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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of July 2007
Commission File Number: 001-06439

SONY CORPORATION
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

1-7-1 KONAN, MINATO-KU, TOKYO, 108-0075, JAPAN

(Address of principal executive offices)

The registrant files annual reports under cover of Form 20-F.

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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)

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

Date: July 12, 2007

List of materials

Documents attached hereto:

i) Press release announcing Sony Ericsson Q2 Results

Sony Ericsson

PRESS RELEASE

July 11, 2007

Sony Ericsson continues profitable growth and market share gains

Q2 Highlights:

- Continued strong year-on-year volume growth of 59%
- Income before tax grew 55% year-on-year to EUR327 million
- Walkman(R) phone sales of 9 million in quarter sustain leadership in music phones
- Expanded portfolio continues to generate market share gains

The consolidated financial summary for Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications AB (Sony Ericsson) for the second quarter ended June 30, 2007 is as follows:

	Q2 2006	Q1 2007	Q2 2007
	_____	_____	_____
Number of units shipped (million)	15.7	21.8	24.9
Sales (Euro m.)	2,272	2,925	3,112
Gross Margin (%)	28.5%	30.3%	29.6%
Operating Income (Euro m.)	203	346	315
Operating Income (%)	8.9%	11.8%	10.1%
Income before taxes (Euro m.)	211	362	327
Net income (Euro m.)	143	254	220
Average Sales Price (Euro)	145	134	125

Units shipped in the quarter reached 24.9 million, a 59% increase compared to the same period last year, generating both year-on-year and sequential market share gains. Sales for the quarter were Euro 3,112 million, representing a year-on-year increase of 37%. Income before taxes for the quarter was Euro 327 million, representing a year-on-year increase of 55%. Net income for the quarter was Euro 220 million. In line with Sony Ericsson expectations, the increase in Q2 in low and mid-tier priced phones in the product portfolio resulted in a decline in ASP to Euro 125.

"Sony Ericsson has continued to capture market share in a more competitive market place with a product offering that addresses a wider consumer audience than ever before. Our financial results for Q2 2007 reflect our direction to build our brand in key imaging, music and multimedia categories with a portfolio that includes more competitively priced phones," said Miles Flint, President of

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Sony Ericsson. "We expect the market in 2007 to remain competitive, but with recently announced products such as the flag-ship Walkman(R) and Cyber-shot(TM) models we aim to continue to grow faster than the market."

During the quarter Sony Ericsson continued to capture market share in Latin America, Western Europe and CEEMEA (Central and Eastern Europe, Middle East, Africa) due to low and mid-tier feature phones such as the W300 and W200 Walkman (R) phones and the K310 and Z310 phones. At the same time, the company continued to strengthen its product line up by announcing a large number of new products across a variety of price points, including the K850, an HSDPA, 5 mega-pixel flag-ship Cyber-shot(TM) phone, and the W960, a high-end Walkman(R) phone with 8GB of on-board storage.

Following an announcement in January that Sony Ericsson would start the local manufacture of phones in India through its global manufacturing partners Flextronics and Foxconn, in Q2 the company extended its commitment to this important and rapidly growing market by announcing plans to establish its own research and development unit in Chennai later in the year.

In Q2 new trademark royalty fees were agreed with the parent companies, and these additional expenses were recorded for the first time in the second quarter.

Sony Ericsson forecasts that the 2007 global handset market will be above 1.1 billion units. The company grew market share in Q2 2007 around 3 percentage points to well over 9% compared with the same period last year.

WALKMAN(R) and Cyber-shot(TM) are trademarks or registered trademarks of Sony Corporation.

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Net Sales by Market Area by Quarter

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Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications serves the global communications market with innovative and feature-rich mobile phones, accessories and PC-cards. Established as a joint venture by Sony and Ericsson in 2001, with global corporate functions located in London, including R&D sites in Europe, Japan, China and America, Sony Ericsson celebrated the 5th anniversary of the start of the joint venture on 1st October, 2006. Sony Ericsson is the global title sponsor of the Women's Tennis Association, and works with the Association to promote the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour in over 80 cities during the year. For more information on Sony Ericsson, please visit www.sonyericsson.com

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This press release contains forward-looking statements that involve inherent risks and uncertainties. We have identified certain important factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in such forward-looking statements. For a detailed description of risk factors see Sony's and Ericsson's filings with the US Securities and Exchange Commission, particularly each company's latest published Annual Report on Form 20-F.

