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Company Name: Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd.

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# Notice of Change in Subsidiaries (Acquisition)

It was determined by resolution of the board of directors of Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd., today that the Company would acquire additional shares in PT. Tri Dharma Wisesa, an Akebono group affiliate located in the Republic of Indonesia. Details of the acquisition are outlined below.

## 1. Reason for the share acquisition

To strengthen Akebono's operations in Indonesia and the ASEAN region, the Company's current shareholding of 30% of the issued shares in PT. Tri Dharma Wisesa will be increased to 50%.

#### 2. Method of acquisition

Share purchase for cash

## 3. Outline of the new subsidiary

(1)	Trade name	PT. Tri Dharma Wisesa	
(2)	Representative	Albert Sudarto	
(3)	Address	Jl. Pegangsaan Dua Block A1, Km 1,6 Kelapa Gading,	
		Jakarta, Indonesia	
(4)	Established	3 December 1981	
(5)	Main business	Manufacture and sale of brakes and related components	
(6)	Close of accounts	31 December	
(7)	Employees	920 (as of 31 December 2005)	
(8)	Paid-in capital	40 billion Rupiah (approx. 500 million JPY)	
(9)	Issued shares	40 million shares	
(10)	Shareholder composition and ratios (as of 31 December 2005)		

30.00%
29.75%
22.75%
8.75%
5.25%
3.50%

### (11) Recent performance

	2004 (million JPY)	2005 (million JPY)
Sales	5,585	8,973
Net profit on sales	1,119	1,921
Operating income	633	1,223
Net income	351	806
Total assets	3,451	4,739
Shareholders' equity	1,084	1,891

Note: A conversion rate of 78 Rupiah to the Yen has been used.

- 4. Shares to be acquired from:
  - PT. Sapta Panji Manggala
  - PT. Santiniluwansa Lestari
  - PT. Trikirana Investindo Prima
  - PT. Wahanalaksana Kertapradhana
- 5. Number and price of shares to be acquired, and resulting change in shareholding
  - (1) Shareholding before acquisition 12 million shares (30%)
  - (2) Number of shares to be acquired 8 million shares
  - (3) Shareholding after acquisition 20million shares (50%)
  - (4) Acquisition price US\$5.6 million
- 6. Shareholder composition and ratios after the acquisition

Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd. 50.00% PT. Astra Otoparts Tbk. 50.00%

7. Schedule

Scheduled acquisition of shares: 20 March 2006

8. Subsidiary to fall under the scope of consolidation

PT. Tri Dharma Wisesa will become a consolidated subsidiary of Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd.

9. Impact on performance

The new subsidiary's business year ends in December and the impact of the acquisition on the Company's fiscal 2005 performance will be negligible.