividends	25.00	20.00	0.17

Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity

OTSUKA CORPORATION and Its Consolidated Subsidiaries							Millio	ons of yen
For the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2002	Number of shares of common stock	Common	Capital surplus	Excess of land revaluation	Retained earnings	Unrealized gain on investment securities	Foreign currency translation adjustment	Treasury
Balance at December 31, 2000	31,667,020	¥10,375	¥16,255	¥ —	¥24,566	¥ —	¥ —	¥(0)
Increase due to inclusion of an affiliate								
for equity method	_	_	_	_	8	_	_	_
Decrease due to inclusion of subsidiaries	3							
in the consolidation	_	_	_	_	(192)	_	_	_
Land revaluation	_	_	_	(12,134)	_	_	_	_
Unrealized gain on investment securities	_	_	_	_	_	558	_	_
Foreign currency translation adjustment	_	_	_	_	_	_	(45)	_
Net income for the year	_	_	_	_	2,531	_	_	_
Cash dividends paid	_	_	_	_	(791)	_	_	
Balance at December 31, 2001	31,667,020	¥10,375	¥16,255	¥(12,134)	¥26,122	¥558	¥ (45)	¥(0)
Increase due to exclusion of an affiliate								
for equity method	_	_	_	_	10	_	_	_
Unrealized gain on investment securities	_	_	_	_	_	(346)	_	_
Foreign currency translation adjustment	_	_	_	_	_	_	(57)	_
Net income for the year	_	_	_	_	2,405	_	_	_
Cash dividends paid	_	_	_	_	(792)	_	_	_
Purchase of treasury stock	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(0)
Balance at December 31, 2002	31,667,020	¥10,375	¥16,255	¥(12,134)	¥27,745	¥212	¥(102)	¥(0)

		_					(0)
_	_	_	_	(6,603)	_	_	_
_	_	_	_	20,050	_	_	_
_	_	_	_	_	_	(466)	_
_	_	_	_	_	(2,885)	_	_
_	_	_	_	83	_	_	_
31,667,020	\$86,494	\$135,506	\$(101,159)	\$217,774	\$4,652	\$(357)	\$(O)
stock	stock	surplus	revaluation	earnings	securities	adjustment	stock
common	Common	Capital	of land	Retained	investment	translation	Treasury
			Excess			O	
Number of							ers (Note 3)
	stock	shares of common Common stock stock	shares of common Capital stock stock surplus	shares of Excess common Common Capital of land stock stock surplus revaluation	shares of common stock Common stock Excess of land stock Excess of land revaluation Retained earnings 31,667,020 \$86,494 \$135,506 \$(101,159) \$217,774 — — — — 83 — — — — — — — — — — — 20,050	Number of shares of common common stock Common stock Excess surplus Excess pain on common stock Unrealized gain on investment investment securities 31,667,020 \$86,494 \$135,506 \$(101,159) \$217,774 \$4,652 — — — — — (2,885) — — — 20,050 —	shares of common stock Common stock Excess of land stock Retained earnings gain on investment securities currency translation adjustment 31,667,020 \$86,494 \$135,506 \$(101,159) \$217,774 \$4,652 \$(357) — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

