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the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of July 2009
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SONY CORPORATION
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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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.

SONY CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Nobuyuki Oneda
(Signature)
Nobuyuki Oneda
Executive Deputy President and
Chief Financial Officer

Date: July 16, 2009

List of materials

Documents attached hereto:

- i) Press release entitled "Sony Ericsson reports second quarter results"
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PRESS RELEASE

July 16, 2009

Sony Ericsson reports second quarter results

Q2 highlights:

- Continued challenging market conditions
 - Transformation program on track
- New Communication Entertainment portfolio announced - shipping Q4 2009

The consolidated financial summary for Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications AB (Sony Ericsson) for the second quarter ended June 30, 2009 is as follows:

	Q2 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009
Number of units shipped (million)	24.4	14.5	13.8
Sales (Euro m.)	2,820	1,736	1,684
Gross margin (%)	23%	8%	12%
Operating income (Euro m.)	-2	-369	-274
Operating margin (%)	-0%	-21%	-16%
Restructuring charges (Euro m.)	11	12	1
Operating income excl. restructuring charges (Euro m.)	8	-357	-274
Operating margin excl. restructuring charges (%)	0%	-21%	-16%
Income before taxes (IBT) (Euro m.)	8	-370	-283
IBT excl. restructuring charges (Euro m.)	19	-358	-283
Net income (Euro m.)	6	-293	-213
Average selling price (Euro)	116	120	122

Units shipped in the quarter were 13.8 million, a decrease of 43% year-on-year and a sequential decrease of 5%. Sales for the quarter were Euro 1,684 million, a year-on-year decrease of 40%. This was due to continued challenging market conditions in all regions, particularly in Latin American markets.

Gross margin improved sequentially, despite lower volumes and sales, driven by a more favourable product mix and less material write-off costs than the previous quarter.

Income before taxes for the quarter, excluding restructuring charges, was a loss of Euro 283 million compared to a loss of Euro 370 million from the previous quarter. This was due to the better gross margin, as well as reduced operating expenses that are a result of the ongoing cost savings program.

“As expected, the second quarter was challenging and we still believe the remainder of the year will be difficult for Sony Ericsson. Our focus remains on bringing the company back to profitability and growth as quickly as possible, and our performance is starting to improve due to our cost reduction activities. The new product portfolio that integrates communications, entertainment and social media applications should contribute to healthier topline development when shipments start later this year,” said Dick Komiyama, President, Sony Ericsson. “We remain confident that the actions we are taking will further improve our financial situation and strengthen Sony Ericsson’s competitiveness.”

As of June 30, 2009, Sony Ericsson retained a good net cash position of Euro 965 million.

Programs started mid 2008 to reduce operating expenses by Euro 880 million are on track, with the full benefit expected during the second half of 2010. The total restructuring charges for these programs are estimated to be well within the previously announced Euro 500 million. Since the beginning of the cost reduction programs, the total global workforce has been reduced by 2,350 people.

During the quarter Sony Ericsson expanded on its strategy of transforming into the Communication Entertainment brand with the announcement of three new mobile phones; Aino, Satio and Yari. These phones integrate communications features with entertainment content and social media applications. In addition, Sony Ericsson announced the expansion of its content delivery platform, PlayNow™ arena, to include an application store and downloadable movies via PC.

Sony Ericsson maintains its forecast that the global handset market for 2009 will continue to contract by at least 10% from around 1,190 million units in 2008. Sony Ericsson estimates that its market share was over 5% in the second quarter.

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Sony Ericsson is a top, global industry player with sales of around 97 million phones in 2008. Diversity is one of the core strengths of the company, with operations in over 80 countries including manufacturing in China and R&D sites in China, Europe, India, Japan and North America. Sony Ericsson was established as a 50:50 joint venture by Sony and Ericsson in October 2001, with global corporate functions located in London. For more information about Sony Ericsson please visit www.sonyericsson.com

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Sony Ericsson
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

