

KIRIN HOLDINGS COMPANY, LIMITED

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
TOGETHER WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Consolidated Balance Sheets

Kirin Holdings Company, Limited and Consolidated Subsidiaries
As of December 31, 2014 and 2013

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 1)
ASSETS	2014	2013	2014
Current assets			
Cash and time deposits (Notes 20 and 22)	¥ 49,450	¥ 113,759	\$ 410,203
Notes and accounts receivable, trade (Note 22)	408,709	396,113	3,390,369
Merchandise and finished goods	161,391	136,494	1,338,788
Work in process	35,670	34,488	295,893
Raw materials and supplies	49,203	54,063	408,154
Deferred tax assets (Note 21)	29,854	27,432	247,648
Other	71,170	56,297	590,377
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(3,620)	(3,860)	(30,029)
Total current assets	801,830	814,788	6,651,430
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment (Notes 3 and 4) (Net of accumulated depreciation and accumulated loss on impairment)			
Buildings and structures	229,511	223,104	1,903,865
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	251,530	240,804	2,086,520
Land (Note 26)	185,516	186,820	1,538,913
Construction in progress	92,008	74,805	763,235
Other	39,830	38,844	330,402
Total	798,398	764,378	6,622,961
Intangible assets			
Goodwill	642,470	649,519	5,329,489
Other	206,886	187,417	1,716,184
Total	849,356	836,936	7,045,673
Investments and other assets			
Investment securities (Notes 3, 14, 17 and 22)	403,467	376,155	3,346,885
Net defined benefit asset (Note 24)	6,830	-	56,656
Deferred tax assets (Note 21)	49,380	44,585	409,622
Other (Note 17)	61,848	64,902	513,048
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(5,243)	(5,291)	(43,492)
Total	516,283	480,351	4,282,729
Total non-current assets	2,164,038	2,081,667	17,951,372
Total assets	¥2,965,868	¥2,896,456	\$24,602,803

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 1)
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	2014	2013	2014
Current liabilities			
Notes and accounts payable, trade (Note 22)	¥ 160,106	¥ 155,863	\$ 1,328,129
Short-term loans payable and long-term debt with current maturities (Notes 3 and 22)	99,096	118,410	822,032
Commercial paper (Notes 3 and 22)	83,994	-	696,756
Bonds due within one year (Notes 3 and 22)	51,832	30,000	429,962
Liquor taxes payable (Note 22)	83,400	82,718	691,829
Income taxes payable (Note 22)	12,154	28,429	100,821
Allowance for employees' bonuses	5,322	5,571	44,147
Allowance for bonuses for directors and company auditors	199	266	1,650
Accrued expenses	132,235	114,774	1,096,930
Other	156,329	123,864	1,296,798
Total current liabilities	784,671	659,898	6,509,091
Non-current liabilities			
Bonds (Notes 3 and 22)	209,988	259,454	1,741,916
Long-term debt (Notes 3 and 22)	359,012	383,213	2,978,116
Deferred tax liabilities (Note 21)	74,865	71,340	621,028
Deferred tax liability due to land revaluation (Notes 21 and 26)	1,286	1,286	10,667
Employees' pension and retirement benefits (Note 24)	-	62,461	-
Retirement benefits for directors and company auditors	256	260	2,123
Reserve for repairs and maintenance of vending machines	3,550	4,238	29,448
Reserve for environmental measures	1,019	1,407	8,452
Reserve for loss on litigation	25,116	30,711	208,345
Allowance for loss on plants reorganization	3,304	3,390	27,407
Net defined benefit liability (Note 24)	60,483	-	501,725
Deposits received (Notes 3 and 22)	61,212	62,033	507,772
Other	45,388	56,032	376,507
Total non-current liabilities	845,485	935,831	7,013,562
Total liabilities	1,630,157	1,595,729	13,522,662
Net assets			
Shareholders' equity (Notes 18 and 19)			
Common stock			
Authorized - 1,732,026,000 shares in 2014 and 2013			
Issued - 965,000,000 shares in 2014 and 2013	102,045	102,045	846,495
Capital surplus	81,417	81,417	675,379
Retained earnings	848,381	850,511	7,037,586
Treasury stock, at cost			
52,452,089 shares in 2014 and 35,659,435 shares in 2013	(74,797)	(53,903)	(620,464)
Total shareholders' equity	957,047	980,071	7,939,004
Accumulated other comprehensive income			
Net unrealized gains on securities	49,556	44,506	411,082
Deferred gains or losses on hedges	827	128	6,860
Land revaluation difference (Note 26)	(2,140)	(2,581)	(17,751)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	110,259	53,737	914,632
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans (Note 24)	(13,716)	-	(113,778)
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	144,786	95,790	1,201,045
Subscription rights to shares	332	306	2,754
Minority interests	233,544	224,558	1,937,320
Total net assets	1,335,711	1,300,726	11,080,141
Total liabilities and net assets	¥2,965,868	¥2,896,456	\$24,602,803

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Statements of Income

Kirin Holdings Company, Limited and Consolidated Subsidiaries
For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 1)
	2014	2013	2014
Sales	¥2,195,795	¥2,254,585	\$18,214,807
Less liquor taxes	301,365	310,798	2,499,917
Net sales	1,894,429	1,943,786	15,714,881
Cost of sales	950,949	976,791	7,888,419
Gross profit	943,480	966,995	7,826,462
Selling, general and administrative expenses (Note 6)	828,930	824,177	6,876,233
Operating income	114,549	142,818	950,219
Non-operating income			
Interest income	3,881	4,429	32,194
Dividend income	2,532	2,634	21,003
Equity in earnings of affiliates	2,925	1,643	24,263
Other (Note 10)	6,406	7,848	53,139
Total	15,746	16,555	130,618
Non-operating expenses			
Interest expense	24,378	21,351	202,223
Other	11,707	5,887	97,113
Total	36,085	27,239	299,336
Ordinary income	94,211	132,134	781,509
Special income			
Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (Note 7)	7,333	22,729	60,829
Gain on sale of investment securities (Notes 8 and 14)	179	46,959	1,484
Gain on sale of shares of subsidiaries and affiliates	-	1,793	-
Other	1,155	1,744	9,581
Total	8,668	73,227	71,903
Special expenses			
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (Note 7)	3,260	3,259	27,042
Loss on sale of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (Note 7)	728	2,677	6,038
Loss on impairment (Note 9)	2,638	14,017	21,883
Loss on devaluation of investment securities (Note 14)	3	2	24
Loss on sale of investment securities (Note 14)	1,656	187	13,737
Business restructuring expense (Note 11)	12,048	9,689	99,941
Loss on applying special taxation measures of foreign subsidiaries (Note 12)	-	8,422	-
Provision for loss on plants reorganization	-	3,390	-
Other	4,664	6,508	38,689
Total	25,000	48,155	207,382
Income before income taxes and minority interests	77,879	157,206	646,030
Income taxes—current	40,240	59,265	333,803
Income taxes—deferred	(7,220)	(6,007)	(59,892)
Total	33,019	53,257	273,902
Income before minority interests	44,859	103,948	372,119
Minority interests	12,466	18,292	103,409
Net income	¥ 32,392	¥ 85,656	\$ 268,701

	Yen		U.S. dollars (Note 1)
Net income per share			
Basic	¥ 35.27	¥ 90.76	\$ 0.29
Diluted	35.24	90.73	0.29
Cash dividends per share applicable to the year	¥ 38.00	¥ 36.00	\$ 0.31

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

Kirin Holdings Company, Limited and Consolidated Subsidiaries

For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 1)
	2014	2013	2014
Income before minority interests	¥44,859	¥103,948	\$ 372,119
Other comprehensive income (Note 13)			
Net unrealized gains on securities	5,682	(12,869)	47,133
Deferred gains or losses on hedges	698	9,427	5,790
Foreign currency translation adjustments	47,418	114,567	393,347
Share of other comprehensive income of entities accounted for by the equity method	13,704	22,820	113,678
Total other comprehensive income	67,504	133,945	559,966
Comprehensive income	¥112,364	¥237,894	\$932,094
Comprehensive income attributable to:			
Owners of the parent	¥94,548	¥209,231	\$784,305
Minority interests	17,815	28,662	147,781

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Consolidated Statements of Changes in Net Assets

Kirin Holdings Company, Limited and Consolidated Subsidiaries

For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

	Millions of yen				
	Shareholders' equity				
	Common stock	Capital surplus	Retained earnings	Treasury stock	Total shareholders' equity
Balance as of January 1, 2013	¥102,045	¥81,415	¥796,737	¥ (3,509)	¥976,689
Changes of items during the period					
Dividends from surplus (Note 19)	-	-	(31,921)	-	(31,921)
Net income	-	-	85,656	-	85,656
Acquisition of treasury stock (Note 19)	-	-	-	(50,417)	(50,417)
Disposal of treasury stock (Note 19)	-	1	-	23	25
Reversal of land revaluation difference (Note 26)	-	-	38	-	38
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity	-	-	-	-	-
Total changes of items during the period	-	1	53,773	(50,394)	3,381
Balance as of January 1, 2014	¥102,045	¥81,417	¥850,511	¥(53,903)	¥980,071
Changes of items during the period					
Dividends from surplus (Note 19)	-	-	(34,081)	-	(34,081)
Net income	-	-	32,392	-	32,392
Acquisition of treasury stock (Note 19)	-	-	-	(20,898)	(20,898)
Disposal of treasury stock (Note 19)	-	(0)	-	4	4
Reversal of land revaluation difference (Note 26)	-	-	(441)	-	(441)
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity	-	-	-	-	-
Total changes of items during the period	-	(0)	(2,129)	(20,894)	(23,024)
Balance as of December 31, 2014	¥102,045	¥81,417	¥848,381	¥(74,797)	¥957,047

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	Millions of yen								
	Accumulated other comprehensive income						Subscription rights to shares	Minority interests	Total net assets
	Net unrealized gains on securities	Deferred gains or losses on hedges	Land revaluation difference	Foreign currency translation adjustments	Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	Total accumulated other comprehensive income			
Balance as of January 1, 2013	¥59,113	¥(9,298)	¥(2,543)	¥ (75,017)	¥ -	¥ (27,746)	¥203	¥204,754	¥1,153,901
Changes of items during the period									
Dividends from surplus (Note 19)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(31,921)
Net income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85,656
Acquisition of treasury stock (Note 19)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(50,417)
Disposal of treasury stock (Note 19)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Reversal of land revaluation difference (Note 26)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity	(14,607)	9,427	(38)	128,755	-	123,536	103	19,804	143,444
Total changes of items during the period	(14,607)	9,427	(38)	128,755	-	123,536	103	19,804	146,825
Balance as of January 1, 2014	¥44,506	¥ 128	¥(2,581)	¥ 53,737	¥ -	¥ 95,790	¥306	¥224,558	¥1,300,726
Changes of items during the period									
Dividends from surplus (Note 19)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(34,081)
Net income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,392
Acquisition of treasury stock (Note 19)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(20,898)
Disposal of treasury stock (Note 19)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Reversal of land revaluation difference (Note 26)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(441)
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity	5,050	698	441	56,522	(13,716)	48,996	26	8,985	58,008
Total changes of items during the period	5,050	698	441	56,522	(13,716)	48,996	26	8,985	34,984
Balance as of December 31, 2014	¥49,556	¥ 827	¥(2,140)	¥ 110,259	¥ (13,716)	¥ 144,786	¥332	¥233,544	¥1,335,711

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Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 1)

	Shareholders' equity				
	Common stock	Capital surplus	Retained earnings	Treasury stock	Total shareholders' equity
Balance as of January 1, 2014	\$846,495	\$675,379	\$7,055,255	\$ (447,142)	\$8,129,995
Changes of items during the period					
Dividends from surplus (Note 19)	-	-	(282,712)	-	(282,712)
Net income	-	-	268,701	-	268,701
Acquisition of treasury stock (Note 19)	-	-	-	(173,355)	(173,355)
Disposal of treasury stock (Note 19)	-	(0)	-	33	33
Reversal of land revaluation difference (Note 26)	-	-	(3,658)	-	(3,658)
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity	-	-	-	-	-
Total changes of items during the period	-	(0)	(17,660)	(173,322)	(190,991)
Balance as of December 31, 2014	\$846,495	\$675,379	\$7,037,586	\$(620,464)	\$7,939,004

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Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 1)									
	Accumulated other comprehensive income					Total accumulated other comprehensive income	Subscription rights to shares	Minority interests	Total net assets
	Net unrealized gains on securities	Deferred gains or losses on hedges	Land revaluation difference	Foreign currency translation adjustments	Remeasurements of defined benefit plans				
Balance as of January 1, 2014	\$ 369,191	\$1,061	\$(21,410)	\$ 445,765	\$ -	\$ 794,608	\$2,538	\$1,862,778	\$10,789,929
Changes of items during the period									
Dividends from surplus (Note 19)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(282,712)
Net income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	268,701
Acquisition of treasury stock (Note 19)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(173,355)
Disposal of treasury stock (Note 19)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33
Reversal of land revaluation difference (Note 26)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,658)
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity	41,891	5,790	3,658	468,867	(113,778)	406,437	215	74,533	481,194
Total changes of items during the period	41,891	5,790	3,658	468,867	(113,778)	406,437	215	74,533	290,203
Balance as of December 31, 2014	\$ 411,082	\$6,860	\$(17,751)	\$ 914,632	\$ (113,778)	\$ 1,201,045	\$2,754	\$1,937,320	\$11,080,141

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Kirin Holdings Company, Limited and Consolidated Subsidiaries

