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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Report of Foreign Issuer Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of April....., 2009 CANON INC.

(Translation of registrant s name into English) 30-2, Shimomaruko 3-Chome, Ohta-ku, Tokyo 146-8501, Japan

(Address of principal executive offices)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CANON INC. (Registrant)

Date.... April 30, 2009..... By......./s/...... Masashiro Kobayashi

(Signature)*

Masashiro Kobayashi General Manager Global Finance Management Center Canon Inc.

The following materials are included.

1. CONSOLIDATED RESULTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2009

^{*}Print the name and title of the signing officer under his signature.

CONSOLIDATED RESULTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2009

April 30, 2009

CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

(Millions of yen, thousands of U.S. dollars, except per share amounts)

| | | Three months ended larch 31, 2009 | 1 | Ac Three months ended March 31, 2008 | tual Char | nge(%) | N | Three months ended March 31, 2009 | | Proje Year ending December 31, 2009 | | age(%) |
|---|------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|---|------------------|----------------------|-----------|--|----|--|---|----------------------|
| Net sales Operating profit Income before income taxes Net income attributable to Canon Inc. | ¥ | 687,034 20,032 22,394 17,744 | ¥ | 1,007,538 170,830 166,642 106,644 | - | 31.8 88.3 86.6 | \$ | 7,010,551 204,408 228,510 181,061 | ¥3 | 3,330,000 180,000 180,000 110,000 | - | 18.7 63.7 62.6 |
| Net income attributab - Basic - Diluted | le to ¥ | 14.37 14.37 | c. sto ¥ | 84.57 84.56 | er sha - - | 83.0 83.0 | \$ | 0.15 0.15 | ¥ | 89.11 | - | 63.8 |

| | | Actual | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | As of | As of | | As of | | | | | |
| | | | December | | | | | | | |
| | | March 31, | 31, | Change(%) | March 31, | | | | | |
| | | 2009 | 2008 | | 2009 | | | | | |
| Total assets | | ¥3,751,117 | ¥ 3,969,934 | - 5.5 | \$ 38,276,704 | | | | | |
| Canon Inc. stockholders | equity | ¥ 2,647,032 | ¥ 2,659,792 | - 0.5 | \$ 27,010,531 | | | | | |

Notes: 1.Canon s consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

^{2.} U.S. dollar amounts are translated from yen at the rate of JPY98 = U.S.\$1, the approximate exchange rate on the Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market as of March 31, 2009, solely for the convenience of the reader.

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I. Operating Results and Financial Conditions 2009 First Quarter in Review

Looking back at the global economy in the first quarter of 2009, the severity of the global recession that struck last year increased among developed and emerging countries. In the United States, deteriorating employment conditions and other factors continued to negatively affect personal consumption, whereas in Europe, exports continued to shrink and consumer spending weakened further. In Japan, reductions in corporate capital spending, coupled with a decrease in exports and declining inventory levels mainly in the manufacturing industry, have clearly had a negative impact on the real economy. Furthermore, growth in Asia and other emerging economies decelerated due to waning exports, thereby depriving the global economy of an engine for growth. As for the foreign exchange market, although the unilateral appreciation of the yen that began in early autumn last year reversed, the yen remained relatively highly valued against other foreign currencies during the quarter.

As for the markets in which Canon operates amid these conditions, within the office imaging products market, sales of monochrome and color network digital multifunction devices (MFDs) remained low due to continued restrained corporate investment in each region. In the computer peripherals market, in addition to a drop in demand for monochrome models, sales of color laser beam printers, which had enjoyed healthy expansion, fell below the year-ago level. With regard to inkjet printers, a significant decrease in demand for single-function models resulted in a contraction of the market compared with the previous year. As for the cameras segment, while demand for digital single-lens reflex (SLR) cameras achieved solid growth, demand for compact digital cameras declined amid further drops in prices. With respect to the optical equipment segment, demand fell for both aligners, used to produce liquid crystal display (LCD) panels, and for steppers, utilized in the production of semiconductors. The average value of the yen during the first-quarter was ¥93.86 to the U.S. dollar, a year-on-year appreciation of about 12%, and ¥121.85 to the euro, a year-on-year appreciation of approximately 29%.

