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## **KSS OPENS JAPAN TECHNICAL CENTER**

### **Local capability increased in response to growth in region**

**YOKOHAMA, JAPAN (October 6, 2008)** – KSS (“Key Safety Systems”), a leader and innovator in global automotive safety systems and components, announces the opening of its Technical Center in Yokohama, Japan, that will support KSS engineering, laboratory and testing functions in the region. In establishing the technical center, KSS significantly boosts its presence in Japan. The dedicated safety systems’ building replaces the KSS Application and Sales office.

“The investment we have made in our new Yokohama Technical Center represents the continuing commitment to expand our global reach, while being able to better service the requirements of our Japanese customers,” said Jason Luo, KSS President and Chief Executive Officer. “KSS operates as a seamless global supplier - our technical centers in Detroit, Frankfurt, Shanghai and now Yokohama share common processes, software and systems including the latest IT infrastructure for technical collaboration, large file transfer, video conferencing, etc. We also have installed incremental capability in the areas of design, evaluation, prototype build and testing.”

Ron Feldeisen, KSS, Sr. Vice President of Global Sales and Marketing added, “KSS is honored to have recently won significant new programs across multiple Japanese OEMs. “We are committed to diversifying our revenue base and maintaining profitable growth. By establishing our Yokohama Technical Center, we listened to both our current and potential future Japan based partners who encouraged KSS to expand locally.”

KSS has had a presence in Japan since 1995.

**About KSS**

KSS is a leading global designer and manufacturer of safety-critical components and systems including airbags, seat belts and steering wheels. KSS products are featured in more than 300 vehicle models produced by over 60 automobile manufacturers worldwide. KSS' global reach comprises 36 manufacturing, technical and sales facilities in 12 countries generating approximately \$1 billion in sales and employing around 7,500 people.

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