For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 1)
	2014	2013	2014
Cash flows from operating activities			
Income before income taxes and minority interests	¥ 77,879	¥ 157,206	\$ 646,030
Adjustments to reconcile income before income taxes and minority interests to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	98,914	101,126	820,522
Loss on impairment	2,638	14,017	21,883
Amortization of goodwill	49,686	47,910	412,160
Contribution to retirement benefit trust (Note 20)	(19,000)	-	(157,610)
Interest and dividend income	(6,413)	(7,064)	(53,197)
Equity in losses (earnings) of affiliates	(2,925)	(1,643)	(24,263)
Interest expense	24,378	21,351	202,223
Net foreign currency translation loss (gain)	(1,165)	(1,641)	(9,664)
Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	(7,333)	(22,729)	(60,829)
Loss on disposal and sale of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	2,917	5,230	24,197
Gain on sale of investment securities	(179)	(46,959)	(1,484)
Gain on sale of shares of subsidiaries and affiliates	-	(1,793)	-
Decrease (increase) in notes and accounts receivable, trade	(10,886)	7,916	(90,302)
Decrease (increase) in inventories	(14,261)	(12,573)	(118,299)
Increase (decrease) in notes and accounts payable, trade	(270)	5,482	(2,239)
Increase (decrease) in liquor taxes payable	580	(3,833)	4,811
Increase (decrease) in consumption taxes payable	4,644	(5,694)	38,523
Increase (decrease) in deposits received	7,484	4,153	62,082
Other	12,003	6,816	99,568
Sub-total	218,690	267,278	1,814,102
Interest and dividends received	14,627	15,239	121,335
Interest paid	(14,945)	(15,801)	(123,973)
Income taxes paid	(63,125)	(61,199)	(523,641)
Net cash provided by operating activities	155,247	205,517	1,287,822
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payment for purchases of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	(120,480)	(117,393)	(999,419)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	12,999	47,476	107,830
Payment for acquisition of marketable securities and investment securities	(26,670)	(4,424)	(221,236)
Proceeds from sale and redemption of marketable securities and investment securities	1,746	155,162	14,483
Payment for purchases of shares of subsidiaries	(5)	(25,423)	(41)
Payment for acquisition of shares of newly consolidated subsidiaries (Note 20)	(14,510)	(751)	(120,364)
Proceeds from sale of shares of subsidiaries excluded from the scope of consolidation (Note 20)	364	24,370	3,019
Other	7,159	6,510	59,386
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(139,397)	85,526	(1,156,341)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Increase (decrease) in short-term loans payable	(7,847)	5,851	(65,093)
Increase (decrease) in commercial paper	83,994	(77,994)	696,756
Proceeds from long-term debt	67,313	12,197	558,382
Repayment of long-term debt	(132,595)	(40,587)	(1,099,917)
Payment for redemption of bonds	(30,000)	(80,000)	(248,859)
Payment for acquisition of treasury stock	(19,778)	(50,417)	(164,064)
Cash dividends paid	(34,081)	(31,921)	(282,712)
Cash dividends paid to minority shareholders	(6,555)	(6,907)	(54,375)
Other	(1,150)	(2,576)	(9,539)
Net cash used in financing activities	(80,701)	(272,357)	(669,440)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	109	8,743	904
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(64,741)	27,430	(537,046)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	105,472	78,041	874,923
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year (Note 20)	¥ 40,730	¥ 105,472	\$ 337,868

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Kirin Holdings Company, Limited and Consolidated Subsidiaries

For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of Kirin Holdings Company, Limited (“the Company”) and its consolidated subsidiaries have been prepared in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan and its related accounting regulations, and in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in Japan (“Japanese GAAP”), which are different in certain respects as to application and disclosure requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”).

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared by using the accounts of consolidated foreign subsidiaries prepared in accordance with either IFRS or accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, together with adjustment for certain items which are required to be adjusted in the consolidation process. The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been restructured and translated into English from the consolidated financial statements of the Company prepared in accordance with Japanese GAAP and filed with the appropriate Local Bureau of the Ministry of Finance as required by the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan. Some supplementary information included in the statutory Japanese language consolidated financial statements, but not required for fair presentation, is not presented in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

The translations of the Japanese yen amounts into U.S. dollars in the accompanying consolidated financial statements are included solely for the convenience of readers outside Japan, using the prevailing exchange rate on December 31, 2014, which was ¥120.55 to U.S. \$1. The convenience translations should not be construed as representations that the Japanese yen amounts have been, could have been, or could in the future be, converted into U.S. dollars at this or any other rate of exchange.

Fractions less than one million yen have been omitted. As a result, the total amounts in Japanese yen and translated U.S. dollars shown in the consolidated financial statements and notes to the consolidated financial statements do not necessarily agree with the sum of the individual amounts.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(1) CONSOLIDATION

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and all significant subsidiaries that are controlled through substantial ownership of majority voting rights or through certain other means. All significant inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in the consolidation. In the elimination of investments in subsidiaries, the assets and liabilities of the subsidiaries, including the portion attributable to minority shareholders, are evaluated using the fair value at the time when the Company acquired control of the respective subsidiaries.

Differences between the acquisition costs and the underlying net equities of investments in consolidated subsidiaries are recorded as goodwill in the consolidated balance sheets and amortized using the straight-line method over periods mainly between 15 and 20 years. Any immaterial amounts are fully recognized as expenses as incurred.

The number of consolidated subsidiaries as of December 31, 2014 was 216.

Major consolidated subsidiaries as of December 31, 2014 were as follows:

Kirin Brewery Co., Ltd., Kirin Beer Marketing Co., Ltd., Mercian Corporation, Kirin Beverage Co., Ltd., Lion Pty Ltd, Brasil Kirin Holding S.A., and Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co., Ltd.

Changes in the scope of consolidation during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 are as follows:

- (a) Mainly due to new acquisition, one subsidiary of Brasil Kirin Holding S.A., 13 subsidiaries of Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co., Ltd. and one other company became consolidated subsidiaries.
- (b) Due to sale of shares, one subsidiary of Mercian Corporation was excluded from the consolidation scope.
- (c) Due to liquidation, Indochina Beverage Holdings Ltd, Grande Indigo Global Ltd, Trade Ocean Holdings Sdn. Bhd., 30 subsidiaries of Lion Pty Ltd, and one subsidiary of Brasil Kirin Holding S.A. were excluded from the consolidation scope.

Certain subsidiaries, including Chiyoda Transportation Co., Ltd., are excluded from the scope of consolidation because the effect of their sales, total assets, and the Company’s share of their net income or losses, and retained earnings on the accompanying consolidated financial statement is immaterial.

Fiscal year-ends of Lion Pty Ltd and its subsidiaries are September 30 and accordingly, different from that of the Company. The Company used the financial statements of the companies as of their fiscal year-ends and for the years then ended for consolidation and made necessary adjustments for major transactions between the fiscal year-ends of the consolidated subsidiaries and that of the Company.

(2) EQUITY METHOD

Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates (principally ownership interests of 20% to 50%) are accounted for by the equity method and, accordingly, are stated at purchase cost adjusted for equity earnings and losses of the investments after elimination of unrealized inter-company profits and losses from the date of acquisition of shares.

Differences between the acquisition costs and the underlying net equities of investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates are included in investment securities in the consolidated balance sheets and amortized using the straight-line method over periods mainly between 15 and 20 years. Any immaterial amounts are fully recognized as expenses as incurred.

There was no unconsolidated subsidiary accounted for by the equity method as of December 31, 2014 and the number of affiliates accounted for by the equity method as of December 31, 2014 was 16.

Major affiliates which are accounted for by the equity method at December 31, 2014 are as follows:

San Miguel Brewery Inc., China Resources Kirin Beverages (Greater China) Co., Ltd. and Kirin-Amgen, Inc.

Changes in the scope of entities accounted for by the equity method during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 are as follows:

- (a) Due to new acquisition, one affiliate of Kirin Brewery Co., Ltd. and one affiliate of Mercian Corporation became affiliates accounted for by the equity method.
- (b) Due to sale of shares, Japan Synthetic Alcohol Co., Ltd., an unconsolidated subsidiary of the Company, and one affiliate of Lion Pty Ltd were excluded from the scope of application of the equity method.

Certain investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries, including Chiyoda Transportation Co., Ltd., and affiliates, including Diamond Sports Club Co., Ltd., were not accounted for by the equity method and were stated at cost because the effect of the Company's share of their net income or losses and retained earnings on the accompanying consolidated financial statements is immaterial individually and as a whole.

Where the fiscal year-ends of the entities accounted for by the equity method are different from that of the Company, the Company mainly used their financial statements as of their fiscal year-ends and for the years then ended for applying the equity method.

The Company accounts for San Miguel Brewery Inc. and China Resources Kirin Beverages (Greater China) Co., Ltd. (fiscal year ended December 31) by the equity method. The Company recognized these foreign affiliates in equity of earnings of its financial statements based on the financial statements for 12 months from the fourth quarter of the previous fiscal year to the third quarter of this fiscal year, since it is difficult for the Company to prepare its consolidated financial statements based on the final year-end figures of the above two companies due to the early disclosure of the consolidated business performance.

(3) FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

(a) Translation of accounts

Foreign currency transactions are translated at the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transactions. All short-term and long-term monetary receivables and payables denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Japanese yen at the exchange rates prevailing on the balance sheet date. Gains and losses resulting from the translation are recognized in the consolidated statements of income as incurred.

(b) Financial statements denominated in foreign currencies

Balance sheets of consolidated foreign subsidiaries are translated into Japanese yen at the year-end rate except for shareholders' equity accounts, which are translated at the historical rates. Income statements of consolidated foreign subsidiaries are translated at average rates except for transactions with the Company, which are translated at the rates used by the Company. Resulting exchange differences arising are recognized as foreign currency translation adjustments in other comprehensive income.

(4) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

In preparing the consolidated statements of cash flows, cash on hand, readily available deposits and short-term highly liquid investments with negligible risk of changes in value and maturities not exceeding three months at the time of purchase are considered to be cash and cash equivalents.

(5) MARKETABLE AND INVESTMENT SECURITIES

The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries examine the intent of holding each security and classify those securities as (a) securities held for trading purposes, (b) debt securities intended to be held to maturity (hereafter, "held-to-maturity debt securities"), (c) equity securities issued by subsidiaries and affiliated companies, or (d) all other securities that are not classified in any of the above categories (hereafter, "available-for-sale securities"). The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries did not hold any security defined as (a) above as of December 31, 2014 and 2013.

Held-to-maturity debt securities are stated at amortized cost. Equity securities issued by subsidiaries and affiliates that are not consolidated or accounted for by the equity method are stated at the moving-average cost. Available-for-sale securities with fair value are stated at fair value, as of the balance sheet date. Unrealized gains and losses on these securities are reported, net of applicable income taxes, as a separate component of net assets. Realized gains and losses on sale of such securities are calculated using the moving-average method. Available-for-sale securities without fair value are stated at the moving-average cost.

If the fair value of held-to-maturity debt securities, equity securities issued by unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliated companies, or available-for-sale securities declines significantly, such securities are reduced to at fair value and the difference between fair value and the carrying amount is recognized as impairment loss in the consolidated statement of income in the period of the decline. For equity securities without fair value, if the net asset value of the investee declines significantly, such securities are reduced to at net asset value with the corresponding losses recognized as impairment loss in the consolidated statement of income in the period of the decline. In these cases, such fair value or the net asset value will be the carrying amount of the securities at the beginning of the following fiscal year.

(6) INVENTORIES

Merchandise, finished goods and semi-finished goods are mainly stated at the lower of cost determined by the periodic average method and net realizable value. Raw materials, containers and supplies are mainly stated at the lower of cost determined by the moving-average method and net realizable value. Cost of uncompleted construction contracts is stated at cost determined by the specific identification method.

(7) ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS

The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries provide allowance for doubtful accounts in amounts sufficient to cover probable losses on collection. The allowance for doubtful accounts consists of the estimated uncollectible amounts with respect to certain identified doubtful receivables and amounts calculated using the actual historical percentage of collection losses.

(8) PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (excluding leased assets)

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost net of accumulated depreciation and accumulated loss on impairment. Depreciation for the Company and its consolidated domestic subsidiaries is calculated using the declining-balance method except for buildings (excluding building fixtures) acquired on or after April 1, 1998, which are depreciated using the straight-line method. Depreciation for several consolidated foreign subsidiaries is calculated using the straight-line method. Useful lives and the residual values for the Company and its consolidated domestic subsidiaries are mainly based on the methods provided by the Japanese Income Tax Law.

(9) INTANGIBLE ASSETS (excluding leased assets)

The Company and its consolidated domestic subsidiaries amortize intangible assets using the straight-line method. Consolidated foreign subsidiaries mainly adopt the straight-line method over 20 years.

(10) ALLOWANCE FOR EMPLOYEES' BONUSES

The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries provide allowance for employees' bonuses based on the estimated amounts payable.

(11) ALLOWANCE FOR BONUSES FOR DIRECTORS AND COMPANY AUDITORS

The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries provide allowance for bonuses for directors and company auditors based on the estimated amounts payable.

(12) NET DEFINED BENEFIT LIABILITY

In calculating retirement benefit obligation, straight-line attribution is used for attributing projected benefit obligation for the period up to the end of the current fiscal year.

Past service costs are amortized by the straight-line method over a certain number of years (5 - 10 years) within the average of the remaining years of service to be performed by the employees at the time of accrual.

Actuarial gains and losses are amortized by the straight-line method over a certain number of years (10 - 15 years) within the average of the estimated remaining years of service to be performed by the employees at the time of accrual, beginning from the following fiscal year.

Unrecognized actuarial gains and losses and unrecognized past service costs are stated as remeasurements of defined benefit plans under accumulated other comprehensive income in net assets after adjusting for tax effects.

(13) RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR DIRECTORS AND COMPANY AUDITORS

Provision for retirement benefits for directors and company auditors represents the full accrued amount of such retirement benefit obligations as of the balance sheet date calculated in accordance with the policies of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries.

(14) RESERVE FOR REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF VENDING MACHINES

Kirin Beverage Co., Ltd. and its consolidated subsidiaries provide reserve for repairs and maintenance of vending machines by estimating the necessary repair and maintenance costs in the future and allocating the costs over a five-year period. The actual expenditure is deducted from the balance of the reserve on the consolidated balance sheets.

(15) RESERVE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES

The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries provide reserve for environmental measures based on the estimated amounts payable.

(16) RESERVE FOR LOSS ON LITIGATION

Consolidated subsidiaries of the Company in Brazil provide reserve for estimated losses to be incurred on tax litigation and other matters.

(17) ALLOWANCE FOR LOSS ON PLANTS REORGANIZATION

The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries provide allowance for reasonably estimated losses to be incurred in connection with plants reorganization.

(18) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES

Research and development expenses for the improvement of existing products or the development of new products, including basic research and fundamental development costs, are recognized in the consolidated statements of income in the year when incurred. The total amount of research and development expenses, included in cost of sales and selling, general and administrative expenses, was ¥57,117 million (\$473,803 thousand) and ¥54,120 million for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

(19) LIQUOR TAXES

The amounts of liquor taxes stated in the consolidated statements of income represent the liquor taxes on the sale of liquor products.

(20) INCOME TAXES

The asset and liability approach is used to recognize deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes.

