

The following table provides the noon buying rates for Japanese yen in New York City as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York expressed in Japanese yen per U.S.\$1 during the periods indicated and the high and low noon buying rates for Japanese yen per U.S.\$1 during the months indicated.

Yen exchange rates per U.S. dollar:	Average	Term end	High	Low
2000	108.37	114.35	101.70	114.62
2001	122.18	131.04	114.26	131.47
2002	124.81	118.75	115.71	134.77
2003	115.83	107.13	106.93	121.42
2004 - Year	107.63	102.68	102.56	114.30
- 1(st) half		109.43	103.70	114.30
- July		111.39	108.21	111.88
- August		109.00	109.00	111.53
- September		110.20	109.22	111.48
- October		106.04	106.04	111.34
- November		103.04	102.58	106.91
- December		102.68	102.56	105.59
2005 - January		103.55	104.93	102.26
- February		104.25	105.84	103.70
- March		107.22	107.49	103.87
- April		104.64	108.67	104.64

#### B. Capitalization and indebtedness

Not applicable.

#### C. Reasons for the offer and use of proceeds

Not applicable.

#### D. Risk Factors

Canon is one of the world's leading manufacturers of plain paper copying machines, digital multifunction devices, laser beam printers, bubble jet printers, cameras, steppers and aligners.

Primarily because of the nature of the business areas and geographical areas in which Canon operates and the highly competitive nature of the industry to which it belongs, Canon is exposed to a variety of risks and uncertainties in carrying out its businesses, including, but not limited to, the following:

##### Risks Related to Canon's Industries

***Canon has invested and will continue to invest heavily in next-generation technologies. If the market for these technologies does not develop as Canon expects or if its competitors produce these or competing technologies in a more timely or effective manner, Canon's operating results could be materially adversely affected.***

Canon has made and will continue to make investments in next-generation technology research and development initiatives. Canon's competitors may achieve research and development breakthroughs in these technologies more quickly than Canon, or may achieve advances in competing technologies that render products under development by Canon uncompetitive. In step with the continuous evolution in technologies, Canon has increased the size of its investment in development and manufacturing. If Canon's business strategies diverge from market needs, Canon may not recover some or all of its investment, lose business opportunities, or both, which may materially adversely affect Canon's operating results. Although differentiation in technology and product development is an important part of Canon's strategy, Canon must also accurately assess the demand for and perceived market acceptance of new technologies and products that it develops. If Canon pursues technologies or develops products that do not become commercially accepted, its operating results could be adversely affected.

***If Canon does not effectively manage transitions in its products and services, its revenue and profits may decline.***

Many of the businesses in which Canon competes are characterized by rapid technological advances in hardware performance, software functionality and product features, the frequent introduction of new products, short product life cycles, and continual improvement in product price characteristics relative to product performance. If Canon does not make an effective transition from existing products and services to new offerings, its revenue and profits may decline. Among the risks associated with the introduction of new products and services are delays in development or manufacturing, low product marketability due to poor product quality, variations in manufacturing costs, delays in customer purchases in anticipation of new introductions, difficulty in predicting customer demand for new product offerings and difficulty in effective management of inventory levels in line with anticipated demand. Canon's revenue and gross margin also may suffer due to the timing of product or service introductions by its competitors. This risk is exacerbated when a product has a short life cycle or a competitor introduces a new product just before Canon's introduction of a similar product. Furthermore, sales of Canon's new products and services may replace sales of, or result in discounting of, some of its current product offerings, sometimes offsetting the benefits derived from the introduction of a successful new product or service. Canon must also ensure that its new products are not duplicative or do not overlap with existing products and operations. Given the competitive nature of Canon's businesses, if any of these risks materialize, future demand for its products and services will be reduced and its results of operations may decline.

***Canon's businesses, especially the digital multifunction device and camera businesses in which Canon operates, is highly competitive.***

Presently, the analog copying machines and conventional film camera segments of the market are mature, with anticipated declining industry revenues as the market transitions to digital technology. Some of Canon's new digital products replace or compete with its traditional analog products. Changes in the mix of products from analog to digital, and the pace of that change as well as competitive developments could cause actual results to vary from those expected. The recent trend of rapid digitalization has lowered entry barriers in the digital camera segment, resulting in the entry of new competitors, such as electronics manufacturers, and an overall increase in the number of competitors to Canon's business. As a result, Canon may not be able to maintain its position as an industry leader in many of its business categories. Although Canon believes that it has successfully kept pace with this trend toward digitalization, it may not be able to compete successfully in the future if it does not continue to invest in research and development activities, implement cost-cutting measures and introduce attractive and high value-added products to the market on a continuous basis. In addition, the unexpected emergence of strong competitors through mergers and acquisitions or the formation of business alliances may change the competitive environment of the businesses in which Canon engages, thereby affecting Canon's future results of operations.

