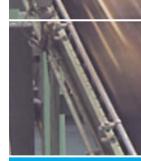


#### PCB Inspection System VT-WIN II

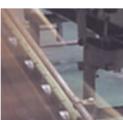
Omron's top PCB solder inspection vith a high-resolution camera, and features twice the inspection speed of existing equipment. It is also compatible with lead-free solder, ncreasingly adopting as an environmental measure



**Programmable Logic Controller CJ1M** This is the industry's smallest programmable logic controller, and is ideal for use in machinery such as equipment that assembles electronic components, food packaging equipment



**Digital Controller E5 R** The speed and precision of the E5 R are among the highest in the industry. It uses a function-based modular structure, which speeds delivery lead time







This sensor measures the profile of displays (FPD) with both high speed and high precision to effectively improve manufacturing process

yields and quality.

# Industrial Automation Company

# Business Overview

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003, net sales of the Industrial Automation Company (IAB) increased 10.0 percent from the previous fiscal year to ¥202,5 billion. While overall investment in all types of machinery and equipment was weak. sales expanded in greater China and Southeast Asia. By industry, sales to semiconductor and flat panel display (FPD) manufacturers rebounded moderately, and sales to the automobile and food industries were firm. By application, sales expanded in the areas of equipment safety and advanced automation of inspection.

In the domestic market, IAB reinforced strategic activities targeting specific industries and provided solutions to promote the use of information technology (IT) among manufacturers. As a result, sales of safety-related components and sensors, FA auto identification components, displacement sensors, vision sensors, motion control components and other products increased substantially.

Overseas, sales in North America increased strongly, led by sales of sensing equipment. Sales in Europe were flat due to the effect of restrained investment in the electronics and electrical equipment industries. Sales in Southeast Asia and in greater China increased substantially as IAB strengthened direct marketing and sales channels, and increased its emphasis on social infrastructure projects and implemented other initiatives.

### >> Strategies and Outlook

IAB will concentrate on maximizing customer satisfaction and adding value for component packages composed of controllers, sensors and control systems, as well as inspection systems and service, with a focus on industries and applications including automobiles, semiconductors, LCDs and food.

At the same time, IAB will design product platforms and launch modular products, while boosting its cost competitiveness and profitability by continuously reducing manufacturing costs. Efforts to expand sales will focus on measures such as strengthening global marketing tie-ups and improving regional sales channels through relationships with sales agents and distributors. In particular, IAB aims to substantially increase profitability by raising the volume and quality of sales activities in greater China and introducing the most suitable products for given areas. Moreover, IAB will work to continuously increase productivity by investing in and generating returns from IT, particularly customer relationship management (CRM).

# Business Overview

The Electronic Components Company (ECB) posted net sales of ¥138.8 billion, a year-on-year increase of 5.3 percent. While consumer spending and capital investment declined due to the global deflationary economy, the shift of customers overseas and the emergence of Chinese manufacturers exposed ECB to intensifying competition and price pressure.

In Japan, sales growth was strong for backlights for cellular phones and integrated circuit (IC) coin systems for the amusement industry, both introduced in the previous fiscal year. In the consumer and commerce components business, although sales of relays for telecommunications equipment were weak, exports of relays and switches for consumer appliances remained firm. Sales of automotive electronic components also expanded strongly, benefiting from increased exports and the growing importance of electronics in automobiles. ECB also formed a new marketing organization to strengthen sales of components for mobile devices. This strategy has started to produce results, including the launch of a new flash for cameras in cell phones.

In overseas markets, although the telecommunications equipment industry was in a downturn in North America, Europe and Asia, sales of relays and switches for consumer appliances remained firm and sales of automotive devices expanded strongly.

### >> Strategies and Outlook

Although the emergence of Chinese manufacturers is expected to lead to increased price competition, ECB will reinforce its overseas production capabilities, and optimize its sales network and strengthen marketing capabilities to enhance its competitiveness in China. ECB will also augment resources in key sectors such as automotive components, amusement-related products, and optical communication devices. In addition, the planning and development divisions of the core relay business were integrated with a manufacturing subsidiary to create a new company, Omron Relay and Device Co., Ltd., on April 1, 2003. The new organization will enable prompt response to customer needs. It will also integrate four overseas production facilities and unify the management of the relay business, raising its speed and operating efficiency.