OTSUKA CORPORATION and Its Consolidated Subsidiaries For the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2002			Thousands of U.S. dollars
	1	Millions of yen	(Note 3
	2001	2002	2002
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Income before income taxes and minority interests	¥ 4,859	¥ 4,706	\$ 39,233
Depreciation and amortization	6,266	6,388	53,256
Amortization of difference between cost of investment and equity			
in net assets of consolidated subsidiaries	51	80	665
Reserve for retirement benefits	1,714	2,400	20,008
Provision for allowance for bad debts	218	141	1,180
Interest and dividend income	(104)	(93)	(776
Interest expenses	749	627	5,226
Equity in earnings of the affiliates	149	_	_
Loss on sale/disposal of property, plant and equipment	409	338	2,817
Loss on evaluation of investments in securities	189	602	5,017
Loss on evaluation/sale of membership	73	33	272
Decrease (increase) in notes and accounts receivable	2,260	(3,118)	(25,993
Decrease in inventories	3,166	156	1,298
Increase (decrease) in notes and accounts payable	(2,759)	3,730	31,100
Other	1,356	2,514	20,963
Subtotal			
	18,596	18,504	154,266
Interest and dividend income received	101	94	787 (5.400
Interest expenses paid	(795)	(622)	(5,188
Income taxes paid	(2,178)	(3,141)	(26,189
Net cash provided by operating activities	15,724	14,835	123,676
Cash flows from investing activities:	(4.004)	(2)	/
Payments for purchase of property, plant and equipment	(1,291)	(3,515)	(29,308
Payments for software developed	(3,159)	(3,571)	(29,769
Payments for purchase of investments in securities	(686)	(469)	(3,906
Proceeds from sale of investments in securities	61	414	3,453
Payments for purchase of investments in consolidated subsidiaries	_	(128)	(1,070
Increase in long-term loans receivable	(89)	(38)	(318
Decrease in long-term loans payable	_	152	1,271
Other	327	(419)	(3,492
Net cash used in investing activities	(4,837)	(7,574)	(63,139
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Decrease in short-term bank loans, net	(6,545)	(3,743)	(31,200
Proceeds from long-term debts	4,520	452	3,767
Repayments of long-term debts	(7,627)	(3,888)	(32,417
Cash dividends paid	(791)	(790)	(6,583
Other	1	(0)	(3
Net cash used in financing activities	(10,442)	(7,969)	(66,436
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	7	(6)	(50,450
	<u> </u>		
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	452	(714)	(5,949
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	4,445	4,963	41,376
Increase in cash and cash equivalents for newly consolidated subsidiaries	66	_	-
Increase in cash and cash equivalents due to merger		49	401
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year (Note 10)	¥ 4,963	¥ 4,298	\$ 35,828

1. Basis of Presenting the Consolidated Financial Statements

Accounting principles

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared from the accounts maintained by OTSUKA CORPORATION (the "Company") and its consolidated subsidiaries in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Japanese Commercial Code and the Securities and Exchange Law, and in conformity with accounting principles and practices generally accepted in Japan, which are different in certain respects as to application and disclosure requirements of International Accounting Standards.

Certain items presented in the consolidated financial statements submitted to the Director of the Kanto Finance Bureau in Japan have been reclassified for the convenience of readers outside Japan.

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

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(1) Scope of consolidation

The Company had 22 subsidiaries (majority-owned companies) as at December 31, 2001 and 2002, respectively. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and 10 subsidiaries for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2002, respectively.

The 10 subsidiaries, which were consolidated in the year ended December 31, 2002, are listed below:

	Equity ownership percentage
OSK Co., LTD.	100.0%
Netplan Co., LTD.	100.0%
Alpha Techno Co., LTD.	100.0%
Fujimi Construction Co., LTD.	100.0%
Alpha System Co., LTD.	100.0%
Alpha Net Inc.	100.0%
Otsuka Information Technology Corp.*	100.0%
JPSS Co., LTD.	92.4%
Net World, INC.	68.4%
10art-ni Corporation	59.7%

^{*} AURORA-OTSUKA CORP. changed the company name to Otsuka Information Technology Corp.

The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries are hereinafter referred to as the "Companies."

Generally, companies that are owned more than 50% are classified as subsidiaries and companies that are owned more than 20% are classified as affiliates. However, companies that are owned more than 40% to 50% may also be classified as subsidiaries and companies that are owned 15% to 20% may also be classified as affiliates, if the Company substantially controls the investees' management or has significant influence and relationships with the investees, respectively.

The above-shown consolidated subsidiaries use a fiscal year ending on December 31 of each year, which is the same as that of the Company.

The accounts of the remaining 12 unconsolidated subsidiaries as at December 31, 2001 and 2002, respectively, had insignificant amounts in terms of total assets, net sales, net income and retained earnings, and therefore, have been excluded from consolidation.

