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To Whom it may concern

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Toyo Tire Ramps up Capacity at its U.S. Tire Production Subsidiary

Hyogo, Japan - July 12, 2019 - Toyo Tire Corporation (HQ: Itami, Hyogo, Japan; President & CEO: Takashi Shimizu; hereinafter, "Toyo") announced that, at the meeting of the Board of Directors held today, it passed a resolution to make capital expenditures in order to ramp up capacity at its U.S. consolidated subsidiary Toyo Tire North America Manufacturing Inc. (hereinafter, "TNA").

1. Rationale of the capital expenditures

Taking into consideration "Mid-term '17", the four-year medium-term business plan that started in 2017, Toyo is moving its business forward by touting several topics, such as strengthening product strength and further strengthening the systems geared toward increasing sales in the North American market, optimizing the product mix to reflect market trends, improving its development and technical capabilities to supply products that surprise, reinforcing the strength of its brand, and building an efficient supply system.

In the North American market, pickup truck and large SUV sales are currently firm, and Toyo has a competitive advantage with regard to the highly creative large-diameter tires mounted on these kinds of vehicles. A steady increase in the demand and supply capacity of this type of tire is expected to continue even in 2020 and beyond. With these market conditions, Toyo decided to install production equipment in the remaining half of the space in new 5th phase building at TNA that was expanded at the end of last year in order to further strengthen production capacity.

2. About the capital expenditure

Amount	Approximately 7.0 billion yen (production equipment)
Use	Installation of production equipment, etc.
Start of operation	January 2021 (subject to change)
Capacity	1.2 million units annually (calculated for passenger car tires)

3. About the tire production subsidiary (Toyo Tire North America Manufacturing Inc.)

Location	Bartow County, Georgia, U.S.A.
Establishment	June 2004
Line of business	Manufacture of radial tires for passenger cars and light trucks

4. Future outlook

Toyo does not expect this investment decision to have any material impact on its consolidated earnings results for the year ending December 2019.