***Because the semiconductor industry is highly cyclical, Canon may be adversely affected by any downturn in the industry.***

The semiconductor industry is characterized by up and down business cycles, the timing, length and volatility of which are difficult to predict. Recurring periods of oversupply of integrated circuits have at times led to significantly reduced demand for capital equipment, including the steppers and aligners Canon produces. Despite this cyclicity, Canon must maintain significant levels of research and development expenditures in order to maintain its competitive position. Canon's business and operating results could be materially adversely affected by future downturns in the semiconductor industry and related fluctuations in the demand for capital equipment in general, and particularly by memory manufacturers.

***Downturns in the semiconductor industry have caused Canon's customers to change their operational strategies, which in turn may affect Canon's business.***

Many device manufacturers have changed their business models to focus on the design of semiconductors, while consigning the production of semiconductors to lower-cost foundries. Canon cannot accurately predict the future effect of these trends on its business. However, as research and development, manufacturing and sales activities become increasingly globalized in response to these trends, shifting particularly to emerging markets, unexpected global developments, such as adverse regulatory or legal changes and unanticipated events, such as natural disasters, may adversely affect Canon's business operations.

***The semiconductor equipment industry is characterized by rapid technological change. If Canon does not constantly develop new products to keep pace with technological change and meet its customers requirements, Canon may lose customers and its business may suffer.***

Canon's steppers and mask aligners are affected by rapid technological change and can quickly become obsolete. Canon believes its future success in the steppers and aligners business depends on its ability to continue to enhance its existing products and develop new products using new and more advanced technologies. In particular, as semiconductor pattern sizes continue to decrease, the demand for more technologically advanced steppers is likely to increase. Although Canon will continue to offer cost effective products by managing manufacturing costs through its technology, Canon's existing stepper and mask aligner products could become obsolete sooner than anticipated because of faster than anticipated changes in one or more of the technologies related to Canon's products or in the market demand for products based on a particular technology. Any failure by Canon to develop the advanced technologies required by its customers at progressively lower costs and to supply sufficient quantities to a worldwide customer base could adversely affect Canon's net sales and profitability.

***Growing diversification in recording media may adversely affect Canon's video camcorder business.***

As part of the overall digitization of the consumer electronics market, the analog video camcorder is being rapidly replaced by the digital video camcorder. At the same time, new digital standards that compete with the MiniDV standard that Canon has adopted, such as DVD (Digital Versatile Drive), SD (Secure Digital) memory card, HDD (Hard Disk Drive), and new recording format such as HDV, have appeared. If these competing standards gain wide acceptance in the market, sales of Canon's products using the MiniDV standard may decline. In addition, Canon may be required to incur significant research and development expenditures to develop new products that are compatible with such new standards. Such trends may have an adverse affect on Canon's video camcorder business as well as its operating results.

***Canon's camera and printer business depends upon seasonal consumer spending***

Canon generally experiences seasonal trends in the sale of its consumer- oriented products such as cameras and printers, especially in the U.S. and European markets. Canon's sales in second half of the year tends to be higher than that of in first half of the year. Product sales may be impacted by such seasonal purchasing patterns, making planning and inventory management difficult and future financial results less predictable.

#### Risks Related to Canon's Business

***Canon derives a significant percentage of its revenues from Hewlett-Packard.***

Canon depends on Hewlett-Packard for a significant part of its business. For fiscal 2004, approximately 21% of Canon's net sales were to Hewlett-Packard. As a result, its business, results of operations and financial condition may be affected by the policies, business, results of operations and financial condition of Hewlett-Packard. Any decision by Hewlett-Packard management to limit or reduce the scope of its relationship with Canon would adversely affect Canon's business and results of operations.

