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KUBOTA CORPORATION

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

2-47, Shikitsuhigashi 1-chome, Naniwa-ku, Osaka, Japan

(Address of principal executive offices)

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1. Results of operations for the three months ended June 30, 2012 (Thursday, August 2, 2012)

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED**JUNE 30, 2012 REPORTED BY KUBOTA CORPORATION**

OSAKA, JAPAN, August 2, 2012 Kubota Corporation reported its consolidated results for the three months ended June 30, 2012 today.

Consolidated Financial Highlights**1. Consolidated results of operations for the three months ended June 30, 2012**

(1) Results of operations

(In millions of yen except per common share amounts)

	Three months ended		Three months ended Jun. 30, 2011	Change [%]
	Jun. 30, 2012	Change [%]		
Revenues	¥ 240,469	11.8	¥ 215,082	8.0
Operating income	¥ 22,012	0.5	¥ 21,910	20.9
Income before income taxes and equity in net income of affiliated companies	¥ 22,042	(4.2)	¥ 23,006	18.5
Net income attributable to Kubota Corporation	¥ 12,835	(5.7)	¥ 13,611	26.6
Net income attributable to Kubota Corporation per common share				
Basic	¥ 10.22		¥ 10.70	
Diluted				

Notes :

1. Change[%] represents percentage change from the corresponding period in the prior year.
2. Comprehensive income for the three months ended June 30, 2012 and 2011 were ¥27,098 million [31.3%] and ¥20,639 million [257.9%], respectively.

(2) Financial position

(In millions of yen)

	Jun. 30, 2012	Mar. 31, 2012
Total assets	¥ 1,501,817	¥ 1,487,669
Equity	¥ 719,316	¥ 707,214
Kubota Corporation shareholders' equity	¥ 665,836	¥ 653,283
Ratio of Kubota Corporation shareholders' equity to total assets	44.3%	43.9%

2. Cash dividends

(In yen)

	Cash dividends per common share		
	Interim	Year end	Total
Year ended March 31, 2012	¥ 7.00	¥ 8.00	¥ 15.00
Year ending March 31, 2013	Undecided	Undecided	Undecided

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Although the Company's basic policy for the return of profit to shareholders is to maintain stable dividends or raise dividends, specific amount of cash dividends for each fiscal year is decided in consideration of the development of business performance, financial conditions and payout ratio including share buybacks. Specific amount of cash dividends for the year ending March 31, 2013 is not decided at this time and the Company will inform the amount as soon as a decision is made.

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3. Anticipated results of operations for the year ending March 31, 2013

	(In millions of yen except per common share amounts)			
	Six months ending	Change	Year ending	Change
	Sep. 30, 2012	[%]	Mar. 31, 2013	[%]
Revenues	¥ 550,000	14.2	¥ 1,150,000	14.1
Operating income	¥ 50,000	1.5	¥ 105,000	(0.6)
Income before income taxes and equity in net income of affiliated companies	¥ 50,000	12.7	¥ 105,000	4.0
Net income attributable to Kubota Corporation	¥ 30,000	13.9	¥ 65,000	5.6
Net income attributable to Kubota Corporation per common share	¥ 23.89		¥ 51.75	

Note :

Change[%] represents percentage change from the corresponding period in the prior year.

4. Other information

(1) Changes in material subsidiaries: No

(2) Adoption of simplified accounting procedures or specific accounting procedures for consolidated quarterly financial statements: Yes
Please refer to 2. Other information on page 6.

(3) Accounting changes for consolidated financial statements

a) Changes due to the revision of accounting standards: No

b) Changes in matters other than a) above: No

(4) Number of shares outstanding including treasury stock as of June 30, 2012	:	1,285,919,180
Number of shares outstanding including treasury stock as of March 31, 2012	:	1,285,919,180
Number of treasury stock as of June 30, 2012	:	29,981,833
Number of treasury stock as of March 31, 2012	:	29,935,508
Weighted average number of shares outstanding during the three months ended June 30, 2012	:	1,255,960,330
Weighted average number of shares outstanding during the three months ended June 30, 2011	:	1,271,709,930

(*Information on status of the quarterly review by the independent auditor)

This release is not reviewed or audited in accordance with Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan by the independent auditor because this release is not subject to the quarterly review. As of the date of this release, the Company's consolidated financial statements for the three months ended June 30, 2012 are under procedure of the quarterly review.