(21) APPLICATION OF CONSOLIDATED TAXATION REGIME

Consolidated taxation regime is applied by the Company and certain consolidated subsidiaries from the current fiscal year.

(22) CONSUMPTION TAXES

Consumption taxes are excluded from the revenue and expense accounts which are subject to such taxes.

(23) LEASES

Depreciation of finance leases for which ownership of the leased assets is not transferred to the lessee is calculated by the straight-line method over the period of lease terms without residual value. Finance lease transactions other than those involving a transfer of title that began on or before December 31, 2008 are not capitalized but are accounted for by a method similar to that applicable to operating leases.

(24) DERIVATIVE AND HEDGE ACCOUNTING

Derivative financial instruments are stated at fair value and changes in the fair value are recognized as gains and losses in the consolidated statements of income unless derivative financial instruments are used for hedging purposes.

If derivative financial instruments are used as hedges and meet certain hedging criteria, the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries defer recognition of gains and losses resulting from changes in fair value of derivative financial instruments as “Deferred gains or losses on hedges” in accumulated other comprehensive income in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets until the related gains and losses on the hedged items are recognized.

If forward foreign exchange contracts of the Company and its consolidated domestic subsidiaries are used as hedges and meet certain hedging criteria, forward foreign exchange contracts and hedged items are accounted for in the following manner:

1. If a forward foreign exchange contract is executed to hedge an existing foreign currency receivable or payable,
 - (a) the difference, if any, between the amount in Japanese yen of the hedged foreign currency receivable or payable translated using the spot rate at the inception date of the contract and the carrying amount of the receivable or payable is recognized in the consolidated statements of income in the period which includes the inception date, and
 - (b) the discount or premium on the contract (that is, the difference between the Japanese yen amount of the contract translated using the contracted forward rate and that translated using the spot rate at the inception date of the contract) is recognized over the term of the contract.
(“*Appropriation treatment*”)
2. If a forward foreign exchange contract is executed to hedge a forecasted transaction denominated in a foreign currency, the forecasted transaction will be recorded using the contracted forward rate on recognition, and no gains or losses on the forward foreign exchange contract are recognized.
(“*Deferral hedge accounting*”)

If interest rate swap contracts of the Company and its consolidated domestic subsidiaries are used as hedges and meet certain hedging criteria, the net amount to be paid or received under the interest rate swap contract is added to or deducted from the interest on the assets or liabilities for which the swap contract was executed. (“*Special treatment*”)

Interest rate swaps that hedge transactions between consolidated companies are stated at fair value and the changes in the fair value are recognized as income or loss in the consolidated statement of income for the period.

Hedging instruments and hedged items

The following summarizes hedging derivative financial instruments used by the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries and the items hedged:

<u>Hedging instruments</u>	<u>Hedged items</u>
Forward foreign exchange contracts,	Receivables and payables in foreign currency,

currency swap contracts, and others	forecasted transactions in foreign currency
Interest rate swap contracts, and others	Interest on loans receivable and payable
Commodity swap contracts, and others	Commodity prices

The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries use derivative financial instruments mainly for the purpose of mitigating (i) fluctuation risk of foreign currency exchange rates with respect to receivables and payables in foreign currency and forecasted transactions in foreign currency, (ii) fluctuation risk of interest rates with respect to loans receivable and payable, and (iii) fluctuation risk of commodity prices of raw materials and others.

The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries evaluate hedging effectiveness semi-annually by comparing the cumulative changes in cash flows from, or the changes in fair value of, hedged items with the corresponding changes in the hedging derivative instruments.

(25) AMOUNTS PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK

Net income per share is computed based upon the average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period.

Cash dividends per share have been presented on an accruals basis and include dividends to be approved after the balance sheet date, but applicable to the year then ended.

(26) CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Application of Accounting Standard for Retirement Benefits and others

The Company has applied the Accounting Standard for Retirement Benefits (ASBJ Statement No. 26, May 17, 2012; hereinafter the “Standard”) and the Guidance on Accounting Standard for Retirement Benefits (ASBJ Guidance No. 25, May 17, 2012; hereinafter the “Guidance”) from the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 (excluding provisions stated in the article 35 of the Standard and the article 67 of the Guidance). Under the new policy, the method was changed such that retirement benefit obligation of plan assets is recognized as net defined benefit liability, and unrecognized actuarial gains and losses and unrecognized past service costs were included in the net defined benefit liability. Amounts of plan assets in excess of retirement benefit obligation are stated as net defined benefit asset.

With respect to application of the Standard, the transitional treatment as prescribed in the article 37 of the Standard was applied. As of December 31, 2014, the effect of the change in accounting policy was reflected in remeasurements of defined benefit plans under accumulated other comprehensive income.

As a result of this change, as of December 31, 2014, net defined benefit asset of ¥6,830 million (\$56,656 thousand) and net defined benefit liability of ¥60,483 (\$501,725 thousand) million was recorded, while accumulated other comprehensive income decreased by ¥13,716 million (\$113,778 thousand).

(27) ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ISSUED BUT NOT YET APPLIED

Accounting Standard for Retirement Benefits and others

On May 17, 2012, the ASBJ issued ASBJ Statement No. 26, “Accounting Standard for Retirement Benefits” and ASBJ Guidance No. 25, “Guidance on Accounting Standard for Retirement Benefits,” which replaced the Accounting Standard for Retirement Benefits that had been issued by the Business Accounting Council in 1998 and the other related guidance.

Under the revised accounting standard, actuarial gains and losses and past service cost shall be recognized within net assets in the consolidated balance sheets, after adjusting tax effects, and the funding deficit or surplus shall be recognized as a liability or asset. In addition, the new accounting standard allows a choice for the method of attributing projected benefit obligation to periods of either the straight-line basis or plan’s benefit formula basis. The determination method of the discount rate was also amended.

The Company expects to apply the amendment to the calculation method for retirement benefit obligation and current service costs from the beginning of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015.

The effect of adoption of this revised accounting standard is now under assessment at the time of preparation of the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Accounting Standards for Business Combinations and others

On September 13, 2013, the ASBJ issued “Revised Accounting Standard for Business Combinations” (ASBJ Statement No. 21), “Revised Accounting Standard for Consolidated Financial Statements” (ASBJ Statement No. 22), “Revised Accounting Standard for Business Divestitures” (ASBJ Statement No. 7), “Revised Accounting Standard for Earnings Per Share” (ASBJ Statement No. 2), “Revised Guidance on Accounting Standard for Business Combinations and Accounting Standard for Business Divestitures” (ASBJ Guidance No. 10), and “Revised Guidance on Accounting Standard for Earnings Per Share” (ASBJ Guidance No. 4).

Under these revised accounting standards, the accounting treatment for changes in a parent’s ownership interest in a subsidiary when that the parent retains control over the subsidiary on the additional acquisition of shares in a subsidiary and acquisition related costs were revised. In addition, the presentation method of net income was amended as well as the amendment of “minority interests” to “non-controlling interests,” and transitional provisions for accounting treatments were defined.

The Company has not decided when to adopt the revised accounting standards.

The effect of adoption of these revised accounting standards is now under assessment at the time of preparation of the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

(28) RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain reclassifications have been made to the consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 to conform to the presentation for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

3. SHORT-TERM LOANS PAYABLE, COMMERCIAL PAPER, LONG-TERM DEBT, BONDS AND OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Short-term loans payable outstanding as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 consisted of the following:

	December 31,		December 31,
	2014	2013	2014
	(Millions of yen)		(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Unsecured	¥54,005	¥38,674	\$447,988
Secured	3,321	2,293	27,548
Total short-term loans payable	¥57,327	¥40,967	\$475,545

Average annual interest rates on outstanding short-term loans payable as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 were 2.54% and 3.03%, respectively.

Long-term debt and bonds as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 consisted of the following:

	December 31,		December 31,
	2014	2013	2014
	(Millions of yen)		(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Loans principally from banks and insurance companies, with average rate of 1.63% for current portion, and maturing from 2015 to 2026 with average rate of 1.61% for non-current portion	¥ 400,780	¥ 460,656	\$ 3,324,595
0.856% coupon debentures in yen, due in 2014	-	30,000	-
1.27% coupon debentures in yen, due in 2015	29,999	29,997	248,851
0.505% coupon debentures in yen, due in 2016	30,000	30,000	248,859
1.69% coupon debentures in yen, due in 2018	69,995	69,994	580,630
1.639% coupon debentures in yen, due in 2019	50,000	50,000	414,765
1.86% coupon debentures in yen, due in 2020	19,993	19,991	165,848
1.239% coupon debentures in yen, due in 2021	40,000	40,000	331,812
4.53% U.S. dollar private placement bonds issued by foreign subsidiaries, due in 2015	21,832	19,470	181,103
Less current maturities	(93,600)	(107,443)	(776,441)
Total long-term debt and bonds	¥ 569,000	¥ 642,667	\$ 4,720,033

The non-current portion of loans includes loans due in 2015 of a consolidated subsidiary whose fiscal year-end is September 30 which differs from that of the Company.

The above balances of loans include secured loans of ¥19,158 million (\$158,921 thousand) and ¥12,736 million as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Other interest-bearing debt as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 consisted of the following:

	December 31,		December 31,
	2014	2013	2014
	(Millions of yen)		(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Finance lease obligation – current (at an average interest rate of 3.82% in 2014 and 4.83% in 2013)	¥ 1,983	¥ 1,441	\$ 16,449
Finance lease obligation – non-current (at an average interest rate of 3.52% in 2014 and 5.31% in 2013, maturing between 2016 to 2023)	5,883	4,358	48,801
Commercial paper (at an average interest rate of 0.09% in 2014)	83,994	-	696,756
Deposits received (at an average interest rate of 1.07% in 2014 and 1.06% in 2013)	¥61,212	¥62,033	\$507,772

Deposits received on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets include non-interest-bearing deposits.

The above balance of deposits received includes a secured portion of ¥3,171 million (\$26,304 thousand) and ¥3,266 million as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The aggregate annual maturities of long-term debt, bonds and finance lease obligation as of December 31, 2014 were as follows:

	Amount	
	(Millions of yen)	(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Years ending December 31,		
2015	¥ 95,583	\$ 792,890
2016	130,460	1,082,206
2017	77,111	639,659
2018	127,249	1,055,570
2019	115,816	960,729
2020 and thereafter	124,247	1,030,667
Total	¥670,466	\$5,561,725

Deposits received are not included in the above schedule of annual maturities, as there is no fixed maturity period for these deposits.

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, assets pledged as collateral for the above secured liabilities were as follows:

	December 31,		December 31,
	2014	2013	2014
	(Millions of yen)		(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Property, plant and equipment	¥23,358	¥15,940	\$193,761
Investment securities	524	-	4,346
	¥23,882	¥15,940	\$198,108

Deposits received relating to construction were recognized at the amortized cost of ¥9,810 million (\$81,377 thousand) and ¥10,796 million as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, in accordance with the accounting standard for financial instruments.

4. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost net of accumulated depreciation and accumulated loss on impairment in the consolidated balance sheets, and are summarized as follows:

	December 31,		December 31,
	2014	2013	2014
	(Millions of yen)		(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Buildings and structures	¥ 565,927	¥ 558,431	\$ 4,694,541
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	958,805	919,837	7,953,587
Land	185,516	186,820	1,538,913
Construction in progress	92,008	74,805	763,235
Other	185,574	182,887	1,539,394
Total	1,987,831	1,922,780	16,489,680
Accumulated depreciation	(1,189,433)	(1,158,402)	(9,866,719)
Net of property, plant and equipment	¥ 798,398	¥ 764,378	\$ 6,622,961

Amounts deducted from property, plant and equipment due to subsidies received from governments and others are as follows:

	December 31,		December 31,
	2014	2013	2014
	(Millions of yen)		(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Buildings and structures	¥162	¥132	\$1,343
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	562	387	4,661
Other	268	268	2,223
Total	¥993	¥787	\$8,237

5. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries were contingently liable as guarantors of loan obligations of unconsolidated subsidiaries, affiliates, employees and others for the amount of ¥4,262 million (\$35,354 thousand) and ¥3,105 million, respectively. The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries were also contingently liable for notes receivable discounted for the amount of ¥34 million (\$282 thousand) and ¥62 million as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Consolidated subsidiaries of the Company in Brazil are in tax-related litigation with the tax authority over ICMS (State Value-Added Tax), PIS (Social Integration Program), COFINS (Social Security Contribution) and others, in addition to labor-related litigation and civil lawsuits. Although "Reserve for loss on litigation" has been recorded in order to provide for the estimated losses on these litigation and lawsuits, ¥73,622 million (\$610,717 thousand) and ¥63,671 million associated with tax-related litigation, ¥15,792 million (\$130,999 thousand) and ¥10,938 million associated with labor-related litigation and ¥7,742 million (\$64,222 thousand) and ¥9,872 million associated with civil lawsuits have not been recorded as reserves as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, because the risks of losses in the future are classified by management as only possible upon consideration of the individual risks of each contingent event based on the opinion of outside legal advisers.

6. SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Major elements of selling, general and administrative expenses for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 were as follows:

	Years ended December 31,		Year ended December 31,
	2014	2013	2014
	(Millions of yen)		(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Sales promotion	¥216,906	¥207,423	\$1,799,303
Freight	70,100	71,481	581,501
Advertising	77,138	78,905	639,883
Retirement benefit expenses	15,509	15,989	128,652
Salaries and wages of employees	155,367	152,506	1,288,817
Research and development expenses	57,039	54,049	473,156
Depreciation and amortization	41,400	38,354	343,425
Tax benefits of foreign subsidiaries	¥ (25,153)	¥ (25,646)	\$ (208,652)

7. SALE AND DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Gain or loss on sale and disposal of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets consist of the following:

	Years ended December 31,		Year ended December 31,
	2014	2013	2014
	(Millions of yen)		(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets:			
Buildings and structures	¥ 783	¥ 496	\$ 6,495
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	491	518	4,072
Land	5,540	21,467	45,956
Other	517	246	4,288
Total	7,333	22,729	60,829
Loss on sale of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets:			
Buildings and structures	128	708	1,061
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	416	779	3,450
Land	127	971	1,053
Other	56	218	464
Total	728	2,677	6,038
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets:			
Buildings and structures	878	903	7,283
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	1,930	1,696	16,009
Other	450	659	3,732
Total	¥ 3,260	¥ 3,259	\$ 27,042

8. GAIN ON SALE OF INVESTMENT SECURITIES

Gain on sale of investment securities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 includes gain on sales of shares in Fraser and Neave Limited amounting to ¥46,261 million.