***Canon depends on a limited number of suppliers for certain key components.***

Canon relies on a limited number of outside vendors which meet Canon's strict criteria for quality, efficiency and environmental friendliness for certain critical components used in its products. In some cases, Canon may be forced to discontinue its production of some or all of its products if certain key parts vendors that supply parts across Canon's product line experience unforeseen difficulties, or if such parts experience quality problems or are in short supply. Canon's reliance on a limited number of suppliers involves several risks, including a potential inability to obtain an adequate supply of required components, the risk of untimely delivery of these subassemblies and components, and the risk for a substantial increase in price of these components to occur. If such risks arise, Canon's operating results will be adversely affected.

***Although competition is increasing in the market for sales of supplies and services following initial product placement, given Canon's high market share in sales of such supplies, Canon may be subject to antitrust-related suits, investigations or proceedings which may adversely affect its operating results or reputation.***

A portion of Canon's net sales consists of sales of supplies and the provision of services occurring after the initial equipment placement. As these supplies and services have become more commoditized, the number of competitors in these markets has increased. Canon's success in maintaining these post-placement sales will depend on its ability to compete successfully with these competitors, some of which may offer lower-priced products or services. Despite the increase in competitors as described above, Canon currently possesses a high market share in the market for supplies. Accordingly, Canon may be subject to suits, investigations or proceedings under relevant antitrust laws and regulations. Any such suits, investigations or proceedings may lead to substantial costs and have an adverse effect on Canon's operating results or reputation.

***Recent increases in counterfeit Canon products may adversely affect Canon's brand image and its revenues.***

In recent years, Canon has experienced a worldwide increase in the emergence of counterfeit Canon products. Such counterfeit products may diminish Canon's brand name, particularly if purchasers of such products are unaware of their counterfeit status and attribute the counterfeit products' poor product quality to Canon. Canon has been taking measures to halt the spread of counterfeit products. However, there is no assurance that such measures will be successful, and the continued production and sale of such products could negatively affect Canon's brand image as well as its revenues.

***Per unit production costs are highest when a new product is introduced, and if such new products are not successful or if Canon fails to achieve cost reductions over time, Canon's gross profits may be adversely affected.***

The unit cost of Canon's products has historically been the highest when they are newly introduced into production and have at times had a negative impact on its gross profit, operating results and cash flow. Cost reductions and enhancements typically come over time through:

- engineering improvements;
- economies of scale;
- improvements in manufacturing processes; and
- improved serviceability of products.

Initial shipments of Canon's new products adversely affect its profit or cash flow, and if sales of such new products are not successful, Canon may be unable thereafter to improve its gross profit, operating results and cash flow.

***Cyclical patterns in sales of Canon's products make planning and inventory management difficult and future financial results less predictable.***

Canon generally experiences seasonal trends in the sale of its consumer- oriented products. The resulting uneven sales pattern makes it difficult to predict near-term demand and places pressure on Canon's inventory management and logistics systems. If predicted demand is substantially greater than actual orders, there will be excess inventory, thereby putting downward pressure on selling prices and reducing Canon's revenue. Alternatively, if orders substantially exceed predicted demand, Canon's ability to fulfill orders may be limited, which could adversely affect net sales and increase the risk of unanticipated variations in its results of operation. Many of the factors that create and affect seasonal trends are beyond Canon's control.

***Canon's business may be subject to changes in sales environment.***

In certain geographic areas, particularly in Europe and the United States, a substantial portion of market share is concentrated in a relatively small number of large distributors. Canon's sales of products to these distributors constitutes a significant percentage of Canon's overall sales. As a result, any disruptions in its relationships with these large distributors in a specific sales territory could adversely affect Canon's ability to meet its sales targets. Any increase in the level of market share concentrated in these large distributors could result in Canon losing its pricing power and adversely affect its profits. In addition, the rapid proliferation of Internet-based businesses may render conventional distribution channels obsolete. These and other changes in Canon's sales environment could adversely affect Canon's results of operations.

***Canon is subject to financial and reputational risks due to product quality and liability issues.***

Although Canon has established a Quality Risk Management Division to coordinate its efforts to minimize risks that may arise from product quality and liability issues, there can be no assurance that Canon will be able to eliminate or mitigate occurrences of these issues and consequent damages. If such factors adversely affect Canon's operating activities, generate expenses such as those for product recalls, service, and compensation, or hurt its brand image, its financial results and condition or reputation for quality products may be adversely affected.

