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**Notice on the production and distribution of ductile iron pipes in India
by jointly establishing a company with Tata Group and Metal One**

Kubota Corporation (hereinafter “Kubota”), Tata Metaliks Limited (hereinafter “TML”) and Metal One Corporation (hereinafter “MetalOne”) have reached a basic agreement to jointly establish a company (hereinafter the “New Company”) and construct a plant in India for the purpose of manufacturing and distributing ductile iron pipes for water supply.

1. Outline of the Basic Agreement

- (1) Kubota, TML and MetalOne will establish the New Company in Kharagpur, West Bengal (which is located approx. 130 kilometers west from Kolkata) to manufacture and distribute ductile iron pipes for water supply. TML will become majority shareholder of the New Company.
- (2) The New Company will construct a plant bordered by TML’s Kharagpur plant and manufacture ductile iron pipes using hot metal directly supplied from blast furnace of TML’s plant.
- (3) Kubota will offer the expertise to the New Company in order to build a plant and manufacture ductile iron pipes.
- (4) Ductile iron pipes manufactured by the New Company will be distributed in India by itself and in the Middle Eastern and Southeast Asian countries by Kubota under the name of Kubota.

2. Background and Purposes of establishing the New Company

- (1) Quickly launch ductile iron pipe business for water supply in promising Indian market
 - By its rapid economic growth, Indian society faces an urgent need to develop water supply and sewerage systems, especially in urban area. Demand for ductile iron pipes, which is main product of pipeline for water supply, is increasing rapidly by 23% of average annual rate from 1997 to 2006 and government budget for development of water supply systems is also increasing. Accordingly, brisk demand for ductile iron pipes are expected from this time in India.
 - TML has an enough capacity to constantly supply the New Company with pig iron, which is main raw material for manufacturing ductile iron pipes. TML also has great capability of credit and marketing as a member of Tata Group, the largest conglomerate in India. Kubota will intend to launch this business rapidly by offering the expertise related to building a plant and manufacturing ductile iron pipes to the New Company.
- (2) Expand export for the Middle Eastern and Southeast Asian countries
 - The Middle Eastern and Southeast Asian countries also face an urgent need to develop water supply and sewerage systems on the background of economic growth and increase in population, and steady demands for ductile iron pipes are expected.
 - Currently, Kubota exports ductile iron pipes to those countries from its plants in Japan. However, price competition with Chinese or other country’s products is getting very severe.
 - In addition to exporting from its plants in Japan, Kubota intends to expand overseas business of ductile iron pipes by exporting ductile iron pipes produced by the New Company for those countries with enhanced competitiveness taking advantage of lower transportation costs.

3.Schedules

- Kubota, TML and MetalOne will conclude the basic contract of joint venture and establish the New Company by the end of July 2007.
- After the conclusion, the New Company will begin its plant construction and organize manufacturing and marketing structure by the beginning of 2009.
- The New Company targets ¥10 billion of net sales five years after the beginning of operations.

《Reference》

【Outline of each company】

TATA METALIKS LIMITED

Foundation :	1990 (A subsidiary of Tata Steel Ltd.)
Business :	Sales and production of pig iron for casting
Principal :	Mr. Harsh K Jha, Managing Director
Head Count :	257
Shareholder's equity :	Rs252.9 million (Approx. ¥660 million, Fiscal 2005)
Net Sales :	Rs4,458.7 million (Approx. ¥11.59 billion, Fiscal 2005)
Net Income :	Rs459.1 million (Approx. ¥1.19 billion, Fiscal 2005)
Head Office :	Kolkata, West Bengal, India
Plants (Capacity) :	Kharagpur Plant (320 thousand tons per year), Redi Plant (300 thousand tons per year)

METAL ONE CORPORATION

Foundation :	2003 (Business integration of steel product divisions of Mitsubishi Corporation and former Nissho Iwai Corporation (subsequently, Sojitz Corporation))
Business :	Sales of steel products and investing in businesses
Principal :	Mr. Moriji Kanada, President
Head Count :	Approx. 8,000 (consolidated)
Shareholder's equity :	¥100.0 billion
Net Sales :	¥2,576.6 billion (Fiscal 2005)
Net Income :	¥32.9 billion (Fiscal 2005)
Head Office :	Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan

【About ductile iron pipe】

- Ductile iron pipe is superior in strength, durability and corrosion resistance and is used for pipeline of water supply.
- Kubota has two plants for manufacturing ductile iron pipes, Hanshin plant (Amagasaki, Hyogo Pref., Japan) and Keiyo plant (Funabashi, Chiba Pref., Japan).
- Ductile iron pipes are manufactured by “centrifugal casting method”, which is a casting method using centrifugal force, pouring hot metal into rapidly spinning cylinder-shaped mold.
- Ductile iron pipes are widely adopted as water-supply pipe in many countries, including Qatar (60 kilometers), U.A.E. (140 kilometers) and Kuwait (100 kilometers) in the Middle East.

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