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FORM 6-K
Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 under
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the month of July, 2010
COMMISSION FILE NUMBER: 1-7239
KOMATSU LTD.**

Translation of registrant's name into English
3-6 Akasaka 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan
Address of principal executive office

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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT

1. Four company announcements made on July 13, 2010.

SIGNATURES

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.

KOMATSU LTD.
(Registrant)

Date: July 14, 2010

By: /S/ Kenji Kinoshita
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Issuance of Stock Acquisition Rights as Stock Based Remuneration to Company Directors

Komatsu Ltd. (hereinafter Company) hereby announces that at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on July 13, 2010, the Company resolved the details of the terms and conditions of the issuance of rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of the Company (Stock Acquisition Right) for the purpose of granting Stock-Based Remuneration to Company Directors, pursuant to the provisions of Article 236, Article 238, and Article 240 of the Companies Act, and a resolution at the 141th Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company.

[Description]

1. Reason to issue the Stock Acquisition Rights:

To raise their morale and their motivation to contribute to the improvement of the consolidated performance of the Company, but also for the purpose of clarifying their incentive to enhance the long-term corporate value of the Company by fostering the same perspective on corporate value with the shareholders.

2. The name of Stock Acquisition Rights:

Thirteenth Stock Acquisition Rights of Komatsu Ltd.

3. Type and number of shares underlying Stock Acquisition Rights

The shares to be issued for the Stock Acquisition Rights shall be common stock, and the number of shares subject to one (1) Stock Acquisition Right (hereinafter Number of Shares Granted) shall be 100 shares.

However, after July 13, 2010, if the Company effects a stock split of its common stock (including gratis allotment of common stock to shareholders; the same applies hereinafter) or effects a stock consolidation, the Number of Shares Granted subject to one (1) Stock Acquisition Right shall be adjusted proportionately, in accordance with the ratio of the stock split or the stock consolidation in question. Also, if it is necessary to adjust the Number of Shares Granted after July 13, 2010 for reasons other than the aforementioned reasons, the Company shall adjust the Number of Shares Granted in connection with the aforementioned Stock Acquisition Rights to the extent reasonable.

Fractions of less than one (1) share resulting from the foregoing adjustment shall be rounded down.

4. Total number of the Stock Acquisition Rights:

210 rights

The above number is the total number of the Stock Acquisition Rights that are expected to be allotted and, accordingly, in the event that the total number of application for subscription of the Stock Acquisition Rights does not reach the above-mentioned number or there occurs a reduction in the total number of the Stock Acquisition Rights to be allotted, the total number of the Stock Acquisition Rights shall be equal to the total

number of the Stock Acquisition Rights that are actually allotted.

5. Persons to whom Stock Acquisition Rights shall be granted (Grantee):

Ten directors of the Company.

6. Subscription amount to be paid for each Stock Acquisition Right (The subscription amount):

The Subscription amount to be paid for each Stock Acquisition Right shall be the amount of the fair value per share that is calculated by using the Binominal Model on the allotment date, multiplied by the Number of Shares Granted. The above amount shall be the fair value of the Stock Acquisition Right and the Grantee shall, with the approval of the Company, offset the remuneration amount payable by the Company to the Grantee against the amount to be paid by the Grantee to the Company in exchange for the Stock Acquisition Right in accordance with Paragraph 2, Article 246 of the Companies Act.

7. Allotment Date of the Stock Acquisition Rights:

August 2, 2010.

8. Due date of subscription for the Stock Acquisition Rights:

August 2, 2010.

9. Amount of assets to be paid upon exercise of the Stock Acquisition Rights:

The amount of assets to be paid upon exercise of the Stock Acquisition Rights shall be JPY 1 per each one (1) share to be transferred upon exercise of the Stock Acquisition Rights, multiplied by the Number of Shares Granted.

