MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

SCOPE OF CONSOLIDATION AND EQUITY METHOD

In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Japan, the consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Hino Motors, Ltd. and 10 consolidated subsidiaries, compared with seven subsidiaries during the previous term. In addition, 19 affiliated companies were accounted for using the equity method, compared with 17 companies during the previous term.

NET SALES

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 1999, consolidated net sales fell 26.6% to ¥432,284 million (US\$3,586 million) on account of a sharp fall in demand for mediumand heavy-duty trucks. Total domestic sales, which include vehicles produced on commission for Toyota Motor Corporation, dropped 24.8% to ¥373,071 million (US\$3,095 million). Overseas sales declined 36.6% to ¥59,213 million (US\$491 million). The overseas sales ratio was 13.7%, compared with 15.8% during the previous fiscal year.

Domestic sales of diesel trucks and buses fell 48.3% to \\(\frac{\pmathbf{1}}{10,002}\) million (US\\(\frac{\pmathbf{9}}{13}\) million). Of this amount, heavy-duty truck sales were \\(\frac{\pmathbf{5}}{5,540}\) million (US\\(\frac{\pmathbf{4}}{469}\) million), a decline of 51.6% from the previous term, and medium-duty truck sales were \\(\frac{\pmathbf{2}}{22,082}\) million

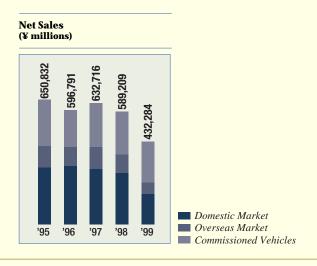
(US\$183 million), down 60.7%. Domestic bus sales decreased 12.6% to ¥25,405 million (US\$211 million). Domestic sales of light-duty trucks, which include the 2-ton payload truck segment shown independently in the previous term, fell 44.8% to ¥5,974 million (US\$50 million).

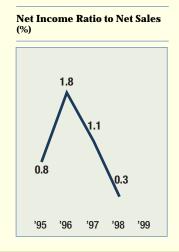
Owing largely to adverse operating conditions in the Company's chief export markets of Southeast Asia, overseas sales of diesel trucks and buses fell 36.5% to ¥48,498 million (US\$402 million), or 11.2% of net sales.

Sales of pickup trucks and sports utility vehicles produced on commission for Toyota, and related parts and others, edged down 4.7% to \(\frac{1}{2}\)10,383 million (US\(\frac{1}{3}\)745 million), accounting for 48.7% of total net sales. Of this amount, vehicle sales were \(\frac{1}{4}\)148,512 million (US\(\frac{1}{3}\),232 million), 12.9% below the previous fiscal year.

NET INCOME

The drop in net sales led to an 88.2% fall in gross profit to \(\frac{\cup4}{786}\) million (US\(\frac{\cup40}{40}\) million). The gross profit margin deteriorated 5.8 percentage points to 1.1%, and the ratio of selling, general and administrative expenses to net sales was 9.8%, a worsening of 3.0 percentage points. An operating loss of \(\frac{\cup437}{37}\),593 million (US\(\frac{\cup312}{312}\) million) was recorded, compared with an operating income of \(\frac{\cup4710}{710}\) million during the previous fiscal year.





Interest expenses net of interest and dividend income was ¥1,370 million (US\$11 million), compared with ¥37 million a year earlier. However, with other income, net of ¥8,088 million (US\$67 million), the Company recorded other income, net of other expenses, of ¥2,723 million (US\$23 million), compared with ¥792 million in the previous term.

The above factors resulted in loss before income taxes of \(\frac{\pmathbf{\frac{4}}}{34,870}\) million (US\(\frac{\pmathbf{2}}{289}\) million), compared with income before income taxes of \(\frac{\pmathbf{4}}{1,502}\) million a year earlier. A net loss of \(\frac{\pmathbf{4}}{36,659}\) million (US\(\frac{\pmathbf{3}}{304}\) million) was recorded, compared with net income of \(\frac{\pmathbf{4}}{1,649}\) million in the previous term. Net loss per share was \(\frac{\pmathbf{4}}{101.16}\) (US\(\pmathbf{0}.84)\). Cash dividends were suspended.