(2) Elimination of intercompany accounts

For the purposes of preparing the consolidated financial statements, all significant intercompany transactions, account balances and unrealized profits among the Companies have been entirely eliminated, and the portion attributable to minority interests is charged/credited to minority interests.

For the elimination of investments in common stock of consolidated subsidiaries, together with the equity in net assets of such subsidiaries, any difference between such investment costs and the amount of underlying equity in net assets of the subsidiary is deferred and amortized to income over five years on a straight-line basis.

(3) Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates

The Company had 12 unconsolidated subsidiaries and 13 affiliates at December 31, 2001 and 12 unconsolidated subsidiaries and 6 affiliates at December 31, 2002.

The investments in 2 major affiliates for the year ended December 31, 2001, were accounted for by the equity method. Because one company was not an affiliate and the other was liquidated as a result of a merger of a subsidiary, no investments in affiliates for the year ended December 31, 2002, were accounted for by the equity method. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates not accounted for by the equity method were carried at cost or less, since they did not have a material impact on consolidated net income and retained earnings in the consolidated financial statements.

(4) Translation of foreign currency

All monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies, whether long-term or short-term, are translated into Japanese yen at the exchange rates prevailing at the balance sheet date. Resulting gains and losses are included in net profit or loss for the period.

Assets and liabilities of the foreign subsidiaries and affiliates are translated into Japanese yen at the exchange rates prevailing at the balance sheet date. The shareholders' equity at the beginning of the year is translated into Japanese yen at the historical rates. Profit and loss accounts for the year are translated into Japanese yen using the average exchange rate during the year. Differences in yen amounts arising from the use of different rates are presented as "Foreign currency translation adjustment" in the shareholders' equity.

(5) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated statements of cash flows are composed of cash on hand, bank deposits which can be withdrawn on demand and short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less and which represent a minor risk of fluctuation in value.

(6) Inventories

Inventories are valued by the methods according to the category of inventories as follows:

Merchandise and maintenance partsCost mainly determined by the moving-average method Supplies......Cost determined by the last purchase prices

(7) Financial instruments

(a) Securities

Securities held by the Company and its subsidiaries are classified into two categories:

· Equity investment in subsidiaries and affiliates

Investments of the Company in equity securities issued by unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates are accounted for by the equity method. Exceptionally, investments in certain unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates are stated at cost, mainly by the moving-average method, because the effect of application of the equity method would be immaterial.

Other securities

Securities with a market quotation are stated at fair value, based on market prices at the balance sheet date. (Unrealized gains/losses from valuation of marketable securities are charged directly to shareholders' equity at a net-oftax amount, while cost of sale is determined mainly by the moving-average method.)

Securities without a market quotation are stated at cost; this is calculated mainly by the moving-average method.

(b) Derivatives

All derivatives are stated at fair value, with changes in fair value included in net profit or loss for the period in which they arise, except for derivatives that are designated as "hedging instruments".

(c) Hedge accounting

Gains or losses arising from changes in fair value of the derivatives designated as "hedging instruments" are deferred as an asset or liability and included in net profit or loss in the same period during which the gains and losses on the hedged items or transactions are recognized.

The derivatives designated as hedging instruments by the Companies are principally interest swaps and forward exchange contracts. The related hedged items are trade bank loans and accounts payable, respectively.

The Companies have a policy to utilize the above hedging instruments in order to reduce the Companies' exposure to the risks of interest and foreign exchange rate fluctuation. Thus, the Companies' purchases of the hedging instruments are limited to, at maximum, the amounts of the hedged items.

The Company evaluates effectiveness of its hedging activities by reference to the accumulated gains or losses on the hedging instruments and the related hedged items from the commencement of the hedges.

(8) Property, plant and equipment

Depreciation is mainly computed using the declining-balance method, at rates based on the estimated useful lives of assets, which are prescribed by the Japanese income tax laws. Depreciation of buildings newly acquired after April 1, 1998 has been provided based on the straight-line method in conformity with Japanese tax laws.

Normal repairs and maintenance, including minor renewals and improvements, are charged to income as incurred.