9. LOSS ON IMPAIRMENT

Year ended December 31, 2014

The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries classified property, plant and equipment and intangible assets into groups based on the respective type of business, which are the units for making investment decisions. However, certain goodwill of foreign subsidiaries including Australian subsidiaries was classified into groups of units which represent the lowest level at which the goodwill is monitored for internal management purposes. For idle properties, each property is considered to constitute a group. Headquarters and welfare facilities are classified as corporate assets because they do not generate cash flows independent from other assets or group of assets.

The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries recognized loss on impairment for certain groups of assets as follows:

Use	Location	Type of assets
Assets used for business (Japan Integrated Beverages Business)	Ishikari-shi, Hokkaido and two others	Buildings and structures, machinery, equipment and vehicles, land and other assets
Assets used for business (Oceania Integrated Beverages Business)	Australia	Machinery, equipment and vehicles
Assets used for business (Other Businesses)	Shibuya-ku, Tokyo	Land
Idle properties	Ube-shi, Yamaguchi and 35 others	Buildings and structures, machinery, equipment and vehicles, land and other assets

Carrying amounts of certain assets were devalued to their memorandum value or recoverable amount because (i) the Company revalued some assets used for Japan Integrated Beverages Business and assets of Australian subsidiaries used for Oceania Integrated Beverages Business, since management decided to lease or sell these assets and (ii) the fair values of assets used for business and idle properties of Other Businesses substantially declined compared to their carrying values.

As a result, the Company recognized loss on impairment of ¥2,638 million (\$21,883 thousand) and business restructuring expense of ¥531 million (\$4,404 thousand) recorded under special expenses in the consolidated statement of income for such devaluation, comprising ¥812 million (\$6,735 thousand) for buildings and structures, ¥561 million (\$4,653 thousand) for machinery, equipment and vehicles, ¥1,760 million (\$14,599 thousand) for land and ¥35 million (\$290 thousand) for other property, plant and equipment.

The recoverable amount of each group of assets is the higher of net selling price (fair value less cost to sell or appraised value) or value in use calculated by discounting future cash flows at a discount rate of 5.0 % for the Company and consolidated domestic subsidiaries.

Year ended December 31, 2013

The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries classified property, plant and equipment and intangible assets into groups based on the respective type of business, which are the units for making investment decisions. However, certain goodwill of foreign subsidiaries including Australian subsidiaries was classified into groups of units which represent the lowest level at which the goodwill is monitored for internal management purposes. For idle properties, each property is considered to constitute a group. Headquarters and welfare facilities are classified as corporate assets because they do not generate cash flows independent from other assets or group of assets.

The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries recognized loss on impairment for certain groups of assets as follows:

Use	Location	Type of assets
Assets used for business (Japan Integrated Beverages Business)	Maizuru-shi, Kyoto and two others	Buildings and structures, machinery, equipment and vehicles, land, intangible assets and other assets
Assets used for business and others (Oceania Integrated Beverages Business)	Australia	Buildings and structures, machinery, equipment and vehicles, land, intangible assets and other assets
Assets used for business (Other Businesses)	Chiba-shi, Chiba	Buildings and structures, machinery, equipment and vehicles, land and other assets
Idle properties	Yamaguchi-shi, Yamaguchi and one other	Land, machinery, equipment and vehicles

Carrying amounts of certain assets were devalued to their memorandum value or recoverable amount because (i) the Company revalued some assets used for Japan Integrated Beverages Business, since a plant in Maizuru-shi, Kyoto was closed, (ii) certain assets used for Japan Integrated Beverages Business and assets used for Other Businesses were revalued, since they were not recoverable based on estimated future cash flows, (iii) assets used for business, intangible assets and other assets of Australian subsidiaries used for Oceania Integrated Beverages Business were revalued based on IFRS considering recent price increases in raw materials and changes in market environments in Australia and changes in the brand value caused from these changes in environments and (iv) the fair values of idle properties substantially declined compared to their carrying values. As a result, the Company recognized loss on impairment of ¥14,017 million and business restructuring expense of ¥1,923 million recorded under special expenses in the consolidated statement of income for such devaluation and removal costs, comprising ¥1,753 million for buildings and structures, ¥9,170 million for machinery, equipment and vehicles, ¥1,905 million for land, ¥16 million for other property, plant and equipment, ¥3,001 million for other intangible assets and ¥93 million for removal costs.

The recoverable amount of each group of assets is the higher of net selling price (fair value less cost to sell or appraised value) or value in use calculated by discounting future cash flows at a discount rate of 5.0 % for the Company and consolidated domestic subsidiaries. The recoverable amount of assets of Australian subsidiaries is determined using the fair value based on IFRS. Such fair value reflects the estimated market prices of assets in arm's length transactions between knowledgeable, willing parties.

10. FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION GAIN OR LOSS

For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, loss on currency swaps and forward foreign exchange contracts that are carried to hedge the foreign exchange rate fluctuation risks for loans receivable in foreign currencies and others amounting to ¥645 million (\$5,350 thousand) and ¥2,132 million ,respectively, are included in "Other" under non-operating income after offsetting foreign currency translation gain.

11. BUSINESS RESTRUCTURING EXPENSE

For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, business restructuring expense included additional employees' retirement benefits of ¥5,838 million (\$48,428 thousand) and ¥3,319 million and expense for plants reorganization of ¥4,111 million (\$34,102 thousand) and ¥4,439 million, respectively, at consolidated subsidiaries.

12. LOSS ON APPLYING SPECIAL TAXATION MEASURES OF FOREIGN SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated subsidiaries of the Company in Brazil are in tax-related litigations with the tax authority over ICMS (State Value-Added Tax) and others. Since a special taxation measure for the ICMS in dispute in Sao Paulo State was implemented from March 2013, in which interest and other charges are exempted from taxation at a certain rate if the tax is paid, the consolidated subsidiary applied this measure to certain items and recorded such payment as "Special expenses" in the consolidated statement of income for the year ended December 31, 2013.

13. OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Amounts reclassified to net income for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 that were recognized in other comprehensive income in the current or previous periods and tax effects for each component of other comprehensive income are as follows:

	Years ended December 31,		Year ended
	2014	2013	December 31,
			2014
	(Millions of yen)		(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Net unrealized gains on securities:			
Increase (decrease) during the year	¥ 9,677	¥ (66,129)	\$ 80,273
Reclassification adjustments	(194)	44,775	(1,609)
Amount before tax effect	9,482	(21,353)	78,656
Tax effect	3,800	(8,483)	31,522
Sub-total	5,682	(12,869)	47,133
Deferred gains or losses on hedges:			
Increase (decrease) during the year	1,483	807	12,301
Reclassification adjustments	(490)	8,979	(4,064)
Amount before tax effect	992	9,787	8,228
Tax effect	293	359	2,430
Sub-total	698	9,427	5,790
Foreign currency translation adjustments:			
Increase (decrease) during the year	47,179	113,510	391,364
Reclassification adjustments	239	1,057	1,982
Amount before tax effect	47,418	114,567	393,347
Tax effect	-	-	-
Sub-total	47,418	114,567	393,347
Share of other comprehensive income of entities accounted for by the equity method			
Increase (decrease) during the year	13,704	22,820	113,678
Reclassification adjustments	-	-	-
Sub-total	13,704	22,820	113,678
Total other comprehensive income	¥67,504	¥133,945	\$559,966

14. INFORMATION ON SECURITIES

The following tables summarize acquisition costs, carrying amount and fair value of securities with fair value.

1. Held-to-maturity debt securities with fair value

There were no held-to-maturity debt securities as of December 31, 2014.

	December 31, 2013		
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Difference
	(Millions of yen)		
(1) Securities with fair value exceeding carrying amount			
Governmental/municipal bonds	¥30	¥30	¥0
Corporate bonds	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Sub-total	30	30	0
(2) Securities with fair value not exceeding carrying amount			
Governmental/municipal bonds	-	-	-
Corporate bonds	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Sub-total	-	-	-
Total	¥30	¥30	¥0

2. Available-for-sale securities with fair value

	December 31, 2014					
	Carrying amount	Acquisition cost	Difference	Carrying amount	Acquisition cost	Difference
	(Millions of yen)			(Thousands of U.S. dollars)		
(1) Securities with carrying amount exceeding acquisition cost						
Equity securities	¥154,210	¥70,262	¥83,947	\$1,279,220	\$582,845	\$696,366
Bonds						
Governmental/municipal bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Corporate bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	10,336	9,288	1,047	85,740	77,046	8,685
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub-total	164,546	79,551	84,994	1,364,960	659,900	705,051
(2) Securities with carrying amount not exceeding acquisition cost						
Equity securities	3,682	4,134	(452)	30,543	34,292	(3,749)
Bonds						
Governmental/municipal bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Corporate bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub-total	3,682	4,134	(452)	30,543	34,292	(3,749)
Total	¥168,228	¥83,686	¥84,542	\$1,395,503	\$694,201	\$701,302

	December 31, 2013		
	Carrying amount	Acquisition cost	Difference
	(Millions of yen)		
(1) Securities with carrying amount exceeding acquisition cost			
Equity securities	¥124,489	¥54,204	¥70,285
Bonds			
Governmental/municipal bonds	-	-	-
Corporate bonds	-	-	-
Other	1,122	1,084	38
Other	-	-	-
Sub-total	125,612	55,288	70,323
(2) Securities with carrying amount not exceeding acquisition cost			
Equity securities	15,041	16,274	(1,233)
Bonds			
Governmental/municipal bonds	-	-	-
Corporate bonds	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Sub-total	15,041	16,274	(1,233)
Total	¥140,654	¥71,563	¥69,090

3. Total sale of available-for-sale securities

	Years ended December 31,		Year ended December 31,
	2014	2013	2014
	(Millions of yen)		(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Amount of securities sold	¥ 1,709	¥139,132	\$ 14,176
Total gain on sale	179	46,959	1,484
Total loss on sale	¥ 1,656	¥ 187	\$ 13,737

4. Carrying amount of major securities not measured at fair value

	December 31,		December 31,
	2014	2013	2014
	(Millions of yen)		(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Available-for-sale securities			
Unlisted equity securities	¥20,103	¥20,594	\$166,760
Other	33	32	273
Total	¥20,136	¥20,627	\$167,034

5. Impairment loss on investment securities

Impairment losses of ¥3 million (\$24 thousand) and ¥2 million were recognized in the consolidated statements of income as “Loss on devaluation of investment securities” for available-for-sale securities for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Where the fair value of available-for-sale securities has declined by more than 30% from their acquisition costs, the value of those securities is considered to have “substantially declined” and impairment loss on those securities are recognized in the consolidated statements of income, unless the value is considered recoverable. For available-for-sale securities without fair value, when the value of those securities has declined by more than 50% from their acquisition costs, the value of those securities is considered to have “substantially declined” and the loss on impairment on those securities are recognized in the consolidated statements of income, except for cases where the recoverability of the value of those securities in the future is supported by reasonable grounds.

15. SEGMENT INFORMATION

1. Summary of reportable segments

(1) Method of deciding reportable segments

The reportable segments of the Kirin Group are constituent units of the Group whose separate financial information is readily available, which are periodically examined by the Board of Directors for the purpose of deciding the allocation of management resources and evaluating the business results.

The Kirin Group comprises, under a holding company structure, various business companies including KIRIN Company, Limited. Engaging in the “Integrated Beverages-Japan” business, Lion Pty Ltd engaging in the “Integrated Beverages-Oceania” business, Brasil Kirin Holding S.A. and other companies engaging in the “Integrated Beverages-Overseas-other” business, and Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co., Ltd. engaging in the “Pharmaceuticals and Biochemicals” business. Each of these business companies work out a comprehensive strategy applicable to their products and services and carries out their business activities.

Consequently, the Kirin Group has identified four reportable segments, namely, “Integrated Beverages-Japan,” “Integrated Beverages-Oceania,” “Integrated Beverages-Overseas-other,” and “Pharmaceuticals and Biochemicals,” by grouping each company after considering the similarities in economic characteristics and other factors.

(2) Types of products and services classified in each reportable segment

“Integrated Beverages-Japan” conducts production and sale of alcohol beverages, such as beer, *happo-shu* (low-malt beer), new genre, whiskey, spirits and soft drinks, and includes business such as engineering and logistics.

“Integrated Beverages-Oceania” conducts production and sale of beer, whiskey, spirits, dairy products, fruit juice, and other products, in the Oceania region.

“Integrated Beverages-Overseas-other” conducts production and sale of beer, soft drinks, and other products, in overseas other than the Oceania region.

“Pharmaceuticals and Biochemicals” conducts production and sale of pharmaceutical products, biochemical products, and other products.

“Integrated Beverages-Japan” includes certain overseas companies.

2. Basis of measurement of sales, income or loss, assets and other item amounts by reportable segment

The accounting method for the business segments that are reported is generally the same as described in Note 2 “SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES.”

The segment income figures stated in the reportable segments are based on operating income.

The inter-segment sales or the transfers are based on actual market prices.