CASH FLOWS AND FINANCIAL POSITION

Net cash provided by operating activities was ¥9,666 million (US\$80 million), compared with net cash used in operating activities of ¥4,914 million during the previous term. Although the total of net loss and notes and accounts payable was ¥70,535 million (US\$585 million), this was offset by other factors, especially depreciation and amortization and notes and accounts receivable, which totaled ¥80,112 million (US\$665 million).

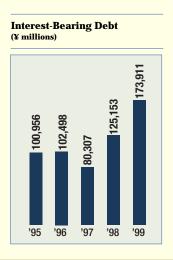
Net cash used in investing activities was \quad \quad \quad \text{29,485} \quad \text{million} \quad \text{down 31.5% from the}

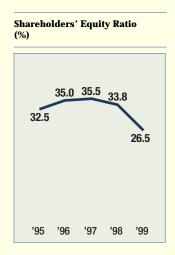
Net cash provided by financing activities was ¥44,630 million (US\$370 million), up 4.9% from the previous term. The largest source of cash in this category was proceeds from long-term debt of ¥51,159 million (US\$424 million), followed by a net increase in short-term loans of ¥8,633 million (US\$72 million).

In aggregate, cash and cash equivalents at end of year increased ¥24,811 million to ¥61,084 million (US\$507 million).

Interest-bearing debt (short-term bank loans, the current portion of long-term debt and long-term debt) increased ¥48,758 million to ¥173,911 million (US\$1,443 million). Long-term debt increased ¥5,634 million to ¥79,564 million (US\$660 million), including bond issuances of ¥10,000 million (US\$83 million) and ¥20,000 million (US\$166 million) at 2.0% and 2.5%, respectively. The current portion of long-term debt increased ¥31,624 million to ¥45,030 million (US\$374 million).

Total assets decreased \$28,762 million to \$392,601 million (US\$3,257 million). The equity ratio was 26.5%, compared with 33.8% a year earlier.





CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

MARCH 31, 1998 AND 1999

	Millior	as of Yen	Thousands of U.S. Dollars (Note 1)
ASSETS	1998	1999	1999
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	¥ 36,273	¥ 61,084	\$ 506,709
Short-term investments	13,667	13,797	114,455
Trade receivables		ŕ	ŕ
Notes	1,058	589	4,887
Accounts	73,376	24,556	203,700
Inventories (Note 3)	34,044	31,342	259,996
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	9,657	9,534	79,082
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(717)	(389)	(3,226)
Total current assets	167,358	140,513	1,165,603
Investments and advances: Investment securities	34,014	30,263	251,045
Investments in and advances to unconsolidated			
subsidiaries and affiliates (Note 4)	24,627	17,256	143,147
Long-term loans	355	306	2,541
Other investments	10,154	10,441	86,604
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(1,680)	(1,690)	(14,020)
Total investments and advances	67,470	56,576	469,317
Property, plant and equipment (Note 7):			
Land	17,888	18,935	157,072
Buildings and structures	129,899	136,959	1,136,115
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	262,441	279,655	2,319,825
Tools	61,394	60,730	503,776
Construction in progress	17,462	20,917	173,510
	489,084	517,196	4,290,298
Less accumulated depreciation	(302,728)	(326,337)	(2,707,064)
Net property, plant and equipment	186,356	190,859	1,583,234
Translation adjustments	111	3,499	29,024
Other assets	68	1,154	9,567
Other about	¥ 421,363	¥ 392,601	\$ 3,256,745
	₹ 421,303	¥ 374,001	Φ 3,430,743