EUR million	2009	Apr-Jun 2008	Change
Net sales	1,684	2,820	-40%
Cost of sales	-1,483	-2,168	-32%
Gross profit	200	653	-69%
Gross margin %	11.9%	23.1%	-11%
Research and development expenses	-245	-344	-29%
Selling and administrative expenses	-235	-310	-24%
Operating expenses	-480	-653	-26%
Other operating income, net	6	-2	491%
Operating income	-274	-2	-
Operating margin %	-16.3%	-0.1%	-16%
Financial income	6	25	-76%
Financial expenses	-15	-14	4%
Income after financial items	-283	8	-
Taxes	74	0	-
Minority interest	-4	-3	49%
Net income	-213	6	-
Number of units shipped (million)	13.8	24.4	-43%
ASP (EUR)	122	116	5%

EUR Million	Apr-Jun 2009	Apr-Jun 2008
Restructuring charges		
Cost of sales	-9	8
Research and development expenses	9	2
Sales and administrative expenses	1	1
Other operating income, net	0	0
Total	1	11

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CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

EUR million	2009	Jan-Jun 2008	Change
Net sales	3,419	5,522	-38%
Cost of sales	-3,074	-4,082	-25%
Gross profit	346	1,440	-76%
Gross margin %	10.1%	26.1%	-16%
Research and development expenses	-548	-683	-20%
Selling and administrative expenses	-460	-580	-21%
Operating expenses	-1,008	-1,263	-20%
Other operating income, net	19	5	310%
Operating income	-644	182	-454%
Operating margin %	-18.8%	3.3%	-22%
Financial income	15	49	-69%
Financial expenses	-25	-29	-16%
Income after financial items	-653	201	-424%
Taxes	158	-57	-379%
Minority interest	-10	-6	71%
Net income	-505	139	-464%
Number of units shipped (million)	28.3	46.7	-39%
ASP (EUR)	121	118	2%

EUR Million	Jan-Jun 2009	Jan-Jun 2008
Restructuring charges		
Cost of sales	-2	8
Research and development expenses	11	2
Sales and administrative expenses	4	1
Other operating income, net	0	0
Total	13	11

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CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT - ISOLATED QUARTERS

EUR million	2009			2008		
	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Net sales	1,684	1,736	2,914	2,808	2,820	2,702
Cost of sales	-1,483	-1,591	-2,476	-2,192	-2,168	-1,914
Gross profit	200	145	438	616	653	788
Gross margin %	11.9%	8.4%	15.0%	21.9%	23.1%	29.2%
Research and development expenses	-245	-303	-359	-337	-344	-339
Selling and administrative expenses	-235	-225	-366	-303	-310	-270
Operating expenses	-480	-528	-725	-640	-653	-610
Other operating income, net	6	13	24	-8	-2	6
Operating income	-274	-369	-262	-33	-2	184
Operating margin %	-16.3%	-21.3%	-9.0%	-1.2%	-0.1%	6.8%
Financial income	6	9	28	25	25	24
Financial expenses	-15	-10	-27	-15	-14	-15
Income after financial items	-283	-370	-261	-23	8	193
Taxes	74	84	81	6	0	-57
Minority interest	-4	-6	-7	-8	-3	-3
Net income	-213	-293	-187	-25	6	133
Number of units shipped (million)	13.8	14.5	24.2	25.7	24.4	22.3
ASP (EUR)	122	120	121	109	116	121

EUR Million	2009			2008	
	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2
Restructuring charges					
Cost of sales	-9	7	67	0	8
Research and development expenses	9	2	35	26	2
Sales and administrative expenses	1	3	24	3	1
Other operating income, net	0	0	3	6	0

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Total	1	12	129	35	11
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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

EUR million	Jun 30 2009	Mar 31 2009	Dec 31 2008	Jun 30 2008
ASSETS				
Total fixed and financial assets	736	658	590	590
Current assets				
Inventories	404	477	531	538
Accounts receivables	936	1,193	1,629	1,905
Other assets	379	463	585	511
Other short-term cash investments	456	574	707	966
Cash and bank	509	542	418	624
Total current assets	2,685	3,249	3,870	4,544
Total assets	3,421	3,908	4,460	5,134
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Shareholders' equity	694	930	1,217	1,684
Minority interest	66	65	57	35
Total equity	760	995	1,274	1,719
Total long-term liabilities	30	30	30	25
Accounts payable	848	965	990	1,436
Other current liabilities	1,782	1,918	2,166	1,954
Total current liabilities	2,630	2,882	3,156	3,390
Total shareholders' equity and liabilities	3,421	3,908	4,460	5,134
Net cash*	965	1,116	1,072	1,591

