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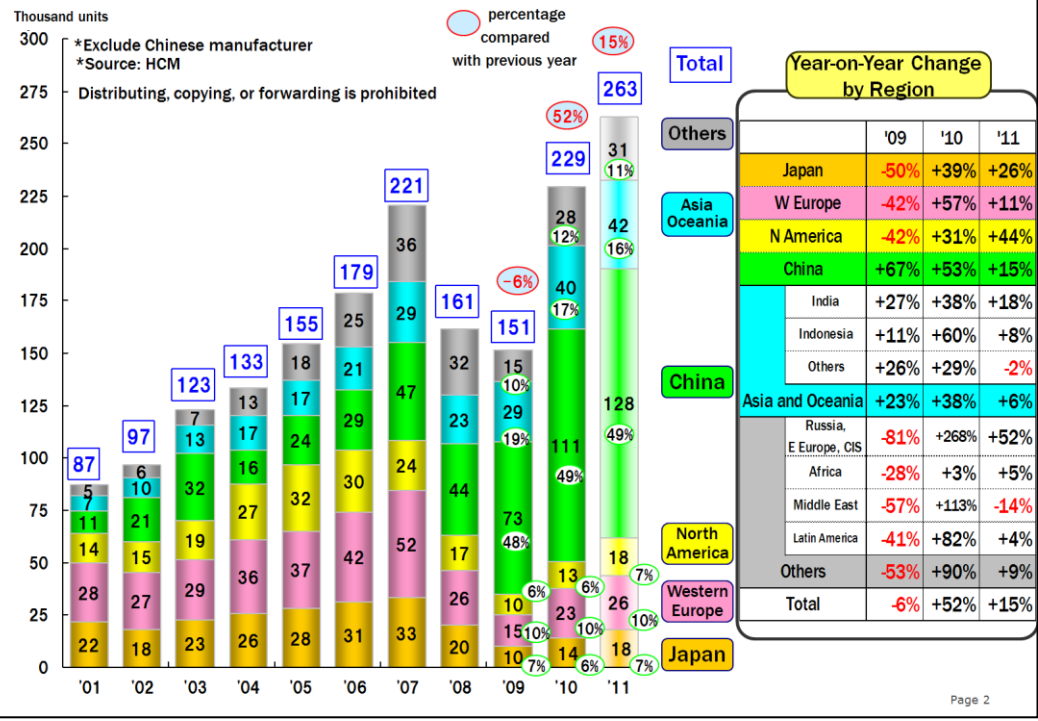
**Consolidated Earnings Forecasts for FY2011
ending March 31, 2012**

**May 26, 2011
Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd.**

Global Demand Trend for Hydraulic Excavator

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● Global demand for hydraulic excavators for FY2011 is expected to increase by 15%, year-on-year, to 263,000 units.