< Cautionary Statements with Respect to Forward-Looking Statements >

This document may contain forward-looking statements that are based on management's expectations, estimates, projections and assumptions. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks and uncertainties, which are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual future results may differ materially from what is forecast in forward-looking statements due to a variety of factors, including, without limitation: general economic conditions in the Company's markets, particularly government agricultural policies, levels of capital expenditures both in public and private sectors, foreign currency exchange rates, the occurrence of natural disasters, continued competitive pricing pressures in the marketplace, as well as the Company's ability to continue to gain acceptance of its products.

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1. Review of operations and financial condition

(1) Summary of the results of operations for the three months under review

For the three months ended June 30, 2012, revenues of Kubota Corporation and subsidiaries (hereinafter, the Company) increased ¥25.4 billion [11.8 %], to ¥240.5 billion, from the corresponding period in the prior year.

Domestic revenues rose ¥9.2 billion [9.2 %], to ¥109.0 billion. All reporting segments recorded increases in domestic revenues.

Overseas revenues expanded ¥16.2 billion [14.0 %], to ¥131.5 billion. Although revenues in Water & Environment were at the almost same level as in the corresponding period in the prior year, revenues in Farm & Industrial Machinery increased substantially.

Operating income rose a slight ¥0.1 billion [0.5 %], to ¥22.0 billion, from the corresponding period in the prior year. The negative impact of yen appreciation and higher pension costs were compensated by the impact of increased revenues. Income before income taxes and equity in net income of affiliated companies decreased ¥1.0 billion [4.2 %], to ¥22.0 billion, due to the deterioration of other gain and loss. Income taxes were ¥8.0 billion and net income decreased ¥0.8 billion [5.0 %], to ¥14.3 billion. Net income attributable to Kubota Corporation declined ¥0.8 billion [5.7 %], to ¥12.8 billion, from the corresponding period in the prior year.

Revenues from external customers and operating income by each reporting segment are as follows.

1) Farm & Industrial Machinery

Farm & Industrial Machinery comprises farm equipment, engines, and construction machinery.

Revenues in this segment increased 13.5 %, to ¥185.5 billion, from the corresponding period in the prior year and accounted for 77.1 % of consolidated revenues.

Domestic revenues expanded 11.1 %, to ¥59.7 billion. Sales of construction machinery and engines increased sharply due to the demand for reconstruction work following the Great East Japan Earthquake, and sales of farm equipment also increased.

Overseas revenues grew 14.6 %, to ¥125.8 billion. In North America, sales of tractors increased. In addition, sales of engines and construction machinery rose substantially owing to the strong demand. In Europe, sales of construction machinery and engines increased. Moreover, sales of farm equipment expanded substantially due to the inclusion within the scope of consolidation of businesses acquired in the prior fiscal year. Revenues in Asia outside Japan increased overall due to the continuing rise in sales of tractors, combine harvesters, and rice transplanters. On the other hand, sales of construction machinery in China decreased owing to the decline in demand, and sales of engines decreased due to the aftereffects of the Thailand Floods.

Operating income in Farm & Industrial Machinery decreased a slight 0.4 %, to ¥24.2 billion, due to the impact of yen appreciation and other factors.

2) Water & Environment

Water & Environment comprises pipe-related products (ductile iron pipes, plastic pipes, valves, pumps, and other products), environment-related products (environmental plants and other products) and social infrastructure-related products (industrial castings, spiral welded steel pipes, vending machines, precision equipment, air-conditioning equipment, and other products).

Revenues in this segment increased 5.8 %, to ¥47.9 billion, from the corresponding period in the prior year and accounted for 19.9 % of consolidated revenues.

