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Corporate Communications Division
Mazda Motor Corporation

Statement on today's North American plant media speculation

With respect to the articles appearing in the media stating that "Mazda has frozen plans to build a North American plant with Ford due to the sharp decline in new-vehicle sales in the U.S.", the content of these reports is considered speculative and not based in fact. As outlined in our mid-term Mazda Advancement Plan, announced in March 2007, Mazda has no plans to establish a new vehicle production facility in North America.

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