

**Announcement of Plea Agreement with the United States Department of Justice Concerning Certain Automotive Components**

On August 19th, 2014 (U.S. Eastern Standard Time), —NGK SPARK PLUG CO., LTD. (President and CEO: Shinichi Odo, Headquarters: Nagoya, hereafter NTK) has concluded a plea agreement with the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), agreeing to pay a fine of US\$52.1 million (approximately 5.3 billion yen) based on charges that it violated antitrust laws in connection with sales of automotive spark plugs and oxygen sensors.

Since July 2011, NTK group has cooperated fully with the investigation. As a result of comprehensive consideration of applicable law, factual investigation and various circumstances, NTK has decided to enter into a plea agreement with the DOJ.

The impact on the Company's financial forecast for the second quarter and full year of ending March 2015 is currently being reviewed, and NTK will disclose it as soon as any amendment is needed.

It is NTK's policy to comply with all applicable laws and NTK has been consolidating its compliance systems. Since learning of this investigation, NTK has strived to further enhance and review its compliance systems, including in-house training for antitrust laws and any other applicable laws, to prevent a recurrence.

In addition, to emphasize the seriousness of these matters, NTK's representative directors will voluntarily return 30 percent of their compensation for a three-month period starting from September 2014.

We apologize to all our valued customers and other stakeholders for any inconvenience or concern.