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BRIEF STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2004 (CONSOLIDATED)
(Based on accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S.A.)

Name of listed company: **Nippon Meat Packers, Inc.**
Listing exchange: Tokyo Stock Exchange, First section and
Osaka Securities Exchange, First section
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1. Matters concerning the preparation of the brief quarterly statements of accounts:
 - 1) Differences in the accounting method from the recognition method for the most recent business year on a consolidated basis: None.
 - 2) Changes in the scope of consolidation and the application of equity method: Yes.

Consolidated subsidiaries	(inclusion):	5 companies
Consolidated subsidiaries	(exclusion):	4 companies
Companies subject to equity method	(inclusion):	1 company
Companies subject to equity method	(exclusion):	0 company
2. Summary of the business results for the third quarter of the business year ending March 31, 2004 (from April 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003):
 - (1) Progress of consolidated operating results

(Each amount is shown by rounding any fraction of over half of a million yen thereof upward to the nearest million yen and disregarding the rest.)

	Third quarter ended December 31, 2003	Third quarter ended December 31, 2002	(For reference) Year ended March 31, 2003
Net sales:	¥717,612 million (- %)	- (- %)	¥909,999 million
Operating income:	¥22,484 million (- %)	- (- %)	¥23,121 million

	Third quarter ended December 31, 2003	Third quarter ended December 31, 2002	(For reference) Year ended March 31, 2003
Income before income taxes:	¥20,610 million (- %)	- (- %)	¥13,301 million
Net income:	¥11,969 million (- %)	- (- %)	¥4,409 million
Net income per share (basic):	¥52.42	-	¥19.30
Net income per share (diluted):	¥51.88	-	-

(Note) The disclosure of quarterly financial statements has commenced as from the first quarter of the current business year. Hence, no actual results for the third quarter of the previous business year or no comparison with the actual results for the third quarter of the previous business year is given herein.

[Qualitative information on the progress of consolidated operating results, etc.]

During the third quarter of the business year under review, the Japanese economy remained in a deflationary trend while corporate earnings and capital investment showed a sign of recovery. Consequently, private spending remained sluggish due to the unforeseeable employment situation and the economy remained in a difficult condition.

In the food and fresh meats industry, the market was dislocated by the provision of a safeguard against pork and chilled beef and the emergence of BSE and avian flu. Consumers' preference for lower-priced products has intensified marketing competition and the market is placed in a severe condition.

Under these circumstances, the Group (including the Company and its group companies) has placed utmost importance on adhering to compliance-based management and strengthening corporate governance to restore the confidence of the society and consumers since the start of the current business year. However, the Company through its self-imposed investigations found the use of an unauthorized vaccine by its affiliate in the past, which was publicized by the Company in December 2003. We must express our sincere apology to everyone for a good deal of trouble and disturbance.

The Company will exert group-wide efforts to study legislation comprehensively and promote internal control to establish a stronger basis for corporate governance and further foster an awareness of compliance to seek honest and highly transparent management.

With this business policy, the Company has exerted its efforts to improve its quality assurance system to meet consumers' desires for safety and security, establish a system to speedily respond to customer needs and further promote product development to cultivate new category markets, whereby improving sales. Specifically, in its year-end gift blitz, the Company leveraged its line of roast beef products and developed assorted gifts in collaboration with its group companies to meet varied needs for gift products.

As a result, for the third quarter of the business year under review, on a consolidated

basis, net sales amounted to ¥717,612 million. Income before income taxes and net income amounted to ¥20,610 million and ¥11,969 million, respectively.

By product category, net sales of hams and sausages, processed foods, fresh meats, seafood, dairy products and others amounted to ¥110,808 million, ¥140,038 million, ¥369,777 million, ¥56,021 million, ¥13,943 million and ¥27,025 million, respectively.

(2) Movement in the consolidated financial condition

(Each amount is shown by rounding any fraction of over half of a million yen thereof upward to the nearest million yen and disregarding the rest.)

