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Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the month of January, 2010
COMMISSION FILE NUMBER: 1-7239
KOMATSU LTD.

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<u>INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT</u>

1. A company announcement made on January 28, 2010.

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SIGNATURES

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

KOMATSU LTD. (Registrant)

Date: January 29, 2010 By: /s/ Kenji Kinoshita

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Consolidated Business Results for the Nine Months of the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2010 (U.S. GAAP)

1. Results for the Nine Months Ended December 31, 2009

(Amounts are rounded to the nearest million yen.)

(1) Consolidated Financial Highlights

Millions of yen except per share amounts

	Nine months ended December 31, 2009 (A)	Nine months ended December 31, 2008 (B)	Changes (A)-(B)	
Net sales	1,003,927	1,642,689	(638,762)	(38.9)%
Operating income	36,097	200,171	(164,074)	(82.0)%
Income before income taxes and equity in earnings of affiliated companies	34,688	178,104	(143,416)	(80.5)%
Net income attributable to Komatsu Ltd.	18,355	113,321	(94,966)	(83.8)%
Net income attributable to Komatsu Ltd. per share (Yen) Basic	¥ 18.96	¥ 114.30	¥ (95.34)	
Diluted	¥ 18.95	¥ 114.21	¥ (95.26)	

Note: Komatsu Ltd.

and its

subsidiaries

adopted the

FASB

Accounting

Standards

Codification TM

(ASC) 810,

Consolidation.

Effective

April 1, 2009,

net income is

relabelled and

attributed

between noncontrolling interests and Komatsu Ltd. The caption Net income attributable to Komatsu Ltd. presented above is comparable to the caption Net income appearing in the consolidated financial statements for fiscal years ended as of or prior to March 31, 2009.

(2) Consolidated Financial Position

Millions of yen except per share amounts

Total assets		As of	December 31, 2009 1,947,020	A	s of March 31, 2009 1,969,059
Komatsu Ltd. shareholders	equity		810,871		814,941
Komatsu Ltd. shareholders	equity ratio		41.6%		41.4%
Komatsu Ltd. shareholders	equity per share (Yen)	¥	837.64	¥	842.04

2. Dividends

(For the fiscal years ended March 31, 2009 and ending March 31, 2010)

Yen

	The entire FY e	The entire FY ended	
	Results	Projection	March 31, 2009
First quarter period Second quarter period	8.0		22.0
Third quarter period Year-end Total		8.0 16.0	18.0 40.0

Note: Changes in the projected cash dividend as of December 31, 2009: None

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3. Projections for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2010

(From April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010)

Millions of yen except per share amounts

		The entire f	iscal year Changes
Net sales	1,	,430,000	(29.3)%
Operating income		72,000	(52.6)%
Income before income taxes and equity in earnings of affiliated companies		62,000	(51.9)%
Net income attributable to Komatsu Ltd.		35,000	(55.6)%
Net income attributable to Komatsu Ltd. per share (basic) (Yen)	¥	36.16	

Notes: 1) Changes in the projected consolidated business results as of December 31, 2009: None

- 2) Percentages shown above represent the rates of change compared with the corresponding period a year ago.
- 3) Net income attributable to Komatsu Ltd. is equivalent to Net income for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009 and preceding fiscal years.

4. Others

(1) Changes in important subsidiaries during the nine months ended December 31, 2009: None

(2)

Use of simplified accounting procedures and of specific accounting procedures for the preparation of consolidated quarterly financial statements: None

- (3) Changes in accounting standards, procedures and presentations for the preparation of consolidated quarterly financial statements
 - 1) Changes resulting from revisions in accounting standards, etc.: Applicable
 - 2) Changes in other matters except for 1) above: None

Note: See 4. Others of Management Performance and Financial Conditions on page 8 for more details.

