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About Toshiba

Toshiba's SCiB™ rechargeable battery selected for "Ev-neo," Honda's new commercial-use electric motorcycle

-- Company secures first order for use in electric motorcycle --

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TOKYO—Toshiba Corporation (TOKYO:6502) today announced that its SCiB™ battery has been selected by Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (TOKYO:7267) as the power battery module for Honda's new commercial-use electric motorcycle, the "EV-neo." The SCiB™ is Toshiba's breakthrough rechargeable battery that offers excellent long life and rapid recharging characteristics. Since its introduction, the battery has earned a high evaluation that supported its selection for Honda's new electric motorcycle.

SCiB™ cells will be housed in an SCiB™ module integrating a battery management system that utilizes the capabilities of the SCiB™ to the full; it controls overall charging and discharging by analyzing factors that include temperature and voltage. The SCiB™'s superb long cycle life and rapid recharging will allow EV-neo to recharge to 80% of full capacity in only 20 minutes with a rechargeable power source.

Honda plans to launch "EV-neo" in December 2010.

Toshiba positions the SCiB™ as a new business with promising long term growth potential. The company plans to produces SCiB™ for industrial applications at Kashiwazaki Operations, a new facility in Niigata prefecture that will start production in 2011. Kashiwazaki Operations will manufacture SCiB™ for battery-powered electric vehicles and for the power storage market that will accompany the coming transition to smart grids. Toshiba will seek to establish an operating structure able to quickly respond to market growth and is promoting sales and marketing activities to win orders for the business.

For more about SCiB™, please visit Toshiba's website: http://www.scib.jp/en/

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