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**Notice of Full-year Earnings Forecasts and Dividends  
for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2012**

Tokyo, Japan, May 26, 2011 — Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd. today announced its Forecasts for Full-year Earnings and Dividends for the fiscal year ending March 2012, since the impacts of the Great East Japan Earthquake which occurred on March 11, 2011 to the status of recovery for supply chain, and electricity restrictions etc., as of today were examined. Brief details are as follows.

**Consolidated Earnings Forecast for the First Half Ending September 30, 2011**

(April 1, 2011 - September 30, 2011)

(Millions of yen; %)

	Net Sales	Operating income	Ordinary income	Net income	Net income per share (Yen)
Previous Forecast (A)	—	—	—	—	—
Revised Forecast (B)	392,000	14,000	10,000	1,500	7.09
Difference (B-A)	—	—	—	—	
Change (%)	—	—	—	—	
Previous First Half Ended Sep 30, 2010	346,100	12,261	11,983	3,104	14.68

**Consolidated Earnings Forecast for the Full Year Ending March 31, 2012**

(April 1, 2011 - March 31, 2012)

	Net Sales	Operating income	Ordinary income	Net income	Net income per share (Yen)
Previous Forecast (A)	—	—	—	—	—
Revised Forecast (B)	900,000	65,000	56,000	23,000	108.76
Difference (B-A)	—	—	—	—	—
Change (%)	—	—	—	—	—
Previous Year Ended Mar 31, 2011	773,769	41,511	41,912	11,088	52.44

## Outlook for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2012

Because of the production facilities in disaster areas and partial delay of the supply chain, production at domestic works had been partially affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake. After the earthquake, we quickly made efforts, and operation capacity is now successfully back to the same level as that before the earthquake. Also for the electric restriction during the summer season, we are taking measures such as front-loaded production, and introduction of in-house power generation, etc.

With respect to the demand for hydraulic excavators for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2012, the demand has been steadily growing, especially in emerging nations such as China, India, and Russia, etc., and demand in North America increased due to replacement demand especially from rental companies, and demand in Europe recovered as well; hence overall demand is expected to exceed the global demand of the previous year. In response to increasing demand, the HCM group will strive to expand the production operation domestically and abroad, enhance the sales operation and soft business such as parts sales and service, used machines, and sales of remanufactured parts, etc. to expand profits further.

Note) Any forward-looking statements in the report, including results forecasts, are based on certain assumptions that were deemed rational as well as information currently available to the Company at this time. However, various factors could cause actual results to differ materially. These projections assume exchange rates of ¥80 to the U.S. dollar, ¥115 to the Euro and ¥12.5 to the Chinese Yuan.

## Dividend Projection

As for the dividends for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012, we aim to pay dividends per share of ¥15.00 for the second quarter, and ¥15.00 for the year-end, amounting to ¥30.00 for the entire fiscal year in total.

	Cash dividends per share					Dividends paid (Total)	Dividend Payout Ratio (Consolidated)	Dividends on Equity (Consolidated)
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Year end	Total			
	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen	Millions of yen	%	%
March 31, 2011	—	10.00	—	10.00	20.00	4,229	38.1	1.4
March 31, 2012 (Projection)	—	15.00	—	15.00	30.00	—	27.6	—