(9) Accounting for leases

Leases that transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the assets are accounted for as capital leases, except that leases that do not transfer ownership of the assets at the end of the lease term are accounted for as operating leases, in accordance with accounting principles and practices generally accepted in Japan.

(10) Software

The amortization of costs of software developed for external sales are computed at an amount based on sales of depreciation of the quantity during the year to the total estimated sales quantity. However, the amortization costs should not be lower than the amount computed on asset purchase value on a straight-line basis over the estimated remaining useful life of the asset, which is three years.

Software developed for internal use is amortized on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset, which is five years.

(11) Accounting for income taxes

Income taxes of the Company and its domestic subsidiaries consist of corporate income taxes, local taxes and enterprise taxes.

The Company and its subsidiaries adopted the deferred tax accounting method. Income taxes were determined using the asset and liability approach, whereby deferred tax assets and liabilities were recognized in respect of temporary differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and those as reported in the consolidated financial statements.

(12) Allowance for bad debts

Allowance for bad debts is provided at an amount of possible losses from uncollectable receivables based on the actual rate of losses from bad debts for ordinary receivables, and on estimated recoverability for specific doubtful receivables.

(13) Reserve for retirement benefits

(a) Retirement benefits for employees

The reserve for retirement benefits represents the estimated present value of projected benefit obligations in excess of the fair value of the plan assets except that the unrecognized transition amount arising from adopting the new standard is amortized on a straight-line basis over 5 years, the unrecognized actuarial differences are amortized on a straight-line basis over the period of 12 years from the next year in which they arise, and the unrecognized prior service cost is amortized on a straight-line basis over the period of 12 years.

• Termination of substitute portion employee pension fund

The employees' pension fund of the OTSUKA Group was permitted immunity of future payments from the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare.

In accordance with the JICPA's revised Accounting for Retirement Benefits, the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries did not record a gain on termination of the requirement to make pension contributions to the government assuming the obligation for the government portion of the Company's employment pension scheme and related assets have been transferred to the government. The unrecognized prior service cost generated in this period is calculated in accordance with Note 7 (4) "Computation basis of pension liabilities."

(b) Retirement benefits for directors

The Company has provided for the accrued retirement benefits to directors at an amount equivalent to 100% of such benefits the Company would be required to pay, had all eligible directors retired at the balance sheet date.

(14) Presentation of balance sheets

Effective from the year ended December 31, 2002, the Company and its subsidiaries adopted the new Japanese regulation for the presentation of Shareholders' equity. As a result of adoption of the new regulation, the Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries represented the accounting terms as Common stock, Capital surplus, Excess of land revaluation after tax-effect accounting, and other capital accounts in Shareholders' equity

(15) Net income and dividends per share

Net income per common share is based upon the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during each year. Cash dividends per share shown for each year in the consolidated statements of income represent dividends declared as applicable to the respective year.

(16) Accounting for the consumption tax

The Japanese Consumption Tax Law imposes generally a consumption tax at a flat rate on all domestic consumption of goods and services. The consumption tax withheld upon sale is not included in the amount of "Net sales" in the accompanying consolidated statements of income but is recorded as a liability. Consumption tax, which is paid by the Company and domestic subsidiaries on purchases of goods and services, is not included in the amounts of costs/expenses in the consolidated statements of income either, but is offset against the balance withheld, and the net balance is included in "Other current liabilities" in the consolidated balance sheets.

3. U.S. Dollar Amounts

Amounts in U.S. dollars are included solely for the convenience of readers outside Japan. The rate of ¥119.95=US\$1, the rate of exchange on December 31, 2002, has been used in translation. The inclusion of such amounts is not intended to imply that Japanese yen have been or could be readily converted, realized or settled in U.S. dollars at this or any other rate.

