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Honeywell Inc. , Minneapolis , said it completed its previously announced sale of 16 % of the shares outstanding in its Japanese joint venture , Yamatake-Honeywell , for \$ 280 million .

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The stake was acquired by a group of 10 Japanese financial institutions and industrial corporations , primarily insurance companies . Honeywell said .

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Proceeds will be used to repurchase as many as 10 million shares of Honeywell stock , as previously announced .

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Honeywell said a second sale of Yamatake-Honeywell is still being negotiated .

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The company , which now holds a 34 % stake in the venture , has indicated that it intends to retain at least a 20 % stake long term .

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A 20 % stake would allow Honeywell to include Yamatake earnings in its results .

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A company spokesman said the gain on the sale could n't be estimated until the tax treatment has been determined .