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Announcement Concerning the Establishment of Manufacturing Subsidiary in Thailand

Makita Corporation (Head office: Anjo, Aichi Prefecture, Japan) announces that it has established a manufacturing subsidiary in Thailand. The subsidiary will start manufacturing in the fiscal 2012.

The world demands for power tools are rapidly recovering from the stagnation after the Lehman Shock. In addition, it is expected that the demands from emerging countries in Asia and other regions will continue strong. Makita's consolidated net sales for the year ending March 31, 2011 are also heading for recovery, and we expect the sales will increase by 8.6% compared to the previous year to 267 billion yen.

Currently Makita has nine manufacturing plants in the world: two in Japan, another two in China, and one each in the United States, U.K., Romania, Brazil and Germany. In Asian region the first Chinese plant started operations in 1995 and today these two plants in China have become core production sites for Makita. By establishing the second production center in Asia, where the demands will further increase, we will reduce the production lead time mainly for Southeast Asian countries, and still the more strengthen our production structure to flexibly and quickly respond to demands.

The details of the Thai manufacturing subsidiary are as follows.

1. Company name: Makita Manufacturing (Thailand) Co., Ltd.
2. Capital: 800 million baht (Approximately JPY2.2 billion)
3. Form of investment: 100% by Makita Corporation
4. Location: Sri Racha, Chonburi Province, Thailand
5. Establishment: March 24, 2011
6. Commencement of plant construction: June 2011 (Scheduled)
7. Commencement of production: July 2012 (Scheduled)
8. Number of local personnel: Approximately 300 (Scheduled)
9. Lines of business: Production of power tools and gardening equipment (From processing of motors and other parts to assembly)
10. Land area for the plant: Approximately 106,000 m²
11. Floor area of the plant: Approximately 30,000 m² (Scheduled)
12. Planned production: 50 thousand units per month (Scheduled)