* Net cash is defined as cash and bank plus short-term cash investments less interest bearing liabilities.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

EUR million	Apr-Jun 2009	2008
OPERATIONS		
Net income	-213	6
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash	37	40
	-176	46
Changes in operating net assets	60	-142
Cash flow from operating activities	-115	-96
INVESTMENTS		
Investing activities	-13	-29
Cash flow from investing activities	-13	-29
FINANCING		
Financing activities	0	- 8
Cash flow from financing activities	0	-8
Net change in cash	-128	-133
Cash, beginning of period	1,116	1,711
Translation difference in Cash	-23	13
Cash, end of period	965	1,591

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

EUR million	Jan-Jun 2009	2008
OPERATIONS		
Net income	-505	139
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash	66	69
	-439	208
Changes in operating net assets	382	-242
Cash flow from operating activities	-57	-34
INVESTMENTS		
Investing activities	-32	-50
Cash flow from investing activities	-32	-50
FINANCING		
Financing activities	- 53	-470
Cash flow from financing activities	-53	-470
Net change in cash	-142	-554
Cash, beginning of period	1,125	2,155
Translation difference in Cash	-18	-11
Cash, end of period	965	1,591

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - ISOLATED QUARTERS

EUR million	2009			2008		
	Apr-Jun	Jan-Mar	Oct-Dec	Jul-Sep	Apr-Jun	Jan-Mar
OPERATIONS						
Net income	-213	-293	-187	-25	6	133
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash	37	29	37	39	40	31
	-176	-263	-150	15	46	164
Changes in operating net assets	60	321	-168	88	-142	-101
Cash flow from operating activities	-115	58	-318	102	-96	64
INVESTMENTS						
Investing activities	-13	-19	41	-55	-29	-22
Cash flow from investing activities	-13	-19	41	-55	-29	-22
FINANCING						
Financing activities	0	-53	-46	-238	-8	-462
Cash flow from financing activities	0	-53	-46	-238	-8	-462
Net change in cash	-128	-14	-323	-191	-133	-421
Cash, beginning of period	1,116	1,125	1,473	1,591	1,711	2,155
Translation difference in Cash	-23	5	-25	74	13	-24
Cash, end of period	965	1,116	1,125	1,473	1,591	1,711

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NET SALES BY MARKET AREA BY QUARTER

EUR million

Isolated quarters	2009			2008		
	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Europe, Middle East & Africa *	927	977	1,642	1,427	1,386	1,494
Americas	195	200	636	703	740	486
Asia	562	559	636	678	694	722
Total	1,684	1,736	2,914	2,808	2,820	2,702
* of which Western Europe	678	721	1,117	947	900	979

Sequential change (%)	2009			2008		
	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Europe, Middle East & Africa *	-5%	-40%	15%	3%	-7%	-34%
Americas	-3%	-69%	-10%	-5%	52%	-24%
Asia	1%	-12%	-6%	-2%	-4%	-18%
Total	-3%	-40%	4%	0%	4%	-28%
* of which Western Europe	-6%	-35%	18%	5%	-8%	-38%

Year over year change (%)	2009			2008		
	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Europe, Middle East & Africa *	-33%	-35%	-27%	-17%	-20%	-7%
Americas	-74%	-59%	0%	23%	48%	33%
Asia	-19%	-23%	-28%	-17%	-21%	-25%
Total	-40%	-36%	-23%	-10%	-9%	-8%
* of which Western Europe	-25%	-26%	-29%	-14%	-18%	-9%

Year to date	2009			2008		
	0906	0903	0812	0809	0806	0803
Europe, Middle East & Africa *	1,903	977	5,947	4,306	2,879	1,494
Americas	395	200	2,566	1,930		