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**Press Release**

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**KOITO to Build a New Plant in India**

KOITO MANUFACTURING CO., LTD. (Head Office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President & CEO: Takashi Ohtake) today announced that its consolidated subsidiary INDIA JAPAN LIGHTING PRIVATE LIMITED (IJL) plans to build a new plant in India in response to increasing new orders for automotive lighting equipment in the country.

KOITO's business operations in India are currently being conducted by IJL, which produces headlamps and signal lamps at its Chennai Plant in Tamilnadu, a state in South India. As the automobile production is expanding in North India, the new plant is expected to serve as IJL's second plant covering the region. For this and other reasons, such as easy access to customers, abundance of high-quality labors, and its excellent investment environment, Bawal Industrial Growth Centre in Haryana was chosen as the new plant site.

Bawal Plant (tentative name) is scheduled to start its operation in January 2007, and through cooperation with Chennai Plant, it will be dedicated to responding properly to the rapidly-increasing new orders.

**Construction of Bawal Plant (tentative name)**

- (1) Location: Bawal Industrial Growth Centre in Haryana, India (approx. 90 km southwest from Delhi)
- (2) Size: Land area 57,000m<sup>2</sup>, Building area 10,000 m<sup>2</sup>
- (3) Investment Amount: 1.7 billion yen
- (4) Production Capacity: 0.5 million headlamps and 0.25 million signal lamps per year
- (5) Number of Employees: 100 (at the start of production)
- (6) Start of Production: Scheduled for January 2007

**Reference: Profile of IJL**

- (1) Location: Near Chennai (Puduchathram) in Tamilnadu, India
- (2) Establishment: April 1997
- (3) Capital: 4 million rupees (approx. 1 billion yen; 1 rupee = 2.5 yen)
- (4) Ratio of Holdings: KOITO MANUFACTURING CO., LTD. 50%, Lucas TVS 50%
- (5) Net Sales: 1.1 billion rupees (approx. 2.7 billion yen; expected for fiscal 2006)
- (6) Major Customers: Maruti Udyog, Toyota Kirloskar Motor, TATA MOTORS Co. Ltd., Honda Siel Cars India Ltd., Fiat India Automobiles, etc.