10. Exercise period for the Stock Acquisition Rights:

From August 2, 2013 to July 31, 2018

11. Conditions for the exercise of the Stock Acquisition Rights:

If a holder of Stock Acquisition Rights Who is a Director, Corporate Auditor or employee of the Company, or a Director, Corporate Auditor or employee of an affiliate of the Company, loses his or her all respective status set above, that person is able to exercise the Stock Acquisition Rights only within a period of three (3) years period from the date they lost such position; provided, however, that the period shall not exceed the original exercise period for the Stock Acquisition Rights described at 9 above, and the other terms and conditions concerning the exercise of Stock Acquisition Rights shall be decided at the contracts to be executed by and between the Company and the Grantees of the Stock Acquisition Rights (hereinafter Stock Acquisition Rights Contracts).

12. Restriction on Acquisition of the Stock Acquisition Rights by Transfer

Acquisition of the Stock Acquisition Rights by transfer shall be required to be approved by resolution of the Board of Directors of the Company.

13. Matters concerning the increase in paid-in capital and capital surplus in the event of issuance of shares upon the exercise of the Stock Acquisition Rights

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The amount of paid-in capital increase in the event of the issuance of shares upon the exercise of the Stock Acquisition Rights shall be one half of the maximum amount of capital increase, calculated in accordance with Article 17, Paragraph 1 of the Corporate Accounting regulations. Fractions less than one (1) yen resulting from the calculation shall be rounded up.

- 2) An increase in the capital surplus in the event of the issuance of shares upon exercise of the Stock Acquisition Rights shall be the amount obtainable by subtracting the amount of the paid-in capital increase from the maximum amount of the capital increase, as set forth in 13.1) above.

14. Provisions pertaining to acquisition of the Stock Acquisition Rights by the Company

The Stock Acquisition Rights do not contain the provisions pertaining to the acquisition by the Company.

15. In the event where the Company engages in any merger (limited to a case where the Company ceases to exist as the result of merger), a corporate split in which a division of the Company is merged into an existing company, a corporate split in which a division of the Company is spun off to establish a new company (for both, limited to cases where the Company is split up), or an exchange or transfer of shares (for both, limited to cases where the Company becomes a fully-owned subsidiary) (hereinafter collectively **Restructuring Actions**), each person holding the remaining Stock Acquisition Rights at the time the Restructuring Actions take effect (hereinafter **Remaining Stock Acquisition Rights**) shall be granted the Stock Acquisition Rights of the relevant stock companies prescribed in Article 236, Paragraph 1, Item 8, (a) through (e) of the Companies Act (hereinafter **Reorganized Company**), in accordance with the conditions set forth below. In this event, the Remaining Stock Acquisition Rights shall become null and void and new Stock Acquisition Rights in the Reorganized Company shall be issued. However, the new Stock Acquisition Rights shall be granted only if provisions for granting them in accordance with the following conditions (i-viii) are included as conditions in a merger agreement (in which the Company is merged into a Reorganized Company or a Reorganized Company is established as the result of the merger), a corporate split agreement (in which a division of the Company is merged into a Reorganized Company), a plan for a corporate split (in which a division of the Company is spun off to establish a Reorganized Company), a share exchange agreement or a plan for transfer of shares (in which the Company becomes a fully-owned subsidiary of a Reorganized Company).

- i. Number of the Stock Acquisition Rights of a Reorganized Company to be granted

At the time the Restructuring Actions take effect, each holder of the Remaining Stock Acquisition Rights shall be granted the Stock Acquisition Rights of which the number is equivalent to the number of such Rights held at the Reorganized Company.

- ii. Type of shares of the Reorganized Company to be issued for the Stock Acquisition Rights

Type of shares subject to the Stock Acquisition Rights shall be common stock of the Reorganized Company.

- iii. Number of shares of the Reorganized Company to be issued upon exercise of the Stock Acquisition Rights

The number of shares shall be determined in accordance with 3 above, after taking into consideration the conditions or other factors concerning the Restructuring Actions.

