

COOPER TIRE & RUBBER CO  
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**COOPER TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY**

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Acquisition: Creating a Global Tire Leader

Apollo to Acquire Cooper  
Apollo Tyres and Cooper Tire & Rubber combining to create a  
global leader in tire manufacturing and distribution

Agreement must be  
approved by regulators  
and shareholders

Assuming a timely process,

expected to take place in  
the coming months

Until agreement closes,  
we remain separate  
companies and operate  
as such

Business as usual!

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2  
Combined Revenues of \$6.6 Billion  
2012 Global Tire Company Rankings  
Based on 2011 Sales  
2011  
2010  
2011  
RANK  
2010  
RANK

COMPANY / HEADQUARTERS

TIRE

SALES

% OF TOTAL

CORP. SALES

TIRE

SALES

% OF TOTAL

CORP. SALES

7

7

Yokohama Rubber Co. Ltd.

6,028.0

81.0%

4,750.4

Tokyo, Japan

6

6

Sumitomo Rubber Industries Ltd.

7,413.0

87.2%

5,850.0

85.0%

Kobe, Japan

5

5

Pirelli & C. S.p.A.

7,802.2

99.0%

6,320.5

98.4%

Milan, Italy

4

4

Continental A.G.

10,645.0

25.1%

8,100.0

23.5%

Hanover, Germany

3

3

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.

20,490.0

90.0%

16,950.0

90.0%

Akron, Ohio

2

2

Group Michelin

27,413.6

95.0%

22,515.0

95.0%

Clermont-Ferrand, France

1

1

Bridgestone Corp.

28,450.0

75.0%

24,425.0

75.0%

Tokyo, Japan

16

16

Apollo Tyres Ltd.

2,526.8

100.0%

1,943.4

100.0%

Kerala, India

15

14

Triangle Group Co. Ltd.

2,527.1

100.0%

2,258.9

100.0%

Shandong, China

14

15

GITI Tire Pte. Ltd.

2,893.6

100.0%

2,207.5

100.0%

Singapore

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Toyo Tire & Rubber Co. Ltd.

3,064.6

75.4%

2,500.0

73.6%

Osaka, Japan

12

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Kumho Tire Co. Inc.

3,522.1

99.4%  
3,025.9  
99.8%  
Seoul, South Korea  
11  
9  
Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.  
3,927.2  
100.0%  
3,361.0  
100.0%  
Findlay, Ohio  
10  
11  
Hangzhou Zhongce Rubber Co. Ltd.  
4,262.6  
95.1%  
3,226.1  
97.2%  
Hangzhou, China  
9  
10  
Maxxis International/Cheng Shin Rubber  
4,268.0  
100.0%  
3,356.4  
100.0%  
Yuanlin, Taiwan  
8  
8  
Hankook Tire Co. Ltd.  
5,744.2  
97.8%  
4,513.1  
Seoul, South Korea  
Combined Company  
8  
#7

NORTH AMERICA  
EUROPE  
AFRICA  
ASIA  
Durban, South Africa  
Ladysmith, South Africa  
3  
Guadalajara, Mexico

Texarkana, AR

Clarksdale, MS

Tupelo, MS

Findlay, OH

Enschede, Netherlands

Melksham, England

Kruševac, Serbia

Rongcheng City, China

Kunshan, China

Limda, India

Oragadam, India

Perambra, India

Kalamassery, India

Significant Presence in the Largest  
and Fastest Growing Geographies

Apollo

Cooper

Track Record of Driving Sales Growth

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COOPER  
NET SALES

(in billions)

APOLLO  
NET SALES

(INRbn)

2009

2010  
2011  
2012  
2.78  
3.36  
3.93  
4.20  
\$ 5B  
4  
3  
2  
1  
0  
2009  
2010  
2011  
2012  
49.8  
81.2  
88.7  
121.5  
125B  
100  
75  
50  
25  
0

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Diversified Product Offering

LIGHT VEHICLE

TIRES

Both companies primarily focus on the replacement tire business

PASSENGER

TIRES

COMMERCIAL  
TRUCK TIRES  
FARM VEHICLE  
TIRES

Key OE Relationships  
COOPER  
APOLLO  
6

Strong Brands Respected for Quality

7

NORTH AMERICA  
EUROPE  
ASIA  
Melksham, England  
Pearsall, Texas  
Shanghai, China  
Findlay, OH

Enschede, Netherlands

Limda, India

Oragadam, India

Perambra, India

Kalamassery, India

Apollo

Cooper

Committed to Innovation and Technology

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Third-Party Recognition

Shared Values

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Both companies commit equally to employee safety and development as well as sustainability and giving back to communities.

Continuity and Business as Usual  
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Apollo to retain and grow  
existing Cooper facilities

Cooper to continue  
to recognize unions

Cooper to continue  
to honor collective  
bargaining agreements

Compensation and benefit  
levels for non-union  
employees generally  
maintained

Management continuity

Key Takeaways A Great Match  
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Combined organization will  
be world's seventh-largest  
tire company with sales of  
\$6.6B

More options for customers;  
growth opportunities for  
employees

Existing Cooper facilities  
maintained

No plan to outsource  
manufacturing from  
North America

Cooper will generally  
maintain current  
employee compensation  
and benefit levels

Cooper will recognize  
labor unions and honor  
collective bargaining  
agreements

Management continuity

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

In connection with the proposed transaction, Cooper will file a proxy statement with the SEC. INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE BECAUSE IT WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AND COOPER. You will be able to obtain the proxy statement, as well as other filings containing information about Cooper, free of charge, at the website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Copies of the proxy statement and other filings made by Cooper with the SEC can also be obtained free of charge, by directing a request to Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, 701 Lima Avenue, Findlay, Ohio 45840, c/o Jerry Long ([investorrelations@coopertire.com](mailto:investorrelations@coopertire.com)).

**Participants in the Solicitation**

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Information about Cooper's directors and officers and their ownership of Cooper's common stock is set forth in its Form 10-K which was filed with the SEC on February 25, 2013 and the proxy statement for Cooper's Annual Meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on March 26, 2013. Stockholders may obtain additional information regarding the interests of Cooper and its directors and executive officers in the proposed transaction, which may be different than those of Cooper's stockholders generally, by reading the proxy statement and other relevant documents regarding the proposed transaction, when filed with the SEC.

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