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KOITO KYUSHU Starts Operation of the Second Plant

KOITO MANUFACTURING CO., LTD. (Head Office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President: Masahiro Ohtake) today announced that the second plant of KOITO KYUSHU LIMITED started operation on September 1, 2008. KOITO KYUSHU, KOITO'S subsidiary, constructed the second plant to enhance the company's supply system to customers in the Kyushu and Chugoku areas.

The second plant is a state-of-the-art plant aiming at thorough cost reduction to respond to the demands for compact cars that are expected to grow in future. It is expected that the operation of this plant will also contribute to the optimization of the domestic production system of the KOITO group by improving the production efficiency and reducing the logistics cost.

Now with the two plants in operation, KOITO KYUSHU is determined to step up its effort to improve the performance in quality, cost and delivery by maximizing the production efficiency and minimizing the costs, thereby provide customer-focused products and services as a production and supply base of automotive lighting equipment for the Kyushu and Chugoku areas.

Profile of the Second Plant

- (1) Size : Land area about 50,000 m², building area about 30,000 m²
- (2) Investment amount : 10 billion yen
- (3) Production capacity : 1 million headlamps per year (projected for 2009)
- (4) Start of Production : September 1, 2008
- (5) Employees : 300 (projected for the end of March 2009)

<Reference> Profile of KOITO KYUSHU

- (1) Company name : KOITO KYUSHU LIMITED
- (2) President : Shigeki Okuma (KOITO's advisor)
- (3) Address : 1580-6, Oaza Kamiizumi, Kuboizumi-machi, Saga City, Saga Prefecture, Japan
- (4) Establishment : November 1, 2005
- (5) Business line : Manufacture and marketing of automotive lighting equipment
- (6) Fiscal year ending : March 31
- (7) Capital : 3 billion yen (as of the end of March 2008)
- (8) Ratio of holdings : KOITO MANUFACTURING CO., LTD. 100%
- (9) Sales : 27.2 billion yen (projected for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009)
- (10) Employees : 900 (projected for the end of March 2009)