- (4) Number of common shares outstanding
 - 1) The numbers of common shares issued (including treasury stock) were as follows:

As of December 31, 2009: 998,744,060 shares

As of March 31, 2009: 998,744,060 shares

2) The numbers of shares of treasury were as follows:

As of December 31, 2009: 30,696,468 shares

As of March 31, 2009: 30,921,768 shares

3) The weighted average numbers of common shares outstanding were as follows:

Nine months ended December 31, 2009: 968,000,628 shares

Nine months ended December 31, 2008: 991,427,410 shares

[Reference]

Results for the Three Months Ended December 31, 2009

Millions of yen except per share amounts

Net color	ene Dece	months ded mber 09 (A)	Three m ende Decem 31, 200	ed aber 8 (B)		Changes (A)-(B)	(17.0)@
Net sales		357,964	4.	31,401		(73,437)	(17.0)%
Operating income		16,312	4	40,517		(24,205)	(59.7)%
Income before income taxes and equity in earnings of affiliated companies		16,236	:	21,376		(5,140)	(24.0)%
Net income attributable to Komatsu Ltd.		10,157		12,980		(2,823)	(21.7)%
Net income attributable to Komatsu Ltd. per share (Yen) Basic	¥	10.49	¥	13.19	¥	(2.70)	
Diluted	¥	10.49	¥	13.19	¥	(2.70)	

Management Performance and Financial Conditions

1. Outline of Operations and Business Results

During the nine months from April 1 to December 31, 2009 of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010, some economies of the world generated signs of recovery supported by positive effects of the economic stimulus packages of their respective governments. However, overall world economies remained far below the level of the pre-financial meltdown of 2008.

Under such a challenging business environment, Komatsu Ltd. and its subsidiaries (hereinafter Komatsu) engaged in production adjustment around the world in order to cut down inventories to an appropriate level and reorganized production of both businesses of the Construction, Mining and Utility Equipment and the Industrial Machinery and Others, while realigning sales of construction equipment and forklift trucks in Japan. Komatsu also worked to substantially cut down fixed costs. To ensure sales and profits, Komatsu expanded production capacity for hybrid hydraulic excavators and their sales, reinforced IT-deployed businesses such as the KOMTRAX (Komatsu Machine Tracking System), strengthened operations in China and mining equipment, in which business was expanding, and worked to strengthen the parts and service business. As a result, Komatsu firmly recovered profitability in the third quarter (October December 2009), improving both sales and profits over the first (April June 2009) and second September 2009). When compared to the previous nine-month period (April December 2008). however, consolidated net sales for the nine months (April December 2009) declined 38.9% to JPY1,003.9 billion (USD10,795 million, at USD1=JPY93), as global demand, excluding that in China, did not come back to the level of the pre-financial meltdown. An additional contributing factor was the Japanese yen s appreciation against major currencies. With respect to profits for the nine months compared to the nine-month period a year ago, operating income decreased 82.0% to JPY36.0 billion (USD388 million). Income before income taxes and equity in earnings of affiliated companies amounted to JPY34.6 billion (USD373 million), down 80.5%. Net income attributable to Komatsu Ltd. declined 83.8% to JPY18.3 billion (USD197 million).

Note: The translation of Japanese yen amounts into US dollar amounts hereafter is included solely for convenience and has been made for the nine months ended December 31. 2009 at the rate of JPY93 to USD1, the approximate rate of exchange at December 31, 2009.

Millions of yen

Nine months ended Nine months

	December 31, December 31, 2009 2008		
	(A) USD1=JPY93 EUR1=JPY133	(B) USD1=JPY102 EUR1=JPY150	Changes (A-B)/(B)
Net sales	1,003,927	1,642,689	(38.9)%
Operating income	36,097	200,171	(82.0)%
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Net income attributable to Komatsu Ltd.	18,355	113,321	(83.8)%

Note: Net income attributable to Komatsu Ltd. is equivalent to Net income for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009 and preceding fiscal years.

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[Reference]

Consolidated Financial Results for the Nine Months Ended December 31, 2009 by Quarter

Millions of yen

	1st. quarter (Apr. Jun., 2009) (A)	2nd. quarter (Jul. Sep., 2009) (B)	3rd. quarter (Oct. Dec., 2009) (C)	
Net sales	USD1=JPY97 EUR1=JPY133 320,428	USD1=JPY93 EUR1=JPY133 325,535	USD1=JPY90 EUR1=JPY133 357,964	Changes (C-B)/(B) 10.0%
Operating income	8,273	11,512	16,312	41.7%
Income before income taxes and equity in earnings of affiliated companies	8,728	9,724	16,236	67.0%
Net income attributable to Komatsu Ltd.	4,763	3,435	10,157	195.7%

Note: Net income attributable to Komatsu Ltd. is equivalent to Net income for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009 and preceding fiscal years.