Year ended December 31, 2014							
	Reportable Segment				Others (Note 1)	Adjustment (Note 2)	Amount recorded in the consolidated financial statements (Note 3)
	Integrated Beverages			Pharmaceuticals and Biochemicals			
	Japan	Oceania	Overseas - other				
(Millions of yen)							
Sales							
Unaffiliated customers	¥1,152,957	¥470,123	¥223,052	¥325,149	¥24,513	¥ -	¥2,195,795
Less liquor taxes	301,365	-	-	-	-	-	301,365
Net sales	851,592	470,123	223,052	325,149	24,513	-	1,894,429
Inter-segment	10,491	123	213	8,296	1,299	(20,425)	-
Total sales	862,083	470,246	223,265	333,446	25,813	(20,425)	1,894,429
Segment income	48,181	27,587	3,663	38,877	3,083	(6,843)	114,549
Segment assets	825,162	786,917	627,325	726,817	34,290	(34,645)	2,965,868
Other items							
Depreciation and amortization	35,205	19,967	17,795	23,885	1,778	280	98,914
Amortization of goodwill	2,502	31,159	6,054	9,967	3	-	49,686
Investments in equity-method affiliates	5,189	4,580	166,207	45,741	493	-	222,213
Increase of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	¥ 36,672	¥ 29,498	¥ 24,710	¥ 29,487	¥ 367	¥ (617)	¥ 120,118

Year ended December 31, 2014

	Reportable Segment					Adjustment (Note 2)	Amount recorded in the consolidated financial statements (Note 3)
	Integrated Beverages			Pharmaceuticals and Biochemicals	Others (Note 1)		
	Japan	Oceania	Overseas - other				
(Thousands of U.S. dollars)							
Sales							
Unaffiliated customers	\$9,564,139	\$3,899,817	\$1,850,286	\$2,697,212	\$203,343	\$ -	\$18,214,807
Less liquor taxes	2,499,917	-	-	-	-	-	2,499,917
Net sales	7,064,222	3,899,817	1,850,286	2,697,212	203,343	-	15,714,881
Inter-segment	87,026	1,020	1,766	68,817	10,775	(169,431)	-
Total sales	7,151,248	3,900,837	1,852,053	2,766,038	214,126	(169,431)	15,714,881
Segment income	399,676	228,842	30,385	322,496	25,574	(56,764)	950,219
Segment assets	6,844,977	6,527,722	5,203,857	6,029,174	284,446	(287,391)	24,602,803
Other items							
Depreciation and amortization	292,036	165,632	147,615	198,133	14,749	2,322	820,522
Amortization of goodwill	20,754	258,473	50,219	82,679	24	-	412,160
Investments in equity-method affiliates	43,044	37,992	1,378,739	379,435	4,089	-	1,843,326
Increase of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	\$ 304,205	\$ 244,695	\$ 204,977	\$ 244,603	\$ 3,044	\$ (5,118)	\$ 996,416

Notes:

1. "Others" includes food business, such as dairy products and others.
2. The adjustments are as follows:
 - (1) The negative ¥6,843 million (\$56,764 thousand) adjustment in segment income includes ¥492 million (\$4,081 thousand) in inter-segment eliminations and negative ¥7,335 million (\$60,846 thousand) in corporate expenses not attributable to any reportable segment. The corporate expenses are mainly group administrative expenses incurred in the Company, a pure holding company.
 - (2) The negative ¥34,645 million (\$287,391 thousand) adjustment in segment assets includes negative ¥ 294,353 million (\$2,441,750 thousand) in inter-segment asset and liability eliminations and ¥259,707 million (\$2,154,350 thousand) in corporate assets not attributable to any reportable segment. Corporate assets mainly consist of surplus funds (cash), long-term investments (investment securities) of the Company, and assets which belong to the administrative department of the Company, a pure holding company.
 - (3) The ¥280 million (\$2,322 thousand) adjustment in depreciation and amortization mainly consists of depreciation and amortization of corporate assets.
 - (4) The negative ¥617 million (\$5,118 thousand) adjustment in increase of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets mainly consists of inter-segment asset and liability eliminations.
3. Segment income is reconciled to operating income in the consolidated statements of income.

Year ended December 31, 2013							
	Reportable Segment				Others (Note 1)	Adjustment (Note 2)	Amount recorded in the consolidated financial statements (Note 3)
	Integrated Beverages			Pharmaceuticals and Biochemicals			
	Japan	Oceania	Overseas - other				
(Millions of yen)							
Sales							
Unaffiliated customers	¥1,180,175	¥468,363	¥216,891	¥331,377	¥57,778	¥ -	¥2,254,585
Less liquor taxes	310,798	-	-	-	-	-	310,798
Net sales	869,377	468,363	216,891	331,377	57,778	-	1,943,786
Inter-segment	10,246	88	205	9,233	2,787	(22,562)	-
Total sales	879,623	468,452	217,096	340,611	60,565	(22,562)	1,943,786
Segment income	62,112	28,788	1,884	54,337	3,749	(8,054)	142,818
Segment assets	792,641	780,171	619,647	714,358	35,859	(46,222)	2,896,456
Other items							
Depreciation and amortization	38,140	20,289	17,346	21,592	3,102	656	101,126
Amortization of goodwill	2,502	30,398	5,972	8,725	311	-	47,910
Investments in equity-method affiliates	4,004	4,831	166,558	39,296	503	-	215,195
Increase of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	¥ 27,672	¥ 33,348	¥ 23,871	¥ 33,653	¥ 1,216	¥ 1,655	¥ 121,418

Notes:

1. "Others" includes food business, such as seasonings, dairy products and others.
2. The adjustments are as follows:
 - (1) The negative ¥8,054 million adjustment in segment income includes ¥1,280 million in inter-segment eliminations and negative ¥9,335 million in corporate expenses not attributable to any reportable segment. The corporate expenses are mainly group administrative expenses incurred in the Company, a pure holding company.
 - (2) The negative ¥46,222 million adjustment in segment assets includes negative ¥319,357 million in inter-segment asset and liability eliminations and ¥273,135 million in corporate assets not attributable to any reportable segment. Corporate assets mainly consist of surplus funds (cash), long-term investments (investment securities) of the Company, and assets which belong to the administrative department of the Company, a pure holding company.
 - (3) The ¥656 million adjustment in depreciation and amortization mainly consists of depreciation and amortization of corporate assets.
 - (4) The ¥1,655 million adjustment in increase of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets mainly includes the purchases of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets that are treated as corporate assets.
3. Segment income is reconciled to operating income in the consolidated statements of income.

3. Related Information

(1) Information by product and service

Information is omitted since similar information is disclosed in the segment information.

(2) Information by region

(a) Sales

Year ended December 31, 2014									
Japan	Oceania	Brazil	Others	Total	Japan	Oceania	Brazil	Others	Total
(Millions of yen)					(Thousands of U.S. dollars)				
¥1,388,950	¥463,944	¥182,306	¥160,594	¥2,195,795	\$11,521,775	\$3,848,560	\$1,512,285	\$1,332,177	\$18,214,807

Year ended December 31, 2013				
Japan	Oceania	Brazil	Others	Total
(Millions of yen)				
¥1,465,054	¥463,121	¥180,355	¥146,053	¥2,254,585

Note: Sales are classified by country or area based on customer location.

(b) Property, plant and equipment

December 31, 2014									
Japan	Oceania	Brazil	Others	Total	Japan	Oceania	Brazil	Others	Total
(Millions of yen)					(Thousands of U.S. dollars)				
¥386,827	¥202,893	¥164,600	¥44,077	¥798,398	\$3,208,851	\$1,683,060	\$1,365,408	\$365,632	\$6,622,961

December 31, 2013				
Japan	Oceania	Brazil	Others	Total
(Millions of yen)				
¥393,339	¥183,238	¥153,638	¥34,161	¥764,378

(3) Information by major customer

There is no major unaffiliated customer which accounts for 10% or more of the net sales on the consolidated statements of income.

(4) Information about loss on impairment of non-current assets by reportable segment

Year ended December 31, 2014							
	Reportable Segment				Others (Note 2)	Adjustment	Total
	Integrated Beverages			Pharmaceuticals and Biochemicals			
	Japan	Oceania	Overseas – other				
	(Millions of yen)						
Loss on impairment	¥358	¥-	¥-	¥1,342	¥936	¥-	¥2,638

Year ended December 31, 2014							
	Reportable Segment				Others (Note 2)	Adjustment	Total
	Integrated Beverages			Pharmaceuticals and Biochemicals			
	Japan	Oceania	Overseas – other				
	(Thousands of U.S. dollars)						
Loss on impairment	\$2,969	\$-	\$-	\$11,132	\$7,764	\$-	\$21,883

Notes:

- In addition, loss on impairment of ¥531 million (\$4,404 thousand) which was recognized in the “Integrated Beverages-Oceania” segment is included in “Business restructuring expense” in “Special expenses” in the consolidated statement of income.
- “Others” includes food business, such as dairy products and others.

Year ended December 31, 2013

Year ended December 31, 2019							
	Reportable Segment				Others (Note 2)	Adjustment	Total
	Integrated Beverages			Pharmaceuticals and Biochemicals			
	Japan	Oceania	Overseas – other				
	(Millions of yen)						
Loss on impairment	¥3	¥13,518	¥-	¥207	¥288	¥-	¥14,017

Notes:

1. In addition, loss on impairment of ¥1,923 million which was recognized in the “Integrated Beverages-Japan” segment is included in “Business restructuring expense” in “Special expenses” in the consolidated statement of income.
2. “Others” includes food business, such as seasonings and others.

(5) Information about amortization of goodwill and remaining goodwill balance by reportable segment

December 31, 2014

December 31, 2014							
	Reportable Segment				Others	Adjustment	Total
	Integrated Beverages			Pharmaceuticals and Biochemicals			
	Japan	Oceania	Overseas – other				
	(Millions of yen)						
Balance at the end of current period	¥27,364	¥379,329	¥100,593	¥135,182	¥-	¥-	¥642,470

December 31, 2014

December 31, 2014							
	Reportable Segment				Others	Adjustment	Total
	Integrated Beverages			Pharmaceuticals and Biochemicals			
	Japan	Oceania	Overseas – other				
	(Thousands of U.S. dollars)						
Balance at the end of current period	\$226,992	\$3,146,652	\$834,450	\$1,121,377	\$-	\$-	\$5,329,489

Note: Information about amortization of goodwill is omitted since similar information is disclosed in the segment information.

December 31, 2013

December 31, 2013							
	Reportable Segment				Others	Adjustment	Total
	Integrated Beverages			Pharmaceuticals and Biochemicals			
	Japan	Oceania	Overseas – other				
	(Millions of yen)						
Balance at the end of current period	¥29,850	¥392,183	¥104,700	¥122,782	¥3	¥-	¥649,519

Note: Information about amortization of goodwill is omitted since similar information is disclosed in the segment information.

(6) Information about gain on negative goodwill by reportable segment

There are no material amounts to report for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

16. LEASE TRANSACTIONS

1. Finance leases-Lessee

Finance leases, except for those leases under which the ownership of the leased assets is considered to be transferred to the lessee, whose inception dates were on or before December 31, 2008, are accounted for in the same manner as operating leases. The details are omitted due to immateriality.

2. Operating leases

The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries have lease commitments under non-cancelable operating leases as follows:

	December 31,		December 31,
	2014	2013	2014
	(Millions of yen)		(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
As a lessee			
Due within one year	¥ 7,408	¥ 6,095	\$ 61,451
Due over one year	24,872	23,785	206,321
Total	32,280	29,881	267,772
As a lessor			
Due within one year	353	269	2,928
Due over one year	3,270	3,104	27,125
Total	¥ 3,623	¥ 3,374	\$ 30,053

17. INVESTMENTS IN UNCONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATES

Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 were as follows:

	December 31,		December 31,
	2014	2013	2014
	(Millions of yen)		(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Investment securities (Shares)	¥224,557	¥215,997	\$1,862,770
Investment securities (Bonds)	-	1,185	-
Investments and other assets—other (Equity interests other than shares)	297	294	2,463
Of which, investment in jointly controlled companies	¥ 46,137	¥ 38,452	\$ 382,720

18. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Under the Japanese Corporation Law (“the Law”) and related regulations, the entire amount paid for new shares is required to be designated as common stock. However, a company may, by a resolution of the Board of Directors, designate an amount not exceeding one-half of the price of the new shares as additional paid-in-capital, which is included in capital surplus.

In cases where dividend distribution of surplus is made, the lesser of an amount equal to 10% of the dividend or the excess, if any, of 25% of common stock over the total of additional paid-in-capital and legal earnings reserve must be set aside as additional paid-in-capital or legal earnings reserve. Legal earnings reserve is included in retained earnings in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Additional paid-in-capital and legal earnings reserve may not be distributed as dividends. However, all additional paid-in-capital and all legal earnings reserve may be transferred to other capital surplus and retained earnings, respectively, which are potentially available for dividends.

The maximum amount that the Company can distribute as dividends is calculated based on the non-consolidated financial statements of the Company in accordance with the Law.

19. NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Year ended December 31, 2014

1. Type and number of shares outstanding and treasury stock

	Type of shares outstanding	Type of treasury stock
	Common stock	Common stock
Number of shares as of January 1, 2014	965,000,000	35,659,435
Increase during the period	-	16,795,884
Decrease during the period	-	3,230
Number of shares as of December 31, 2014	965,000,000	52,452,089

Notes:

1. Increase in the number of treasury stock was due to the following reasons:
 - Acquisition of less-than-one-unit shares: 49,718 shares
 - Acquisition based on the resolution of the Board of Directors: 16,746,166 shares
2. Decrease in the number of treasury stock was due to the following reasons:
 - Sales of less-than-one-unit shares: 3,230 shares

2. Subscription rights to shares and treasury subscription rights to shares

Description of subscription rights	Subscription rights as stock options
Type of shares for subscription rights	-
Number of shares for subscription rights	
Number of shares as of January 1, 2014	-
Increase during the period	-
Decrease during the period	-
Number of shares as of December 31, 2014	-
Amount outstanding as of December 31, 2014	¥332 million (\$2,754 thousand)

3. Matters related to dividends

(1) Dividend payments

Approvals by the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on March 27, 2014 were as follows:

Dividend on common stock

- a. Total amount of dividend ¥16,728 million (\$138,763 thousand)
- b. Dividend per share ¥18.00 (\$0.14)
- c. Record date December 31, 2013
- d. Effective date March 28, 2014

Approvals by the Board of Directors Meeting held on August 6, 2014 were as follows:

Dividend on common stock

- a. Total amount of dividend ¥17,352 million (\$143,940 thousand)
- b. Dividend per share ¥19.00 (\$0.15)
- c. Record date June 30, 2014
- d. Effective date September 4, 2014

(2) Dividends whose record date is attributable to, but to be effective after, the year

The Company received the approval at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on March 27, 2015 as follows:

Dividend on common stock

- a. Total amount of dividend ¥17,338 million (\$143,824 thousand)
- b. Source of dividends Retained earnings
- c. Dividend per share ¥19.00 (\$0.15)
- d. Record date December 31, 2014
- e. Effective date March 30, 2015

1. Type and number of shares outstanding and treasury stock

	Type of shares outstanding	Type of treasury stock
	Common stock	Common stock
Number of shares as of January 1, 2013	965,000,000	3,502,064
Increase during the period	-	32,175,656
Decrease during the period	-	18,285
Number of shares as of December 31, 2013	965,000,000	35,659,435

Notes:

1. Increase in the number of treasury stock was due to the following reasons:

- Acquisition of less-than-one-unit shares: 275,656 shares
- Acquisition based on the resolution of the Board of Directors: 31,900,000 shares

