

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

Mail Stop 3030

August 18, 2009

## Via Facsimile and U.S. Mail

Mr. Makoto Uenoyama Director Panasonic Corporation 1006, Oaza Kadoma, Kadoma-shi Osaka 571-8501, Japan

**Re:** Panasonic Corporation

Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009

File No. 1-06784

Dear Mr. Uenoyama:

We have reviewed your filing and have the following comments. We have limited our review of your filing to those issues we have addressed in our comments. Where indicated, we think you should revise your future filings in response to these comments. If you disagree, we will consider your explanation as to why our comment is inapplicable or a revision is unnecessary. Please be as detailed as necessary in your explanation. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure. After reviewing this information, we may raise additional comments.

Please understand that the purpose of our review process is to assist you in your compliance with the applicable disclosure requirements and to enhance the overall disclosure in your filing. We look forward to working with you in these respects. We welcome any questions you may have about our comment or on any other aspects of our review. Feel free to call us at the telephone numbers listed at the end of this letter.

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# Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects, page 28

#### Interest Expense, Goodwill Impairment and Other Deductions, page 32

1. We note your disclosures here and in Note 6 in the consolidated financial statements regarding the 314 billion yen impairment of your fixed assets. Given the significant nature of this charge, please revise future filings as appropriate to provide additional disclosure regarding this impairment charge, including a discussion of how the impairment charge relates to your expectations for your results of operations in future periods. Please specifically discuss any known trends or uncertainties that have had or that you reasonably expect will have a material favorable or unfavorable impact on revenues or income from continuing operations. Refer to Item 5(D) of Form 20-F.

# Accounting Principles, page 46

### Long-lived Assets, page 46

2. With a view toward expanded disclosure in future filings, please provide us with additional information regarding your evaluation of long lived assets for impairment. Discuss the valuation methodologies you used and how you weighted each methodology. Disclose any material assumptions used, such as discount rates, growth rates, comparable sales multiples, etc. Finally, discuss the significant management judgments and estimates involved in your evaluation of the recoverability of your long-lived assets.

As appropriate, please respond to these comments within 10 business days or tell us when you will provide us with a response. Please furnish a cover letter that keys your responses to our comments and provides any requested information. Detailed cover letters greatly facilitate our review. Please file your cover letter on EDGAR. Please understand that we may have additional comments after reviewing your responses to our comments.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filings reviewed by the staff to be certain that they have provided all information investors require. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

In connection with responding to our comments, please provide, in writing, a statement from the company acknowledging that

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- The company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filings;
- Staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to 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.

In addition, please be advised that the Division of Enforcement has access to all information you provide to the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance in our review of your filing or in response to our comments on your filing.

You may contact Eric Atallah, Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-3663 or me at (202) 551-3643 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters. In this regard, do not hesitate to contact Martin James, Senior Assistant Chief Accountant, at (202) 551-3671.

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Vaughn Accounting Branch Chief