- iv. Amount of assets to be paid upon the exercise of the Stock Acquisition Rights

The amount of assets to be paid upon the exercise of newly granted Stock Acquisition Rights shall be the amount obtainable by multiplying JPY 1 per each one (1) share the Exercise Price to be adjusted after taking into consideration the conditions and other factors concerning the Restructuring Actions, by the number of shares to be issued for each acquisition right as determined in 15. iii above.

- v. Exercise period for the Stock Acquisition Rights

The Exercise Period shall begin on either the first date of the exercise period for the Stock Acquisition Rights stipulated in 10 above, or on the date that the Restructuring Actions take effect, whichever comes later, and shall continue to the final date of the exercise period for the Stock Acquisition Rights stipulated in 10 above.

- vi. Increase in paid-in capital and capital surplus in the event of the issuance of shares upon exercise of the Stock Acquisition Rights

Such increases shall be determined based on 13 above.

- vii. Restriction on Acquisition of the Stock Acquisition Rights by Transfer

Acquisition of the Stock Acquisition Rights by transfer shall required to be approved by the Reorganized Company.

- viii. Provisions pertaining to acquisition of the Stock Acquisition Rights

The Stock Acquisition Rights do not contain the provisions pertaining to the acquisition of the Stock Acquisition Rights.

- 16. In case where the number of shares to be issued or transferred to the holders of the Stock Acquisition Rights includes any fraction less than one (1) share, such fraction shall be rounded down.

[Reference]

- (1) Date of the resolution of the Board of Directors pursuant to which it was decided to submit the proposal regarding Stock Acquisition Rights for shareholder approval at the 141th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders: April 27, 2010
- (2) Date of the resolution of shareholders at the 140th Ordinary General Meeting of shareholders approving the issuance of the Stock

Acquisition
Rights: June 23,
2010

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Issuance of Stock Acquisition Rights as Stock-Based Remuneration to Employees of the Company and Directors of Major Subsidiaries of the Company

Komatsu Ltd. (hereinafter Company) hereby announces that at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on July 13, 2010, the Company resolved the details of the terms and conditions of the issuance of rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of the Company (Stock Acquisition Right) for the purpose of granting Stock-Based Remuneration to employees and directors of major subsidiaries of the Company, pursuant to a resolution at the 141th Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company.

[Description]

1. Reason to issue the Stock Acquisition Rights:

To raise their morale and their motivation to contribute to the improvement of the consolidated performance of the Company, but also for the purpose of clarifying their incentive to enhance the long-term corporate value of the Company by fostering the same perspective on corporate value with the shareholders.

2. The name of Stock Acquisition Rights:

Fourteenth Stock Acquisition Rights of Komatsu Ltd.

3. Type and number of shares underlying Stock Acquisition Rights

The shares to be issued for the Stock Acquisition Rights shall be common stock, and the number of shares subject to one (1) Stock Acquisition Right (hereinafter Number of Shares Granted) shall be 100 shares.

However, after June 23, 2010, if the Company effects a stock split of its common stock (including gratis allotment of common stock to shareholders; the same applies hereinafter) or effects a stock consolidation, the Number of Shares Granted subject to one (1) Stock Acquisition Right shall be adjusted proportionately, in accordance with the ratio of the stock split or the stock consolidation in question. Also, if it is necessary to adjust the Number of Shares Granted after June 23, 2010 for reasons other than the aforementioned reasons, the Company shall adjust the Number of Shares Granted in connection with the aforementioned Stock Acquisition Rights to the extent reasonable.

Fractions of less than one (1) share resulting from the foregoing adjustment shall be rounded down.

4. Total number of the Share Acquisition Rights:

558 rights

The above number is the total number of the Stock Acquisition Rights that are expected to be allotted and, accordingly, in the event that the total number of application for subscription of the Stock Acquisition Rights

does not reach the above-mentioned number or there occurs a reduction in the total number of the Stock Acquisition Rights to be allotted, the total number of the Stock Acquisition Rights shall be equal to the total number of the Stock Acquisition Rights that are actually allotted.

