

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Brembo buys foundry in Nanjing to build a new integrated industrial hub.**

- **The project will require investments of approximately €50 million over the next four years;**
- **The objective is to triple the production of brake discs and callipers for the Chinese market by 2013.**

Today, Brembo Nanjing Foundry Co. Ltd. and Donghua Automotive Industrial Co. Ltd (part of the Saic Group, China's top manufacturer of cars and commercial vehicles) finalised agreements for the purchase of foundry plants and equipment.

The agreements will strengthen the Brembo Group's presence in China by creating an integrated production centre in Nanjing, including a foundry and a production facility for brake callipers and discs (for cars and commercial vehicles) that will be able to offer the Chinese market braking systems built to meet Brembo's standards of performance, style and comfort.

*"The creation of the new industrial hub in China," confirmed Alberto Bombassei, Brembo's Chairman and CEO, "is the third important phase of our growth, after ten years of production in the country.*

*With the establishment of the new industrial centre in Nanjing, Brembo will be able to deal with in a structured manner and efficiently serve China's car and commercial vehicle market that, in 2009, became the world's largest with approximately 13.5 million vehicles.*

*We will continue to invest in China using a strategy that is typical to our company, based on research and development, the vertical integration of production and high-quality and high-performance products."*

Brembo Nanjing Foundry paid Donghua approximately €9 million for its assets.

As a result of the acquisition, the Brembo Group's presence in China now comprises more than 600 people and four operational companies:

- **Nanjing industrial centre**, responsible for foundry activities and manufacturing, with Brembo Nanjing Foundry Co. Ltd. (100% Brembo S.p.A.) and the JV Brembo Nanjing Brake Systems Co. Ltd. (70% Brembo Group and 30% Donghua);
- **Qingdao logistics centre**, responsible for logistics activities, with Qingdao Brembo Trading Co. Ltd. (100% Brembo International);
- **Beijing liaison and development office**, with Brembo China Brake Systems Co. Ltd. (67.74% Brembo S.p.A. e 32.26% Simest); in addition to carrying out promotion and market development activities, the company owns 42.75% of JV Brembo Nanjing Brake Systems.

Brembo's main customers in China are: BMW, Daimler, VW, Volvo, Iveco, MG and Mitsubishi.

**Donghua Automotive Industrial Co., Ltd.** is a large enterprise specialized in the key business areas of auto parts and service & trade. Donghua auto parts products covers forging part, casting part, tooling and equipment, chassis related systems (transmission system, powertrain, brake system, steering system, suspension system etc.), electric meters and trimming. Donghua service and trade business covers logistics, raw & ancillary material trade, import and export trade, real estate development etc.

**Brembo SpA** is the world leader and acknowledged innovator of the brake disc 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 a leader in the racing sector and has won more than 200 championships. Today the company operates in 14 countries of 3 continents, with 34 production and business sites, and a pool of about 5,400 employees (as of 30/09/2009), about 10% of whom are engineers and product specialists active in the R&D. 2008 turnover was € 1.060 million. Brembo is the owner of the Brembo, Breco, Marchesini, Sabelt brands and operates through AP Racing brand.

*The manager in charge of the Company's financial reports, Matteo Tiraboschi, declares, pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 154-bis of Italy's Consolidated Law on Finance, that the accounting information contained in this press release corresponds to the documented results, books and accounting records.*

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