

## Westlake Tyres: China's largest tyre maker in 2011

**London, 10 May, 2012.**– The Hangzhou Zhongce Rubber Company (ZC Rubber), manufacturer of Westlake Tyres, has just been declared China's largest tyre maker for 2011 according to figures published by the China Rubber Industry Association (CRIA).

ZC Rubber's sales, which were up 29.2% over 2010, were significantly higher than GITI Tire Co. Ltd. (\$2.89 billion) and Triangle Group Co. Ltd. (\$2.52 billion) for the top honours, according to the CRIA data.

Furthermore, sales of \$3.52 billion should put ZC Rubber in the 10th, 11th or 12th position globally, depending on what Taiwan's Maxxis International and South Korea's Kumho Tire Co. Inc. final fiscal 2011 numbers show.

Mr. Jorge Crespo, European General Manager for Eskay Tyres, distributor of the brand in the UK and several key European markets, stated that: "These results are a strong signal to the tyre market of Westlake's strength and growth potential and a good reflection of Westlake's dedication to quality and product development".

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