5. Persons to whom Stock Acquisition Rights shall be granted (Grantee):

50 employees of the Company and 12 directors of major subsidiaries.

6. Subscription amount to be paid for each Stock Acquisition Right (The subscription amount):

No consideration shall be paid.

Since this issuance constitutes an issuance of Stock Acquisition Rights to individuals other than shareholders with particularly favorable terms and conditions as set forth in 5. and 6. , the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 23, 2010 has resolved under Article 309 of the Companies Act to delegate the determination of the Subscription Requirements to the board of directors pursuant to the provisions of Article 238 and Article 239 of the Companies Act.

7. Allotment Date of the Stock Acquisition Rights:

August 2, 2010.

8. Amount of assets to be paid upon exercise of the Stock Acquisition Rights:

The amount of assets to be paid upon exercise of the Stock Acquisition Rights shall be JPY 1 per each one (1) share to be transferred upon exercise of the Stock Acquisition Rights, multiplied by the Number of Shares Granted.

9. Exercise period for the Stock Acquisition Rights:

From August 2, 2013 to July 31, 2018

10. Conditions for the exercising the Stock Acquisition Rights:

If a holder of Stock Acquisition Rights Who is a Director, Corporate Auditor or employee of the Company, or a Director, Corporate Auditor or employee of an affiliate of the Company, loses his or her all respective status set above, that person is able to exercise the Stock Acquisition Rights only within a period of three (3) years period from the date they lost such position; provided, however, that the period shall not exceed the original exercise period for the Stock Acquisition Rights described at 9 above, and the other terms and conditions concerning the exercise of Stock Acquisition Rights shall be decided at the contracts to be executed by and between the Company and the Grantees of the Stock Acquisition Rights (hereinafter Stock Acquisition Rights Contracts).

11. Restriction on Acquisition of the Stock Acquisition Rights by Transfer

Acquisition of the Stock Acquisition Rights by transfer shall be required to be approved by resolution of the Board of Directors of the Company.

12. Matters concerning the increase in paid-in capital and capital surplus in the event of issuance of shares upon the exercise of the Stock Acquisition Rights

- 1) The amount of paid-in capital increase in the event of the issuance of shares upon the exercise of the Stock Acquisition Rights shall be one half of the maximum amount of capital increase, calculated in accordance with Article 17, Paragraph 1 of the Corporate Accounting regulations. Fractions less than one (1) yen resulting from the calculation shall be rounded up.

- 2) An increase in the capital surplus in the event of the issuance of shares upon exercise of the Stock Acquisition Rights shall be the amount obtainable by subtracting the amount of the paid-in capital increase from the maximum amount of the capital increase, as set forth in 12.1) above.

13. Provisions pertaining to acquisition of the Stock Acquisition Rights by the Company The Stock Acquisition Rights do not contain the provisions pertaining to the acquisition by the Company.
14. In the event where the Company engages in any merger (limited to a case where the Company ceases to exist as the result of merger), a corporate split in which a division of the Company is merged into an existing company, a corporate split in which a division of the Company is spun off to establish a new company (for both, limited to cases where the Company is split up), or an exchange or transfer of shares (for both, limited to cases where the Company becomes a fully-owned subsidiary) (hereinafter collectively Restructuring Actions), each person holding the remaining Stock Acquisition Rights at the time the Restructuring Actions take effect (hereinafter Remaining Stock Acquisition Rights) shall be granted the Stock Acquisition Rights of the relevant stock companies prescribed in Article 236, Paragraph 1, Item 8, (a) through (e) of the Companies Act (hereinafter Reorganized Company), in accordance with the conditions set forth below. In this event, the Remaining Stock Acquisition Rights shall become null and void and new Stock Acquisition Rights in the Reorganized Company shall be issued. However, the new Stock Acquisition Rights shall be granted only if provisions for granting them in accordance with the following conditions (i-viii) are included as conditions in a merger agreement (in which the Company is merged into a Reorganized Company or a Reorganized Company is established as the result of the merger), a corporate split agreement (in which a division of the Company is merged into a Reorganized Company), a plan for a corporate split (in which a division of the Company is spun off to establish a Reorganized Company), a share exchange agreement or a plan for transfer of shares(in which the Company becomes a fully-owned subsidiary of a Reorganized Company).