2. Decrease in the number of treasury stock was due to the following reasons:

- Sales of less-than-one-unit shares: 18,285 shares

2. Subscription rights to shares and treasury subscription rights to shares

Description of subscription rights	Subscription rights as stock options
Type of shares for subscription rights	-
Number of shares for subscription rights	
Number of shares as of January 1, 2013	-
Increase during the period	-
Decrease during the period	-
Number of shares as of December 31, 2013	-
Amount outstanding as of December 31, 2013	¥306 million

3. Matters related to dividends

(1) Dividend payments

Approvals by the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on March 28, 2013 were as follows:

Dividend on common stock

- a. Total amount of dividend ¥14,903 million
- b. Dividend per share ¥15.50
- c. Record date December 31, 2012
- d. Effective date March 29, 2013

Approvals by the Board of Directors Meeting held on August 1, 2013 were as follows:

Dividend on common stock

- a. Total amount of dividend ¥17,017 million
- b. Dividend per share ¥18.00
- c. Record date June 30, 2013
- d. Effective date September 5, 2013

(2) Dividends whose record date is attributable to, but to be effective after, the year

The Company received the approval at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on March 27, 2014 as follows:

Dividend on common stock

- a. Total amount of dividend ¥16,728 million
- b. Source of dividends Retained earnings
- c. Dividend per share ¥18.00
- d. Record date December 31, 2013
- e. Effective date March 28, 2014

20. NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

1. Reconciliation of cash

Reconciliation of cash and time deposits in the consolidated balance sheets and cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated statements of cash flows is as follows:

	December 31,		December 31,
	2014	2013	2014
	(Millions of yen)		(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Cash and time deposits	¥49,450	¥113,759	\$410,203
Marketable securities	9,456	1,152	78,440
Other receivables	184	-	1,526
Fixed term deposits over three months	(8,905)	(7,635)	(73,869)
Equity securities, bonds and others with maturities exceeding three months	(9,456)	(1,152)	(78,440)
Short-term loans payable (overdraft)	-	(651)	-
Cash and cash equivalents	¥40,730	¥105,472	\$337,868

2. Contribution to retirement benefit trust

In the year ended December 31, 2014, Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co., Ltd., which is a consolidated subsidiary of the Company, and its certain consolidated subsidiaries contributed ¥19,000 million (\$157,610 thousand) in cash to the retirement benefit trust, aiming at further fiscal consolidation of retirement benefits.

3. Assets and liabilities of newly consolidated subsidiaries by acquisition of shares

Year ended December 31, 2014

Assets and liabilities of newly consolidated subsidiaries by acquisition of shares at the inception of their consolidation, related acquisition cost and net expenditure for acquisition of shares for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 are as follows:

	December 31,	
	2014	
	(Millions of yen)	(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Current assets	¥ 6,646	\$ 55,130
Non-current assets	23,866	197,975
Goodwill	17,114	141,965
Current liabilities	(27,226)	(225,848)
Non-current liabilities	(3,416)	(28,336)
Acquisition cost of shares	16,984	140,887
Cash and cash equivalents of the acquired companies	(2,473)	(20,514)
Payment for acquisition of shares of newly consolidated subsidiaries	¥ 14,510	\$ 120,364

Year ended December 31, 2013

The information for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 is omitted since the aggregate value is immaterial.

4. Assets and liabilities of subsidiaries excluded from the scope of consolidation

Year ended December 31, 2014

The information for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 is omitted since the aggregate value is immaterial.

Year ended December 31, 2013

Assets and liabilities of subsidiaries at the time they were excluded from the scope of consolidation, related sales price of shares and proceeds (net) from sale of shares for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 are as follows:

	December 31, 2013
	(Millions of yen)
Current assets	¥ 33,933
Non-current assets	37,016
Current liabilities	(19,908)
Non-current liabilities	(19,723)
Net unrealized gains on securities	(1,462)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	866
Deferred gains or losses on hedges	(238)
Minority interests	(346)
Equity interests after sale of shares	(6,049)
Net gains on sale of shares	1,684
Sales price of shares	25,770
Incidental expenses at the time of sale of shares	(351)
Cash and cash equivalents of companies excluded from the scope of consolidation	(1,048)
Proceeds from sales of shares of subsidiaries excluded from the scope of consolidation	¥ 24,370

21. INCOME TAXES

Significant components of deferred tax assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 were as follows:

	December 31,		December 31,
	2014	2013	2014
	(Millions of yen)		(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Deferred tax assets:			
Goodwill recognized by a foreign subsidiary for tax purposes*	¥ 57,977	¥ 67,048	\$ 480,937
Loss carried forward	53,489	46,245	443,708
Employees' pension and retirement benefits	-	23,515	-
Net defined benefit liability	24,165	-	200,456
Depreciation	9,232	11,218	76,582
Deemed dividend	8,455	8,455	70,136
Retirement benefit trust	6,953	-	57,677
Loss on impairment of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	6,026	5,318	49,987
Deferred assets	5,943	5,865	49,299
Long-term accrued expenses	5,361	6,047	44,471
Other	84,737	81,973	702,919
Sub-total	262,342	255,689	2,176,209
Less valuation allowance	(130,463)	(134,912)	(1,082,231)
Total deferred tax assets	131,879	120,776	1,093,977
*Goodwill recognized by a foreign subsidiary for tax purposes relates to a merger between Brazilian subsidiaries.			
Deferred tax liabilities:			
Adjustment of carrying amount based on fair value	(52,777)	(53,301)	(437,801)
Net unrealized gains on securities	(27,369)	(23,933)	(227,034)
Revaluation of property of foreign subsidiaries	(15,502)	(16,467)	(128,593)
Reserve for deferred gains on sale of property	(9,958)	(10,732)	(82,604)
Other	(22,161)	(16,332)	(183,832)
Total deferred tax liabilities	(127,769)	(120,767)	(1,059,883)
Net deferred tax assets (liabilities)	4,109	8	34,085
Deferred tax asset due to land revaluation:			
Deferred tax asset due to land revaluation	635	635	5,267
Less valuation allowance	(635)	(635)	(5,267)
Total deferred tax asset due to land revaluation	-	-	-
Deferred tax liability due to land revaluation:			
Deferred tax liability due to land revaluation	(1,286)	(1,286)	(10,667)
Net deferred tax liability due to land revaluation	¥ (1,286)	¥ (1,286)	\$ (10,667)

Deferred tax assets and liabilities were included in the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 as follows:

	December 31,		December 31,
	2014	2013	2014
	(Millions of yen)		(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Current assets — Deferred tax assets	¥ 29,854	¥ 27,432	\$ 247,648
Non-current assets — Deferred tax assets	49,380	44,585	409,622
Current liabilities — Other	(260)	(668)	(2,156)
Non-current liabilities — Deferred tax liabilities	¥(74,865)	¥(71,340)	\$(621,028)

The Company is subject to a national corporate tax, an inhabitant tax and deductible enterprise tax, which in the aggregate resulted in the statutory tax rate of approximately 38.0% for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

The following table summarizes significant differences between the statutory tax rate and the effective tax rate for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013:

	2014	2013
	(%)	(%)
Statutory tax rate	38.0	38.0
Adjustments		
Permanent difference - expenses	11.1	5.3
Permanent difference - income	(2.6)	(1.2)
Amortization of intangible assets	26.3	12.6
Change in valuation allowance	(4.9)	(4.7)
Effect of application of the consolidated taxation regime	-	(3.0)
Tax benefits of foreign subsidiaries	(10.6)	(6.7)
Difference in tax rate between the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries	(4.4)	(2.2)
Reduction of deferred tax assets due to change in tax rate	2.1	-
Tax credits	(5.9)	(2.4)
Effect of consolidation journal entries	(5.5)	(4.2)
Others	(1.2)	2.4
Effective tax rate	42.4	33.9

Following the promulgation on March 31, 2014 of the “Partial Revision of Income Tax Act, etc.” (Act No. 10 of 2014), the special reconstruction corporation tax will not be imposed from the consolidated fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2014. In accordance with this, the statutory tax rate used for the calculation of deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities for the year ended December 31, 2014 has been changed from 38.0% for the previous fiscal year to 35.6% for the temporary differences expected to be eliminated during the consolidated fiscal year beginning on January 1, 2015.

Additionally, following the promulgation on March 31, 2014 of the “Local Corporation Tax Act” (Act No. 11 of 2014), corporate residential tax rate will be decreased while local corporation tax (national tax) will be imposed from the fiscal years beginning on or after October 1, 2014.

As a result of these changes, net amount of deferred tax assets (amount after deduction of deferred tax liabilities) at the end of the year ended December 31, 2014 decreased by ¥1,620 million (\$13,438 thousand), and remeasurements of defined benefit plans under net assets as well as income taxes – deferred recorded in the year ended December 31, 2014 increased by ¥19 million (\$157 thousand) and ¥1,640 million (\$13,604 thousand), respectively.

22. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

1. Overview of financial instruments

(1) Policy for financial instruments

The basic policy of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries is to effectively obtain necessary funds according to changes in business environment. Currently, funds are mainly obtained through bank borrowings, and issuance of commercial paper and bonds. Temporary surplus funds are invested in highly secure financial assets such as time deposits. Derivatives are used, not for speculative purpose, but to avoid the risks mentioned below.

(2) Types of financial instruments and related risks

Trade receivables, such as notes and accounts receivable, trade, are exposed to customer credit risk. Trade receivables denominated in foreign currencies arising from global business development are exposed to foreign currency exchange risk. Marketable securities and investment securities, which mainly consist of stocks issued by companies with which the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries have business relationships, are exposed to market risk.

Substantially all trade payables, such as notes and accounts payable, trade, have payment due dates within one year. Some trade payables denominated in foreign currencies arising from import of raw materials are exposed to foreign currency exchange risk.

The purpose of short-term loans payable and commercial paper is mainly to fund short-term working capital and the purpose of long-term debt and bonds is mainly to fund necessary amounts for investments and long-term working capital. Some loans payable bear variable interest rates and are exposed to interest rate fluctuation risk.

Regarding derivatives, the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries enter into forward foreign exchange contracts, currency swaps and other instruments for the purpose of hedging foreign currency exchange risk deriving from trade receivables and payables denominated in foreign currencies and loans to group companies, and interest rate swaps for the purpose of hedging interest rate fluctuation risk deriving from interest payments on debt. Please refer to Note 2 (24) for hedging instruments and hedged items, hedging policy and method to evaluate hedging effectiveness.

(3) Risk management for financial instruments

(a) Monitoring of credit risk (the default risk for customers and counterparties)

In accordance with the internal policies of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries for managing credit risk arising from trade receivables, each related sales division monitors credit worthiness of their main customers and counterparties on a periodical basis and monitors due dates and outstanding balances by individual customer. In addition, the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries are making efforts to quickly identify and mitigate risks of bad debts from customers who are having financial difficulties.

The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries believe that the credit risk of derivatives is insignificant as it enters into derivatives only with financial institutions which have a high credit rating.

(b) Monitoring of market risk (the risk arising from fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, interest rates and others)

Regarding trade receivables and payables denominated in foreign currencies, the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries generally utilize forward foreign exchange contracts and other instruments to hedge the foreign currency exchange risks identified for each currency on a monthly basis. Currency swaps are utilized to mitigate interest rate risk on loans denominated in foreign currencies which are made to foreign subsidiaries. In addition, interest rate swaps are utilized to mitigate interest rate fluctuation risk deriving from interest payments on debt.

For marketable securities and investment securities, the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries periodically review their fair values and the financial position of the issuers. Additionally, the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries continuously evaluate whether securities other than those classified as held-to-maturity should be maintained taking into account their fair values and relationships with the issuers.

In conducting and managing derivative transactions, the division in charge of each derivative transaction follows the internal management policies, which define delegation of authority and position limits. Actual transaction data are regularly reported to the Director of Financial Division.

(c) Monitoring of liquidity risk related to fund procurement (the risk that the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries may not be able to meet their obligations on scheduled due dates)

In order to manage liquidity risk, the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries timely prepare and update cash flow plans based upon the report from each division and maintain fund liquidity.

(4) Supplementary explanation of the estimated fair value of financial instruments

The fair value of financial instruments is based on their quoted market price. When no quoted market price is available, fair value is reasonably estimated. Since various variable assumptions are reflected in estimating the fair value, different assumptions could result in different fair values. In addition, the notional amounts of derivatives as stated at 2. Fair values of financial instruments on the following page do not reflect the actual market risk exposure involved in derivative transactions.

2. Fair values of financial instruments

The table below shows the amounts of financial instruments recorded in the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, their fair values, and the differences. Financial instruments whose fair values are deemed extremely difficult to assess are not included.

	December 31, 2014					
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Difference	Carrying amount	Fair value	Difference
	(Millions of yen)			(Thousands of U.S. dollars)		
Assets						
(1) Cash and time deposits	¥ 49,450	¥ 49,450	¥ -	\$ 410,203	\$ 410,203	\$ -
(2) Notes and accounts receivable, trade	408,709	408,709	-	3,390,369	3,390,369	-
(3) Marketable and investment securities						
Available-for-sale securities	168,228	168,228	-	1,395,503	1,395,503	-
Total assets	626,388	626,388	-	5,196,084	5,196,084	-
Liabilities						
(1) Notes and accounts payable, trade	160,106	160,106	-	1,328,129	1,328,129	-
(2) Short-term loans payable and long-term debt with current maturities	99,096	99,096	-	822,032	822,032	-
(3) Commercial paper	83,994	83,994	-	696,756	696,756	-
(4) Bonds due within one year	51,832	52,161	328	429,962	432,691	2,720
(5) Liquor taxes payable	83,400	83,400	-	691,829	691,829	-
(6) Income taxes payable	12,154	12,154	-	100,821	100,821	-
(7) Bonds	209,988	222,006	12,017	1,741,916	1,841,609	99,684
(8) Long-term debt	359,012	364,317	5,304	2,978,116	3,022,123	43,998
Total liabilities	1,059,585	1,077,236	17,651	8,789,589	8,936,009	146,420
Derivative transactions (*)	¥ (9,086)	¥ (9,086)	¥ -	\$ (75,371)	\$ (75,371)	\$ -

(*) Derivatives are stated as the net of assets and liabilities. The figures in parentheses indicate net liabilities.

