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MITSUI MINING & SMELTING CO., LTD
(MITSUI KINZOKU)

Start of Mass Production at U.S.-Based Subsidiary Undertaking Manufacturing and Sales in the Catalyst Business

Mitsui Mining & Smelting Co., Ltd. (President: Sadao Senda; hereinafter “Mitsui Kinzoku”) announces that Mitsui Kinzoku Catalysts America Inc., which was established in July 2013 to undertake the manufacture and sale of catalysts for automobiles in the United States, has commenced the mass production of exhaust purifying catalysts for the 2016 models of automobiles to be delivered to Japanese automobile manufacturers.

Mitsui Kinzoku has to date worked to expand its business mainly in India, Thailand and other emerging economies. Given that demand for cars remains brisk in North America and in response to mounting local needs for advanced technologies, Mitsui Kinzoku will expand its business in the United States in a bid to achieve continuous business expansion.

The effects of this move on Mitsui Kinzoku’s earnings forecast for the current period are negligible.

[Reference: Company Profile]

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| (1) Name: | Mitsui Kinzoku Catalysts America Inc. |
| (2) Location: | Frankfort, Kentucky |
| (3) Date of Establishment: | July 2013 |
| (4) Capitalization: | US\$10 million |
| (5) Investor: | Mitsui Mining & Smelting Co., Ltd.: 100% |
| (6) Business | (1) Manufacture and sale of catalysts for automobiles
(2) Manufacture and sale of catalysts for utility engines |

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