- i. Number of the Stock Acquisition Rights of a Reorganized Company to be granted

At the time the Restructuring Actions take effect, each holder of the Remaining Stock Acquisition Rights shall be granted the Stock Acquisition Rights of which the number is equivalent to the number of such Rights held at the Reorganized Company.

- ii. Type of shares of the Reorganized Company to be issued for the Stock Acquisition Rights

Type of shares subject to the Stock Acquisition Rights shall be common stock of the Reorganized Company.

- iii. Number of shares of the Reorganized Company to be issued upon exercise of the Stock Acquisition Rights

The number of shares shall be determined in accordance with 3 above, after taking into consideration the conditions or other factors concerning the Restructuring Actions.

- iv. Amount of assets to be paid upon the exercise of the Stock Acquisition Rights

The amount of assets to be paid upon the exercise of newly granted Stock Acquisition Rights shall be the amount obtainable by multiplying JPY 1 per each one (1) share the Exercise Price to be adjusted after taking into consideration the conditions and other factors concerning the Restructuring Actions, by the number of shares to be issued for each acquisition right as determined in 14. iii above.

- v. Exercise period for the Stock Acquisition Rights

The Exercise Period shall begin on either the first date of the exercise period for the Stock Acquisition Rights stipulated in 9 above, or on the date that the Restructuring Actions take effect, whichever comes later, and shall continue to the final date of the exercise period for the Stock Acquisition Rights stipulated in 9 above.

- vi. Increase in paid-in capital and capital surplus in the event of the issuance of shares upon exercise of the Stock Acquisition Rights

Such increases shall be determined based on 12 above.

- vii. Restriction on Acquisition of the Stock Acquisition Rights by Transfer

Acquisition of the Stock Acquisition Rights by transfer shall required to be approved by the Reorganized Company.

viii. Provisions pertaining to acquisition of the Stock Acquisition Rights

The Stock Acquisition Rights do not contain the provisions pertaining to the acquisition of the Stock Acquisition Rights.

15. In case where the number of shares to be issued or transferred to the holders of the Stock Acquisition Rights includes any fraction less than one (1) share, such fraction shall be rounded down.

[Reference]

- (1) Date of the resolution of the Board of Directors pursuant to which it was decided to submit the proposal regarding Stock Acquisition Rights for shareholder approval at the 141th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders: April 27, 2010
- (2) Date of the resolution of shareholders at the 140th Ordinary General Meeting of shareholders approving the issuance of the Stock Acquisition Rights: June 23, 2010

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Additional Information Concerning Sales and Service Subsidiary in Australia

Komatsu Ltd. (hereinafter "Komatsu") (President and CEO: Kunio Noji) has made some decisions about additional matters concerning the establishment of a sales and service subsidiary in Australia, which were undecided in the news release of December 25, 2009. That information follows below.

Additional information is underlined.

Outline of the New Company

1) Name: Komatsu Australia Pty Ltd

2) Address: Level 1, 2 Richardson Place Riverside Corporate Park, North Ryde NSW 2113, Australia

3) Representative: William Pike

4) Line of business: Sales and service of construction and mining equipment in Oceania

5) Capital: AUD 30 million (Approx. JPY 2.3 billion, at AUD 1 = JPY 77)

6) Date of establishment: August 1, 2010

7) Equity holding ratio: 100% by Komatsu Australia Pty Ltd *

Note: * As the new company is named Komatsu Australia Pty Ltd, its parent company, Komatsu Australia Pty Ltd, is going to change its name to Komatsu Marketing Support Australia Pty Ltd as of August 1, 2010.