# Electronic Components Company





# Social Systems Business

## Business Overview

The Social Systems Business posted net sales of ¥116.7 billion, a year-on-year decrease of 8.9 percent. In June 2002, this business was divided into the Social Systems Solutions and Service Business Company (SSB), which operates the solutions and service businesses, and the Advanced Modules Business Company (AMB), which is involved in the modules business.

The electronic fund transfer systems sector was affected by reduced capital investment due to the overall weakness of the financial industry. As a result, sales fell sharply.

In the public transportation systems sector, sales increased considerably as SSB obtained a major ticket vending machine order in the Kanto region that had been deferred from the previous fiscal year.

In the traffic control and road information systems sector, despite significant demand in certain areas, sales decreased because of reduced public works investment. Also, SSB transferred its parking systems business during the period.

# >> Strategies and Outlook

As markets for existing products mature, SSB will focus on customer-oriented solutions and shift its emphasis to services. In particular, as the spreading use of IC cards and mobile devices integrates businesses such as finance, retail and transportation, SSB will concentrate on these areas, especially the rapidly expanding sector of transportation IC cards.

#### Business Overview

AMB generated growth in sales of electronic fund transfer systems, supported by strong demand in South Korea and Taiwan. In the domestic market, however, sales declined sharply due to a lull in deliveries of ATMs for convenience stores, which made a large contribution to sales in the prior fiscal year. Sales were down in the card reader business and in the overseas public transportation systems business.

# >> Strategies and Outlook

AMB plans to increase sales, particularly in overseas markets, by developing products with a focus on its core module business, collaborating with equipment manufacturers and strengthening its sales organization. In addition, AMB will establish an earnings structure through stronger cost reduction activities by expanding production at overseas bases.

Social Systems Solutions and Service Business Company (SSB)

# Advanced Modules Business Company (AMB)

# **>** Business Overview

Healthcare Company (HCB) sales were buoyed by a moderate recovery in consumption in the early part of the fiscal year. However, consumption slowed toward the end of the period. As a result, HCB sales increased 4.2 percent year-on-year to ¥42.3 billion.

Blood pressure monitors, thermometers and nebulizers, the core products of this division, sold well, and sales of a new compact, low-cost massage chair expanded steadily in a brisk market. However, sales of products in other categories such as electronic pulse massagers and pedometers declined.

By region, although sales in Japan were unchanged from the previous fiscal year, overseas sales grew strongly. Sales increased substantially in the Asia/Oceania region, centered on Australia, and in China, where HCB expanded sales offices and strengthened user support functions.

### >> Strategies and Outlook

HCB will work to expand its business by aggressively introducing new products, as well as strengthening overseas sales channels and raising the power of its brands by marketing products that meet local market needs. Additionally, monitoring lifestyle-related diseases is a core business domain, and HCB will develop hardware and create services in this new field. HCB will also create a new business model that generates growth by supporting the prevention of lifestyle-related diseases.

# Healthcare Company





# **Others**

### Business Overview

Other businesses posted net sales, including royalty income, of ¥34.7 billion, a decrease of 30 percent from the previous fiscal year.

The Business Development Group explores and nurtures new businesses, and develops and strengthens existing businesses that are not formally classified under other internal business companies. In addition, Omron reassessed some businesses as part of its business structure reforms.

Among new businesses, Omron began marketing new products in the machine-to-machine business, including a tank monitoring system and a vehicle anti-theft system, and verified their future marketability.

In existing businesses, sales of entertainment equipment declined due to factors including increased competition resulting from the entry of other companies into the market. Sales of automated voice answering systems were negatively impacted by restrained corporate investment due to the slump in the IT industry. Despite a decline in domestic shipments of personal computers, sales of PC peripherals were essentially unchanged from the previous fiscal year because of Omron's focus on developing the market for uninterruptible power supplies. Sales of RFID tag systems were firm, reflecting growing interest in IC tags in both manufacturing and consumer sectors.

The Creative Service Company has been engaged in the outsourcing business, mainly for administrative work. However, after reassessing its businesses as part of the Group productivity structural reforms, Omron placed each business under the control of the head office to increase Group productivity by focusing on internal services in specialized fields. As a result, in March 2003, the Creative Service Company was dissolved as an internal company.

### Strategies and Outlook

The Business Development Group will explore and nurture new businesses, and will reinforce and assess existing businesses that are not classified as part of any of the current internal companies.