***Canon's success depends on the value of its brand name, and if the value of the brand name were to diminish, its revenues, operating results and prospects would be adversely affected.***

Canon's success in its markets depends in part on Canon's brand name and its value. In addition, as a manufacturer and distributor of consumer products, Canon's operating results are susceptible to adverse publicity regarding the quality of its products. There can be no assurance that such adverse publicity will not occur or that such claims will not be made in the future. Furthermore, Canon cannot predict the impact of such adverse publicity on its business and results of operations.

***A substantial portion of Canon's business activity is conducted outside Japan, exposing Canon to the risks of international operations.***

A substantial portion of Canon's business activity is conducted outside Japan, including in developing and emerging markets in Asia. There are a number of risks inherent in doing business in those markets, including the following:

- less developed technological infrastructure, which can affect production or other activities or result in lower customer acceptance of Canon's services;
- difficulties in recruiting and retaining personnel;
- potentially adverse tax consequences;
- longer payment cycles;
- unfavorable political or economic factors; and
- unexpected legal or regulatory changes.

Canon's inability to manage successfully the risks inherent in its international activities could adversely affect its business and operating results.

In order to produce Canon's products competitively and to reduce costs, Canon has established new production facilities in China. Canon is also focusing on strengthening its sales activity in China. However, with China's entry into the WTO, conditions within China are in the process of changing. Under these conditions, unexpected events, including political or legal change, labor shortage or strikes or changes in economic conditions, may occur. In particular, a large revaluation of the yuan, or a sudden change in the tax system or other regulatory regimes of a significant magnitude could adversely affect Canon's overall performance.

In addition, the spread of an epidemic disease, such as severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), in China or elsewhere in Asia could have a negative effect on Canon's business activity. Canon has previously imposed travel restrictions to and from, certain countries affected by SARS, and similar medical crises in the future may disrupt manufacturing processes and markets for Canon's products. Given the importance of Canon's Asian sales, production facilities and supply relationships, especially in China, Canon's business may be more exposed to this risk than the global economy generally.

Canon may unintentionally infringe international trade laws and regulations, and any such infringement may lead to an adverse effect on its business. The extent of the effect on Canon's business will depend upon the nature of the infringement and the severity of fines or other sanctions that might be imposed upon Canon. A major infringement could result in the temporary suspension of Canon's trading rights in one or more jurisdictions. In addition to any sanctions prescribed by law, adverse publicity regarding an alleged infringement of trade laws and regulations by Canon may also have a negative effect on Canon brand and image.

All of the above factors regarding international operations could have an adverse impact on Canon's business results.

***Canon depends on efficient logistics services to distribute its products worldwide.***

Canon depends on efficient logistics services to distribute its products worldwide. If problems arise with Canon's computerized logistics system, or regional disputes or labor disputes, such as a dockworker's strike, occur, it could lead to a disruption of Canon's operations and result not only in increased logistical costs, but also in a loss of sales opportunities due to delays in delivery. Also, because demand for Canon's consumer products can fluctuate throughout the year, the failure to adjust bookings for vessels and the preparation of warehouse space to reflect such fluctuations could result in either the loss of sales opportunities, or the increase of unnecessary costs.

In addition, the increasingly higher levels of precision required of semiconductor production equipment like steppers or mask aligners and the resulting increase in the value of this equipment in recent years have resulted in a concurrent increase in the need for sensitive handling and transportation of these products. Due to their precision nature, even a very trivial shock to these products during the handling and transportation process could result in loss on the entire product. If unforeseen accidents during the handling and transportation process render a significant portion of Canon's higher-end precision products unmarketable, Canon may not be able to fully recover its investment in the research, development and production of these precision products.

The rise in crude oil prices has become a recurring event, due primarily to the inflow of speculative funds into the global markets. As a result of this rise in oil prices, the cost of airfreight has increased in the form of a fuel surcharge. Such changes in the sales environment in which Canon operates could adversely affect Canon's results of operations.

Canon is engaging in the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions by implementing such measures as a new transportation system, including an efficient new rail container system. A failure by Canon to meet its targets may have a negative effect on Canon's brand and image and its business.

***Economic trends in Canon's major markets may adversely affect its net sales.***

Economic downturns and declines in consumption in Canon's major markets, including Japan, the United States and Europe, may affect the levels of both corporate and consumer sales. Purchases of Canon's consumer products, such as cameras and printers, are to a very significant degree discretionary. A decline in the level of consumption caused by the worsening of general economic conditions could adversely affect Canon's results of operations.

