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DEPO JOINS CAPA AS LIGHTING PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

-CAPA Lighting Program Expanding Rapidly With Addition of Second Manufacturer-

Washington D.C. – The Certified Automotive Parts Association (CAPA) announces that DEPO Auto Parts Ind. Co., Ltd, a large manufacturer of aftermarket lighting, has joined CAPA as a Full Participant. DEPO is the second aftermarket lighting manufacturer to join the program.

“By choosing to comply with CAPA’s comprehensive quality standard, CAPA 301, DEPO further solidifies and clearly demonstrates its concern for product quality to the public,” said Jack Gillis, Executive Director of the non-profit association. Parts that meet the CAPA quality requirements will be clearly marked with CAPA’s unique, tamper-proof quality seal and packaging. “There will be no question in the marketplace as to which parts are genuine CAPA certified products,” said Gillis.

DEPO is an international supplier of lighting products that has been doing business in the U.S. for 8 years and currently produces over 2965 different lighting products for the U.S. market.

In order for a part to become CAPA certified, it must be validated through CAPA’s independent, third-party testing to determine that it passes FMVSS 108, meets CAPA’s requirements for comparability to its car company counterpart and properly fits on a vehicle, within specified guidelines. The Vehicle Test Fit program helps ensure the quality of every CAPA certified part.

“Since it’s inception in 1977, DEPO’s business philosophy has always been providing the market with quality products. Throughout the years, we have invested millions of dollars in world class testing and production equipment. As an effort to continuous improvement, a 7 year veteran engineer was transferred to our U.S. base, Maxzone, to manage our own vehicle test fits for quality prior to CAPA’s new part approval VTF, said Polo Hsu, President of Maxzone”.

“I have personally visited DEPO’s new, modern and efficient assembly plant, and have seen their commitment to quality. Now they have a chance to show repairers that quality by certifying their parts to the CAPA Lighting Standard,” said Bob Anderson, of Anderson’s Automotive Service and CAPA’s Board Chairman.

“With the addition of DEPO to the CAPA program, collision repairers will ultimately have even more opportunities to install CAPA certified replacement lighting parts on vehicles. This is a huge step forward in CAPA’s efforts to keep vehicles repairable,” said CAPA Executive Director, Jack Gillis. “There are currently two manufacturers at the forefront of their industry who are willing to fill that demand for CAPA parts, and I look forward to welcoming additional lighting manufacturers as they join the program.”

The Certified Automotive Parts Association, founded in 1987, is the nation’s only independent, non-profit, third party crash parts quality certification organization. CAPA certification identifies, for both consumers and the industry, those parts that meet our high quality standards for fit, form, finish, material content and corrosion resistance. For more information see www.CAPAcertified.org.

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