	Third quarter ended December 31, 2003	Third quarter ended December 31, 2002	(For reference) Year ended March 31, 2003
Total assets	¥660,963 million	-	¥621,579 million
Shareholders' equity	¥256,723 million	-	¥246,981 million
Ratio of shareholders' equity to total assets	38.8%	-	39.7%
Shareholders' equity per share	¥1,124.38	-	¥1,081.68

(Note) The disclosure of quarterly financial statements has commenced as from the first quarter of the current business year. Hence, no actual results for the third quarter of the previous business year are given herein.

[State of consolidated cash flows]

(Each amount is shown by rounding any fraction of over half of a million yen thereof upward to the nearest million yen and disregarding the rest.)

	Third quarter ended December 31, 2003	Third quarter ended December 31, 2002	(For reference) Year ended March 31, 2003
Cash flows from operating activities	(¥2,494 million)	-	¥39,582 million
Cash flows from investing activities	(¥3,377 million)	-	(¥5,139 million)
Cash flows from financing activities	(¥8,865 million)	-	(¥753 million)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the quarter (year)	¥72,009 million	-	¥86,745 million

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[Qualitative information on the movement in the consolidated financial position, etc.]

<Financial position>

At the end of the third quarter of the business year under review, total assets increased by 6.3% from the end of the previous business year to account for ¥660,963 million, principally due to an increase in trade notes (non-interest bearing) and accounts receivable arising from a seasonal factor in which the year-end blitz increased sales.

Principally, trade notes (non-interest bearing) and accounts increased by ¥49,978 million, inventories increased by ¥9,260 million, cash and cash equivalents decreased by 14,736 million and property, plant and equipment decreased by ¥4,661 million.

Shareholder's equity increased by 3.9% from the end of the previous business year to account for ¥256,723 million. As a result, the ratio of shareholders' equity declined 0.9% from the end of the previous business year to 38.8%.

Interest-bearing debt decreased by ¥6,501 million from the end of the previous business year to account for ¥205,884 million.

<Cash flows>

With regard to operating activities, cash increased due to increases in net income and accounts payable - trade. However, due to a substantial increase in accounts receivable - trade and an increase in inventories, net cash provided by operating activities amounted to negative ¥2,494 million.

With regard to investing activities, cash increased as a result of consolidation of Hoko Co., Ltd. and withdrawal of time deposits. However, due to capital investment accounting for ¥14,358 million, net cash used in investing activities amounted to ¥3,377 million.

With regard to financing activities, net cash used in financing activities amounted to ¥8,865 million, due to the payment of cash dividends of ¥3,660 million, the redemption of convertible bonds and straight bonds and the borrowing of long-term debt thereupon.

As a result, for the third quarter of the business year under review, cash and cash equivalents at end of the quarter decreased by ¥14,736 million in comparison with the end of the previous business year to amount to ¥72,009 million.

3. Forecast of consolidated operating results for the year ending March 31, 2004
(from April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004):

With regard to the forecast of operating results for the business year ending March 31, 2004, the forecast publicized as of November 18, 2003 has not been amended. However, it may be amended due to the possible occurrence of uncertain factors, including the influence of the embargo on imports due to the emergence of BSE in the United States and avian flu in East Asia.

In the event that any amendment to the forecast of operating results becomes necessary, it will be publicized promptly.

Attachment

- Consolidated Balance Sheets

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Millions of yen)

	Third quarter ended December 31, 2003 (as of December 31, 2003)	Year ended March 31, 2003 (as of March 31, 2003)
<u>Assets</u>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	72,009	86,745
Time deposits	2,255	6,243
Marketable securities	1,408	1,564
Trade notes (non-interest bearing) and accounts receivable	141,644	91,666
Allowance for doubtful receivables	(1,967)	(1,079)
Inventories	89,988	80,728
Deferred income taxes	4,927	5,184
Prepayments and other current assets	13,326	11,749
Total current assets	323,590	282,800
Investment and non-current receivables:		
Investment in and advances to associated companies	1,233	1,210
Other securities investments	22,941	19,776
Deposits and sundry investments	15,643	16,234
Total investments and non-current receivables	39,817	37,220
Property, plant, and equipment - at cost, less accumulated depreciation	269,274	273,935
Deferred income taxes - non-current	23,499	22,340
Other assets	4,783	5,284
Total	660,963	621,579