Business results by operation are described below.

Construction, Mining and Utility Equipment

In addition to China, with full-scale recovery in demand, in some emerging economies, such as Indonesia, India and Brazil, demand headed for gradual recovery. Meanwhile, demand remained slack in Japan, North America, Europe and other regions, reducing global demand to a level lower than that in the corresponding nine-month period a year ago. While global demand dropped, Komatsu reduced production in order to attain an appropriate level of inventories, including those of distributors, and the Japanese yen appreciated against major currencies. Adversely affected by these factors, consolidated net sales of construction, mining and utility equipment declined 37.9% from the corresponding nine-month period a year ago, to JPY886.4 billion (USD9,532 million).

Komatsu engaged in bold adjustment of production up through the second quarter, powerfully promoting inventory reduction, and thus, Komatsu regained the production volume, which corresponds to the present level of market demand.

[Sales of Construction, Mining and Utility Equipment by Region]

Millions of yen

Nine months Nine months ended ended

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	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2008	Changes
	(A)	(B)	(A-B)/(B)
Japan	167,165	245,793	(32.0)%
Americas	219,547	373,080	(41.2)%
Europe & CIS	89,015	239,920	(62.9)%
China	160,066	125,558	27.5%
Asia & Oceania	190,871	259,550	(26.5)%
Middle East & Africa	59,823	184,748	(67.6)%
Total	886,487	1,428,649	(37.9)%

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Japan

While public-sector investment was firm, as supported by the effects of a supplementary budget executed by the former cabinet, private-sector capital investment and residential investment remained slack. As a result, overall demand sharply receded from the corresponding nine-month period a year ago, and sales also declined. Komatsu concerted efforts to enhance the efficiency of production and sales operations, while working to expand sales of hybrid hydraulic excavators which offer outstanding reduction of fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions. Komatsu also expanded the production capacity for electric motors and other key components for hybrid hydraulic excavators at its Shonan Plant in Hiratsuka City, Kanagawa Prefecture.

Americas

In North America, the operating rate of construction equipment showed signs of bottoming out, but fell short of increasing market demand against the backdrop of uncertainty over prolonged economic recovery. As a result, the business environment remained challenging. In Latin America, while demand in the civil engineering sector dropped, reflecting sluggish economies, demand in the mining sector was relatively firm. Under such an environment, Komatsu advanced reorganization of production and sales operations, while reinforcing sales and product support efforts of mining equipment. Affected by sluggish market conditions, as well as production adjustment to attain an appropriate level of distributors inventories, sales in the Americas declined from the corresponding nine-month period a year ago. Following Japan and China, Komatsu decided to launch hybrid hydraulic excavators in North America and embarked on their test marketing in the third quarter.

Europe & CIS

A sharp drop in demand continued into the nine months under review, reflecting sluggish economies in Europe and CIS. Sales in Europe & CIS plunged sharply from the corresponding nine-month period a year ago, as Komatsu focused efforts on adjusting production in order to reduce distributors inventories to an appropriate level against the backdrop of dropping demand in both regions, and narrow down the models of local production in Europe.

China

The Chinese government s economic stimulus measures advanced large-scale infrastructure developments, such as railways and highways, and upturned year-on-year monthly demand in June last year. Since then, market demand has remained strong. By capitalizing on this market recovery, Komatsu increased sales from the corresponding nine-month period a year ago. As a result, sales in China increased to account for 18.1% of total sales of the construction, mining and utility equipment business. In China, Komatsu aggressively launched hybrid hydraulic excavators and other new models. Furthermore, Komatsu (Changzhou) Construction Machinery Corp. is relocating its head office and is building a new plant and the KC Techno Center, designed to train service engineers and to reinforce its machine demonstration capability for customers. As shown by these moves, Komatsu has continued to strengthen its efforts in a promising market.

Asia & Oceania

In Indonesia, demand began to recover at the start of 2009, and demand upturned in India in the third quarter, centering on mining equipment. Also, in Australia, demand for mining-related equipment remained firm. Nine-month sales in Asia & Oceania, however, declined from the corresponding nine-month period a year ago, as demand did not recover to the level of the pre-financial meltdown of 2008 in both regions and Komatsu slowed down production to promote an appropriate level of distributors inventories. In both regions, Komatsu further reinforced its operations, for example, by promoting global Reman (remanufacturing) operations in Indonesia and starting to reorganize its distributors in Thailand and Australia.