Net sales for the period totaled ¥687.0 billion (U.S.\$7,011 million), a year-on-year decline of 31.8%, mainly due to the effects of substantially reduced sales volumes arising from decreased demand for network MFDs and laser beam printers, along with the substantial rise in the value of the yen. Despite the launch of new products and ongoing cost-cutting efforts targeting an improved gross profit ratio, such factors as the appreciation of the yen, reduction in sales volumes and falling product prices led to a 6.1 point decline in the ratio to 43.5%. Consequently, gross profit decreased by 40.2% to ¥298.8 billion (U.S.\$3,049 million). Although, operating expenses declined by 15.3% owing to a Group-wide effort to curb expenses, operating profit dropped 88.3% to ¥20.0 billion (U.S.\$204 million). Other income (deductions) reversed to positive by ¥6.6 billion (U.S.\$67 million), mainly due to an improvement in currency exchange losses. As a result, income before income taxes totaled ¥22.4 billion (U.S.\$229 million), a decline of 86.6%, while net income attributable to Canon Inc. also recorded a decrease of 83.4% to ¥17.7 billion (U.S.\$181 million). Basic net income attributable to Canon Inc. stockholders per share was ¥14.37 (U.S.\$0.15), a year-on-year decline of ¥70.20 (U.S.\$0.72).

Results by Product Segment

Looking at Canon s first-quarter performance by business sector, within the business machines segment, demand for office equipment declined significantly amid the rapid deterioration of economic conditions. As for office imaging products, while demand for digital commercial printers increased, flagging sales in major regions for network digital MFDs along with the strong yen resulted in a year-on-year decline in sales of 31.3% for the segment. In the field of computer peripherals, the significant drop in demand for laser beam printers along with the decline in sales due to the need to reduce distribution inventories, combined with the appreciation of the yen, resulted in a sales decrease of 41.9% compared with the year-ago period. As for inkjet printers, amid a shrinking global market, while sales volume displayed solid growth in the Americas which contributed to minimizing the decrease of sales volume for the segment overall, the impact of the yen s appreciation and falling prices resulted in a decline in sales by 26.6%. Consequently, sales for the computer peripherals segment overall dropped by 38.0%. As for business information products, reduced personal computer sales in the Japanese domestic market resulted in a sales decline of 23.7%. Collectively, sales of business machines overall totaled ¥451.6 billion (U.S.\$4,608 million), down 34.7%, while operating profit totaled ¥59.1 billion (U.S.\$603 million), falling 63.8% mainly due to the significant decrease in gross profit stemming from the reduction in sales.

Within the cameras segment, the high-resolution, competitively priced EOS Digital Rebel XSi (EOS 450D) and advanced-amateur model EOS 5D Mark II digital SLR cameras continued to enjoy healthy sales during the quarter, contributing to growth in sales volume. As for compact digital cameras, although the introduction of four new ELPH (IXUS)-series models and four PowerShot-series models was well received, sales volume contracted year on year amid stagnant market conditions. Consequently, along with the impact of falling average sales prices and the appreciation of the yen, sales for the cameras segment overall declined by 24.4% to ¥165.5 billion (U.S.\$1,689 million). Additionally, operating profit for the sector decreased by 82.9% to ¥7.8 billion (U.S.\$80 million) mainly as a result of the drop in sales value coupled with the significant decline in the gross profit ratio.

In the optical and other products segment, sales of steppers remained stagnant due to aggravating market conditions for memory chips. As a result, sales for the segment totaled ¥69.9 billion (U.S.\$713 million), a decline of 27.8%. Operating profit dropped to negative ¥11.3 billion (U.S.\$116 million) due to the significant drop in sales and other factors.

Cash Flow

In the first quarter of 2009, Canon generated cash flow from operating activities of ¥52.4 billion (U.S.\$535 million), a decrease of ¥55.0 billion (U.S.\$562 million) compared with the previous year, mainly reflecting the reduction in consolidated net income. As capital investments was focused on items relevant to introducing new products and achieving cost reductions, cash flow from investing activities totaled ¥102.0 billion (U.S.\$1,041 million), a year-on-year decrease of ¥87.5 billion (U.S.\$892 million). Accordingly, free cash flow totaled negative ¥49.6 billion (U.S.\$506 million), a decrease of ¥32.4 billion (U.S.\$331 million) from the year-ago period.

