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IBIDEN CO., LTD.

### **Cumulative Worldwide Production of DPFs Reaches 10 Million Units**

The cumulative worldwide production of diesel particulate filters (DPFs: filters for eliminating black smoke emission from diesel-powered cars) by IBIDEN CO., LTD. (President & CEO: Hiroki Takenaka, Head office: Ogaki City, Gifu Pref.) surpassed ten million units as of July 7, 2008.

The SiC (silicon carbide) DPFs developed by IBIDEN were first installed in diesel passenger cars in June 2006. Since then, the demand for IBIDEN DPFs has steadily increased in Europe and other areas. "Euro IV," the European environmental standard put into force from 2005, has been a particularly strong force behind the rapid growth of DPF production and shipment volumes. IBIDEN began producing DPFs domestically, at its Ogaki-Kita Plant in Japan. Today, mass-production is ongoing at IBIDEN Hungary Kft. and IBIDEN DPF FRANCE S.A.S., two of IBIDEN's consolidated subsidiaries in Europe. The cumulative worldwide production of DPFs surpassed five million units in December 2006 and reached ten million units today, only 18 months later.

IBIDEN plants continue to supply DPFs to customers around the world to help preserve the global environment.

