

(7) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The consolidated financial statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

(a) Marketable Securities

SFAS No. 115, "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities" is adopted.

(b) Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined principally by the average method.

(c) Depreciation

Depreciation of property, plant, and equipment is principally computed by the declining-balance method for assets located in Japan and of certain foreign subsidiaries, and by the straight-line method for assets of other foreign subsidiaries based on estimated useful lives.

(d) Income Taxes

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the estimated future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards.

(e) Derivatives Financial Instruments

SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" and SFAS No. 138, "Accounting for Certain Derivative Instruments and Certain Hedging Activities, an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133" have been adopted from fiscal year 2002.