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**Announcement of Establishment of New Company to Invest in Kwik-Fit Group,  
UK No1 tyre retailer**

On 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011, ITOCHU Corporation (headquartered in Minato-ku, Tokyo, Masahiro Okafuji, President & CEO; hereinafter “ITOCHU”) and ITOCHU Europe PLC (headquartered in London, UK; Takeshi Kumekawa, CEO; hereinafter “ITOCHU Europe”) have agreed, subject to certain conditions, to acquire all the shares of the Kwik-Fit Group (hereinafter “Kwik-Fit” or “the Group”), an independent tyre retailer in the UK and Europe, from PAI Partners (hereinafter “PAI”), a European private equity firm. The agreed enterprise value is £637 million.

The acquisition is conditional upon approval from the European Competition Authorities and successful completion of the consultation process with its French Works Council.

Therefore, ITOCHU decided to establish a new company for the purpose of managing business of the Group.

1. Purpose

The purpose to establish the new company is to implement quick and proactive management judgment and firm affiliate administration. As ITOCHU and ITOCHU Europe will jointly invest to the new company, it also enables to make smooth communication and swift decision between two parties.

2. Overview of the new company

(1) Trade name	Bidco Tyche Limited (tentative)
(2) Head office	The Broadgate Tower 20 Primrose Street London EC2A 2EW, U.K.
(3) Representative	To be dispatched from ITOCHU
(4) Principal businesses	Managing business of the Group
(5) Capital	At establishment: £ 100 (tentative)

(to be increased after establishment)	After capital increase: approximately £ 300 million (scheduled for May 2011)	
(6) Date of establishment	March 2011 (tentative)	
(7) Fiscal year-end	March 31	
(8) Ownership	100% together with ITOCHU and ITOCHU Europe	
(9) Relationship with ITOCHU	Capital	As per (8) above, ITOCHU and ITOCHU Europe will jointly make of a capital investment equivalent to 100% in the new company.
	Personnel	As per (3) above, the plan is for a representative to be dispatched from ITOCHU. Other staffing, including additional dispatching from ITOCHU, has yet to be determined.
	Transactional	There are no significant transactions between ITOCHU and the new company. In addition, there are no significant transactions between persons or companies affiliated with ITOCHU and persons or companies affiliated with the new company.

### 3. Schedule

(1) Date of establishment	March 2011 (tentative)
(2) Date of capital increase	May 2011 (tentative)

### 4. Status of shares held

(1) Number of shares held before establishment	—
(2) Number of shares held at establishment	100 shares (Total number of voting rights : 100) (Ownership 100%)

### 5. Future outlook

The impact on ITOCHU's earnings for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011, is deemed to be negligible.