Cash flow from financing activities recorded an outlay of ¥71.0 billion (U.S.\$724 million), mainly arising from the dividend payout of ¥67.9 billion (U.S.\$693 million). Consequently, cash and cash equivalents decreased by ¥102.0 billion (U.S.\$1,041 million) to ¥577.2 billion (U.S.\$5,890 million) from the end of the previous year.

Outlook

As for the outlook for the global economy in the second quarter and thereafter, although countries worldwide began launching various economic stimulus packages and financial policies in response to the current global recession, it is still expected to take considerable time before the effects of such measures will be felt and the global economy realizes a turnaround.

In the businesses in which Canon is involved, demand for network digital MFDs and laser beam printers is projected to remain sluggish for both monochrome and color models due to market reluctance in purchasing office equipment. Demand for inkjet printers and compact digital cameras is expected to remain stagnant in the near term due to the drop in consumer sentiment resulting from the weak economy, whereas demand for digital SLR cameras is expected to remain strong. With respect to steppers and aligners, demand is expected to further decline as device makers and LCD panel manufacturers reassess their capital expenditure plans.

With regard to currency exchange rates for the second quarter onward, on which Canon's performance outlook for the full year is based, despite the continued uncertainty over future interest rate policies, economic prospects and other factors for major countries, Canon anticipates exchange rates for the period of ¥95 to the U.S. dollar and ¥125 to the euro, representing an appreciation of approximately 9% against the U.S. dollar, and about 22% against the euro for the full year. Upon taking into consideration first-quarter business results along with current market conditions based on these foreign exchange rate assumptions, Canon has revised its previously announced projections and now anticipates net sales of ¥3,330.0 billion (U.S.\$33,980 million), operating profit of ¥180.0 billion (U.S.\$1,837 million), income before income taxes of ¥180.0 billion (U.S.\$1,837 million) and net income attributable to Canon Inc. of ¥110.0 billion (U.S.\$1,122 million).

Consolidated Outlook

| Fiscal year | Millions of yen | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------|---|------------|--------|-----------|------|----------------------|--------|----------|
| | Year ending | | | | | | _ | ear ended cember 31, | Change | |
| | December 31, 2009 | | | | Change | | 2008 | | (%) | |
| | Previous | | | | | | | | | |
| | O | utlook | | Revised | | | | | | |
| | | (A) | O | utlook (B) | (| B - A) | R | esults (C) | (B - | · C) / C |
| Net sales | ¥3, | 500,000 | ¥ | 3,330,000 | ¥(| (170,000) | ¥ | 4,094,161 | - | 18.7% |
| Operating profit | | 160,000 | | 180,000 | | 20,000 | | 496,074 | - | 63.7% |
| Income before income taxes | | 160,000 | | 180,000 | | 20,000 | | 481,147 | - | 62.6% |
| Net income attributable to | | | | | | | | | | |
| Canon Inc. | ¥ | 98,000 | ¥ | 110,000 | ¥ | 12,000 | ¥ | 309,148 | - | 64.4% |

This document contains forward-looking statements with respect to future results, performance and achievements that are subject to risk and uncertainties and reflect management s views and assumptions formed by available information. All statements other than statements of historical fact are statements that could be considered forward-looking statements. When used in this document, words such as anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, intend, may, or should and similar expressions, as they relate to Canon, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Many factors could cause the actual results, performance or achievements of Canon to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements, including, among others, changes in general economic and business conditions, changes in currency exchange rates and interest rates, introduction of competing products by other companies, lack of acceptance of new products or services by Canon s targeted customers, inability to meet efficiency and cost reduction objectives, changes in business strategy and various other factors, both referenced and not referenced in this document. A detailed description of these and other risk factors is included in Canon s annual report on Form 20-F, which is on file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should

underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described herein. Canon does not intend or assume any obligation to update these forward-looking statements.