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

	2600	637	Thousands of U.S. Dollars
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	1998	1999	(Note 1) 1999
	1996	1777	1999
Current liabilities: Short tarm hank loons (Note 5)	V 27 017	¥ 49,317	\$ 409,097
Short-term bank loans (Note 5)	¥ 37,817 13,406	₹ 49,317 45,030	\$ 409,097 373,535
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 5)	13,400	45,030	373,333
Trade payables Notes	5,666	3,141	26,056
Accounts	91,952	60,983	505,872
Accrued income taxes (Note 9)	433	550	4,562
Accrued expenses	11,574	9,569	79,382
Other current liabilities	28,232	23,767	197,158
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Total current liabilities	189,080	192,357	1,595,662
Long-term liabilities:			
Long-term debt (Note 5)	73,930	79,564	660,010
Accrued severance indemnities (Note 6)	15,523	15,426	127,959
Other	24	31	260
Total long-term liabilities	89,477	95,021	788,229
Minority interests in consolidated subsidiaries	354	1,167	9,680
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Common stock, par value ¥50 per share			
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Common stock, par value ¥50 per share Authorized—1,000,000,000 shares Issued—362,391,898 shares in 1998 and 1999 Additional paid-in capital	17,787	17,787	147,540
Common stock, par value ¥50 per share Authorized—1,000,000,000 shares Issued—362,391,898 shares in 1998 and 1999 Additional paid-in capital Retained earnings (Note 11)	*	,	147,540
Common stock, par value ¥50 per share Authorized—1,000,000,000 shares Issued—362,391,898 shares in 1998 and 1999 Additional paid-in capital Retained earnings (Note 11) Less	17,787	17,787	147,540
Common stock, par value ¥50 per share Authorized—1,000,000,000 shares Issued—362,391,898 shares in 1998 and 1999 Additional paid-in capital Retained earnings (Note 11) Less Treasury common stock, at cost:	17,787 98,254	17,787 59,858	147,546 496,537
Authorized—1,000,000,000 shares Issued—362,391,898 shares in 1998 and 1999 Additional paid-in capital Retained earnings (Note 11) Less	17,787	17,787	219,099 147,546 496,537 (8 863,174

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 1998 AND 1999

	Millions of Yen		Thousands of U.S. Dollars (Note 1)
	1998	1999	1999
Net sales (Note 13)	¥589,209	¥432,284	\$3,585,933
Cost of sales (Note 7)	548,553	427,498	3,546,230
Gross profit	40,656	4,786	39,703
Selling, general and administrative expenses (Note 7)	39,946	42,379	351,547
Operating income (loss)	710	(37,593)	(311,844)
Other income (expenses) (Note 7):			
Interest and dividend income	1,999	1,890	15,673
Interest expense	(2,036)	(3,260)	(27,039)
Equity in (losses) earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries			
and affiliates	(1,047)	(3,995)	(33,142)
Other, net	1,876	8,088	67,093
	792	2,723	22,585
Income (loss) before income taxes	1,502	(34,870)	(289,259)
Income taxes (Note 9):			
Current	470	(70)	(580)
Deferred	(426)	2,226	18,462
	44	2,156	17,882
Income (loss) before minority interests	1,458	(37,026)	(307,141)
Minority interests in income of consolidated subsidiaries	191	367	3,041
Net income (loss)	¥ 1,649	¥ (36,659)	\$ (304,100)
Per share amounts:	Y	'en	U.S. Dollars (Note 1)
Net income (loss)	¥ 4.55	¥ (101.16)	\$ (0.84)
Cash dividends	6.00		

