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**Notice of Revised Earnings Forecast for the Second Quarter Ended September 30, 2009**

Tokyo, Japan, October 27, 2009 — Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd. today announced that it had revised its consolidated forecast for the second quarter ended September 30, 2009, previously disclosed on July 27, 2009, based on recent trends in the Company's performance. Brief details are as follows.

Revisions of Consolidated Earnings Forecast for the Second Quarter Ended September 30, 2009

(Millions of yen; %)

	Net Sales	Operating income	Ordinary income	Net income	Net income per share (Yen)
Previous Forecast (A)	270,000	0	(5,500)	(8,500)	(41.21)
Revised Forecast (B)	272,317	945	(2,633)	(7,298)	(35.38)
Difference (B-A)	2,317	945	2,867	1,202	—
Change (%)	0.9	—	—	—	—
(Reference) Previous Second Quarter Ended Sep.30, 2008	454,052	47,129	45,452	22,225	103.91

<Reason for the Revision>

(1) Consolidated Earnings for the Second Quarter ended September 30, 2009 (April 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009)

With respect to the market for construction machinery, during the second quarter under review (April 2009 to September 2009), demand fell continuously, especially in advanced nations. On the other hand, in emerging countries such as China, Indonesia and India, etc., began trending upward. Under these circumstances, the Company continued to focus on reducing stocks, curbing and reducing additional fixed costs and material costs, etc.

Accordingly, as shown above, the Company decided to revise its consolidated results forecasts for the second quarter ended September 30, 2009.

Note: The above performance forecasts were prepared on the basis of information available as of the date of this announcement. Various factors could cause actual results to differ from these forecasts.