

BUSINESS AND OTHER RISKS

Due to changes in government regulations, information on risks involved in business operations has been disclosed in the Yukashoken-Houkokusho for the year ended March 31, 2005 as follows:

Economic Factors

The demand for products manufactured by Nissan is affected by the economic conditions in each country or market in which they are offered for sale. Nissan conducts its operations all over the world and, in particular, in the major markets of North America, Europe, and Asia, to say nothing of Japan. While Nissan strives to develop a comprehensive and integrated projection of the global economic outlook, any greater-than-anticipated downturn in one of these markets may have a significant effect on Nissan financial position and results of operations.

International Activities and Overseas Expansion

Nissan's manufacturing and marketing activities outside Japan are conducted in the United States, in Europe, and in the developing and emerging markets of Asia. Nissan forecasts and evaluates a wide variety of risks inherent in doing business in such overseas markets including the following factors, each of which entails a greater-than-anticipated level of risk:

- Unfavorable political or economic factors
- Legal or regulatory changes
- Potentially adverse tax consequences
- Labor disputes including strikes
- Difficulties in recruiting and retaining personnel
- Social, political or economic turmoil due to terrorism, war, or other destabilizing factors.

Research and Development

Nissan's technology must be "real world"—useful, pragmatic and easy to use. Nissan anticipates the nature and scope of the market demand, and then prioritizes and invests in new technologies. Nonetheless, any sudden and greater-than-anticipated changes in its business environment or in customer preferences may impact negatively on customer satisfaction with these new technologies.

Product Defects

Nissan places a high priority on safety and does its best to enhance safety from the standpoint of research and development, manufacturing and sales. Although Nissan takes out insurance policies to cover product liability, this does not necessarily mean that all potential defects and the related liabilities are fully covered. If Nissan were to implement strict product recalls for its customers, Nissan would incur significant additional expenses which could adversely affect its financial position and results of operations.

Fluctuation in Foreign Currency Exchange Rates

Nissan's Japanese operations export vehicles to various countries around the world. In general, the appreciation of the yen against other currencies adversely affects Nissan's financial results of operations and, on the contrary, the depreciation of the yen against other currencies favorably affects Nissan's financial results of operations. Any sharp appreciation of the currencies of those countries against the yen could lead to increases in both procurement and production costs which would adversely affect Nissan's competitiveness.

Derivatives

Nissan utilizes derivatives transactions for the purpose of hedging its exposure to fluctuation in foreign exchange rates, interest rates and commodity prices. While Nissan can hedge against these risks by using derivatives transactions, Nissan, by so doing, may miss the potential gains which could result from seizing the market opportunities to profit from such fluctuation in exchange rates and interest rates.

In addition, Nissan manages its exposure to credit risk by limiting its counterparties to financial institutions with high credit ratings. However, a default by any one of these counterparties could have an adverse effect on Nissan's financial position and operating results.

Lawsuits and Claims

With respect to various lawsuits and claims which Nissan encounters, the possibility exists that the position defended by Nissan will not be accepted

and that the outcome may be significantly different from that anticipated. As a result, any such verdict or settlement could adversely affect Nissan's financial position and operating results.

Government Regulations

The automobile industry worldwide is influenced by a broad spectrum of regulations governing the emission levels of exhaust fumes, fuel economy guidelines, noise level limitations and safety standards, and Nissan expects these regulations to become increasingly stringent. In order to ensure compliance, it may be necessary for Nissan to make significant ongoing investments in these areas which would have an impact on its financial position and results of operations.

Intellectual Property Rights

Nissan owns a wide variety of proprietary technologies and has the expertise to differentiate Nissan's products making them unique from those of its competitors. These assets have proven their value in the growth of Nissan's business and will, no doubt, continue to be of value in the future. Nissan strives to protect its intellectual property assets; however, in certain markets, Nissan may encounter difficulty in fully protecting the proprietary rights to its own technologies. Cases may arise where Nissan finds itself unable to prohibit others from infringing on its intellectual property rights.

The Company has established Intellectual Property Rights Management Department for the purpose of protecting intellectual property rights in specific areas, strengthening activities to protect Nissan's intellectual property rights, and abstracting new intellectual property rights. And the department has been performing various activities to protect and create Nissan Brand.

Natural Disasters

Nissan's corporate headquarters and many of its manufacturing facilities are located in Japan, where the statistically proven probability of earthquakes is higher than in many other countries. Nissan has developed risk management guidelines relating to earthquake damage and the CEO has organized a global task force to direct disaster prevention and recovery activities. In addition, the Group has begun to strengthen its manufacturing facilities with anti-seismic reinforcement. However, if a severe earthquake were to hit one of Nissan's key facilities causing a halt in production, this would adversely affect Nissan's financial position and results of operations.

Sales Financing Business Risk

Sales financing is an integral part of Nissan's core business, providing strong support to its automotive sales, while maintaining high profitability and a sound and stable financial condition through strict risk management policies. However, the sales financing companies have a high exposure to interest-rate risk, residual value risk, and credit risk, any one of which may adversely affect Nissan's financial position and results of operations.

Counterparty Credit Risk

Nissan does business with a variety of counterparties and manages its counterparty credit risk by conducting a comprehensive annual assessment of its customers' financial condition based on their financial information. Nonetheless, any significant default by a counterparty would adversely affect Nissan's financial position and results of operations.

Employee Retirement Benefit Expenses and Obligations

The amount of retirement Nissan's benefit obligation and related expenses are calculated using various actuarial assumptions including the discount rate applied, the projected rate of return on plan assets, and so forth. If Nissan's actual results differ from those assumptions or if the assumptions are changed, the resulting effects will be accumulated and recognized systematically over future periods. The cumulative effect could adversely impact the recognition of expenses and liabilities recorded in future periods.

Purchase of raw materials and parts

Nissan purchases raw materials and parts from many suppliers. Market conditions that Nissan can't control and whether or not the suppliers can procure raw materials and parts continuously may adversely affect Nissan's financial position and results of operations.