

## **Toyota Boshoku to Establish Replacement Bumper Manufacturing Company in France**

Toyota Boshoku Corporation (Headquarters: Kariya-shi, Aichi, Japan; President: Masanao Motonami) will establish a new company that manufactures replacement bumpers in France in January 2005. The company will construct a plant with about 4,000 m<sup>2</sup> of floor space in Onnaing near Valenciennes. It will supply replacement bumpers for Toyota's made-in-Europe vehicles such as Corolla, Varis and Avensis.

Toyota Boshoku supplies almost all replacement bumpers for Toyota vehicles in Japan and aims to establish an efficient high-mix/low-volume production system in the new plant, making the most its accumulated experience and expertise.

### **Overview of the New Company**

1. Establishment: January 2005 (planned)
2. Location: Onnaing, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France
3. Capital: 2.3 million euro (planned)
4. Shareholders: 100% owned by Toyota Boshoku Corporation
5. Representative: Junichi Hishida
6. Plant area: Land – about 16,000 m<sup>2</sup>  
Building – about 4,000 m<sup>2</sup>
7. Products: Bumpers
8. Production start: Fall 2006 (planned)
9. Production capacity: 250,000 units per year (at full operation)
10. Number of employees: About 30 (at full operation)
11. Capital investment: 7 million euro