



15 December 2005

Company Name: Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd.  
Representative: Hisataka Nobumoto, Representative Director, Chairman & CEO  
(First section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange; Code No.: 7238)  
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## Notice of Change in Representative Directors

The following change in the representative directors of Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd., was determined by resolution of the Board of Directors on the December 15, 2005.

### 1. Details of the change

Name	New Position	Current Position
Tsuyoshi Kashiwagi	Member of the Board Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd. Chairman & CEO Akebono Corporation (North America)	Executive Vice President, Representative Director & Member of the Board Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd.

### 2. Reason for the change

With Ambrake Corporation, a former joint venture with Delphi Automotive Systems, having become a wholly owned subsidiary, the scale of North American business will greatly increase. In order to further reinforce Akebono's North American operations in response to this increase, Mr. Kashiwagi will be assigned to the United States to take up the position of Chairman and CEO of Akebono Corporation (North America), the entity that oversees all of Akebono's activities in North America.

### 3. Effective date (provisional)

December 26, 2005