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 1998 AND 1999

	Number of shares of _ common stock (Thousands)	Common stock	Millions of Yer Additional paid-in capital	Retained earnings	Number of shares of Treasury common stock
Balance at March 31, 1997	362,392	¥26,412	¥ 17,787	¥ 97,449	(176)
Net income		_	_	1,649	
Cash dividends paid		_	_	(2,174)	
Directors' and statutory auditors' bonuses	_	_	_	(140)	
Increase due to the addition of an affiliate					
accounted for by the equity method				1,470	
Other					(1,594)
Balance at March 31, 1998	362,392	26,412	17,787	98,254	(1,770)
Net loss	_	_	_	(36,659)	_
Cash dividends paid	_	_	_	(1,087)	
Directors' and statutory auditors' bonuses	_	_	_	(70)	
Decrease due to the addition of an affiliate					
accounted for by the equity method	_			(580)	
Other		_	_		(240)
Balance at March 31, 1999	362,392	¥ 26,412	¥17,787	¥59,858	(2,010)

	Thousands of U.S. Dollars (Note 1)			
	Common stock	Additional paid-in capital	Retained earnings	
Balance at March 31, 1998	\$219,099	\$147,546	\$ 815,042	
Net loss	_	_	(304,100)	
Cash dividends paid	_	_	(9,018)	
Directors' and statutory auditors' bonuses	_	_	(581)	
Decrease due to the addition of an affiliate				
accounted for by the equity method		_	(4,806)	
Balance at March 31, 1999	\$219,099	\$147,546	\$ 496,537	

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 1998 AND 1999

Thousands of

	Millions of Yen		U.S. Dollars (Note 1)	
	1998	1999	1999	
Operating activities:				
Net income (loss)	¥ 1,649	¥(36,659)	\$(304,100)	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash	,	() /	1(, ,,	
provided by (used in) operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	27,697	30,346	251,730	
Provision for doubtful accounts	(102)	(351)	(2,912)	
Provision for severance indemnities less payments	(226)	(97)	(805)	
Loss on sales and disposal of property, plant and equipment	625	996	8,262	
Decrease in minority interests	(14)	(204)	(1,692)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	,		() /	
Notes and accounts receivable	(1,983)	49,766	412,825	
Inventories	(6,665)	6,327	52,484	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(2,889)	863	7,159	
Notes and accounts payable	(17,956)	(33,876)	(281,012)	
Accrued income taxes	(3,555)	9	75	
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	(1,495)	(7,454)	(61,833)	
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(4,914)	9,666	80,181	
Investing activities:		,	,	
Increase in short-term investments	(2,150)	(130)	(1,078)	
Net decrease in investments in	(=, =)	(== +)	(-,)	
unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates	2,833	3,571	29,623	
Net decrease (increase) in investment securities	(61)	3,751	31,116	
Net decrease in long-term loans	75	70	581	
Addition to property, plant and equipment	(50,668)	(36,038)	(298,946)	
Proceeds from sales and disposal of property, plant	(,)	()/	()	
and equipment	4,478	1,479	12,269	
Payment for purchase of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired	, <u>—</u>	(595)	(4,936)	
Other	2,472	(1,593)	(13,214)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(43,021)	(29,485)	(244,585)	
Financing activities:				
Net increase in short-term loans	14,561	8,633	71,613	
Proceeds from long-term debt	32,843	51,159	424,380	
Repayments of long-term debt	(2,558)	(14,005)	(116,176)	
Cash dividends paid and directors' and statutory				
auditors' bonuses	(2,314)	(1,157)	(9,598)	
Net cash provided by financing activities	42,532	44,630	370,219	
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(5,403)	24,811	205,815	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	41,676	36,273	300,894	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	¥ 36,273	¥ 61,084	\$ 506,709	
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:				
Cash paid during the year for:				
Interest expense	¥ 1,971	¥ 3,310	\$ 27,454	
Income taxes	¥ 4,170	¥ 439	\$ 3,645	

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1: Basis of Consolidated Financial Statements' Presentation The accompanying consolidated financial statements of HINO MOTORS, LTD. (the "Company") and its consolidated subsidiaries have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles and practices generally accepted in Japan. Accordingly, the accompanying 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.