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Announcement Concerning the Revision of Projected Business Results

Komatsu Ltd. (President & CEO: Kunio Noji) has revised the projections for consolidated and non-consolidated business results for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011, which the Company announced on April 27, 2010.

1. Projections for Consolidated Business Results for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2011 (U.S. GAAP)

1) Interim period (From April 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010)

Millions of yen except per share amounts

	Earlier projections	Current projections	Changes		Interim results for FY ended March 31, 2010
	(A)	(B)	(B)-(A)		
Net sales	815,000	870,000	55,000	6.7%	645,963
Operating income	68,000	90,000	22,000	32.4%	19,785
Income before income taxes and equity in earnings of affiliated companies	64,000	86,000	22,000	34.4%	18,452
Net income attributable to Komatsu Ltd.	37,000	52,000	15,000	40.5%	8,198
Net income attributable to Komatsu Ltd. per share (Yen)	38.22	53.72			8.47

2) Full-year (From April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011)

Millions of yen except per share amounts

	Earlier projections	Current projections	Changes		Results for FY ended March 31, 2010
	(A)	(B)	(B)-(A)		
Net sales	1,660,000	1,715,000	55,000	3.3%	1,431,564
Operating income	157,000	179,000	22,000	14.0%	67,035
Income before income taxes and equity in earnings of affiliated companies	149,000	171,000	22,000	14.8%	64,979
Net income attributable to Komatsu Ltd.	90,000	105,000	15,000	16.7%	33,559
Net income attributable to Komatsu Ltd. per share (Yen)	92.97	108.47			34.67

2. Projections for Non-consolidated Business Results for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2011

1) Full-year (From April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011)

Millions of yen except per share amounts

	Earlier projections (A)	Current projections (B)	Changes (B)-(A)		Results for FY ended March 31, 2010
Net sales	600,000	665,000	65,000	10.8%	457,676
Operating profit (loss)	45,000	65,000	20,000	44.4%	(26,829)
Ordinary profit (loss)	52,000	72,000	20,000	38.5%	(1,120)
Net income	27,000	40,000	13,000	48.1%	2,378
Net income per share (Yen)	27.88	41.30			2.46

Note: Only full-year projections are disclosed for non-consolidated business results.

3. Reasons for the Revision

In the first half period, demand for construction and mining equipment has been growing more than projected in Asia and Latin America. Furthermore, demand in North America and Japan has been improving over the corresponding period a year ago. In this light, we have revised the projections of April 27, 2010 upward for both consolidated sales and profits for the first half period. In the second half, we are anticipating that we should be able to absorb any negative factors of the Japanese yen's appreciation by capitalizing on steady demand and improving productivity. In this regard, we are not revising the projections of April 27, 2010 for the second half period. As preconditions for our current projections, we are assuming the foreign exchange rates in and after the second quarter will be as follows: USD 1 = JYP 88, EUR 1 = JPY 110, and RMB 1 = JPY13.

Cautionary Statement

The announcement set forth herein contains forward-looking statements which reflect management's current views with respect to certain future events, including expected financial position, operating results, and business strategies. These statements can be identified by the use of terms such as will, believes, should, projects and similar terms and expressions that identify future events or expectations. Actual results may differ materially from those projected, and the events and results of such forward-looking assumptions cannot be assured. Factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those predicted by such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, unanticipated changes in demand for the Company's principal products, owing to changes in the economic conditions in the Company's principal markets; changes in exchange rates or the impact of increased competition; unanticipated cost or delays encountered in achieving the Company's objectives with respect to globalized product sourcing and new Information Technology tools; uncertainties as to the results of the Company's research and development efforts and its ability to access and protect certain intellectual property rights; and, the impact of regulatory changes and accounting principles and practices.

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