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PRESS RELEASE

KOITO MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

Submission of the Letter of Intent Regarding the Acquisition of Shares of a Listed Company in U.S.A.

KOITO MANUFACTURING CO., LTD. (“KOITO”) announces that it has delivered a letter of intent (the “Letter of Intent”) regarding the additional acquisition of shares of Cepton, Inc. (“Cepton”) (Head Office: CA, U.S.A., Listed on NASDAQ), a company which designs, manufactures and sells LiDAR for Advanced Driver Assistance System (ADAS) and autonomous driving.

1. Background and Purpose of the submission of the Letter of Intent

For ADAS and autonomous driving vehicles, high-accuracy sensors (such as LiDAR sensors, cameras and millimeter-wave radars) are essential to monitor surroundings. Along with development of lighting technologies to support driver and mechanical visibility, KOITO is working to develop various sensors. As one of these strategies, KOITO has invested total 100 million dollars (50 million dollars in February 2020 and 50 million dollars in February 2022) in Cepton, KOITO’s co-developer of automotive LiDAR.

In order to strengthen our relationship to accelerate the commercialization of high-performance LiDAR, on August 30, 2022, KOITO delivered the Letter of Intent to Cepton, in which KOITO proposed to purchase convertible non-voting preferred securities (the “CPS”) convertible into Cepton’s Common Stock for an aggregate subscription price of up to 100 million dollars. The signing of the Potential Transaction in the Letter of Intent is subject to certain conditions, including in particular satisfactory completion of a due diligence review, negotiation and agreement of transaction structure and transaction documents and approval of the Potential Transaction by the boards of directors of both KOITO and Cepton.

Regarding the acquisition, KOITO does not expect any significant effects on its consolidated business results for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

Cepton’s high-resolution LiDAR can measure long distances, and enables wider range of view by its unique technology. Its scanning techniques are different from conventional ones, such as mechanical rotation and scanning mirrors. Its simplified and durable architecture enables a mirror-less, frictionless and rotation-free LiDAR solution to fulfill high-reliability, manufacturability, and affordable price which is required to automotive components.

To accelerate the development and commercialization of LiDAR with high-performance and high-reliability, to commercialize headlamps with built-in LiDAR, and to expand use of LiDAR in mobility field, we will promote co-development by integrating KOITO’s automotive lighting technology. Please refer to the announcement of 27 June 2022 on the joint development of the new short and long-range LiDAR by KOITO and Cepton.

2. Outline of Cepton

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| (1) Company Name | Cepton, Inc. |
| (2) Head Office | 399 West Trimble Road, San Jose, CA, 95134, U.S.A. |
| (3) Name and Title of Representative | Jun Pei, CEO |
| (4) Business Purpose | Design, manufacturing and sales of LiDAR for automotive, infrastructure, and other markets |
| (5) Establishment | April 26, 2016 |