

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

Mail Stop 3030

August 3, 2016

<u>Via E-mail</u> Toshizo Tanaka Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Canon, Inc. 30-2, Shimomaruko 3-chome Ohta-ku, Tokyo 146-8501 Japan

> Re: Canon, Inc. Form 20-F for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015 Filed March 30, 2016 File No. 001-15122

Dear Mr. Tanaka:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/Brian Cascio

Brian Cascio Accounting Branch Chief Office of Electronics and Machinery