CANON INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED

II. Financial Statements

1. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

| | As of | Millions of yen As of December | | Thousands of U.S. dollars As of |
|---|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|--|
| | March 31, 2009 | 31, 2008 | Change | March 31, 2009 |
| ASSETS | 2009 | 2008 | | 2009 |
| Current assets: | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | ¥ 577,193 | ¥ 679,196 | ¥ (102,003) | \$ 5,889,724 |
| Short-term investments | 4,584 | 7,651 | (3,067) | 46,776 |
| Trade receivables, net | 485,413 | 595,422 | (110,009) | 4,953,194 |
| Inventories | 499,963 | 506,919 | (6,956) | 5,101,663 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 280,631 | 275,660 | 4,971 | 2,863,582 |
| Total current assets | 1,847,784 | 2,064,848 | (217,064) | 18,854,939 |
| Noncurrent receivables | 14,730 | 14,752 | (22) | 150,306 |
| Investments | 81,944 | 88,825 | (6,881) | 836,163 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 1,357,856 | 1,357,186 | 670 | 13,855,673 |
| Intangible assets, net | 120,532 | 119,140 | 1,392 | 1,229,918 |
| Other assets | 328,271 | 325,183 | 3,088 | 3,349,705 |
| Total assets | ¥3,751,117 | ¥ 3,969,934 | ¥ (218,817) | \$ 38,276,704 |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY Current liabilities: Short-term loans and current portion of | | | | |
| long-term debt | ¥ 5,484 | ¥ 5,540 | ¥ (56) | \$ 55,959 |
| Trade payables | 295,746 | 406,746 | (111,000) | 3,017,816 |
| Accrued income taxes | 15,958 | 69,961 | (54,003) | 162,837 |
| Accrued expenses | 274,011 | 277,117 | (3,106) | 2,796,031 |
| Other current liabilities | 151,211 | 184,636 | (33,425) | 1,542,969 |
| Total current liabilities Long-term debt, excluding current | 742,410 | 944,000 | (201,590) | 7,575,612 |
| installments | 7,433 | 8,423 | (990) | 75,847 |
| Accrued pension and severance cost | 110,772 | 110,784 | (12) | 1,130,327 |
| Other noncurrent liabilities | 57,402 | 55,745 | 1,657 | 585,734 |
| Total liabilities | 918,017 | 1,118,952 | (200,935) | 9,367,520 |

Equity:

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| Canon Inc. stockholders equity: Common stock Additional paid-in capital Legal reserve Retained earnings Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) Treasury stock, at cost | 174,762 403,182 54,063 2,826,061 (254,810) (556,226) | 174,762 403,790 53,706 2,876,576 (292,820) (556,222) | (608) 357 (50,515) 38,010 (4) | 1,783,286 4,114,102 551,663 28,837,357 (2,600,102) (5,675,775) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| Total Canon Inc. stockholders equity | 2,647,032 | 2,659,792 | (12,760) | 27,010,531 | | | |
| Noncontrolling interests | 186,068 | 191,190 | (5,122) | 1,898,653 | | | |
| Total equity | 2,833,100 | 2,850,982 | (17,882) | 28,909,184 | | | |
| Total liabilities and equity | ¥3,751,117 | ¥ 3,969,934 | ¥ (218,817) | \$ 38,276,704 | | | |
| | Millions of yen | | | | | | |
| | As of | As of December | | U.S. dollars As of | | | |
| | March 31, 2009 | 31, 2008 | | March 31, 2009 | | | |
| Notes: 1. Allowance for doubtful receivables 2. Accumulated depreciation 3. Accumulated other comprehensive income | ¥ 10,596 1,702,036 | ¥ 9,318 1,635,601 | | \$ 108,122 17,367,714 | | | |
| (loss): Foreign currency translation adjustments Net unrealized gains and losses on securities Net gains and losses on derivative | (192,298) 616 | (235,968) 1,135 | | (1,962,225) 6,286 | | | |
| instruments Pension liability adjustments | (3,268) (59,860) -5- | 1,493 (59,480) | | (33,347) (610,816) | | | |

