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GP BATTERIES INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

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JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT FOR THE MANUFACTURE AND TRADING OF THIN METAL FILM LEAD ACID BATTERIES AND RELATED BATTERY PRODUCTS

The Board of Directors of GP Batteries International Limited (the "Company") wishes to announce that its subsidiary, Bolder Technologies Pte Ltd ("Bolder") has entered into a joint venture agreement (the "JVA") with Yokohama Ventures Sdn Bhd ("Yokohama") on 30 March 2012 pursuant to which the parties agree to cause to be incorporated or acquired in Malaysia, a private company limited by shares ("JV Company") as soon as practicable after the date of the JVA to manufacture and trade thin metal film lead acid batteries and related battery products.

Yokohama is a private limited liability company incorporated in Malaysia and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Yokohama Industries Berhad (YIB), a company listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad. Yokohama is principally carrying on the business of investment holding and YIB, via its various subsidiaries, is carrying on the business of lead acid battery manufacturing and lead recycling.

Pursuant to the JVA, Yokohama and Bolder shall each subscribe for 70% and 30% of the shares in the JV Company ("JV Shares") respectively after the incorporation or acquisition of the JV Company and the JV Company will become an associated company of the Company after its establishment. Yokohama will subscribe for the JV Shares by way of a cash contribution of US\$233,333 to the JV Company while Bolder will subscribe for the JV Shares by way of non-cash consideration of US\$100,000, to be satisfied by the transfer of certain machinery and equipment ("Machinery and Equipment") to the JV Company. The Machinery and Equipment is valued by the parties at US\$300,000. The balance of US\$200,000 of the agreed value of the Machinery and Equipment will be reflected as a shareholder's loan to the JV Company as described below. No person was commissioned to value the Machinery and Equipment. Based on the unaudited financial statements of Bolder drawn up to 29 February 2012, the book value of the Machinery and Equipment was nil.

The JVA contemplates that Yokohama and Bolder will each provide a shareholder's loan to the JV Company in accordance with their shareholding proportions. Subject to the provisions of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad, Yokohama will provide a shareholder's loan of US\$466,667 to the JV Company as and when required to finance the operation of the JV Company. Likewise, Bolder will treat the balance sum of US\$200,000 due to it by the JV Company from the transfer of the Machinery and Equipment as a shareholder's loan.

As the JV Company would require certain intellectual property rights belonging to the Company to carry out the objectives of the joint venture, the Company would be entering into an agreement with the JV Company, to assign to the JV Company such intellectual property rights for a consideration of USD1.00.

None of the directors or controlling shareholders of the Company has any direct or indirect interest in this transaction except through their shareholdings (if any) in the Company.

By Order of the Board

Caroline Yeo
Company Secretary
30 March 2012