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**YOKOHAMA Rubber to Increase Tyre Production Capacity in Russia to**

**1.6 Million Tyres a Year**

Tokyo – The YOKOHAMA Rubber Co., Ltd., announced today that the company will increase the annual production capacity of YOKOHAMA R.P.Z., a Russian subsidiary for manufacturing and selling tyres, from current 1.4 million to 1.6 million tyres. With an investment of 500 million yen, YOKOHAMA Rubber plans to attain the capacity increase within the existing plant of YOKOHAMA R.P.Z. and begin full-fledged production in the autumn of 2014. The number of tyres YOKOHAMA Rubber sells in Russia has reached 3 million a year, which is more than twice that of its local production capacity. The decision of this time is aimed at resolving this gap as much as possible and promoting “local production for local consumption”.

YOKOHAMA R.P.Z. was founded in December 2008 for the purpose of manufacturing tyres in Russia. Celebrating opening of its new tyre plant in May 2012, the company is now manufacturing “C.drive2” passenger car tyres and “ice GUARD iG35” stud tyres for passenger cars with internal diameters from 13 to 18 inches. While the company is selling these tyres in Russia, it also plans to export some products to Europe in the future. The current annual production capacity of 1.4 million is going to be full-fledged production in the summer of 2013 as the company initially scheduled. With the new investment decided this time, the annual production capacity of YOKOHAMA R.P.Z. will be expanded to 1.6 million tyres in the autumn of 2014.

■Outline of YOKOHAMA R.P.Z.

Lines of business: Manufacturing and sale of tyres for passenger cars and sports utility vehicles

Site area: 29 hectares

Representative: Shinichi Suzuki

Number of employees: 557 (as of the end of 2012)

Location: Special Economic Zone of Lipetsk Region, Russia