CANON INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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2. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

| | Millions of yen | | | | | | Thousands of U.S. dollars | | |
|---|---|---|--|---|------|----|--|--|--|
| Net sales Cost of sales | Three months ended March 31, 2009 ¥ 687,034 388,220 | | Three months ended March 31, 2008 ¥ 1,007,538 507,673 | | 31.8 | | ree months ended March 31, 2009 7,010,551 3,961,429 | | |
| Gross profit Operating expenses: Selling, general and administrative expenses Research and development expenses | 298,814 205,993 72,789 | | 499,865 249,480 79,555 | - | 40.2 | | 3,049,122 2,101,969 742,745 | | |
| Operating profit | 278,782 20,032 | | 329,035 170,830 | - | 88.3 | | 2,844,714 204,408 | | |
| Other income (deductions): Interest and dividend income Interest expense Other, net | 1,434 (84) 1,012 | | 6,193 (412) (9,969) | | | | 14,633 (857) 10,326 | | |
| Income before income taxes | 2,362 22,394 | | (4,188) 166,642 | - | 86.6 | | 24,102 228,510 | | |
| Income taxes Consolidated net income | 6,759 15,635 | | 56,034 110,608 | _ | 85.9 | | 68,969 159,541 | | |
| Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests | (2,109) | | 3,964 | | 22.7 | | (21,520) | | |
| Net income attributable to Canon Inc. | ¥ 17,744 | ¥ | 106,644 | - | 83.4 | \$ | 181,061 | | |

Note: Consolidated comprehensive income for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 was JPY53,873 million (increase) (U.S.\$549,724 thousand (increase)) and JPY3,760 million (increase), respectively.

3. DETAILS OF SALES

| Sales by product | Millions of yen | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | Three months ended March 31, 2009 | Three months ended March 31, 2008 | Change(%) | U.S. dollars Three months ended March 31, 2009 | | | |
| Business machines: Office imaging products Computer peripherals Business information products | ¥ 197,520 235,208 18,878 | ¥ 287,524 379,509 24,753 | - 31.3 - 38.0 - 23.7 | \$ 2,015,510 2,400,082 192,632 | | | |
| Cameras Optical and other products | 451,606 165,549 69,879 | 691,786 218,995 96,757 | - 34.7 - 24.4 - 27.8 | 4,608,224 1,689,276 713,051 | | | |
| Total | ¥ 687,034 | ¥ 1,007,538 | - 31.8 | \$ 7,010,551 | | | |
| Sales by region | Milli | | Thousands of U.S. dollars | | | | |
| Japan | Three months ended March 31, 2009 ¥169,504 | Three months ended March 31, 2008 ¥ 227,781 | Change(%) - 25.6 | Three months ended March 31, 2009 \$ 1,729,633 | | | |
| Overseas: Americas Europe Other areas | 176,331 210,067 131,132 | 270,664 337,116 171,977 | - 34.9 - 37.7 - 23.8 | 1,799,296 2,143,541 1,338,081 | | | |
| | 517,530 | 779,757 | - 33.6 | 5,280,918 | | | |
| Total | ¥ 687,034 | ¥ 1,007,538 | - 31.8 | \$ 7,010,551 | | | |

Notes: 1. The primary products included in each of the product segments are as follows:

Business machines:

Office imaging

products: Office

network digital

multifunction

devices (MFDs) /

Color network

digital MFDs /

Office copying

machines /

Personal-use

copying machines

/ Full-color

copying machines

Computer

peripherals

: Laser beam

printers / Inkjet

multifunction

peripherals /

Single function

inkjet printers /

Image scanners

Business

information

products

: Computer

information

systems /

Document

scanners /

Personal

information

products

Cameras

: Digital SLR

cameras /

Compact digital

cameras /

Interchangeable

lenses / Digital

video camcorders

Optical and other

products

: Semiconductor

production

equipment /

Mirror projection

mask aligners for

LCD panels / Broadcasting equipment / Medical equipment / Large format printers / Components

2. The principal

countries and regions included in each regional category are as follows: Americas: United States of America, Canada, Latin America / Europe:

England,

Germany, France,

Netherlands /

Other Areas:

Asian regions,

China, Oceania

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CANON INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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4. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Millions of yen of