In preparing these statements, certain reclassifications and rearrangements have been made to the accompanying consolidated financial statements prepared domestically in Japan in order to present these statements in a format which is more familiar to readers outside Japan. In addition, the accompanying notes include additional information, which is not required under accounting principles and practices generally accepted in Japan. Certain reclassifications have been made in the 1998 consolidated financial statements to conform to the classifications used in 1999.

The U.S. dollar amounts included herein are solely for the convenience of readers outside Japan and have been translated from the Japanese yen amounts at the rate of \\$120.55=\\$1, the approximate exchange rate prevailing as of March 31, 1999.

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(1) Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its significant subsidiaries. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates are stated at cost and certain unconsolidated affiliates are accounted for by the equity method.

(2) Foreign Currency Translation

Foreign currency translation of the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries are as follows:

Current receivables and payables in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange in effect at the balance sheet date or at the rates of any applicable forward exchange contract. Non-current receivables and payables are translated at historical exchange rates.

Assets and liabilities, and income and expenses in the financial statements of the consolidated foreign subsidiary are translated into yen at the rate of exchange in effect at the balance sheet date.

(3) Statements of Cash Flows

For the presentation of the statements of cash flows, the Company considers cash, time deposits and all other highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

(4) Inventories

The Company:

Finished products are stated at cost, which is determined by the identified cost method. Work in process, raw materials and supplies are stated at cost, which is determined by the moving average cost method.

Subsidiaries:

Inventories are principally stated at cost, which is determined by the moving average method or at the latest purchase price.

(5) Marketable Securities and Investment Securities

Marketable securities and investment securities are carried at cost, which is determined by the moving average cost method.

(6) Property, Plant and Equipment and Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation is computed principally by the declining balance method based on the estimated useful lives of the respective assets.

The range of useful lives is as follows:

Buildings and structures 5 to 75 years Machinery, equipment and vehicles 3 to 17 years Tools 2 to 15 years

(7) Severance Indemnities and Pension Plans

Employees who terminate their services with the Company and its subsidiaries are entitled to a lump-sum severance payment determined by reference to their current basic rate of pay and length of service. The Company and its subsidiaries generally provide for this liability to the extent of 40 per cent. of the amount which would be required to be paid if all employees voluntarily terminated their services at the balance sheet date.

The Company has a non-contributory pension plan for employees. An employee who terminates employment with the Company at age 50 or more receives 10 per cent. (mandatory retirement at age 60 entitles an employee to receive 100 per cent.) of such retirement benefits by a lump-sum payment or by annuity payments from this pension plan, and the remainder by a lump-sum payment from the unfunded retirement plan (as described above). Payments to the pension fund are charged to income when made. The past service costs relating to the pension plan are being funded over a period of 8 years and 3 months.

The consolidated subsidiaries have various kinds of pension plans.

(8) Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The allowance for doubtful accounts is provided based on the estimated amount of probable bad debts and the maximum amount which can be charged to income under Japanese income tax laws.

(9) Research and Development Costs

Research and development costs are charged to income as incurred.

(10) Income Taxes

Income taxes are provided for based on amounts currently payable for each year. No tax effect is recognized by the Company and its domestic subsidiaries for timing differences which arise as a result of the differences in the recognition of certain income and expenses for tax and for financial reporting purposes.

The foreign consolidated subsidiaries recognizes deferred income tax for such timing differences.

(11) Revenue Recognition

Sales of products are recognized in the accounts upon shipment to customers.

(12) Net Income per Share

The computation of net income per share is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period.

(13) Leases

Finance leases, other than those lease agreements which stipulate the transfer of ownership of the leased property, are accounted for as operating leases.