4. Investments in Securities

At December 31, 2001 and 2002, investments in securities were as follows:

(1) Other securities with fair value

						Λ	fillions of yen		Thousands o	f U.S. dollars
			2001				2002			2002
		Carrying			Ca	arrying			Carrying	
	Cost	amount	Differences	Cost	а	mount	Differences	Cost	amount	Differences
Fair value greater than										
carrying amount:										
Stocks	¥679	¥1,737	¥1,058	¥572	¥	972	¥400	\$4,770	\$ 8,103	\$3,333
Bonds	_	_	_	_		_	_	_	_	_
Other securities	_	_	_	_		_	_	_	_	_
	¥679	¥1,737	¥1,058	¥572	¥	972	¥400	\$4,770	\$ 8,103	\$3,333
Fair value less than or equal to										
carrying amount:										
Stocks	¥180	¥ 123	¥ (57) ¥183	¥	157	¥ (26)	\$1,522	\$ 1,308	\$ (214)
Bonds	_	_	_	_		_	_	_	_	_
Other securities	90	50	(40) 89		81	(8)	746	679	(67)
	¥270	¥ 173	¥ (97) ¥272	¥	238	¥ (34)	\$2,268	\$ 1,987	\$ (281)
Total	¥949	¥1,910	¥ 961	¥844	¥1	,210	¥366	\$7,038	\$10,090	\$3,052

(2) Other securities sold in 2001 and 2002 (for the year ended December 31, 2001 and 2002)

				Million	ns of yen	Tho	ousands of U	.S. dollars
		2001			2002			2002
Amount	Total	Total	Amount	Total	Total	Amount	Total	Total
for	gains	losses	for	gains	losses	for	gains	losses
sale	on sale	on sale	sale	on sale	on sale	sale	on sale	on sale
¥62	¥0	¥1	¥175	¥152	¥55	\$1,459	\$1,267	\$459

(3) Securities not stated at fair value

		Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars
	2001	2002	2002
	Stated amount on	Stated amount on	Stated amount on
	consolidated	consolidated	consolidated
	balance sheets	balance sheets	balance sheets
Other securities:			
Unlisted stocks (excluding stocks traded			
over the counter)	¥2,137	¥1,711	\$14,268
Non-public issue convertible bonds	30	_	_
Discount bonds (IBJ)	5	6	50
Mid-term government bonds fund	2	2	18
Preferred subscription certification	_	311	2,585

(4) Prospected amount for redemption of other securities with maturity date subsequent to the consolidated balance sheet date

					٦	Thousands of
			N	fillions of yen		U.S. dollars
	-	2001		2002		2002
	Within	More than	Within	More than	Within	More than
	one year	one year	one year	one year	one year	one year
Bonds:						
Government bonds and municipal bonds	¥—	¥—	¥—	¥ —	\$ —	\$ —
Corporate bonds	30	_	_	_	_	_
Others	5	_	6	310	50	2,584
Others	_	_	_	_	_	_
Total	¥35	¥—	¥ 6	¥310	\$50	\$2,584

5. Inventories

Inventories at December 31, 2001 and 2002 comprised the following:

			Thousands of
		Millions of yen	U.S. dollars
	2001	2002	2002
Merchandise and maintenance parts	¥15,465	¥15,180	\$126,553
Work-in-process	496	680	5,669
Supplies	159	139	1,159
	¥16,120	¥15,999	\$133,381

6. Short-term Bank Loans and Long-term Debt

The annual average interest rates applicable to short-term bank loans at December 31, 2001 and 2002 were 0.92% and 0.90%, respectively.

Long-term debt at December 31, 2000 and 2001 consisted of the following:

			Thousands of
	N	lillions of yen	U.S. dollars
	2001	2002	2002
Long-term borrowings from banks with annual interest rates			
from 0.60% to 3.39%	¥ 6,631	¥4,294	\$35,798
2.66% secured Japanese yen bonds due November 2003	2,300	2,300	19,175
2.75% secured Japanese yen bonds due December 2002	1,100	_	_
3.04% secured Japanese yen bonds due February 2003	1,000	1,000	8,337
0.75% secured Japanese yen bonds due March 2004	2,000	2,000	16,673
	13,031	9,594	79,983
Less: Current maturities of long-term debts	(3,728)	(6,886)	(57,407)
	¥ 9,303	¥2,708	\$22,576

Aggregate annual maturities of long-term debt subsequent to December 31, 2002 are as follows:

		Thousands of
Year ending December 31	Millions of yen	U.S. dollars
2003	¥6,886	\$57,407
2004	2,631	21,934
2005	69	575
2006	7	59
2007 and thereafter	1	8
	¥9,594	\$79,983

At December 31, 2001 and 2002, assets pledged as collateral for short-term loans and long-term debt, including the current portion of long-term debt, were as follows:

			Thousands of
	N	lillions of yen	U.S. dollars
	2001	2002	2002
Land	¥3,417	¥2,786	\$23,226
Buildings	6,264	5,142	42,868
Time deposits	11	11	92
	¥9,692	¥7,939	\$66,186

7. Reserve for Retirement Benefits

(1) Retirement benefit plan

The Company and its subsidiaries, except some companies, adopt a qualified pension plan, a welfare pension plan and termination allowance plan as defined-benefit pension plans.

(2) The reserve for retirement benefits as of December 31, 2001 and 2002 is analyzed as follows:

			Thousands of
	1	Millions of yen	U.S. dollars
	2001	2002	2002
Projected benefit obligations	¥(48,263)	¥(50,157)	\$(418,149)
Plan assets	28,688	28,278	235,748
	(19,575)	(21,879)	(182,401)
Unrecognized transition amount	8,512	6,382	53,205
Unrecognized prior service cost	_	(2,960)	(24,677)
Unrecognized actuarial differences	6,192	11,187	93,264
	(4,871)	(7,270)	(60,609)
Prepaid pension cost	_	_	
Reserve for retirement benefits	¥ (4,871)	¥ (7,270)	\$ (60,609)

The above table includes the amounts related to the portion subject to the Japanese Welfare Pension Insurance Law.

The balance of the reserve for retirement benefits in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets at December 31, 2002 included retirement benefits for directors in an amount of ¥692 million (\$5,769 thousand).

(3) Pension expense related to the retirement benefits for the year ended December 31, 2001 and for the year ended December 31, 2002 were as follows:

			Thousands of
	M	lillions of yen	U.S. dollars
	2001	2002	2002
Service cost*	¥3,363	¥3,618	\$30,163
Interest cost	1,214	1,188	9,904
Expected return on plan assets	(1,489)	(1,294)	(10,788)
Amortization of transition amount	2,135	2,129	17,799
Amortization of the unrecognized prior service cost	_	(63)	(525)
Amortization of the unrecognized actuarial differences	_	518	4,318
Additional benefits for employees' early retirement	41	55	459
Expense of changing accounting method	_	54	450
Net pension expense	¥5,264	¥6,205	\$51,713

^{*} Service cost includes pension costs of subsidiaries under simplified method.

(4) Computation basis of pension liabilities

2002	2001	As of December 31, 2001 and 2002
2.5%	2.5% (beginning of period: 3.0%)	Discount rate
4.5%	4.5% (beginning of period: 5.5%)	Expected rate of return on plan assets
Standard of	Standard of	Periodic allocation principle for
fixed-amount-for-period	fixed-amount-for-period	projected benefit obligation
12 years	_	Amortization of unrecognized prior service cost
5 years	5 years	Amortization of transition amount
12 years from the next	12 years from the next	Amortization of unrecognized
fiscal year of occurrence	fiscal year of occurrence	actuarial differences

8. Contingent Liabilities

The Company was contingently liable for guarantees of loans at December 31, 2001 and 2002 as follows:

	Milli	Millions of yen	
	2001	2001 2002	2002
Loans borrowed by:			
NACOS COMPUTER SYSTEMS CORP.	¥ 87	¥ 78	\$650
EMT Software, Inc.	32	22	184
Sofix Inc.	47	_	_
	¥166	¥100	\$834

9. Income Taxes

The statutory tax rate used for calculating deferred tax assets and liabilities at December 31, 2002 was 42.1%.