(Millions of yen)

	Third quarter ended December 31, 2003 (as of December 31, 2003)	Year ended March 31, 2003 (as of March 31, 2003)
<u>Liabilities and Shareholders' equity</u>		
Current Liabilities:		
Short-term bank loans	107,756	111,307
Current maturities of long-term debt	25,072	25,676
Trade notes (principally non-interest bearing) and accounts payable	103,486	78,201
Accrued income taxes	6,692	5,224
Deferred income taxes	403	212
Accrued expenses	12,032	15,216
Other current liabilities	9,057	7,946
Total current liabilities	264,498	243,782
Liability under retirement and severance program	52,818	51,652
Long-term debt, less current maturities	80,108	75,666
Deferred income taxes - non-current	3,796	829
Minority interests	3,020	2,669
Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock	24,166	24,166
Capital surplus	50,438	50,438
Retained earnings:		
Appropriated for legal reserve	6,615	6,562
Unappropriated	199,511	191,248
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(23,869)	(25,306)
Treasury stock, at cost	(138)	(127)
Total shareholders' equity	256,723	246,981
Total	660,963	621,579

STATEMENTS OF CONSOLIDATED INCOME

(Millions of yen)

	Third quarter ended December 31, 2003 (from April 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003)	Year ended March 31, 2003 (from April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003)
Revenues:		
Net sales	717,612	909,999
Sundry	2,985	1,764
Total	720,597	911,763
Cost and Expenses:		
Cost of goods sold	566,770	721,545
Selling, general and administrative expenses	128,358	165,333
Interest	2,260	3,331
Sundry	2,599	8,253
Total	699,987	898,462
Income from consolidated operations before income taxes:	20,610	13,301
Income taxes:		
Current	8,121	8,939
Deferred	563	(42)
Total	8,684	8,897
Income from consolidated operations	11,926	4,404
Equity in earnings of associated companies – Net (less applicable income taxes)	43	5
Net income	11,969	4,409

STATEMENTS OF CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOWS

(Millions of yen)

	Third quarter ended December 31, 2003 (from April 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003)	Year ended March 31, 2003 (from April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003)
Operating Activities:		
Net income	11,969	4,409
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	18,102	25,032
Income taxes – deferred	563	(42)
Decrease (increase) in trade notes and accounts receivable	(43,900)	16,052
Decrease (increase) in inventories	(5,428)	13,928
Increase (decrease) in trade notes and accounts payable	22,472	(15,271)
Increase (decrease) in accrued income taxes	1,490	(6,378)
Other – net	(7,762)	1,852
Net cash provided by operating activities	(2,494)	39,582
Investing Activities:		
Additions to property, plant, and equipment	(14,358)	(25,251)
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment	1,047	1,387
Decrease in time deposits	3,888	16,712
Purchases of marketable securities and other securities investments	(472)	(1,323)
Proceeds from sales of marketable securities and other securities investments	1,469	6,705
Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired	4,698	(2,140)
Decrease in deposits and sundry investments	953	488
Other – net	(602)	(1,717)
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,377)	(5,139)
Financing Activities:		
Cash dividends	(3,660)	(3,660)
Increase (decrease) in short-term bank loans	(1,622)	13,529
Proceeds from long-term debt	19,620	867
Repayments of long-term debt	(23,298)	(11,509)
Others – net	95	20
Net cash used in financing activities	(8,865)	(753)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(14,736)	33,690
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the quarter (year)	86,745	53,055
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the quarter (year)	72,009	86,745
Additional Information:		
Cash payment for the quarter (year)		
Interest paid	2,199	3,327
Income taxes paid	6,652	15,319

