

Press Release

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Akebono Brake Executive and Personnel Changes

TOKYO – Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd. announced executive and personnel changes, effective May 1, 2007.

Executive changes effective May 1

Name	New responsibilities	Former responsibilities	Continuing responsibilities
Shunji Yokoo	Corporate Staff Department		Representative Director & Member of the Board, Executive Vice President Chairman, Executive Advisory Committee Manufacturing Department Production Engineering Department Quality Assurance Department Purchasing Department
Yoshimasa Ogino	Internal Audit Office		Member of the Board, Vice President & CFO Corporate Planning Department VCET Project
Toshimitsu Nishigaki	External Affairs	Corporate Staff Department Internal Audit Office	Member of the Board, Senior Managing Executive Officer
Sachiyuki Ishige	Corporate Staff Department		Senior Managing Executive Officer Aftermarket Sales Department Global Aftermarket Sales Operations

Note: Where more than one executive share the same responsibility, the lower ranking executive assumes an assisting role.

Personnel changes effective May 1

Name	New responsibilities	Former responsibilities	Continuing responsibilities
Yasushi Matsui	Human Resources, Corporate Staff Department		Human Resources Policy Planning Group

About Akebono Brake Industry, Co., Ltd.

Akebono Brake Industry, Co., Ltd. (TSE: 7238), founded in 1929, is a world leader in advanced brake and friction material development and production. Akebono's portfolio includes brake products for automobiles, motorbikes, rolling stock, and industrial machinery, and sensor products for automobiles. The Akebono Group operates R&D centers in Japan, the United States and France, and has wholly owned or affiliated manufacturing facilities in Japan, the United States, France, China, Thailand and Indonesia. Akebono recorded net sales of 142.3 billion yen in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006, and employs over 6,000 people worldwide on a consolidated basis. For more information, visit www.akebono-brake.co.jp

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