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CZECH REPUBLIC — BREMBO INVESTS €35 MILLION IN NEW PLANT MANUFACTURING AUTO BRAKE SYSTEMS

- The three year investment plan (2010-2013) reflects the decision of some clients to apply light and high performance brake systems to their cars, like the ones Brembo produces with its technology.
- Brembo enter for the first time in the *mid-premium* segment (medium and high-end sedan), which is ten times bigger than the one typically served by the company.
- Projects have already been received from four clients: Land Rover, BMW, GM and Audi.
- 2014 will see the production of more than 1.5 million brake calipers and knuckles, generating new business worth around € 55 million.

Pursuing a strategy of international expansion and solid growth in new market segments, Brembo has decided to invest approximately €35 million over the next three years in a new manufacturing facility that will be located at Ostrava, in the Czech Republic.

The new factory — to be set up in an existing industrial building — will be operating with effect from 2011. Brake calipers and other aluminium components will be cast, machined and assembled there, whilst the aim ultimately is to develop an integrated industrial centre supplying quality brake systems with a high technological content to the European market.

With this end in view, Brembo S.p.A. has set up a wholly owned subsidiary trading under the name of Brembo Czech s.r.o.

With efforts being made constantly to reduce the environmental impact of vehicles, and a resulting interest in more lightweight components offering higher performance, certain auto makers operating in the *mid-premium* segment — which is ten times bigger than the one typically served by Brembo — have opted to upgrade their vehicles by applying technologies associated with the *luxury and high premium* segment, where Brembo is a world leader.

The new components will incorporate know-how and technologies pioneered and perfected by Brembo, in particular featuring lightweight construction, performance and design — the key advantages of aluminium over cast iron. Among the indirect advantages gained as a result of reducing weight and residual torque are lower pollutant emission levels and better fuel economy.

Brembo Czech s.r.o. is expected to achieve sales turnover of around €55 million in 2014, generated through new business. To date, projects have been secured from Land Rover, BMW, GM and Audi.

Brembo production facilities in Italy will continue to manufacture the current range of products targeted at *the high-end* and *luxury* market segments.

About Brembo SpA

Brembo SpA is the world leader and acknowledged innovator of the disc brake technology for automotive vehicles. Brembo supplies high performance brake systems - for the most important manufacturers of cars, commercial vehicles and motorbikes worldwide - as well as clutches, seats, seat belts and other components for racing only. Moreover, Brembo is also a leader in the racing sector and has won more than 200 championships. Today the company operates in 14 countries of 3 continents, with 35 production and business sites, and a pool of 5,417 employees (31/12/2009), about 10% of whom are engineers and product specialists active in the R&D. 2009 turnover is € 825,9 million. Brembo is the owner of the Brembo, Breco, Bybre, Marchesini, Sabelt brands and operates through the AP Racing brand.

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