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**AUTOBACS announces Transfer of Store Ownership of its Franchisee
to its Consolidated Subsidiary**

January 29, 2016 (Tokyo, Japan) — AUTOBACS SEVEN Co., Ltd. (“the Company”, Representative Director and CEO: Setsuo Wakuda) announces today that its consolidated subsidiary, AUTOBACS YAMAGATA Ltd. (“AB YAMAGATA”) is taking over the store ownership of Big Touhoku Co., Ltd. (“Big Touhoku”), a member corporation of the AUTOBACS franchise chain. Details are as follows:

1. Purpose of transfer

As described in its Medium-Term Business Plan, AUTOBACS Group is aiming to increase market share and improve store profitability by strengthening its domestic AUTOBACS store business.

As part of the effort, the Company decided to consolidate store ownership in the Yamagata area, to simplify the operational structure and increase area competitiveness and management efficiency.

2. Outline of the transfer of store ownership

AB YAMAGATA, is taking over the operation on AUTOBACS YONEZAWA Store from Big Touhoku, as of April 1, 2016 (scheduled transfer date)..

3. Overview of the transferee Company

As of January 29, 2016

(1) Company name:	AUTOBACS YAMAGATA Ltd. (AB YAMAGATA)	
(2) Location:	Yamagata City, Yamagata Prefecture	
(3) Representative:	Junichi Asano	
(4) Line of business:	Retail of car goods and services (Operation of six AUTOBACS stores)	
(5) Capital:	JPY 95 million	
(6) Established:	September 2002	
(7) Present relationship between AB YAMAGATA and the Company	Capital relationship	The Company holds 100% of all outstanding shares of AB YAMAGATA
	Personnel relationship	One Director and one Auditor of AB YAMAGATA has been delegated from the Company
	Business relationship	AB YAMAGATA and the Company have concluded AUTOBACS franchise agreement, AUTOBACS CARS franchise basic agreement, AUTOBACS CARS franchise agreement and merchandise sale and purchase agreement.



4. Overview of the transferor company

As of January 29, 2016

(1) Company name	Big Touhoku Co., Ltd. (Big Touhoku)	
(2) Location	Koriyama city, Fukushima Prefecture	
(3) Representative	Hiroshi Maruyama	
(4) Line of business	Retail of car goods and services(Operation of four AUTOBACS stores)	
(5) Capital	JPY 30 million	
(6) Established	March 1983	
(7) Present relationship between Big Touhoku and the Company	Capital relationship	No relevant items
	Personnel relationship	No relevant items
	Business relationship	Big Touhoku and the Company have concluded AUTOBACS franchise agreement, AUTOBACS CARS franchise basic agreement, AUTOBACS CARS franchise agreement and merchandise sale and purchase agreement.
	Third-party relationship	Big Touhoku and the Company have not concluded a third-party relationship.

5. Scheduled transfer date

- (1) Date of decision: January 29, 2016
- (2) Date of agreement: January 29, 2016
- (3) Date of transfer: April 1, 2016

6. Effect on performance

The influence of this transaction on the Company's consolidated financial performance is assumed to be low.

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