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To Whom It May Concern

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Notice of in-principle agreement to settle proceedings filed in Australia against Hino and its subsidiary in Australia, and recording of special loss

Hino Motors, Ltd. ("Hino") hereby announces that, in relation to proceedings filed against Hino and its subsidiary Hino Motor Sales Australia Pty Ltd (ACN 064 989 724) ("HMSA") (Hino and HMSA collectively, the "Company") in the Supreme Court of Victoria on April 17, 2023, the Hino Board of Directors has approved entering into an in-principle settlement agreement with the plaintiff in the proceedings (the "Settlement").

1. Overview

As Hino announced on October 14, 2022, class action proceedings were filed in the Supreme Court of Victoria against the Company on September 30, 2022 (the "First Proceedings"). Competing class action proceedings were filed against the Company on April 17, 2023 (the "Second Proceedings"). In both the First Proceedings and the Second Proceedings, the plaintiffs claimed to have suffered losses due to Hino's historical misconduct. The Supreme Court of Victoria resolved a carriage dispute in favour of the solicitors engaged for the plaintiff in the Second Proceedings, and made orders on December 15, 2023 that the First Proceedings would be permanently stayed and that the Second Proceedings would proceed. The solicitors engaged for the plaintiff in the First Proceedings lodged an application for leave to appeal this decision, but ultimately discontinued their application in July 2024.

The Company has decided to agree to the Settlement, which, if approved by the Supreme Court of Victoria, will resolve the claims against the Company in their entirety, in order to minimize the impact that the Second Proceedings may have on Hino's business. Hino considered various factors in making its decision, including the potential impact of long and drawn out litigation.

2. Group Members

Persons who or which by April 17, 2023, purchased, leased or otherwise acquired an interest in Australia in a Hino branded vehicle fitted with a diesel engine that was manufactured during the period from January 1, 2003 to August 22, 2022.

3. Settlement Amount

87 million AUD (approximately 8.5 billion JPY).

Please note that the settlement agreement will be filed with, and its terms are subject to approval by the Supreme Court of Victoria.

4. Impact

The Settlement Amount will be recorded as a special loss in Hino's financial results for the third quarter of fiscal year 2025. Hino is currently analyzing the impact of the Settlement on its business and, once the analysis is complete, will promptly make an announcement.

Although the Settlement involves no finding or admission of liability, Hino believes this resolution to be in the best interest of the Company and its stakeholders.

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