Billions of yen

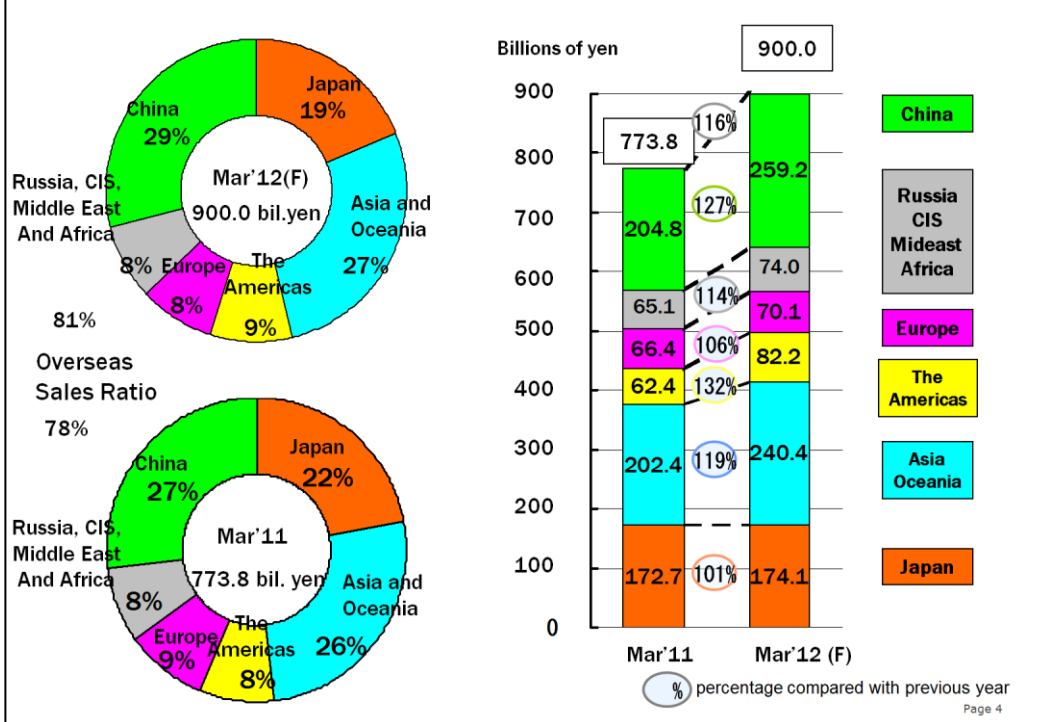
	Mar'12 Forecast (A)	Mar'11 Actual (B)	Change (B/A)
Net sales	900.0	773.8	116%
Operating income	65.0	41.5	157%
Ordinary income	56.0	41.9	134%
Net income	23.0	11.1	207%
F	Exchange rate (YEN/USD)	80.00	85.38
	Forward exchange rate(YEN/USD)	80.00	86.75
X	Exchange rate (YEN/EUR)	115.00	112.13
	Forward exchange rate (YEN/EUR)	115.00	115.29
Cash dividends per share (yen)	30	20	10

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● Net sales are expected to increase by 16%, the same growth rate as the global demand.

● Operating income is expected to increase by about 60%, year-on-year, to 65.0 bil.yen.

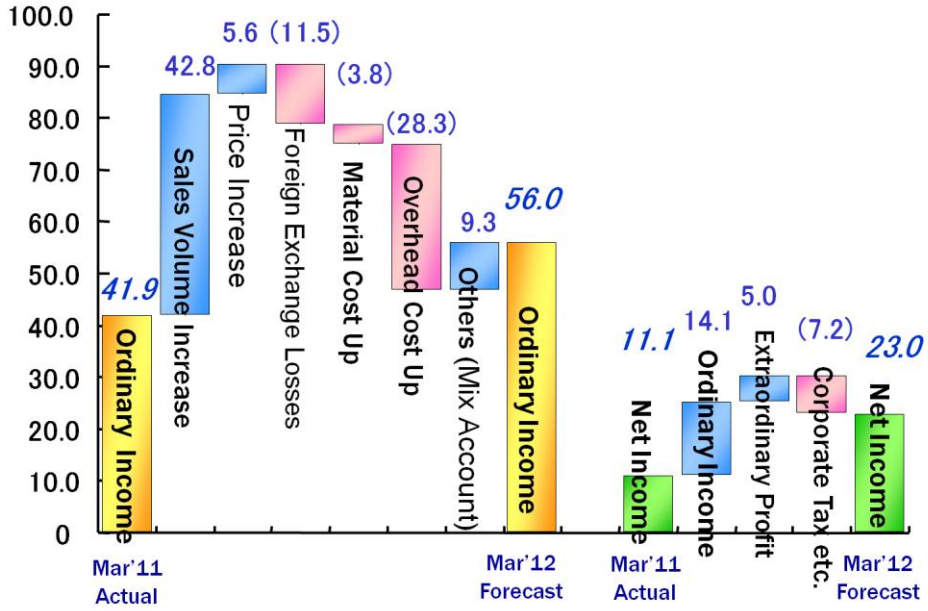
● Payment of dividends per share is expected to be 30 yen for FY2011 in total.



● The overseas sales ratio is expected to increase 3 percentage points to 81%.

● Net sales are expected to increase by 17% compared with the previous year without considering the negative impact of 52 bil. yen in foreign exchange.

Billions of yen



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