	December 31, 2013		
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Difference
	(Millions of yen)		
Assets			
(1) Cash and time deposits	¥ 113,759	¥ 113,759	¥ -
(2) Notes and accounts receivable, trade	396,113	396,113	-
(3) Marketable and investment securities			
a. Held-to-maturity debt securities	30	30	0
b. Available-for-sale securities	140,654	140,654	-
Total assets	650,557	650,557	0
Liabilities			
(1) Notes and accounts payable, trade	155,863	155,863	-
(2) Short-term loans payable and long-term debt with current maturities	118,410	118,410	-
(3) Commercial paper	-	-	-
(4) Bonds due within one year	30,000	30,171	171
(5) Liquor taxes payable	82,718	82,718	-
(6) Income taxes payable	28,429	28,429	-
(7) Bonds	259,454	271,277	11,823
(8) Long-term debt	383,213	385,714	2,501
Total liabilities	1,058,088	1,072,584	14,495
Derivative transactions (*)	¥ (10,611)	¥ (10,611)	¥ -

(*) Derivatives are stated as the net of assets and liabilities. The figures in parentheses indicate net liabilities.

Notes:

1. Fair value measurement of financial instruments, including securities and derivatives

Assets

(1) Cash and time deposits and (2) Notes and accounts receivable, trade

The fair value of these items approximates their carrying amount because of their short-term nature.

(3) Marketable and investment securities

The fair values of equity securities are measured based on quoted market prices. The fair values of bond securities are measured by the quoted market prices or the prices obtained from financial institutions. Please refer to Note 14 for matters relating to securities by categories.

Liabilities

(1) Notes and accounts payable, trade, (2) Short-term loans payable and long-term debt with current maturities, (3) Commercial paper, (5) Liquor taxes payable, and (6) Income taxes payable

The fair value of these items approximates their carrying amount because of their short-term nature.

(4) Bonds due within one year and (7) Bonds

The fair value of bonds issued by the Company and certain consolidated subsidiaries are based on the market price, when market prices are readily available. The fair value of bonds without market price is measured as the present value, calculated by discounting the combined total of principal and interest by a rate with the current maturity and credit risk taken into account.

(8) Long-term debt

The fair value of long-term debt is measured as the present value, calculated by discounting the combined total of principal and interest by an assumed interest rate for similar new borrowings. However, for long-term debt which is the hedged item for interest rate swaps and certain hedging criteria are met, the present value is calculated by discounting the combined total of principal and interest translated at the rates of relevant interest rate swaps. For long-term debt which is the hedged item for derivative transactions for which appropriation treatment has been applied, the combined total of principal and interest is considered as yen-denominated fixed interest borrowing.

2. Carrying amounts of financial instruments for which fair values are deemed extremely difficult to assess are as follows:

	December 31,		December 31,
	2014	2013	2014
	(Millions of yen)		(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Investment securities			
a. Unlisted equity securities (Equity securities issued by affiliates and others)	¥224,557	¥215,997	\$1,862,770
b. Unlisted equity securities (Available-for-sale securities)	20,103	20,594	166,760
c. Other	33	32	273
Investment and other assets - other			
Investments in equity of affiliates and others	297	294	2,463
Deposits received	¥ 61,212	¥ 62,033	\$ 507,772

The fair values of these items are not shown in the table above because their market prices are not available and the fair values are deemed extremely difficult to assess.

3. Redemption schedules for monetary receivables and marketable securities with maturities as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 are as follows:

	December 31, 2014							
	Due within 1 year	1 to 5 years	5 to 10 years	Over 10 years	Due within 1 year	1 to 5 years	5 to 10 years	Over 10 years
	(Millions of yen)				(Thousands of U.S. dollars)			
Cash and time deposits	¥ 49,450	¥ -	¥-	¥-	\$ 410,203	\$ -	\$-	\$-
Notes and accounts receivable, trade	408,709	-	-	-	3,390,369	-	-	-
Marketable and investment securities								
Available-for-sale securities with maturity								
Debt securities (others)	6,296	3,159	-	-	52,227	26,204	-	-
Total	¥464,455	¥3,159	¥-	¥-	\$3,852,799	\$26,204	\$-	\$-

	December 31, 2013			
	Due within 1 year	1 to 5 years	5 to 10 years	Over 10 years
	(Millions of yen)			
Cash and time deposits	¥113,759	¥ -	¥-	¥-
Notes and accounts receivable, trade	396,113	-	-	-
Marketable and investment securities				
Held-to-maturity debt securities				
Governmental/municipal bonds	30	-	-	-
Available-for-sale securities with maturity				
Debt securities (others)	721	386	-	-
Total	¥510,624	¥386	¥-	¥-

4. Redemption schedules for bonds, long-term debt and other interest bearing liabilities as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 are as follows:

	December 31, 2014					
	Due within 1 year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	3 to 4 Years	4 to 5 years	Over 5 years
	(Millions of yen)					
Short-term loans payable and long-term debt with current maturities	¥ 99,096	¥ -	¥ -	¥ -	¥ -	¥ -
Commercial paper	83,994	-	-	-	-	-
Bonds due within one year	51,832	-	-	-	-	-
Bonds	-	30,000	-	69,995	50,000	59,993
Long-term debt	-	98,896	75,894	56,289	65,057	62,875
Total	¥234,922	¥128,896	¥75,894	¥126,284	¥115,057	¥122,868

	December 31, 2014					
	Due within 1 year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	3 to 4 years	4 to 5 years	Over 5 years
	(Thousands of U.S. dollars)					
Short-term loans payable and long-term debt with current maturities	\$ 822,032	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Commercial paper	696,756	-	-	-	-	-
Bonds due within one year	429,962	-	-	-	-	-
Bonds	-	248,859	-	580,630	414,765	497,660
Long-term debt	-	820,373	629,564	466,934	539,668	521,567
Total	\$1,948,751	\$1,069,232	\$629,564	\$1,047,565	\$954,433	\$1,019,228

	December 31, 2013					
	Due within 1 year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	3 to 4 years	4 to 5 years	Over 5 years
	(Millions of yen)					
Short-term loans payable and long-term debt with current maturities	¥118,410	¥ -	¥ -	¥ -	¥ -	¥ -
Bonds due within one year	30,000	-	-	-	-	-
Bonds	-	49,468	30,000	-	69,994	109,991
Long-term debt	-	44,609	109,584	72,678	54,024	102,316
Total	¥148,410	¥94,078	¥139,584	¥72,678	¥124,018	¥212,308

23. DERIVATIVE TRANSACTIONS

1. Notional amount and fair value of derivative transactions for which hedge accounting has not been applied for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 are summarized as follows:

Currency-related transactions

December 31, 2014									
Classification	Type of transaction	Notional amount	Portion due after one year included therein	Fair value	Unrealized gain (loss)	Notional amount	Portion due after one year included therein	Fair value	Unrealized gain (loss)
(Millions of yen)					(Thousands of U.S. dollars)				
Non-market transactions	Forward foreign exchange contracts								
	Sell								
	USD	¥ 5,138	¥-	¥(538)	¥ (538)	\$ 42,621	\$-	\$ (4,462)	\$ (4,462)
	EUR	1,902	-	(63)	(63)	15,777	-	(522)	(522)
	KRW	1,200	-	(107)	(107)	9,954	-	(887)	(887)
	TWD	759	-	(23)	(23)	6,296	-	(190)	(190)
	GBP	634	-	(39)	(39)	5,259	-	(323)	(323)
	Buy								
	USD	7,973	-	433	433	66,138	-	3,591	3,591
	EUR	1,583	-	2	2	13,131	-	16	16
	JPY	20,004	-	(1,529)	(1,529)	165,939	-	(12,683)	(12,683)
	Currency swap								
	Receive JPY, pay USD	5,419	-	(6)	(6)	44,952	-	(49)	(49)
	Receive JPY, pay GBP	33,358	-	(363)	(363)	276,715	-	(3,011)	(3,011)
	Receive JPY, pay THB	3,261	-	(79)	(79)	27,051	-	(655)	(655)
Total		¥81,237	¥-	¥(2,314)	¥(2,314)	\$673,886	\$-	\$(19,195)	\$(19,195)

Fair value is based on the prices obtained from forward exchange market or financial institutions.

December 31, 2013					
Classification	Type of transaction	Notional amount	Portion due after one year included therein	Fair value	Unrealized gain (loss)
(Millions of yen)					
Non-market transactions	Forward foreign exchange contracts				
	Sell				
	USD	¥ 4,343	¥-	¥(237)	¥(237)
	EUR	1,414	-	(90)	(90)
	Buy				
	USD	97	-	4	4
	EUR	67	-	1	1
	JPY	15	-	(0)	(0)
	Currency swap				
	Receive JPY, pay USD	5,236	-	(33)	(33)
	Receive JPY, pay GBP	7,863	-	(308)	(308)
Total		¥19,038	¥-	¥(663)	¥(663)

Fair value is based on the prices obtained from forward exchange market or financial institutions.

Commodity-related transactions

December 31, 2014									
Classification	Type of transaction	Notional amount	Portion due after one year included therein	Fair value	Unrealized gain (loss)	Notional amount	Portion due after one year included therein	Fair value	Unrealized gain (loss)
(Millions of yen)					(Thousands of U.S. dollars)				
Non-market transactions	Commodity swap Receive floating, pay fixed	¥2,132	¥-	¥(117)	¥(117)	\$17,685	\$-	\$(970)	\$(970)
Total		¥2,132	¥-	¥(117)	¥(117)	\$17,685	\$-	\$(970)	\$(970)

Fair value is based on the prices obtained from financial institutions.

There was no applicable transaction for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013.

2. The notional amount and fair value of derivative transactions for which hedge accounting has been applied are summarized as follows:

Currency-related transactions

December 31, 2014							
Type of transaction	Hedged item	Notional amount	Portion due after one year included therein	Fair value	Notional amount	Portion due after one year included therein	Fair value
(Millions of yen)					(Thousands of U.S. dollars)		
<u>Derivative transactions for which deferral hedge accounting has been applied</u>							
Forward foreign exchange contracts	Forecasted transactions in foreign currency						
Sell							
USD		¥ 3,972	¥ 346	¥ 98	\$ 32,948	\$ 2,870	\$ 812
AUD		338	-	6	2,803	-	49
Other		78	-	(1)	647	-	(8)
Buy							
USD		24,684	3,364	1,281	204,761	27,905	10,626
EUR		1,758	31	(8)	14,583	257	(66)
GBP		105	0	2	871	0	16
Currency swap	Debt and bonds						
Receive USD, pay AUD		29,516	-	(7,075)	244,844	-	(58,689)
Currency option	Forecasted transactions in foreign currency						
Sell Put							
USD		978	-	0	8,112	-	0
Buy Call							
USD		1,051	-	(49)	8,718	-	(406)
<u>Derivative transactions for which appropriation treatment has been applied</u>							
Currency swap	Long-term debt						
Receive USD, pay JPY		70,000	40,000	Note 2	580,671	331,812	Note 2
Total		¥132,484	¥43,743	¥(5,746)	\$1,098,996	\$362,861	\$(47,664)

Notes:

1. Fair value is based on the prices obtained from forward exchange market or financial institutions.
2. Forward foreign exchange contracts for which appropriation treatment has been applied are accounted for together with long-term debt designated as the hedged item. Therefore, their fair values are included in the fair value of the hedged long-term debt.

December 31, 2013

Type of transaction	Hedged item	Notional amount	Portion due after one year included therein	Fair value
(Millions of yen)				
<u>Derivative transactions for which deferral hedge accounting has been applied</u>				
Forward foreign exchange contracts	Forecasted transactions in foreign currency			
Sell				
NZD		¥ 9,267	¥ -	¥ (37)
GBP		711	-	(9)
AUD		1,515	-	98
Other		85	-	(1)
Buy				
USD		21,406	4,196	390
EUR		3,133	-	112
Currency swap	Debt and bonds			
Receive USD, pay AUD		28,176	28,176	(7,363)
Receive JPY, pay AUD		31,072	-	(1,209)

Derivative transactions for which appropriation treatment has been applied

Currency swap	Long-term debt			
Receive USD, pay JPY		90,000	90,000	Note 2
Total		¥185,370	¥122,372	¥(8,020)

Notes:

1. Fair value is based on the prices obtained from forward exchange market or financial institutions.
2. Forward foreign exchange contracts for which appropriation treatment has been applied are accounted for together with long-term debt designated as the hedged item. Therefore, their fair values are included in the fair value of the hedged long-term debt.

Interest-rate related transactions

December 31, 2014

December 31, 2014							
Type of transaction	Hedged item	Notional amount	Portion due after one year included therein	Fair value	Notional amount	Portion due after one year included therein	Fair value
(Millions of yen)					(Thousands of U.S. dollars)		
<u>Derivative transactions for which deferral hedge accounting has been applied</u>							
Interest rate swap	Debt and bonds						
Receive floating, pay fixed		¥ 29,516	¥ -	¥(915)	\$ 244,844	\$ -	\$(7,590)
<u>Derivative transactions for which special treatment has been applied</u>							
Interest rate swap	Long-term debt						
Receive floating, pay fixed		237,600	207,600	Note 2	1,970,966	1,722,107	Note 2
Total		¥267,116	¥207,600	¥(915)	\$2,215,810	\$1,722,107	\$(7,590)

Notes:

1. Fair value is based on the prices obtained from financial institutions.
2. Interest rate swaps for which special treatment has been applied are accounted for together with long-term debt designated as the hedged item. Therefore, their fair values are included in the fair value of the hedged long-term debt.

December 31, 2013

Type of transaction	Hedged item	Notional amount	Portion due after one year included therein	Fair value
				(Millions of yen)
<u>Derivative transactions for which deferral hedge accounting has been applied</u>				
Interest rate swap	Debt and bonds			
Receive floating, pay fixed		¥ 48,923	¥ 28,176	¥(1,909)
<u>Derivative transactions for which special treatment has been applied</u>				
Interest rate swap	Long-term debt			
Receive floating, pay fixed		280,600	257,600	Note 2
Total		¥329,523	¥285,776	¥(1,909)

Notes:

1. Fair value is based on the prices obtained from financial institutions.
2. Interest rate swaps for which special treatment has been applied are accounted for together with long-term debt designated as the hedged item. Therefore, their fair values are included in the fair value of the hedged long-term debt.

December 31, 2014

December 31, 2014							
Type of transaction	Hedged item	Notional amount	Portion due after one year included therein	Fair value	Notional amount	Portion due after one year included therein	Fair value
				(Millions of yen)	(Thousands of U.S. dollars)		
<u>Derivative transactions for which deferral hedge accounting has been applied</u>							
Commodity swap	Sugar						
Receive floating, pay fixed		¥271	¥-	¥7	\$2,248	\$-	\$58
Total		¥271	¥-	¥7	\$2,248	\$-	\$58

Note: Fair value is based on the prices obtained from financial institutions.