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Middle East & Africa

Although commodity prices upturned for an increase from the drastic plunge two years ago, market demand remained far behind recovery in the Middle East and Africa, as affected by recessionary economies. Affected also by efforts to reduce distributors inventories, sales in both regions declined from the corresponding nine-month period a year ago. To prepare for future recovery of demand in new mines and infrastructure development, Komatsu worked to strengthen its product support capability. For example, it opened a new training center in Dakar, Senegal and a new product support center in Tanzania.

Industrial Machinery and Others

As the automobile and other client industries continued the restraint of making capital investment, resulting in a sharp drop in new orders received, consolidated net sales of industrial machinery and other operations for the nine months under review declined 45.1% from the corresponding nine-month period a year ago, to JPY117.4 billion (USD1,263 million).

With the business environment remaining challenging, Komatsu continued its structural reform efforts, including the reorganization of production, centering on production transfer from the Komatsu Plant to the Kanazawa Plant. By anticipating growth of the solar cell market, Komatsu also worked to broaden a line-up of its wire saws while enhancing its technological capability. In order to further streamline the press business, develop new markets and expand business in China and other emerging economies, Komatsu embarked on the integration of development, as well as sales and service operations of the large press business, into Komatsu Industries Corp. in the third quarter. Komatsu also commenced sales of small and medium-sized presses equipped with the KOMTRAX as a standard feature. KOMTRAX is a Komatsu-original system that monitors operating conditions of construction equipment, which has been well received on the market.

2. Financial Conditions

As of December 31, 2009, total assets had decreased by JPY22.0 billion from the previous fiscal year-end, to JPY1,947.0 billion (USD20,936 million), largely due to a decrease in inventories resulting from our proactive efforts to reduce them to an appropriate level. Interest-bearing debt increased by JPY38.8 billion from the previous fiscal year-end, to JPY638.7 billion (USD6,868 million). This increase is mainly attributable to the inclusion of a retail finance company in Australia as a consolidated subsidiary. Komatsu Ltd. shareholders equity amounted to JPY810.8 billion (USD8,719 million), a decline of JPY4.0 billion from the previous fiscal year-end. As a result, Komatsu Ltd. shareholders equity ratio increased by 0.2 percentage points from the previous fiscal year-end, to 41.6%. Net debt-to-equity ratio* was 0.67, compared to 0.62 as of the previous fiscal year-end.

For the nine months under review, net cash provided by operating activities amounted to JPY115.3 billion (USD1,240 million), an increased of JPY68.2 billion from the corresponding period a year ago, mainly due to a decrease in working capital. Net cash used in investing activities declined by JPY63.9 billion from the corresponding period a year ago, to JPY50.5 billion (USD544 million), mainly due to restrained investments in Japan and overseas. Net cash used in financing activities totaled JPY60.5 billion (USD651 million), an increase of JPY129.9 billion from the corresponding period a year ago. As a result, cash and cash equivalents, as of December 31, 2009, increased by JPY2.9 billion from the previous fiscal year-end, to JPY93.4 billion (USD1,005 million).

* Net
debt-to-equity
ratio =
(Interest-bearing
debt Cash and
cash equivalents
Time deposits) /
Komatsu Ltd.
shareholders
equity

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3. Projections for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2010

(From April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010)

As of the date of this news release, there is no change in the projections of October 29, 2009 concerning consolidated business results for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010. In the construction, mining and utility equipment business, we are anticipating that demand will remain strong in China and continue recovering in emerging economies, such as Indonesia, India and Brazil. We cannot expect any rapid recovery of demand in Japan, North America, Europe or other regions. All combined, overall demand will decline from the previous fiscal year. In the industrial machinery and others business, we are projecting a very challenging environment, as we cannot expect full-scale investment by the automobile manufacturing industry, our main client. Under such a business environment, we are resolutely determined to improve profits by not only strengthening our efforts in Greater Asia, including the full-scale market introduction of hybrid hydraulic excavators in China, but also by working to further reduce our fixed and production costs.