At December 31, 2002, the reconciliation of the statutory tax rate to the effective income tax rate was as follows:

Statutory tax rate	42.1%
Entertainment expenses	2.0
Inhabitants' tax per capital	2.6
Valuation allowance	0.9
Consolidated adjustment account	0.7
Others	(0.1)
Effective tax rate	48.2%

At December 31, 2001 and 2002, significant components of the deferred tax assets and liabilities were as follows:

			Thousands of
	N	fillions of yen	U.S. dollars
	2001	2002	2002
Deferred tax assets:			
Allowance for bad debts	¥ 191	¥ 199	\$ 1,659
Enterprise taxes	201	193	1,609
Accrued bonuses	326	547	4,560
Retirement benefits for employees	1,040	2,067	17,232
Retirement benefits for directors	304	304	2,534
Memberships	306	300	2,501
Software cost	309	252	2,101
Operating loss carryforwards	659	424	3,535
Eliminated unrealized profits	540	453	3,777
Other	283	269	2,243
Total deferred tax assets	4,159	5,008	41,751
Less: Valuation allowance	(472)	(399)	(3,327)
Net deferred tax assets	3,687	4,609	38,424
Deferred tax liabilities:			
Reserve for computer programs	2,001	2,244	18,708
Unrealized gain on investment securities	407	154	1,284
Other	21	20	166
Total deferred tax liabilities	2,429	2,418	20,158
Net deferred tax assets	¥1,258	¥2,191	\$18,266

10. Supplementary Cash Flow Information

Cash and cash equivalents consisted of:

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars
	2001	2002	2002
Cash, time deposits and other cash equivalents	¥6,431	¥5,696	\$47,488
Time deposits with deposit terms of more than three months	(1,468)	(1,398)	(11,660)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	¥4,963	¥4,298	\$35,828

The property and the debt that were taken over from Northern Lights Computer Inc. (affiliate), which merged with the 10art-ni Corporation (consolidated subsidiary), are as follows:

Common stock and capital surplus increased by merger are ¥150 million and ¥43 million, respectively.

	Thousands of
Millions of yen	U.S. dollars
¥257	\$2,143
34	283
¥291	\$2,426
¥ 98	\$ 817
¥ 98	\$ 817
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11. Subsequent Event

The following appropriation of the Company's retained earnings in respect of the year ended December 31, 2002 was as proposed by the Board of Directors and approved by the shareholders at the annual general meeting held on March 28, 2003:

		Thousands of
Appropriation	Millions of yen	U.S. dollars
Cash dividends (¥20.00 per share)	¥633	\$5,277

12. Lease Transactions

Acquisition cost, accumulated depreciation and net book value at December 31, 2001 and 2002 are summarized as follows:

			Thousands of
	M	Millions of yen	
	2001 2002	2002	
Acquisition cost	¥7,117	¥6,958	\$58,008
Accumulated depreciation	(3,683)	(3,824)	(31,880)
Net book value	¥3,434	¥3,134	\$26,128

Future minimum lease payments under finance leases at December 31, 2001 and 2002 are summarized as follows:

		****	Thousands of
	N	fillions of yen	U.S. dollars
	2001	2002	2002
Due within one year	¥1,379	¥1,492	\$12,438
Due after one year	2,124	1,712	14,273
	¥3,503	¥3,204	\$26,711

Lease rental expenses, depreciation and interest expenses for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2002 are summarized as follows:

	Millions of yen		Thousands of
			U.S. dollars
	2001	2002	2002
Lease rental expenses	¥1,603	¥1,621	\$13,514
Depreciation	1,505	1,526	12,722
Interest expenses	118	101	842

Depreciation expense is calculated using the straight-line method, with the lease period as the useful life and zero as the residual value.

The amounts of future lease payments on operating leases at December 31, 2001 and 2002 are summarized as follows:

			Thousands of
	N	lillions of yen	U.S. dollars
	2001	2002	2002
Due within one year	¥179	¥ 70	\$ 583
Due after one year	172	109	909
	¥351	¥179	\$1,492

13. Land Revaluation

Pursuant to the Law Concerning Land Revaluation, the Company revalued land used for business activities on December 31, 2001. The excess of the revalued carrying amount over the book value before valuation was recorded as "Excess of land revaluation after tax-effect accounting" in shareholders' equity in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. The land prices used for the revaluation were determined based on the prices in the official notice published by the Commissioner of the National Tax Agency in accordance with Article 2, Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Enforcement Ordinance Concerning Land Revaluation, after making reasonable adjustments. Revaluation is permitted only one time. The excess of the book value after valuation over the fair value is ¥830 million (\$6,290 thousand).