December 31, 2013

Type of transaction	Hedged item	Notional amount	Portion due after one year included therein	Fair value
				(Millions of yen)
<u>Derivative transactions for which deferral hedge accounting has been applied</u>				
Commodity swap	Sugar			
Receive floating, pay fixed		¥1,003	¥-	¥(17)
Total		¥1,003	¥-	¥(17)

Note: Fair value is based on the prices obtained from financial institutions.

24. EMPLOYEES' PENSION AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries provide three types of contributory defined benefit plans, namely: lump-sum severance payment plan; defined benefit corporate pension plan; and employees' pension fund plan. The Company and several consolidated subsidiaries provide defined contribution plans and/or defined benefit plans. Extra payments may be added upon retirement of employees.

Net defined benefit liability and retirement benefit expenses are calculated by a simplified method for the defined benefit corporate pension plan and lump-sum severance payment plans of certain consolidated subsidiaries.

Year ended December 31, 2014

Defined Benefit Plans

(1) The changes in retirement benefit obligation for the year ended December 31, 2014 were as follows:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2014	
	(Millions of yen)	(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Balance as of January 1,	¥ 297,719	\$2,469,672
Current service costs	9,081	75,329
Interest cost	6,493	53,861
Actuarial losses (gains)	27,023	224,164
Benefits paid	(17,841)	(147,996)
Past service costs	(3,260)	(27,042)
Other	2,240	18,581
Balance as of December 31,	¥ 321,457	\$2,666,586

(2) The changes in plan assets for the year ended December 31, 2014 were as follows:

	Year ended December 31, 2014	
	(Millions of yen)	(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Balance as of January 1,	¥228,999	\$1,899,618
Expected return on plan assets	5,897	48,917
Actuarial gains (losses)	12,284	101,899
Employer contributions	30,540	253,338
Benefits paid	(12,623)	(104,711)
Other	2,705	22,438
Balance of December 31,	¥267,804	\$2,221,518

Note: "Employer contributions" includes contribution of ¥19,000 million (\$157,610 thousand) to retirement benefit trust.

(3) Reconciliation between the balances of retirement benefit obligation and plan assets as of December 31, 2014 and net defined benefit liability and net defined benefit asset recorded in the consolidated balance sheet were as follows:

	December 31, 2014	
	(Millions of yen)	(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Funded retirement benefit obligation	¥273,925	\$2,272,293
Plan assets	(267,804)	(2,221,518)
	6,121	50,775
Unfunded retirement benefit obligation	47,531	394,284
Net liability (asset) recorded in the consolidated balance sheet	¥53,653	\$ 445,068
Net defined benefit liability	¥60,483	\$ 501,725
Net defined benefit asset	(6,830)	(56,656)
Net liability (asset) recorded in the consolidated balance sheet	¥53,653	\$ 445,068

(4) The components of retirement benefit expenses for the year ended December 31, 2014 were as follows:

	Year ended December 31, 2014	
	(Millions of yen)	(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Current service costs	¥9,081	\$75,329
Interest cost	6,493	53,861
Expected return on plan assets	(5,897)	(48,917)
Amortization of actuarial gains and losses	6,256	51,895
Amortization of past service costs	(659)	(5,466)
Other	102	846
Retirement benefit expenses of defined benefit plans	¥15,377	\$127,557

Note: In addition to the above retirement benefit expenses, additional employees' retirement benefits and others were recognized as "Business restructuring expense" in special expenses, amounting to ¥5,838 million (\$48,428 thousand) and as "Other" in special expenses, amounting to ¥1,440 million (\$11,945 thousand) for the year ended December 31, 2014.

(5) Remeasurements of defined benefit plans

The components of remeasurements of defined benefit plans (before tax effects) were as follows:

	December 31, 2014	
	(Millions of yen)	(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Unrecognized past service costs	¥ (4,141)	\$ (34,350)
Unrecognized actuarial gains and losses	22,497	186,619
Total	¥ 18,355	\$152,260

(6) Plan assets

a. Plan assets consisted of the following:

	December 31, 2014
Equity securities	27%
Bonds	34%
General life insurance account	33%
Alternative investments	5%
Other	1%
Total	100%

Plan assets include 7% held by retirement benefit trust established under certain lump-sum severance payment plans.

b. Method of determining the long-term expected rate of return on plan assets

The long-term expected rate of return on plan assets is determined considering the current and expected allocation of plan assets and the current and expected long-term rates of return on those components of plan assets.

(7) Actuarial assumptions used for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Discount rate: Mainly 1.0%-1.7%

Long-term expected rate of return on plan assets: Mainly 2.0%-3.0%

Defined Contribution Plans

The amount of the required contribution to the defined contribution plans of the Company and consolidated subsidiaries was ¥8,077 million (\$67,001 thousand).

Year ended December 31, 2013

1. Liabilities for employees' pension and retirement benefits

The liabilities for employees' pension and retirement benefits included in the liability section of the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2013 consisted of the following:

	December 31, 2013
	(Millions of yen)
Retirement benefit obligation	¥(297,719)
Fair value of plan assets	228,999
Unfunded pension obligations	(68,719)
Unrecognized actuarial gains and losses	14,419
Unrecognized past service costs	(1,263)
Net amount	(55,564)
Prepaid pension cost	6,897
Employees' pension and retirement benefits	¥ (62,461)

Certain consolidated subsidiaries calculated retirement benefit obligation using a simplified method.

2. Retirement benefits expenses

Retirement benefit expenses included in the consolidated statements of income for the year ended December 31, 2013 consisted of the following:

	Year ended December 31, 2013
	(Millions of yen)
Current service costs	¥ 9,595
Interest cost	6,560
Expected return on plan assets	(5,287)
Amortization of actuarial gains and losses	8,328
Amortization of past service costs	(230)
Premium for defined contribution pension plans	6,811
Retirement benefit expenses	¥25,778

Retirement benefit expenses of consolidated subsidiaries calculated using a simplified method were included for the year ended December 31, 2013.

In addition to the above retirement benefit expenses, additional employees' retirement benefits and others were recognized as "Business restructuring expense" in special expenses, amounting to ¥3,319 million and as "Other" in special expenses, amounting to ¥664 million for the year ended December 31, 2013. Furthermore, income related to the amendment of employees' pension and retirement benefit system for some of the Company's consolidated subsidiaries was included in "Other" of special income, amounting to ¥122 million for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Actuarial assumptions used for the years ended December 31, 2013 were as follows:

	December 31, 2013
	(Millions of yen)
Discount rate	Mainly 1.7-2.5%
Expected rate of return on plan assets	Mainly 2.5%
Amortization of unrecognized past service costs	Mainly 5-15 years
Amortization of unrecognized actuarial gains and losses	Mainly 10-15 years

The projected amount of all retirement benefits to be paid at the future retirement dates is allocated equally to each service year using the estimated number of total service years.

25. STOCK OPTIONS

1. Expenses related to stock option plans

Expenses related to stock option plans for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statements of income were ¥97 million (\$804 thousand) and ¥132 million, respectively.

2. Stock options outstanding as of December 31, 2014 are as follows:

Consolidated Subsidiary (Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co., Ltd.)

Stock option	Grantees' position	Number of options granted	Date of grant	Exercise price
2005 Stock Option	6 directors 13 managing officers	Common stock 133,000 shares	June 28, 2005	¥1 (\$0.008)
2006 Stock Option	7 directors 11 managing officers	Common stock 111,000 shares	June 29, 2006	¥1 (\$0.008)
2009 Stock Option	6 directors 8 managing officers	Common stock 93,000 shares	June 26, 2009	¥1 (\$0.008)
2010 Stock Option	6 directors 11 managing officers	Common stock 85,000 shares	April 1, 2010	¥1 (\$0.008)
2011 Stock Option	6 directors 14 managing officers	Common stock 119,000 shares	April 1, 2011	¥1 (\$0.008)
2012 Stock Option	5 directors 17 managing officers	Common stock 126,000 shares	April 27, 2012	¥1 (\$0.008)
2013 Stock Option	5 directors 17 managing officers	Common stock 129,000 shares	March 23, 2013	¥1 (\$0.008)
2014 Stock Option	5 directors 16 managing officers	Common stock 98,000 shares	March 21, 2014	¥1 (\$0.008)

Stock option	Vesting condition	Applicable period of service	Exercisable period
2005 Stock Option	No provisions	No provisions	June 29, 2005 - June 28, 2025
2006 Stock Option	No provisions	No provisions	June 30, 2006 - June 28, 2026
2009 Stock Option	No provisions	No provisions	June 27, 2009 - June 25, 2029
2010 Stock Option	No provisions	No provisions	April 2, 2010 - March 24, 2030
2011 Stock Option	No provisions	No provisions	April 2, 2011 - March 24, 2031
2012 Stock Option	No provisions	No provisions	April 28, 2012 - March 22, 2032
2013 Stock Option	No provisions	No provisions	March 24, 2013 - March 22, 2033
2014 Stock Option	No provisions	No provisions	March 22, 2014 - March 20, 2034

Note: Number of subscription rights to shares is expressed in number of shares to be issued upon exercise.

Number and movement of stock options

The following tables are based on the stock options which existed as of December 31, 2014. The number of stock options is expressed in number of shares to be issued upon exercise.

Number of stock options

	2005 Stock Option	2006 Stock Option	2009 Stock Option	2010 Stock Option	2011 Stock Option	2012 Stock Option	2013 Stock Option	2014 Stock Option
	Number of shares	Number of shares	Number of shares	Number of shares	Number of shares	Number of shares	Number of shares	Number of shares
Non-vested								
Outstanding at December 31, 2013	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Granted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	98,000
Forfeited	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vested	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	98,000
Outstanding at December 31, 2014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vested								
Outstanding at December 31, 2013	6,000	5,000	18,000	36,000	70,000	116,000	129,000	-
Vested	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	98,000
Exercised	-	-	6,000	8,000	10,000	26,000	27,000	3,000
Forfeited	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
Outstanding at December 31, 2014	6,000	5,000	12,000	28,000	60,000	90,000	102,000	93,000

3. Price information of stock options as of December 31, 2014

	2005 Stock Option	2006 Stock Option	2009 Stock Option	2010 Stock Option	2011 Stock Option	2012 Stock Option	2013 Stock Option	2014 Stock Option
Exercise price (yen)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Average market price of the stock at the time of exercise (yen)	-	-	1,053	1,049	1,049	1,133	1,129	1,420
Fair valuation price at the date of grant (yen)	-	705	1,014	940	741	786	1,003	956

4. Method of estimating the fair value of stock options

The fair value of the 2014 Stock Option is estimated using the Black-Scholes model. The following assumptions were used to determine the fair value.

Share price variability (Note 1)	7.4%
Projected remaining period (Note 2)	2 years
Projected dividend (Note 3)	¥25 per share
Risk-free interest rate (Note 4)	0.16%

Notes:

1. Calculated based on share price results over two years (from March 2012 to February 2014).
2. Calculated by subtracting the average years of service of present office holders from the average years of service of retirees over the past five years.
3. The projected dividend for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.
4. The rate of return on government bonds over the projected remaining period.

5. Method of reflecting expirations

Actual expirations are used because reasonable estimations of the future expirations are difficult.

26. REVALUATION OF LAND

Kirin Beverage Co., Ltd., a consolidated subsidiary, revalued land used for business on December 31, 2001 pursuant to the Law Concerning Land Revaluation (enacted on March 31, 1998) (“the Law”) and related revision of the Law (effective March 31, 2001).

Due to revaluation of land, the revaluation difference attributable to the interests held by the Company was accounted for as “Land revaluation difference” in net assets.

Revaluation was performed by adjusting the road rating pursuant to Article 2, Item 4 of the Enforcement Ordinance for the Law Concerning Revaluation Reserve for Land (“the Ordinance”) enacted on March 31, 1998. Where the road rating was not provided, adjusted valuation for real estate tax prescribed in Article 2, Item 3 of the Ordinance was used.

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2014
	(Millions of yen)		(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Difference between the fair value and carrying amount of the revalued land	¥4,399	¥4,701	\$36,491

27. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

1. Transactions with related parties

Disclosure is omitted since there are no material related party transactions.

2. Notes relating to the parent company and major affiliate

Summarized financial information of major affiliate

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, San Miguel Brewery Inc. ("San Miguel"), whose fiscal year-end is December 31, is the major affiliate of the Company. San Miguel's summarized financial information is shown below. The balance sheet items are based on the position as of the third quarter end of San Miguel, and the statement of income items are based on the results of the 12 month period from the previous fourth quarter to the current third quarter of San Miguel, which are the amounts used in preparing the consolidated financial statements of the Company.

	December 31,		December 31,
	2014	2013	2014
	(Millions of yen)		(Thousands of U.S. dollars)
Total current assets	¥ 44,161	¥ 67,820	\$ 366,329
Total non-current assets	145,385	133,291	1,206,014
Total deferred assets	21,547	18,178	178,739
Total current liabilities	20,597	72,437	170,858
Total non-current liabilities	102,630	73,826	851,347
Total net assets	87,866	73,026	728,875
Sales	182,623	168,795	1,514,914
Income before income taxes and minority interests	43,858	44,918	363,815
Net income	¥ 29,868	¥ 30,517	\$ 247,764

28. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

At the Board of Directors Meeting held on February 12, 2015, the Company resolved to retire its treasury stock in accordance with Article 178 of the Companies Act as follows.

1. Type of shares retired:	Common stock of the Company
2. Number of shares retired:	51,000,000 shares (5.28% of number of shares before retirement)
3. Date of retirement:	February 27, 2015
(Reference) Total number of shares after retirement:	914,000,000 shares



Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of
Kirin Holdings Company, Limited:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Kirin Holdings Company, Limited (the "Company") and its consolidated subsidiaries, which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as at December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the consolidated statements of income, statements of comprehensive income, statements of changes in net assets and statements of cash flows for the years then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Japan, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in Japan. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, while the objective of the financial statement audit is not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries as at December 31, 2014 and 2013, and their financial performance and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Japan.

Convenience Translation

The U.S. dollar amounts in the accompanying consolidated financial statements with respect to the year ended December 31, 2014 are presented solely for convenience. Our audit 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.

KPMG AZSA LLC

March 27, 2015
Tokyo, Japan

