

# News Release

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## **Hitachi Automotive Systems Americas Announces to Begin Construction of its New Automotive Equipment System Plant in Mexico State**

Farmington Hills, Michigan, May 5, 2014 --- Hitachi Automotive Systems Americas, Inc., the regional headquarters for the Americas within Hitachi Automotive Systems' global operations – today announced that Hitachi Automotive Systems Mexico, S.A. de C.V. (President: Takumi Shimaoka) has begun the construction of a new plant in Lerma City, Mexico to manufacture automotive systems.

Mexico continues to develop as a base for automotive manufacturing throughout the Americas, including Latin America. The numbers of foreign car maker factories are increasing. As a result, there are greater demands of localization to respond quickly to the community needs and to secure production capacity in Mexico for automotive equipment system manufacturers. Furthermore, due to NAFTA (Mexico, United States and Canada's North American Free Trade Agreement) and the Economic Complementation Agreement (ACE) No 55 regarding the automotive sector between Mexico and the member countries of the MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay), there are tariff-free exports of automotive parts. This has led to enhanced introduction of automotive equipment system manufacturers into Mexico.

This new plant, 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Company and 5<sup>th</sup> for Hitachi Automotive Systems Group within Mexico, is being established to respond appropriately to support the production of vehicles in Mexico and to further strengthen the supply for the car makers throughout the Americas using the preferential trade agreement.

As a result of the establishment of the new plant, the Company will be securing approximately 180,000 square meters of land in Lerma City, Mexico. The Company will begin production of pistons for automotive parts as well as aluminum diecasts in May 2015. Further expansion of production is to be expected in the future.

Hitachi Automotive Systems will continue to work on establishing further expansion of the automotive equipment systems business in Mexico.

■ Overview of the new plant in Lerma, Mexico

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| Name       | Hitachi Automotive Systems Mexico, S.A. de C.V. Plant 3<br>(As of April 2014, company name change from Unisia Mexicana S.A. de C.V.) |
| Location   | Lerma City, State of Mexico                                                                                                          |
| Products   | Piston for automotive parts, aluminum diecast<br>(Planning for steady expansion of manufacturing)                                    |
| Site Area  | Approximately 180,000 m <sup>2</sup>                                                                                                 |
| Production | May of 2015                                                                                                                          |

■ Hitachi Automotive Systems Group in Mexico

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|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name                                   | Hitachi Automotive Systems Mexico, S.A. de C.V.                                                    | Hitachi Automotive Systems Queretaro, S.A. de C.V. | Electrónica Clarion S.A. de C.V.                                             |
| Location                               | Lerma City, State of Mexico                                                                        | Queretaro City, State of Queretaro                 | Corporate Office: Mexico City<br>Plant: San Juan Del Rio, State of Queretaro |
| Representative                         | Takumi Shimaoka                                                                                    | Shigetoshi Nashimoto                               | Joaquín Loose                                                                |
| Date of Foundation                     | March of 1979                                                                                      | July of 2012                                       | November of 1983                                                             |
| Main Products                          | Plant 1: Pump, balancer, etc.<br>Plant 2: Ignition Coil, etc.<br>Plant 3: Piston, aluminum diecast | Suspension, brakes, etc.                           | Car audio equipment, Engine control unit, etc.                               |
| Number of employees (as of March 2014) | Approximately 1,320                                                                                | Approximately 200                                  | Approximately 1,680                                                          |

■ **About Hitachi Automotive Systems Americas, Inc.**

Hitachi Automotive Systems Americas, Inc., a subsidiary of Hitachi America, Ltd., manufactures, remanufactures and markets a wide range of automotive systems including engine management systems, electric power train systems, drive control systems and car information systems for all major automotive original equipment manufacturers and aftermarket customers worldwide, providing leadership within Hitachi Automotive Systems' global operations as the regional headquarters in the Americas. The company is headquartered in Farmington Hills, MI.

For more information, please visit [www.hitachi-automotive.us](http://www.hitachi-automotive.us).

■ **About Hitachi America, Ltd.**

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