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Domestic revenues rose 6.6 %, to ¥42.5 billion. Revenues in pipe-related products increased due to the higher sales of ductile iron pipes and pumps, while sales of plastic pipes and valves decreased. Revenues in environment-related products expanded due to the increased sales of water treatment equipment and plants. Revenues in social infrastructure-related products also rose due to higher sales of spiral welded steel pipes and vending machines.

Overseas revenues were ¥5.4 billion, the same level as in the corresponding period in the prior year. Revenues in social infrastructure-related products increased, while revenues in environment-related products decreased.

Operating income in Water & Environment rose 112.7 %, to ¥2.7 billion, mainly due to an increase in revenues.

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3) Other

Other comprises construction, services and other businesses.

Revenues in this segment rose 12.0 %, to ¥7.1 billion from the corresponding period in the prior year and accounted for 3.0 % of consolidated revenues. Although sales of construction decreased, sales of services and other businesses increased.

Operating income in Other decreased 44.9 %, to ¥0.2 billion.

* The Company realigned its organization on April 1, 2012. Upon this realignment, the segments previously had been classified into Farm & Industrial Machinery , Water & Environment Systems , Social Infrastructure , and Other were classified into Farm & Industrial Machinery , Water & Environment , and Other .

(2) Financial condition

1) Assets, liabilities, and equity

Total assets at the end of June 2012 amounted to ¥1,501.8 billion, an increase of ¥14.1 billion from the end of March 2012. Among assets, inventories as well as short- and long-term finance receivables increased.

Among liabilities, long-term debt rose, while current liabilities, including income taxes payable, decreased. Net assets increased due to recorded net income and improvement in accumulated other comprehensive loss. The shareholders' equity ratio was 44.3 %, 0.4 percentage points higher than at the prior fiscal year-end.

2) Cash flows

Net cash used in operating activities during the three months under review was ¥22.9 billion. This was primarily because cash inflow was down ¥23.9 billion from the corresponding period in the prior year, mainly due to changes in working capital, including an increase in inventories and a decrease in income taxes payable.

Net cash used in investing activities was ¥1.8 billion. This was because cash outflow decreased ¥8.8 billion from the corresponding period in the prior year, despite an increase in purchases of fixed assets, due to a rise in collection of finance receivables and other factors.

Net cash used in financing activities was ¥1.7 billion. This was because cash inflow decreased ¥7.1 billion from the corresponding period in the prior year, mainly due to purchases of noncontrolling interests.

As a result, after taking account of the effects of foreign exchange rate changes, cash and cash equivalents at the end of June 2012 were ¥76.3 billion, a decrease of ¥24.3 billion from the beginning of the period.

(3) Prospects for the year ending March 31, 2013

The forecasts of the results of operations for the year ending March 31, 2013, which were announced on May 10, 2012, remain unchanged.

These forecasts are based on the assumption of exchange rates of ¥80=US\$1 and ¥100=1 Euro.

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2. Other information

(1) Changes in material subsidiaries

None

(2) Adoption of simplified accounting procedures or specific accounting procedures for consolidated quarterly financial statements

The provision for income taxes is computed by multiplying quarterly income before income taxes and equity in net income of affiliated companies by estimated annual effective tax rate.

(3) Accounting changes for consolidated financial statements

None

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3. Consolidated financial statements**(1) Consolidated balance sheets**

