

December 1, 2005

Press Release

KOITO MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.
President & CEO: Takashi Ohtake
Stock Code: 7276 First Section, TSE
Inquiries: Mikio Tsuruta,
Director, General Affairs Dept.
Tel: 03-3443-7111

KOITO to Build a New Production Base in North America

KOITO MANUFACTURING CO., LTD. (Head Office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President & CEO: Takashi Ohtake) today announced that it has selected a location for the plant of KOITO's new production base to be established in North America in order to respond to the expansion of new orders for automotive lighting equipment in the region.

At present, KOITO's business operations in North America are undertaken by its subsidiary North American Lighting, Inc. (NAL) with the following three production plants in Illinois, United States: Paris Plant (headlamps), Flora Plant (headlamps), and Salem Plant (signaling lamps).

With increasing numbers of automobiles produced in the South of the United States, KOITO chose, as the site for its new production base, an industrial park in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, which offers easy access to customers, ensures high-quality labors, and provides an excellent investment environment.

The new plant is scheduled to start its operation in June 2007 by initially producing signaling lamps so that it can supplement the production capacity of the existing Salem Plant and properly respond to new orders.

Construction of the Plant

- (1) Location: Northwest Alabama Airport Park Muscle Shoals, AL
Approx. 100 km west from Huntsville, a major city in Alabama
- (2) Size: Land Area 121,000 m²
- (3) Investment Amount: Scheduled to be approx. 2.5 billion yen
- (4) Product Lines: Automotive lighting equipment (1.8 million signaling lamps per year scheduled to be produced in 2010)
- (5) Start of Production: Scheduled for June 2007