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Changes in the Board of Directors

On May 12, 2005, The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd., at the Meeting of its Board of Directors, decided the following changes in directorships to become effective upon approval at the General Meeting of Shareholders to be held on June 29, 2005.

Promoted Director and Corporate Officer

New position	Name	Current position
Director and Managing Corporate Officer	Takashi Yamashita	Managing Corporate Officer
Director and Managing Corporate Officer	Tatsunari Kojima	Director and Corporate Officer
Managing Corporate Officer	Masamichi Danjo	Corporate Officer

Retiring from the Board

Name	Current position	New position
Takasuke Sato	Director and Managing Corporate Officer	Advisor, President of Hamagomu Aicom Inc.
Hiroshi Hosoya	Corporate Officer	Advisor, President of Hamagomu Engineering Co., Ltd.

Promoted to Corporate Officer

Name	Current position
Hideo Fujiwara	General Manager of Corporate Finance & Accounting Dept.
Ichiro Kondou	Chairman of Hangzhou Yokohama Tire Co., Ltd.
Hajime Yamazaki	Vice President of YH America, Inc.

Seiichi Suzuki will be reappointed as Corporate Auditor. He is scheduled to be terminated from his position as Corporate Auditor on June 29, 2005.

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New Management

Yokohama Rubber plans to establish the following new management after the General Meeting of Shareholders to be held on June 29, 2005.

Directors

Name	Position
Yasuo Tominaga	Chairman and Representative Director
Tadanobu Nagumo	President and Representative Director
Keigo Ueda	Director and Senior Managing Corporate Officer, President of Sports Group, in charge of Corporate Personnel Dept., Corporate General Affairs Dept., Corporate Purchasing Dept., General Manager of Corporate Compliance Dept., General Manager of Hiratsuka Factory
Takashi Sugimoto	Director and Senior Managing Corporate Officer, President of Tire Group, in charge of Off-the-road Tire & Aircraft Tire Div.
Tetsuya Mizoguchi	Director and Managing Corporate Officer, President of Multiple Business Group, General Manager of Industrial Products Div.
Takashi Yamashita	Director and Managing Corporate Officer, in charge of Tire Technology and Tire Production, General Manager of Original Equipment Tire Sales Div.
Tatsunari Kojima	Director and Managing Corporate Officer, in charge of Secretariat, Corporate Planning Dept., Corporate Communications Dept., Corporate Finance & Accounting Dept., MIS Dept., Internal Audit Dept., President of Yokohama Corporation of North America

Corporate Officers

Name	Position
Toshihiko Shiraki	Managing Corporate Officer, General Manager of Tire Domestic Sales & Marketing Div.
Masamichi Danjo	Managing Corporate Officer, in charge of Quality Assurance, Environmental Conservation Dept., General Manager of R & D Center
Akihisa Takayama	Corporate Officer, General Manager of Tire Production Technology Div.
Michio Yuge	Corporate Officer, General Manager of Hoses and Coupling Div.
Toshio Izawa	Corporate Officer, in charge of MB Production
Yasuhiro Mizumoto	Corporate Officer, General Manager of Tire Production Div.
Shinichi Suzuki	Corporate Officer, Vice President of Yokohama Tire Corporation
Koichi Tanaka	Corporate Officer, Deputy General Manager of Tire Domestic Sales & Marketing Div.

Takashi Fukui	Corporate Officer, General Manager of Tire Overseas Sales & Marketing Div.
Tooru Kobayashi	Corporate Officer, General Manager of Tire Planning Div., Chairman of Yokohama Tire Philippines, Inc.
Toshihiko Suzuki	Corporate Officer, General Manager of Tire Technical Div.
Norio Karashima	Corporate Officer, President of Yokohama Tire Corporation, President of Yokohama Corporation of America
Hideo Fujiwara	Corporate Officer, General Manager of Corporate Finance & Accounting Dept.
Ichiro Kondo	Corporate Officer, Chairman of Hangzhou Yokohama Tire Co., Ltd.
Hajime Yamazaki	Corporate Officer, in charge of MB Technical, General Manager of Hamatite Div., General Manager of MB Business Development Center