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CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

	Apr-Jun		
EUR million	2007	2006	Change
Net sales	3,112	2,272	37%
Cost of sales	-2,192	-1,625	35%
Gross profit	921	647	42%
Gross margin %	29.6%	28.5%	1%
Research and development expenses	-283	-223	27%
Selling and administrative expenses	-321	-246	30%
Operating expenses	-604	-470	29%
Other operating income, net	-2	26	-106%
Operating income	315	203	55%
Operating margin %	10.1%	8.9%	1%
Financial income	18	8	120%
Financial expenses	-6	0	-
Income after financial items	327	211	55%
Taxes	-97	-64	53%
Minority interest	-10	-5	112%
Net income	220	143	54%
Number of units shipped (million)	24.9	15.7	59%
ASP (EUR)	125	145	-14%

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CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

	Jan-Jun		
EUR million	2007	2006	Change

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Net sales	6,037	4,264	42%
Cost of sales	-4,231	-3,094	37%
Gross profit	1,806	1,170	54%
Gross margin %	29.9%	27.4%	2%
Research and development expenses	-544	-425	28%
Selling and administrative expenses	-605	-433	40%
Operating expenses	-1,149	-858	34%
Other operating income, net	4	34	-89%
Operating income	662	346	91%
Operating margin %	11.0%	8.1%	3%
Financial income	36	17	115%
Financial expenses	-9	0	-
Income after financial items	689	363	90%
Taxes	-197	-98	102%
Minority interest	-18	-13	40%
Net income	474	252	88%
Number of units shipped (million)	46.7	29.0	61%
ASP (EUR)	129	147	-12%

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CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT - ISOLATED QUARTERS

	2007		2006			
EUR million	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Net sales	3,112	2,925	3,782	2,913	2,272	1,992
Cost of sales	-2,192	-2,039	-2,686	-1,995	-1,625	-1,469
Gross profit	921	886	1,096	917	647	524
Gross margin %	29.6%	30.3%	29.0%	31.5%	28.5%	26.3%
Research and development expenses	-283	-261	-256	-225	-223	-202
Selling and administrative expenses	-321	-284	-367	-287	-246	-186
Operating expenses	-604	-545	-623	-511	-470	-388
Other operating income, net	-2	5	10	21	26	7
Operating income	315	346	484	427	203	143
Operating margin %	10.1%	11.8%	12.8%	14.6%	8.9%	7.2%
Financial income	18	18	19	8	8	9
Financial expenses	-6	-2	0	-1	0	0
Income after financial items	327	362	502	433	211	151
Taxes	-97	-100	-43	-127	-64	-34
Minority interest	-10	-9	-12	-8	-5	-9
Net income	220	254	447	298	143	109

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Number of units shipped (million)	24.9	21.8	26.0	19.8	15.7	13.3
ASP (EUR)	125	134	146	147	145	149

Sony Ericsson CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

EUR million	Jun 30 2007	Mar 31 2007	Dec 31 2006	Jun 30 2006
ASSETS				
Total fixed and financial assets	498	495	469	311
Current assets				
Inventories	477	498	437	318
Accounts receivables	1,831	1,566	1,653	1,101
Other assets	845	859	310	196
Other short-term cash investments	1,071	1,376	1,580	897
Cash and bank	659	668	693	698
Total current assets	<u>4,882</u>	<u>4,968</u>	<u>4,673</u>	<u>3,210</u>
Total assets	<u>5,380</u>	<u>5,463</u>	<u>5,141</u>	<u>3,521</u>
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Shareholders' equity	1,702	2,033	1,781	1,048
Minority interest	63	55	45	59
Total equity	<u>1,764</u>	<u>2,088</u>	<u>1,826</u>	<u>1,106</u>
Total long-term liabilities	21	22	20	17
Accounts payable	1,371	1,316	1,276	954
Other current liabilities	2,224	2,037	2,019	1,444
Total current liabilities	<u>3,595</u>	<u>3,353</u>	<u>3,296</u>	<u>2,398</u>
Total shareholders' equity and liabilities	<u>5,380</u>	<u>5,463</u>	<u>5,141</u>	<u>3,521</u>
Net cash*	1,729	2,045	2,272	1,556