Note 3: Inventories

Inventories at March 31, 1998 and 1999 consisted of the following:

	Millions of Yen		Thousands of U.S. Dollars
	1998	1999	1999
Finished products	¥17,341	¥16,654	\$138,154
Work in process	13,377	9,241	76,660
Raw materials			
and supplies	3,326	5,447	45,182
	¥34,044	¥31,342	\$259,996

Note 4: Advances to Unconsolidated Subsidiaries and Affiliates Loans to unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates at March 31, 1998 and 1999, consisted of the following:

	Millions of Yen		Thousands of U.S. Dollars
	1998	1999	1999
Short-term loans:			
Affiliates	¥ —	¥ 320	\$ 2,655
Long-term loans:			
Unconsolidated			
subsidiaries	¥940	¥ 925	\$ 7,673
Affiliates	0	1,170	9,706
	¥940	¥2,095	\$17,379

Note 5: Short-Term Bank Loans and Long-Term Debt

The annual interest rates applicable to short-term bank loans outstanding at March 31, 1998 and 1999 were principally 1.5 per cent.

Long-term debt at March 31, consisted of the following:

	Millions of Yen		U.S. Dollars
	1998	1999	1999
Loans, principally from			
banks, insurance			
companies and other			
institutions, due 1999			
to 2026 with			
interest rates ranging			
from 1.15% to 5.6%			
Secured	¥ 4,830	¥ 6,512	\$ 54,016
Unsecured	8,506	18,082	149,997
Less amount due			
within one year	(9,406)	(5,030)	(41,722)
	3,930	19,564	162,291
7.0% bonds due 1998	4,000	_	_
3.45% bonds due 1999	15,000	15,000	124,430
Floating-rate bonds			
due 1999	25,000	25,000	207,383
2.0% bonds due 2001	_	10,000	82,953
2.2% bonds due 2002	10,000	10,000	82,953
2.5% bonds due 2002	_	20,000	165,906
2.6% bonds due 2003	20,000	20,000	165,906
Less amount due			
within one year	(4,000)	(40,000)	(331,812)
	70,000	60,000	497,719
	¥73,930	¥79,564	\$660,010

The aggregate annual maturities of long-term debt outstanding at March 31, 1999, were as follows:

Year ending March 31	Millions of Yen	Thousands of U.S. Dollars
2000	¥ 45,030	\$ 373,535
2001	4,593	38,099
2002	27,069	224,550
2003 and thereafter	47,902	397,361
	¥124,594	\$1,033,545

As is customary in Japan, short-term and long-term bank loans are made under general agreements which provide that collateral and guarantees for present and future indebtedness will be given upon request of the bank with reasonable and probable cause, and that the bank shall have the right to offset cash deposited with it against any obligation that has become due or, in the event of default, against all obligations due to the bank. The Company has never been requested to give any additional collateral or guarantee.

Note 6: Accrued Severance Indemnities and Pension Costs

The charges to income for accrued severance indemnities and pension costs for the years ended March 31, 1998 and 1999 were as follows:

	Millions of Yen		Thousands of U.S. Dollars
	1998	1999	1999
Accrued severance			
indemnities	¥3,729	¥3,256	\$27,506
Pension costs	1,621	2,640	21,901

Note 7: Depreciation

Depreciation charges of property, plant and equipment for the years ended March 31, 1998 and 1999 were as follows:

	Millions	Thousands of U.S. Dollars	
	1998	1999	1999
Selling, general and			
administrative expenses	¥ 1,296	¥ 1,478	\$ 12,261
Cost of sales	24,859	27,390	227,209
Other	397	272	2,258

Note 8: Leases

Lease expenses in respect of finance leases, other than those lease agreements which stipulate the transfer of ownership of the leased property at March 31, 1998 and 1999, were as follows:

_	Millions	Thousands of U.S. Dollars	
Class of property	1998	1999	1999
Machinery, equipment			
and vehicles	¥5,915	¥ 6,009	\$ 49,851
Tools	11,908	12,725	105,555
	17,823	18,734	155,406
Less accumulated depreciation.	(6,887)	(9,384)	(77,841)
Net	10,936	9,350	77,565
Future minimum payments			_
Due within one year	2,921	2,767	22,953
Due after one year	8,015	6,583	59,611
	10,936	9,350	77,564
Lease expenses for the year	2,070	3,013	24,996
Accumulated depreciation	2,070	3,013	24,996

