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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 May 2004

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.

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/ Teruhisa Tokunaka

(Signature)

Teruhisa Tokunaka Executive Deputy President and Group Chief Strategy Officer

Date: May 28, 2004

List of materials

Documents attached hereto:

i) A press release regarding Balance Sheet Correction

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Sony Corporation Corrects Classification of Debt Maturity in Previously Released Consolidated Balance Sheet Information

Sony Corporation today announced that it was correcting certain line items in its previously issued Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2003 and March 31, 2004. The correction was made because a part of the current portion of Sony's long-term debt in current liabilities as of each of those dates was incorrectly classified as long-term debt in long-term liabilities in those Balance Sheets.

| | (Millions of yen, millions of U.S. dollars) | | | |
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| | As of December 31, 2003 | | | |
| | Original | Original* | Corrected | Corrected* |
| | | | | |
| Current liabilities | Y 2,911,310 | \$ 27 , 209 | Y 2,970,796 | \$ 27 , 765 |
| Current portion of | | | | |
| long-term debt | 30,439 | 284 | 89,925 | 840 |
| Long-term liabilities | 4,120,754 | 38,512 | 4,061,268 | 37,956 |
| Long-term debt | 1,129,989 | 10,561 | 1,070,503 | 10,005 |

 * U.S. dollar amounts have been translated from yen, for convenience only, at the rate of Y107=U.S.\$1, the approximate Tokyo foreign exchange market rate as of December 30, 2003.

| (Millions | of | yen, | millions | s of | U.S. | dollars) |
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| | Original | Original* | Corrected | Corrected* |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Current liabilities Current portion of | Y 2,924,908 | \$ 28,124 | Y 2,982,215 | \$ 28,675 |
| long-term debt | 326,450 | 3,139 | 383 , 757 | 3,690 |
| Long-term liabilities Long-term debt | 3,764,894 834,956 | 36,201 8,028 | 3,707,587 777,649 | 35,650 7,477 |

* U.S. dollar amounts have been translated from yen, for convenience only, at the rate of Y104=U.S.\$1, the approximate Tokyo foreign exchange market rate as of March 31, 2004.

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