Canon's operating results are also affected by the level of business activity of its customers, which in turn is affected by the level of economic activity in the industries and markets that they serve. A decline in the level of business activity of Canon's customers caused by the worsening of the global economy could adversely affect Canon's results of operations.

**Risks Related to Environmental Issues**

***Canon's business is subject to environmental laws and regulations.***

Canon is subject to certain Japanese and foreign environmental requirements in areas such as energy resource conservation, reduction of hazardous substances, collection and recycling of products, clean air, water protection and waste disposal. Canon believes that it has taken adequate precautions to comply with these regulations in the course of its ordinary business operations. Furthermore, Canon does not believe that any environmental laws or regulations currently in effect will have a material adverse effect on its operating results. However, Canon cannot predict whether any pending or future legislation will be adopted or what effect such legislation would have on it. In some cases, such as with the European Union Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS) Directive detailed implementation standards relating to methods of analysis, methods to demonstrate compliance and maximum concentration values have not been determined. Canon attempts to implement compliance measures that Canon believes will meet or surpass the implementation standards that will be adopted for these regulations. If Canon's measures do not meet such standards when they are adopted, however, Canon may be required to take further action and incur additional costs to comply with these regulations.

***Environmental clean-up and remediation costs relating to Canon's properties and associated litigation could decrease Canon's net cash flow, adversely affect its results of operations and impair its financial condition.***

Canon is subject to liability for the investigation and clean-up of environmental contamination at each of the properties that it owns or operates, at certain properties Canon formerly owned or operated and at off-site locations where Canon arranged for the disposal of hazardous substances. If Canon were to be held responsible for damages in any future litigation or proceedings, such costs may not be covered by insurance and may be material.

In addition, Canon may face liability for alleged personal injury or property damage due to exposure to chemicals or other hazardous substances at or from its facilities. Canon may also face liability for personal injury, property damage, natural resource damage or for clean-up costs for the alleged migration of contamination or other hazardous substances from its facilities. A significant increase in the number or success of these claims and costs could adversely affect Canon's results of operations or financial condition.

**Risks Related to Intellectual Property**

***Canon may be subject to intellectual property litigation and infringement claims, which could cause it to incur significant expenses or prevent it from selling its products.***

Because of the emphasis on product innovation in the markets for Canon's products, many of which are subject to frequent technological innovations, patents and other intellectual property are an important competitive factor. Canon relies primarily on technology it has developed, and Canon seeks to protect such technology through a combination of patents, trademarks and other intellectual property rights.

Canon faces the risks that:

- competitors will be able to develop similar technology independently;
- Canon's pending patent applications may not be issued;
- the steps Canon takes to prevent misappropriation or infringement of its intellectual property may not be successful; and
- intellectual property laws may not adequately protect Canon's intellectual property, particularly in some emerging markets.

In case if Canon is not aware of actual or potential infringement of, or adverse claim to, its rights in such technologies, any interference in Canon's rights to use such technologies could adversely affect its operating results.

In addition, Canon may need to litigate in order to enforce its patents, copyrights or other intellectual property rights, to protect its trade secrets, to determine the validity and scope of the proprietary rights of others or to defend against claims of infringement, which can be expensive and time-consuming. In the event any government agency or third party were adjudicated to have a valid claim against Canon, Canon could be required to:

- refrain from selling the affected product in certain markets;
- make royalty payments or pay monetary damages;
- seek to develop non-infringing technologies, which may not be feasible; or
- seek to acquire licenses to the infringed technology, which may not be available on commercially reasonable terms, if at all.

Canon also licenses its patents to third parties in exchange for payment or cross-licensing. The terms and conditions of such licensing or changes in the conditions for renewals of such licenses could affect Canon's business.

Canon's businesses, company image and result of operations could be adversely affected by any of these developments.

***Disputes involving payment of consideration for employee inventions may materially affect Canon's brand image as well as its business.***

Canon may face disputes involving payment of consideration given to employee inventions for which the intellectual property rights have been transferred to Canon. This risk is particularly relevant in countries such as Japan and Germany, where patent laws require companies to pay consideration to employees for the assignment of the employee's invention to the company. Canon maintains company rules on and an evaluation system for employee inventions. Canon believes it has been making adequate payments to employees for assignment of inventions based on these rules and a fair and objective assessment of amounts to be paid. There can be no assurance, however, that disputes will not arise with respect to the amount of payments to employees.