Note 9: Income Taxes

The Company and its domestic subsidiaries are subject to corporate income tax, enterprise tax and prefectural and municipal inhabitants taxes, based on income, which in the aggregate result in statutory tax rates of approximately 52 per cent. for 1998 and 46.4 per cent. for 1999. However, the effective tax rates in the accompanying statements of operations differ from the abovementioned income tax rates. The principal reasons for such differences are (a) the accounting policy of not providing for deferred income taxes arising from timing differences between financial and tax reporting, and (b) certain expenses which are not deductible for income tax purposes.

Note 10: Contingent Liabilities

Contingent liabilities at March 31, 1998 and 1999 were as follows:

	Millions of Yen			Thousands of U.S. Dollars		
	1998		1999		1999	
Trade notes receivable						
discounted with banks	¥	643	¥	406	\$	3,366
Guarantees of housing						
loans of employees and						
for indebtedness of						
unconsolidated subsidiaries						
and affiliates	14	1,866	1	4,006	1	16,188

Note 11: Retained Earnings and Dividends

The amount of retained earnings available for dividends under the Commercial Code of Japan is based on the amount stated in the statutory financial statements of the Company.

Dividends are approved by the shareholders at a meeting held subsequent to the fiscal year to which the dividend is applicable. In addition, a semi-annual interim dividend payment may be made by resolution of the Board of Directors subject to certain limitations imposed by the Commercial Code.

Note 12: Subsequent Event

On February 10, 1999, the Company entered into an agreement of the merger with Hino Motor Sales, Ltd., a general sales agent of the Company in Japan, as of October 1, 1999 and such agreement has been approved at the general shareholders meeting of the Company held on June 24, 1999.

Note 13: Segment Information

The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries are primarily engaged in the manufacture and sale of automobiles, particularly diesel trucks and buses.

Business segment information is not required to be disclosed as both sales and operating income of the automobile business exceed 90 per cent. of total sales and of operating income of all segments not incurring an operating loss.

Geographical segment information is not required to be disclosed as sales outside Japan are less than 10 per cent. of consolidated net sales.

	Year ended March 31, 1999			
	Millions of Yen			
Overseas sales	Overseas sales(A)	Consolidated sales(B)	(A)/(B)	
Asia	¥17,385	_	4.0%	
Oceania	¥12,192	_	2.8%	
Other areas	¥29,636	_	6.9%	
Total	¥59,213	¥432,284	13.7%	
	Thousands of U.S. Dollars			
Total	\$491,187	\$3,585,933		
	Year ended March 31, 1998			

	Year ended March 31, 1998				
	Millions of Yen				
Overseas sales	Overseas sales(A)	Consolidated sales(B)	(A)/(B)		
Asia	¥53,844	_	9.1%		
Oceania	¥11,740	_	4.7%		
Other areas	¥27,805	_	2.0%		
Total	¥93,389	¥589,209	15.8%		

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To the Board of Directors of HINO MOTORS, LTD.

We have examined the consolidated balance sheets of Hino Motors, Ltd. and its consolidated subsidiaries as of March 31, 1998 and 1999 and the related consolidated statements of operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for the years then ended, all expressed in Japanese yen. Our examinations 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, expressed in Japanese yen, present fairly the consolidated financial position of Hino Motors, Ltd. at March 31, 1998 and 1999, 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 applied on a consistent basis.

The U.S. dollar amounts in the accompanying consolidated financial statements with respect to the year ended March 31, 1999 are presented solely for convenience. Our examination also included the translation of yen amounts into U.S. dollar amounts and, in our opinion, such translation has been made on the basis described in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements.

Tokyo, Japan June 24, 1999 Showa ota & Co SHOWA OTA & CO. Certified Public Accountants