Assets	Jun. 30, 2012		Mar. 31, 2012		Change Amount	(In millions of yen) Jun. 30, 2011	
	Amount	%	Amount	%		Amount	%
Current assets:							
Cash and cash equivalents	76,300		100,559		(24,259)	102,220	
Notes and accounts receivable	388,452		390,760		(2,308)	343,857	
Short-term finance receivables-net	114,812		108,160		6,652	103,549	
Inventories	229,319		202,070		27,249	191,609	
Other current assets	59,704		64,463		(4,759)	48,210	
Total current assets	868,587	57.8	866,012	58.2	2,575	789,445	57.4
Investments and long-term finance receivables	325,927	21.7	323,948	21.8	1,979	321,634	23.4
Property, plant, and equipment	228,122	15.2	225,067	15.1	3,055	216,147	15.7
Other assets	79,181	5.3	72,642	4.9	6,539	48,041	3.5
Total	1,501,817	100.0	1,487,669	100.0	14,148	1,375,267	100.0
Liabilities and Equity							
							(In millions of yen) Jun. 30, 2011
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Change Amount	Amount	%
Current liabilities:							
Short-term borrowings	80,155		69,623		10,532	74,899	
Notes and accounts payable	210,248		215,977		(5,729)	159,490	
Other current liabilities	125,944		143,173		(17,229)	103,347	
Current portion of long-term debt	106,777		107,210		(433)	95,500	
Total current liabilities	523,124	34.8	535,983	36.0	(12,859)	433,236	31.5
Long-term liabilities:							
Long-term debt	203,129		184,402		18,727	203,713	
Accrued retirement and pension costs	39,803		41,882		(2,079)	33,075	
Other long-term liabilities	16,445		18,188		(1,743)	12,208	
Total long-term liabilities	259,377	17.3	244,472	16.4	14,905	248,996	18.1
Equity:							
Kubota Corporation shareholders' equity:							
Common stock	84,070		84,070			84,070	
Capital surplus	88,889		88,834		55	89,140	
Legal reserve	19,539		19,539			19,539	
Retained earnings	563,494		560,710		2,784	521,564	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(70,808)		(80,542)		9,734	(61,008)	

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Treasury stock	(19,348)		(19,328)		(20)	(9,344)	
Total Kubota Corporation shareholders equity	665,836	44.3	653,283	43.9	12,553	643,961	46.8
Noncontrolling interests	53,480	3.6	53,931	3.7	(451)	49,074	3.6
Total equity	719,316	47.9	707,214	47.6	12,102	693,035	50.4
Total	1,501,817	100.0	1,487,669	100.0	14,148	1,375,267	100.0

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(2) Consolidated statements of income

	Three months ended Jun. 30, 2012		Three months ended Jun. 30, 2011		Change		Year ended Mar. 31, 2012	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
	(In millions of yen)							
Revenues	240,469	100.0	215,082	100.0	25,387	11.8	1,008,019	100.0
Cost of revenues	175,922	73.1	155,054	72.1	20,868	13.5	735,836	73.0
Selling, general, and administrative expenses	42,028	17.5	37,508	17.4	4,520	12.1	170,252	16.9
Other operating expenses	507	0.2	610	0.3	(103)	(16.9)	(3,749)	(0.4)
Operating income	22,012	9.2	21,910	10.2	102	0.5	105,680	10.5
Other income (expenses):								
Interest and dividend income	1,332		1,510		(178)		3,760	
Interest expense	(432)		(373)		(59)		(1,892)	
Gain on sales of securities-net	131				131		105	
Valuation loss on other investments	(5)		(5)				(2,570)	
Foreign exchange gain (loss) -net	1,614		(428)		2,042		(7,609)	
Other-net	(2,610)		392		(3,002)		3,464	
Other income (expenses), net	30		1,096		(1,066)		(4,742)	
Income before income taxes and equity in net income of affiliated companies	22,042	9.2	23,006	10.7	(964)	(4.2)	100,938	10.0
Income taxes	7,982		8,218		(236)		36,548	
Equity in net income of affiliated companies	206		232		(26)		1,629	
Net income	14,266	5.9	15,020	7.0	(754)	(5.0)	66,019	6.5
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	1,431		1,409		22		4,467	
Net income attributable to Kubota Corporation	12,835	5.3	13,611	6.3	(776)	(5.7)	61,552	6.1
Net income attributable to Kubota Corporation per common share								
	(In yen)							
Basic	10.22		10.70				48.75	

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(3) Consolidated statements of comprehensive income

(In millions of yen)

	Three months ended Jun. 30, 2012	Three months ended Jun. 30, 2011	Change
Net income	14,266	15,020	(754)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:			
Foreign currency translation adjustments	18,515	8,161	10,354
Unrealized losses on securities	(6,267)	(2,479)	(3,788)
Unrealized gains on derivatives	52	19	33
Pension liability adjustments	532	(82)	614
Other comprehensive income	12,832	5,619	7,213
Comprehensive income			