	Third quarter ended December 31, 2003 (from April 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003)	Year ended March 31, 2003 (from April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003)
Business acquisitions		
Assets acquired	18,043	11,509
Liabilities acquired	(15,591)	(6,055)
Net assets acquired	2,452	5,454
Net assets acquired in excess of cost	(2,452)	-
Less cash acquired	(4,698)	(657)
Less equity investment in associated company acquired	-	(2,657)
Cash paid (acquired, net of cash acquired)	(4,698)	2,140
Capital lease obligations incurred	-	10,960

SEGMENT INFORMATION

1. Segment information by business category:

For the third quarter ended December 31, 2003 (from April 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003):

(Millions of yen)

Items	Fresh meat-related businesses	Other businesses	Total	Eliminations or group-wide	Consolidation
Net sales					
(1) Sales to outside customers	628,343	89,269	717,612	-	717,612
(2) Inter-segment sales	13,290	1,450	14,740	(14,740)	-
Total	641,633	90,719	732,352	(14,740)	717,612
Operating expenses	620,662	89,196	709,858	(14,730)	695,128
Operating income	20,971	1,523	22,494	(10)	22,484

(Notes) 1. Businesses are categorized in accordance with the similarities of products in types and features. However, any net sales and any operating income of any business other than fresh meat-related businesses account for less than 10% of the total net sales and operating income of all the segments, respectively. Hence, all businesses other than fresh meat-related businesses are indicated collectively as the "other businesses".

2. Principal products included in each business category are as follows:

Fresh meat-related businesses: Hams and sausages, processed foods and fresh meats, etc.

Other businesses: Seafood and dairy products, etc.

For the year ended March 31, 2003 (from April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003)

The Group engages principally in the production and marketing of fresh meat-related hams and sausages, processed foods and fresh meats. Because total net sales and total operating income, respectively, comprised more than 90% of the whole segments, the Company didn't prepare segment information by business category for the year ended March 31, 2003.

2. Segment information by geographic area:

For the third quarter of the year ending March 31, 2004 (from April 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003):

(Millions of yen)

Items	Japan	Other areas	Total	Eliminations or group-wide	Consolidation
Net sales:					
(1) Sales to outside customers	665,497	52,115	717,612	-	717,612
(2) Inter-segment sales	322	46,569	46,891	(46,891)	-
Total	665,819	98,684	764,503	(46,891)	717,612
Operating expenses	643,514	98,559	742,073	(46,945)	695,128
Operating income	22,305	125	22,430	54	22,484

(Notes) 1. Countries and areas are categorized in accordance with their geographic nearness. However, any net sales in any country or area other than Japan account for less than 10% of the total net sales of all the segments. Hence, all the countries and areas other than Japan are indicated collectively as the "other areas".

2. The other areas principally consist of Australia, the United States and Thailand.

For the year ended March 31, 2003 (from April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003):

(Millions of yen)

Items	Japan	Other areas	Total	Eliminations or group-wide	Consolidation
Net sales:					
(1) Sales to outside customers	825,029	84,970	909,999	-	909,999
(2) Inter-segment sales	494	54,035	54,529	(54,529)	-
Total	825,523	139,005	964,528	(54,529)	909,999
Operating expenses	804,390	137,026	941,416	(54,538)	886,878
Operating income	21,133	1,979	23,112	9	23,121

(Notes) 1. Countries and areas are categorized in accordance with their geographic nearness. However, any net sales in any country or area other than Japan account for less than 10% of the total net sales of all the segments. Hence, all the countries and areas other than Japan are indicated collectively as the "other areas".

2. The other areas principally consist of Australia, the United States and Thailand.

3. Overseas sales:

As respective overseas sales for the year ended March 31, 2003 and the third quarter of the year ending March 31, 2004 did not amount to at least 10% of our consolidated sales, presentation of overseas sales is omitted.