#### Other Risks

***Canon depends on the attraction and retention of highly qualified professionals.***

Canon's future operating results depend in significant part upon the continued contributions of its employees. In addition, Canon's future operating results depend in part on its ability to attract, train and retain other qualified personnel in development, production, sales and management for Canon's operations. The competition for these human resources in the high-tech industries in which Canon competes has been increasingly intense in recent years. Moreover, due to the accelerating pace of technological change, the importance of training new personnel in a timely manner to meet product research and development requirements will increase. A failure by Canon to recruit and train qualified personnel or the loss of key employees could adversely affect Canon's business, and results of operations.

***Canon's physical facilities, information systems and information security systems are subject to damage as a result of disasters, outages or similar events.***

Canon's headquarters functions, its information systems and its research and development centers are located in or near Tokyo, Japan, where the possibility of disaster or damage from earthquakes is generally higher than in other parts of the world. In addition, Canon's facilities or offices, including those for research and development, material procurement, manufacturing, logistics, sales, and services are located throughout the world and subject to the possibility of disaster or outage or similar disruption as a result of any of a number of events, including natural disasters, computer viruses and terrorist attacks. Although Canon is working to establish appropriate backup structures for its facilities and information systems, there is no assurance that Canon will be able to completely prevent or mitigate the effect of events or developments such as the aforementioned disasters, leakage of harmful substances, shutdowns of information systems, and leakage, falsifications, and disappearances of internal databases. Although Canon has implemented backup plans to permit the production of products at multiple production facilities, such plans do not cover all product models. In addition, such backup arrangements may not be adequate to maintain production quantity levels. Such factors may adversely affect Canon's operating activities, generate expenses relating to physical or personal damage, or hurt Canon's brand image, and its operating results may be adversely affected.

***Canon's operating and financing activities expose Canon to foreign currency exchange and interest rate risks that may adversely affect its revenues and profitability.***

Canon is exposed to the risks of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations. Canon's consolidated financial statements, which are presented in Japanese yen, are affected by foreign exchange rate fluctuations. These fluctuations can affect the yen value of Canon's equity investments denominated in foreign currencies and monetary assets and liabilities arising from business transactions in foreign currencies. They can also affect the costs and sales proceeds of products that are denominated in foreign currencies. In addition, as a result of translating foreign currency financial statements of Canon's foreign subsidiaries into Japanese yen, its reporting currency, assets and liabilities, and revenues and expenses will fluctuate. Canon is also exposed to risk of interest rate fluctuations, which may affect the value of Canon's financial assets and liabilities, in particular, long-term debt.

***The cooperation and alliances with, and strategic investments in, third parties undertaken by Canon may not produce successful results.***

Canon carries out many activities with other companies in the form of alliances, joint ventures, and strategic investments. These activities are important for Canon's technological development process. However, weak business trends or disappointing performance by partners may adversely affect the success of these activities. In addition, the success of these activities may be adversely affected by the inability of Canon and its partners to successfully define and reach common objectives. An unexpected cancellation of a major business alliance may disrupt Canon's overall business plans and may also result in a delayed return-on-investment.



***Canon can be adversely affected by fluctuations in the stock and bond markets.***

Canon's assets include investments in publicly traded securities. As a result, Canon's operating results and general financial position may be affected by fluctuations in the stock and bond markets. In addition, if valuations of investment assets decrease due to conditions in, for example, stock or bond markets, additional funding and accruals with respect to Canon's pension and other obligations may be required, and such funding and accruals may adversely affect Canon's operating results and consolidated financial condition.

***Confidential information may be inadvertently disclosed which could lead to damage claims or harm Canon's reputation, and may have an adverse effect upon Canon's business.***

In connection with certain projects, Canon may receive confidential or sensitive information (such as personal information) from its customers relating to these customers or to other parties. In addition, Canon uses computer systems and electronic data in managing information relating to its employees. Although Canon makes every effort to keep this information confidential through company procedures designed to prevent accidental release of confidential or sensitive information, such information may be inadvertently disclosed without Canon's knowledge. If this occurs, Canon may be subject to claims for damages from the parties or the employees affected, suffer harm to its reputation or be subject to liabilities and/or penalties under applicable statutes.

Inadvertent disclosure of secret information regarding new technology, as well as market and customer information, would also have a material adverse effect upon Canon's business.