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Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

Mitsui to participate in Gestamp Automoción S.A., a Spanish global leader in designing and manufacturing of automotive components

Mitsui & Co., Ltd. ("Mitsui", Head Office: Tokyo, President and CEO: Tatsuo Yasunaga) has agreed to purchase shares of Gestamp Automoción S.A. (“GA”), a Spanish global leader in designing and manufacturing of automotive stamping components. Mitsui’s investment will be 416 million Euros (approx. ¥47 billion), through which Mitsui will indirectly own 12.525% of GA via Gestamp 2020, SL., a special purpose company established between ACEK Desarrollo y Gestión Industrial, S.L. (“ACEK”, a holding company of the founding family of GA) and Mitsui, after signing the stock purchase agreement and obtaining necessary approval and authorization. Mitsui’s investment will be adjusted based on GA’s coming financial results.

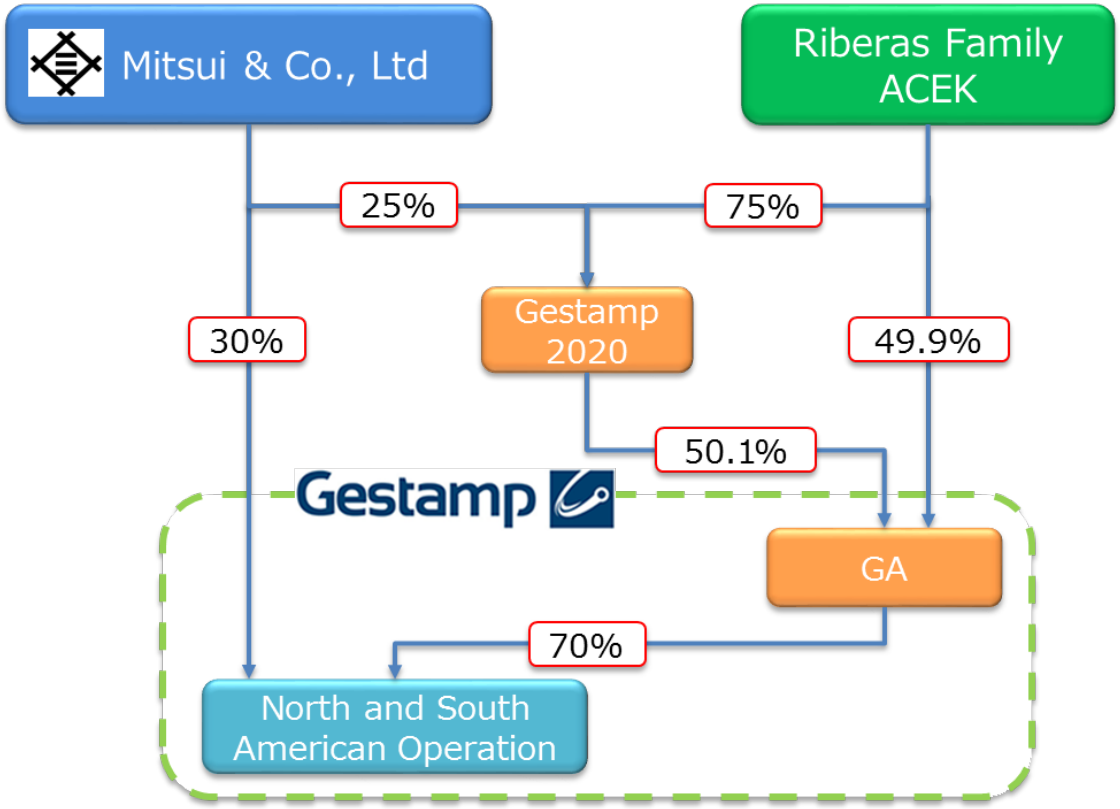
Since GA was established in 1997, they have been manufacturing and supplying metal components, such as Body-in-white, Chassis and Mechanism parts to mainly European and American automotive manufacturers. GA has grown its business in conjunction with the global expansion of those automotive manufacturers. Today GA has a total of 101 production sites (including those in planning) in 20 countries and 12 R&D sites. Based on their 2015 financial result, GA is one of the leaders in sales and EBITDA among automotive stamping component manufacturers in the world. GA’s world-leading cutting-edge hot stamping technology has been adopted by several automotive manufacturers and has been supporting them in reaching high level of eco-friendliness (reducing emissions through lighter-weight components) and safety.

“Mobility” is one of the key strategic domains in Mitsui, and since the investment into GA’s North and South American operations (USA, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina) in 2013, Mitsui has been strengthening the relationship with GA. The investment in GA itself will allow Mitsui to capture not only the needs of automotive manufactures in the Americas but in a global scale, and enable Mitsui to seize the growth of the high performance material market. In addition, Mitsui’s know-how and customer base built over the years in supplying automotive steel, and the synergy generated by harnessing the experiences of handling different kinds of materials across different business units in Mitsui, should all support GA in reinforcing their revenue base and contribute to improving the enterprise value of both GA and Mitsui.

【Company profile】

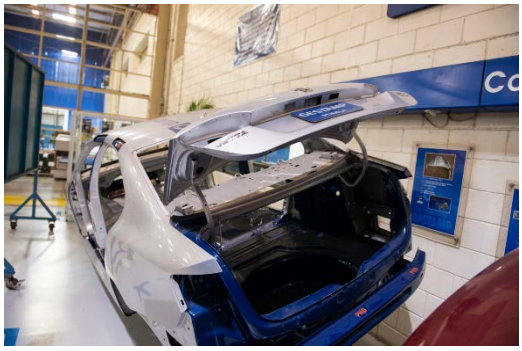
Company name	Gestamp Automoción, S.A.（GA）
Establishment	1997
Head office	Madrid Spain
Capital structure	(Before Mitsui participation) ACEK and others100% (After Mitsui participation) Gestamp 2020, S.L. 50.1%, ACEK and others 49.9% **Mitsui will indirectly own 12.525% of GA through Gestamp 2020, S.L.
Mitsui's investment timing	Within FY ending March 2017 (plan)
President	Francisco José Riberas Mera, President and CEO
Business domain	Automotive component supplier (101 global production sites. Manufacture of Body-in-White, Chassis, Mechanism components）
Revenue/EBITDA	7,035 million Euros/760 millon Euros（Result of CY2015）
Total assets	5,746 million Euros（as of ended 2015）
Employees	Approx. 33,000

【Investment structure】





GA's hot stamping technology produces light weight components and support automotive manufactures to build eco-friendly automobiles.



Sample of automotive components produced by GA.

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