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## **New President for GKN Driveline Torque Technology Japan**

GKN Driveline Torque Technology has appointed Eiji Imai as the new president and representative director for GKN Driveline Torque Technology KK, in Japan (head office at 2388 Omiya-cho, Tochigi-city, Tochigi Prefecture).

Graeme Walford, the outgoing president of GKN Driveline Torque Technology KK, in Japan said: "Our roots in the Japanese market run deep. I am therefore really pleased that Eiji Imai has joined GKN. He brings with him 35 years of senior automotive industry experience which will help us to further expand our business in the vitally important Japanese market."

Eiji Imai said: "I am very excited to be joining a world-class company like GKN. My aim is to achieve long-term and sustainable growth building upon the excellent foundations of the company in Japan."

Eiji Imai assumes his new role on September 30<sup>th</sup> 2008.

Graeme Walford, managing director of GKN Driveline Torque Technology worldwide becomes chairman and representative director of GKN Driveline Torque Technology KK, in Japan

The biography of Eiji Imai is attached.

## About GKN

### GKN Group

The GKN Group is a global enterprise with 42,000 people working in over 30 countries. The sales of the group in 2007 were 861 billion yen (£4.1 billion). The GKN group is composed of Automotive (Driveline, other automotive), Sinter Metals, Off-highway and Aerospace.

### GKN Driveline

GKN Driveline, part of GKN Automotive, is a global enterprise with 21,000 people working at 40 locations in 30 countries. The company recorded sales of 420 billion yen (£2 billion) in 2007. GKN Driveline has six locations in Japan – Tochigi, Nagoya, Osaka, Oyama, Tokyo and Utsunomiya – employing nearly 2,000 people.

GKN Driveline is the world leader in the design and production of driveline components. It has the products to achieve the optimum driveline solution. With these products come technical expertise and an understanding of all aspects that affect vehicle dynamics and how these can be optimised for weight and performance improvement.

Every year, 72 million cars and light trucks are produced for the world's roads. For every car, in every country, the challenge is always the same: to transmit power from the engine to the wheels in the most efficient, economical and reliable way possible.

### GKN Driveline Torque Technology

GKN Driveline Torque Technology is the world's leading manufacturer of PTU (Power Transfer Unit) for all wheel drive vehicles and also supplies Torque Management Devices for coupling, axle and transmission application.

GKN Driveline Torque Technology has manufacturing locations in Europe, the USA, China and Japan.

### GKN Driveline Torque Technology KK, in Japan

GKN Driveline Torque Technology KK, in Japan contributes global research and development as well as manufacturing for the GKN Group.

The paid up capital of the company is 7,663 million yen. The head office in Japan is at Tochigi. The manufacturing facilities are in Tochigi and Nagoya (Oye-cho, Minato-ward, Nagoya-city) and a proving ground in Oyama (Tochigi-city).

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## Biography of Eiji Imai

Born: October, 1948, Tokyo



### Career Summary

- June 1971 **Tokyo University. Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering**
- July 1971 **Joined Nissan**
- January 1994 **Vice President of Nissan Research & Development (USA)**  
(Responsible for product planning and development in USA.)
- July 1997 **General Manager of Product Development, Vehicle Design**  
(Design and development of all Nissan FF series models in collaboration)
- July 1999 **Senior Vice President of Product Planning**  
(After alliance of Nissan with Renault, redefined Product Planning and established global matrix organization)
- April 2003 **Senior Vice President of Corporate Quality Assurance & Customer Service**  
(Managed total customer satisfaction globally taking responsibility for sales and service quality in addition to product quality in order to enhance customer satisfaction (CS))
- March 2007 **Resigned from Nissan**
- September 2008 **Joined GKN Driveline Torque Technology**