

## Press Information

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### Notice of Merger of Subsidiaries

Akebono Brake Fukushima Manufacturing Co., Ltd., located in Fukushima Prefecture, and Akebono Brake Tatebayashi Manufacturing Co., Ltd., located in Gunma Prefecture, both of which are wholly owned subsidiaries of Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd., are to merge. The merger, details of which are provided in the attached materials, was approved today by resolutions passed at general shareholder meetings of both companies.

17 February 2006

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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### 1. Purpose of the merger

In line with the concentration and reorganization of domestic operations under the Global 30 three-year medium term management plan starting in April, the companies will be merged as part of efforts to further increase corporate value and promote more efficient operations, as well as enhance overall competitiveness in terms of product quality, performance and cost.

### 2. Merger schedule

- Shareholder Approval of Merger Agreement  
Akebono Brake Fukushima Manufacturing Co., Ltd. : 17 February 2006  
Akebono Brake Tatebayashi Manufacturing Co., Ltd. : 17 February 2006
- Date of Merger 1 April 2006 (provisional)
- Registration of Merger 3 April 2006 (provisional)

### 3. Merger process

Akebono Brake Fukushima Manufacturing Co., Ltd., will survive the merger and remain in existence, absorbing Akebono Brake Tatebayashi Manufacturing Co., Ltd., in the process, which will therefore be dissolved.

### 4. Outline of the merging parties (As of 30 September 2005)

(1) Trade name	Akebono Brake Fukushima Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (Surviving company)	Akebono Brake Tatebayashi Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (Company to be absorbed)
(2) Activities	Manufacture of automotive brake components, etc.	Manufacture of brake components for rolling stock & industrial machinery, etc.
(3) Established	2 April 2001	1 April 2003
(4) Head offices	10 Shinjuku, Narita Aza, Koori-machi O-aza, Date-gun, Fukushima Prefecture	6012 Tobu Kogyo Danchi, Oshima-machi Aza, Tatebayashi-shi, Gunma Prefecture
(5) Representative	Kazumi Saito, President & Representative Director	Tomikazu Oyama, President & Representative Director
(6) Capital	10 million JPY	10 million JPY
(7) Issued stock	200 shares	200 shares
(8) Total assets	950 million JPY	574 million JPY
(9) Close of accounting	March 31	March 31
(10) Employees	310	64
(11) Shareholder and holding ratio	Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd. (100%)	Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd. (100%)

## 5. Status after the merger

- (1) Trade name  
Akebono Brake Fukushima Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
- (2) Activities  
Manufacture of brake components for transportation equipment
- (3) Head office  
10 Shinjuku, Narita Aza, Koori-machi O-aza, Date-gun, Fukushima Prefecture
- (4) Representative  
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Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd. (100%)
- (7) Close of accounting  
March 31