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4. Others

- (1) Changes in important subsidiaries during the nine months ended December 31, 2009: None
- (2) Use of simplified accounting procedures and of specific accounting procedures for the preparation of consolidated quarterly financial statements: None
- (3) Changes in accounting standards, procedures and presentations for the preparation of consolidated quarterly financial statements
 - 1) Changes resulting from revisions in accounting standards, etc.: Applicable

Komatsu adopted the FASB Accounting Standards Codification TM (ASC) 105, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (Formerly SFAS No. 168, The FASB Accounting Standards Codification and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles a replacement of FASB Statement No. 162) in September 2009. ASC 105 prescribes that FASB Accounting Standard Codification (Codification) is the single source of authoritative U.S. generally accepted accounting principle, doing away with the previous four-level hierarchy.

The financial statements that adopted ASC 105 should follow the Codification in place of legacy accounting pronouncements. SFAS No. 168 is superseded by ASC 105. The adoption of ASC 105 did not have a material impact on our consolidated results of operations and financial condition.

Specific standard number of FASB statement is referred in () hereinafter.

Starting in the fiscal year which began April 1, 2009, Komatsu adopted ASC 805, Business Combinations (Formerly SFAS No. 141R, Business Combinations). ASC 805 establishes principles and requirements for how an acquirer recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree and the goodwill acquired or gain from a bargain purchase. ASC 805 also establishes disclosure requirements to enable the evaluation of the nature and financial effects of the business combination. The adoption of ASC 805 did not have a material impact on our consolidated result of operations and financial condition.

Staring in the fiscal year which began April 1, 2009, Komatsu adopted ASC 810, Consolidation (Formerly SFAS No. 160, Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements—an amendment of ARB No. 51—). ASC 810 establishes accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. ASC 810 also establishes disclosure requirements that clearly identify and distinguish between the controlling and noncontrolling interests, and requires the separate disclosure of income attributable to controlling and noncontrolling interests. Previously reported amounts have been reclassified accordingly.

2) Change in other matters except for 1) above: None

Cautionary Statement

The announcement set forth herein contains forward-looking statements which reflect management s current views with respect to certain future events, including expected financial position, operating results, and business strategies. These statements can be identified by the use of terms such as will, believes, should, projects and similar terms expressions that identify future events or expectations. Actual results may differ materially from those projected, and the events and results of such forward-looking assumptions cannot be assured.

Factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those predicted by such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, unanticipated changes in demand for the Company's principal products, owing to changes in the economic conditions in the Company's principal markets; changes in exchange rates or the impact of increased competition; unanticipated cost or delays encountered in achieving the Company's objectives with respect to globalized product sourcing and new Information Technology tools; uncertainties as to the results of the Company's research and development efforts and its ability to access and protect certain intellectual property rights; and, the impact of regulatory changes and accounting principles and practices.

Financial statement

(1) Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets <u>Assets</u>

Millions of yen

	As of December	,	As of March	-
		Ratio (%)		Ratio (%)
Current assets		(%)		(%)
Cash and cash equivalents	¥ 93,491		¥ 90,563	
Time deposits	1,027		44	
Trade notes and accounts receivable	403,998		373,901	
Inventories	424,802		507,357	
Deferred income taxes and other current assets	104,942		131,374	
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Total current assets	1,028,260	52.8	1,103,239	56.0
Long-term trade receivables	148,797	7.7	102,969	5.2
Investments				
Investments in and advances to affiliated				
companies	22,484		19,249	
Investment securities	56,097		53,854	
Other	2,695		12,017	
Total investments	81,276	4.2	85,120	4.3
Property, plant and equipment				
- Less accumulated depreciation	527,649	27.1	525,462	26.7
Goodwill	29,656	1.5	28,661	1.5
Other intangible assets	61,111	3.1	60,346	3.1
Deferred income taxes and other assets	70,271	3.6	63,262	3.2
Total	¥ 1,947,020	100.0	¥ 1,969,059	100.0

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Liabilities and Equity

Millions of yen

	A	s of Decembe	er 31, 2009 Ratio (%)		As of March	31, 2009 Ratio (%)
Current liabilities						
Short-term debt	¥	189,802		¥	220,087	
Current maturities of long-term debt		86,249			87,662	
Trade notes, bills and accounts payable		182,945			214,375	
Income taxes payable		8,156			10,818	
Deferred income taxes and other current liabilities		179,514			199,345	
Total current liabilities		646,666	33.2		732,287	37.2
Long-term liabilities Long-term debt		362,653			292,10	