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## **October machine tool orders up 36.0% from the previous month**

According to data reported by the 48 KOMMA member companies that participated in the organization's statistical program, orders for Korean machine tools amounted to 153.7 billion won in October 2004, a decline of 1.1% compared to the previous month, but an increase of 36.0% compared to the same period a year ago. Total orders for Korean machine tools in the first ten months of 2004 totaled 1,381.9 billion won, amounting to year-on-year growth of 15.1%.

Domestic orders for October 2004 brought in a total of 94.4 billion won, a gain of 4.0% from September 2004, and 19.5% compared with the same period last year. However, foreign orders in October resulted in a loss of 8.3% from September 2004, but a gain of

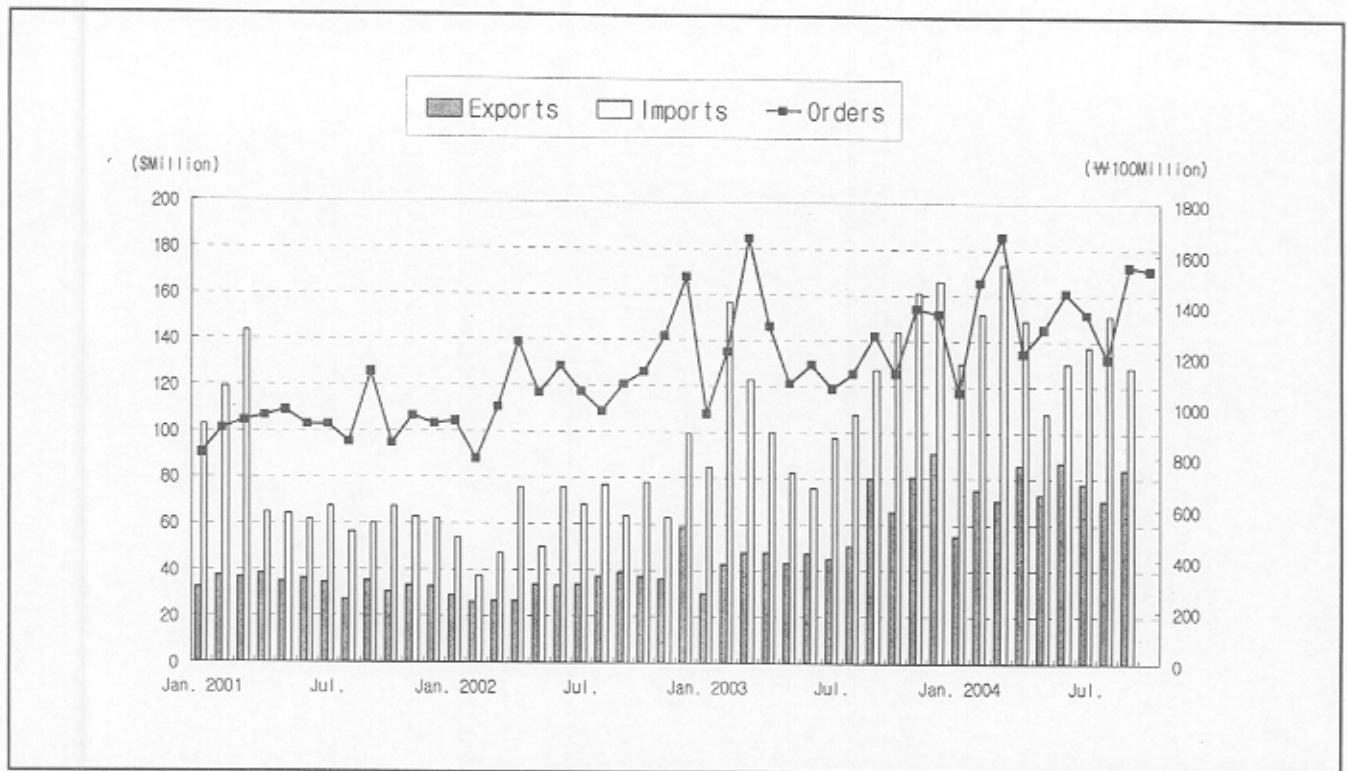
74.4% from October 2003, amounting to a total of 59.4 billion won.

In response to these latest results, Jong-Hyun Jung, Executive Director of KOMMA, made the following statement: "October orders declined slightly from the previous month due to recent sharp plunges in foreign exchange rates. Weak U.S. dollars raise concerns over the export outlook for the upcoming months." He added, "In contrast, domestic orders continued to grow for second consecutive month."

Machine tool exports in September 2004 earned US \$84.0 million, an increase of 18.3% from the previous month, and 4.7% from the same period in the previous year. This sector continued to grow in September for the 26<sup>th</sup> consecutive month, but at



## ■ Trends Of Korean Machine Tool Industry



## ■ Order Trends By Type Of Machine

Value : Millions of Won

Machine Type	Oct. 04	Change(%) Oct.04/Sep04	Change(%) Oct04/Oct03	Ratio	Value : Millions of Won		
					Year-To-Date	Change(%) '04/'03	Ratio
<b>NC Metal cutting</b>	119,467	-7.3	38.2	77.7	1,057,314	22.4	76.5
NC Lathe	59,913	4.0	49.7	39.0	497,694	32.7	36.0
Machining Center	46,555	-3.8	17.7	30.3	430,415	22.6	31.1
NC Milling	1,340	-10.5	80.6	0.9	19,132	-6.3	1.4
NC Special Purpose Machine	7,764	-12.7	419.7	5.1	62,181	-19.5	4.5
<b>Non-NC Metal Cutting</b>	19,708	37.9	50.2	12.8	168,343	8.1	12.2
Lathe	1,852	-7.6	-36.7	1.2	29,424	15.7	2.1
Milling	4,971	21.7	8.5	3.2	53,909	27.5	3.9
Grinding	2,617	33.1	278.2	1.7	24,271	124.9	1.8
Special Purpose Machine	4,274	196.8	80.8	2.8	11,544	-25.1	0.8
<b>Metal Cutting Total</b>	139,175	-2.8	39.7	90.5	1,225,657	20.2	88.7
<b>Metal Forming Total</b>	14,566	18.5	8.4	9.5	156,292	-13.6	11.3
<b>Total</b>	153,741	-1.1	36.0	100.0	1,381,949	15.1	100.0

<Source> Orders: Korea Machine Tool Manufacturers' Association (48 Member Companies)

Exports/Imports : Korea Customs Service