Announcement Regarding the U.S. Department of Justice

Press Release of its Antitrust Investigation of the Automotive Anti-vibration Rubber Product

Industry

The United States Department of Justice (the "DOJ"), on September 26, 2013 (U.S. Eastern

time), announced that an employee of Toyo Tire & Rubber Co., Ltd., has agreed to plead guilty

in the government's ongoing investigation into anticompetitive activity in the automotive

anti-vibration rubber products industry.

The TOYO TIRE Group Companies have been fully cooperating with the DOJ's antitrust

investigation in the automotive anti-vibration rubber products segment.

The TOYO TIRE Group Companies take the investigation seriously, and are fully committed to

ensuring compliance with all laws wherever it conducts business.

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