14. Segment Information

Business segment information

The business segment information of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2002 is summarized as follows:

						Millions of yen
	System	Service &				2001 Consolidated
	Integration	Support	Other	Total	Elimination	total
Net sales to:						
Outside customers	¥230,561	¥96,338	¥1,252	¥328,151	¥ —	¥328,151
Inter-segment sales/transfers	12	24	951	987	(987)	_
	230,573	96,362	2,203	329,138	(987)	328,151
Operating expenses	225,510	88,721	2,148	316,379	3,594	319,973
Operating income	¥ 5,063	¥ 7,641	¥ 55	¥ 12,759	¥ (4,581)	¥ 8,178
Assets, depreciation and						
capital expenditures:						
Assets	¥ 79,633	¥48,854	¥1,340	¥129,827	¥18,284	¥148,111
Depreciation and amortization	3,417	2,619	9	6,045	221	6,266
Capital expenditures	2,453	1,784	82	4,319	209	4,528
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						Millions of yen
						2002
	System	Service &				Consolidated
	Integration	Support	Other	Total	Elimination	total
Net sales to:	V040 000	V4400 000	V4 040	V004 000	.,	1/004 000
Outside customers	¥219,690	¥103,380	¥1,219	¥324,289	¥ —	¥324,289
Inter-segment sales/transfers	20	60	985	1,065	(1,065)	
	219,710	103,440	2,204	325,354	(1,065)	324,289
Operating expenses	214,492	95,724	2,160	312,376	3,923	316,299
Operating income	¥ 5,218	¥ 7,716	¥ 44	¥ 12,978	¥ (4,988)	¥ 7,990
Assets, depreciation and						
capital expenditures:						
Assets	¥ 78,811	¥ 49,391	¥1,493	¥129,695	¥18,868	¥148,563
Depreciation and amortization	3,294	2,792	19	6,105	283	6,388
Capital expenditures	4,268	2,245	_	6,513	1,137	7,650
					Thousand	ds of U.S. dollars
	- Custom	Carrian 8				2002
	System Integration	Service & Support	Other	Total	Elimination	Consolidated total
Net sales to:	g	0.01010.0.1				
Outside customers	\$1,831,513	\$861,859	\$10,163	\$2,703,535	\$ —	\$2,703,535
Inter-segment sales/transfers	167	500	8,211	8,878	(8,878)	
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Operating evenence	1,831,680	862,359	18,374	2,712,413	(8,878)	2,703,535
Operating expenses Operating income	1,788,179 \$ 43,501	798,032 \$ 64,327	18,007 \$ 367	2,604,218 \$ 108,195	32,706 \$ (41,584)	2,636,924 \$ 66,611
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Assets, depreciation and						
capital expenditures:	A 057.000	6444 700	¢40 44=	64 004 040	64 F 7 000	64 000 544
Assets	\$ 657,032	\$411,763	\$12,447	\$1,081,242	\$157,299	\$1,238,541
Depreciation and amortization	27,461	23,276	158	50,896	2,359	53,256
Capital expenditures	35,590	18,716		54,306	9,479	63,785

Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants

The Board of Directors

OTSUKA CORPORATION

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of OTSUKA CORPORATION and its consolidated subsidiaries as of December 31, 2001 and 2002, and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended, 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 OTSUKA CORPORATION and its consolidated subsidiaries as of December 31, 2001 and 2002, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles and practices generally accepted in Japan (see Note 1)

applied on a consistent basis.

The amounts expressed in U.S. dollars, provided solely for the convenience of the reader, have been

translated on the basis set forth in Note 3 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Chrobeyana audit Corporation

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Tokyo, Japan

March 28, 2003