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November 16, 2004

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20549  
FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of November, 2004  
Commission File Number: 001-06439

SONY CORPORATION  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)  
7-35 KITASHINAGAWA 6-CHOME, SHINAGAWA-KU, TOKYO, JAPAN  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports  
under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F,

Form 20-F  Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information  
contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the  
Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Yes\_ No X

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in  
connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):82-\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE

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)

By:\_\_\_ /s/ Katsumi Ihara  
(Signature)

Katsumi Ihara  
Executive Deputy President,  
Group Chief Strategy Officer

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and Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 16, 2004

List of materials

Documents attached hereto:

i) A press release regarding Subsidiary Balance Sheet Correction

Further to the Results of Tracking Stock announcement released on 29 October 2004 at 17:49 under RNS number 5923E.

No.04-057E  
November 16, 2004

Company name: Sony Corporation  
Representative Title and Name:  
Chairman, Representative Corporate Executive Officer  
Nobuyuki Idei  
(Stock code: 6758 Tokyo Stock Exchange 1st Section)  
(Tracking Stock Subsidiary)  
Company name: Sony Communication Network Corporation  
Representative Title and Name:  
Representative Director, President and CEO  
Senji Yamamoto  
(Stock code: 6758-5 Tokyo Stock Exchange 1st Section)

Notice regarding the correction of certain line items from the Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter and Six-month Period ended September 30, 2004, previously announced as of October 28, 2004, for Sony Communication Network Corporation, a Subsidiary Tracking Stock of Sony Corporation.

The correction is of certain line items within the section "Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity" contained in Sony Communication Network Corporation's Consolidated Balance Sheets for the quarter and six-month period ended September 30, 2004. Line items that have been corrected within this section are marked with an asterisk ("\*").

Original

## Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

|                                      | (Millions of yen)    |                  |                      |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | September 30<br>2003 | March 31<br>2004 | September 30<br>2004 |
| Current liabilities                  | 4,929                | 5,167            | 6,525*               |
| Account payable, trade               | 2,454                | 2,463            | 2,561                |
| Current portion of long-term         | 200                  | -                | -                    |

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|   |        |        |        |
|---|--------|--------|--------|
| borrowing from parent company               |        |        |        |
| Accrued expense                             | 1,461  | 1,711  | 1,322  |
| Accrued income taxes                        | 104    | 197    | 465    |
| Accrued bonuses                             | 216    | 239    | 226    |
| Accrued customer incentive program          | -      | 81     | 138    |
| Other accruals                              | -      | -      | 2      |
| Other                                       | 494    | 475    | 1,811* |
| Long-term liabilities                       | 119    | 140    | 160*   |
|   | -----  | -----  | -----  |
| Accrued severance costs for employees       | 81     | 93     | 105    |
| Accrued severance indemnities for directors | 38     | 47     | 55     |
| Total liabilities                           | 5,048  | 5,306  | 6,685  |
|   | -----  | -----  | -----  |
| Minority interest                           | 47     | 58     | 704    |
|   | -----  | -----  | -----  |
| Total stockholders' equity                  | 7,655  | 7,636  | 10,397 |
|   | -----  | -----  | -----  |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity  | 12,751 | 13,001 | 17,786 |
|   | -----  | -----  | -----  |

Corrected

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|  |                      | (Millions of yen) |                      |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY                       | September 30<br>2003 | March 31<br>2004  | September 30<br>2004 |
|  | -----                | -----             | -----                |
| Current liabilities  | 4,929                | 5,167             | 6,225*               |
|  | -----                | -----             | -----                |
| Account payable, trade                                     | 2,454                | 2,463             | 2,561                |
| Current portion of long-term borrowing from parent company | 200                  | -                 | -                    |
| Accrued expense  | 1,461                | 1,711             | 1,322                |
| Accrued income taxes                                       | 104                  | 197               | 465                  |
| Accrued bonuses  | 216                  | 239               | 226                  |
| Accrued customer incentive program                         | -                    | 81                | 138                  |
| Other accruals   | -                    | -                 | 2                    |
| Other  | 494                  | 475               | 1,511*               |
| Long-term liabilities                                      | 119                  | 140               | 460*                 |
|  | -----                | -----             | -----                |
| Accrued severance costs for employees                      | 81                   | 93                | 105                  |
| Accrued severance indemnities for directors                | 38                   | 47                | 55                   |
| Other*   | -*                   | -*                | 300*                 |
| Total liabilities  | 5,048                | 5,306             | 6,685                |
|  | -----                | -----             | -----                |
| Minority interest  | 47                   | 58                | 704                  |
|  | -----                | -----             | -----                |
| Total stockholders' equity                                 | 7,655                | 7,636             | 10,397               |
|  | -----                | -----             | -----                |
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