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**Mitsui Kinzoku to transfer automotive components operations to subsidiary Ohi Seisakusho**

At a meeting held today (Thursday, May 6, 2010), the Board of Directors of Mitsui Mining & Smelting Co., Ltd. (hereafter “Mitsui Kinzoku”) decided to transfer manufacturing, marketing and ancillary operations of the Automotive Parts & Components Div. to its wholly owned subsidiary Ohi Seisakusho Co., Ltd (hereafter “Ohi Seisakusho”) through an absorption-type split arrangement (hereafter the "absorption-type split"). An agreement to this effect was signed by both parties on the same day.

In connection with this overhaul of the automotive components business through absorption-type split, the registered name of the new post-integration entity will be Mitsui Kinzoku ACT Corporation. This reorganization is aimed at generating synergies within the Group in automotive component manufacture.

**1. Objective**

Since making Ohi Seisakusho a wholly owned subsidiary in 2003, the Company has undertaken many operational reform measures, including overhauling its organization, improving its product mix, concentrating Head Office functions in the Honmoku area of Yokohama, and consolidation of manufacturing facilities.

Sales and production in the automotive sector have plummeted since the outbreak of the global financial crisis in 2008. However, recovery momentum is gradually reemerging as the economy picks up and government stimulus policies take effect. Automotive markets in China, India, Brazil and other emerging economies show

particularly exciting growth prospects. They have become the driver of the global automotive industry.

To respond to these changes in the market environment, the Company is prioritizing cost competitiveness and quality maintenance. It plans to expand its business by lowering costs and upgrading manufacturing capabilities in China and other high growth Asian markets, and by investing corporate resources in shifting its production focus to the Asian region.

Under this new paradigm, the Company aims to cope more promptly with change in the business environment and re-establish itself as a top-class global manufacturer of automotive components.

## **2. The new entity at a glance**

Below is an outline of the new entity arising through this absorption-type split, to be officially launched on July 1, 2010:

(1) Name: Mitsui Kinzoku ACT Corporation

\* ACT stands for Automotive Components Technology and Achieve Create Try

(2) Paid-in capital: ¥3,000 million

(3) President and Representative Director: Harufumi Sakai

(Currently Executive Officer and General Manager of Automotive Parts & Components Div.: appointment as Director and Senior Executive Officer of the parent company is scheduled on June 29.)

(4) Main shareholder: Mitsui Mining & Smelting Co., Ltd., 100%

(5) Nature of business: Manufacture and marketing of automotive parts

(6) Number of employees: Approximately 730

## **3. Absorption-type integration entry into effect: July 1, 2010**

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## Attachment (For reference)

1. Map showing major production bases of the Automotive Parts & Components Div.



①Yokohama, Yamanashi, Fukuoka, Fukushima (Japan)

②GECOM Corp. (USA)

③Mitsui Siam Components Co., Ltd. (Thailand)

④Wuxi Dachong Industry Co., Ltd. (China)

⑤Mitsui Components Guangdong Co., Ltd. (China)

⑥Mitsui Kinzoku Components India Pvt. Ltd. (India)

⑦Mitsui Components Europe Ltd. (UK)

2. Door latch products