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

Sony Ericsson CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

EUR million	Apr-Jun	
	2007	2006
OPERATIONS		
Net income	220	143
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash	30	22

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	250	165
Changes in operating net assets	16	18
Cash flow from operating activities	266	183
INVESTMENTS		
Investing activities	-31	-29
Cash flow from investing activities	-31	-29
FINANCING		
Financing activities	-548	26
Cash flow from financing activities	-548	26
Net change in cash	-312	180
Cash, beginning of period	2,045	1,428
Translation difference in Cash	-3	-13
Cash, end of period	1,730	1,595

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Jan-Jun	
EUR million	2007	2006
OPERATIONS		
Net income	474	252
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash	58	42
	532	294
Changes in operating net assets	-437	71
Cash flow from operating activities	95	365
INVESTMENTS		
Investing activities	-85	-72
Cash flow from investing activities	-85	-72
FINANCING		
Financing activities	-548	-210
Cash flow from financing activities	-548	-210
Net change in cash	-538	83
Cash, beginning of period	2,273	1,537
Translation difference in Cash	-5	-25
Cash, end of period	1,730	1,595

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - ISOLATED QUARTERS

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	Apr-Jun	Jan-Mar	Oct-Dec	Jul-Sep	Apr-Jun	Jan-Mar
EUR million	2007	2007	2006	2006	2006	2006
OPERATIONS						
Net income	220	254	447	298	143	109
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash	30	28	23	20	22	20
	250	282	470	318	165	129
Changes in operating net assets	16	-454	50	-21	18	53
Cash flow from operating activities	266	-172	520	297	183	182
INVESTMENTS						
Investing activities	-31	-53	-26	-36	-29	-43
Cash flow from investing activities	-31	-53	-26	-36	-29	-43
FINANCING						
Financing activities	-548	- 1	- 66	- 2	26	- 236
Cash flow from financing activities	-548	-1	-66	-2	26	-236
Net change in cash	-312	-226	428	259	180	-97
Cash, beginning of period	2,045	2,273	1,861	1,595	1,428	1,537
Translation difference in Cash	-3	-2	-16	7	-13	-12
Cash, end of period	1,730	2,045	2,273	1,861	1,595	1,428

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NET SALES BY MARKET AREA BY QUARTER

EUR million	2007		2006			
Isolated quarters	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Europe, Middle East & Africa *	1,729	1,598	2,145	1,600	1,090	1,029
Americas	499	365	555	417	328	250
Asia	885	961	1,082	896	853	713
Total	3,112	2,925	3,782	2,913	2,272	1,992
* of which Western Europe	1,102	1,078	1,478	1,115	748	674
	2007		2006			
Sequential change (%)	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Europe, Middle East & Africa *	8%	-26%	34%	47%	6%	-27%
Americas	37%	-34%	33%	27%	31%	-19%
Asia	-8%	-11%	21%	5%	20%	20%
Total	6%	-23%	30%	28%	14%	-14%
* of which Western Europe	2%	-27%	33%	49%	11%	-35%

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Year over year change (%)	2007		2006			
	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Europe, Middle East & Africa *	59%	55%	52%	35%	43%	71%
Americas	52%	46%	79%	77%	53%	53%
Asia	4%	35%	83%	42%	33%	36%
Total	37%	47%	64%	42%	41%	55%
* of which Western Europe	47%	60%	45%	33%	42%	84%

Year to date	2007		2006			
	0706	0703	0612	0609	0606	0603
Europe, Middle East & Africa *	3,328	1,598	5,865	3,720	2,120	1,029
Americas	864	365	1,550	995	578	250
Asia	1,846	961	3,544	2,462	1,566	713
Total	6,037	2,925	10,959	7,177	4,264	1,992
* of which Western Europe	2,179	1,078	4,014	2,537	1,422	674

YTD year over year change (%)	2007		2006			
	0706	0703	0612	0609	0606	0603
Europe, Middle East & Africa *	57%	55%	48%	46%	56%	71%
Americas	49%	46%	68%	62%	53%	53%
Asia	18%	35%	48%	37%	35%	36%
Total	42%	47%	51%	45%	47%	55%
* of which Western Europe	53%	60%	46%	46%	59%	84%