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Changes in the Board of Directors

On May 11, 2006, 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, 2006.

Promoted to Director

New position	Name	Current position
Director and Corporate Officer	Tooru Kobayashi	Corporate Officer

Promoted to Corporate Officer

Name	New position (as of June 29, 2006)
Seiji Takai	General Manager of Aerospace Div.
Yuji Goto	In charge of TB Tire Business, General Manager of TB Tire Product Planning Dept.

Promoted to Corporate Auditor

Name	Current position
Naozumi Furukawa	President & CEO of ZEON Corporation

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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, 2006.

Directors

Name	Position
Yasuo Tominaga	Chairman and Representative Director
Tadanobu Nagumo	President and Representative Director
Keigo Ueda	Director and Senior Managing Corporate Officer, General Manager of Hoses and Coupling Div., President of Sports Group, General Manager of Hiratsuka Factory, Chairman of YH America, Inc., Chairman of SAS Rubber Company
Takashi Sugimoto	Director and Senior Managing Corporate Officer, in charge of Business Development in BRICs, Chairman of Yokohama Rubber (China) Co., Ltd.
Takashi Yamashita	Director and Senior Managing Corporate Officer, President of Tire Group, General Manager of Original Equipment Tire Sales Div.
Tetsuya Mizoguchi	Director and Managing Corporate Officer, President of Multiple Business Group
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.
Tooru Kobayashi	Director and Corporate Officer, General Manager of Tire Planning Div., General Manager of Tire Planning Dept., in charge of Off-the-road Tire & Aircraft Tire Div., Chairman of Yokohama Tire Philippines, Inc., General Manager of MD Promotion Dept.

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	Managing Corporate Officer, General Manager of Tire Production Div.
Michio Yuge	Corporate Officer, in charge of Corporate Purchasing Dept., Corporate General Affairs Dept., General Manager of Corporate Purchasing Dept., General Manager of Corporate Compliance Dept.

Toshio Izawa	Corporate Officer, in charge of MB Production, General Manager of MB Production Technology Dept., Deputy General Manager of Hoses and Coupling Div., General Manager of Hiratsuka East Plant
Yasuhiro Mizumoto	Corporate Officer, General Manager of Shinshiro Plant
Shinichi Suzuki	Corporate Officer, Vice President of Yokohama Tire Corporation
Koichi Tanaka	Corporate Officer, President of Yokohama Tire Chubu Sales Co., Ltd.
Takashi Fukui	Corporate Officer, General Manager of Tire Overseas Sales & Marketing Div.
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., in charge of Corporate Personnel Dept.
Ichiro Kondo	Corporate Officer, President of Yokohama Rubber (China) Co., Ltd., Chairman of Yokohama Tire Sales (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., Chairman of Hangzhou Yokohama Tire Co., Ltd., Chairman of Suzhou 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
Seiji Takai	Corporate Officer, General Manager of Aerospace Div.
Yuji Goto	Corporate Officer, in charge of TB Tire Business, General Manager of TB Tire Product Planning Dept.