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KOI AUTO PARTS JOINS VIPAR HEAVY DUTY

New Cincinnati-based stockholder serves heavy duty customers in Ohio and Kentucky

Crystal Lake, IL – <u>VIPAR Heavy Duty</u> has announced that KOI Auto Parts in Cincinnati, Ohio is the newest stockholder to join the organization's network of distributors. Led by its president, David Wesselman, KOI serves the heavy duty market from two warehouses in Cincinnati and from three additional warehouses in Dayton, Ohio, Lexington, Ky., and Newport, Ky.

In addition, KOI is a leading automotive parts provider, with 75 locations in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, and West Virginia. KOI's business serves professional repair garages, collision centers, dealerships, municipalities, fleets and retail customers.

"KOI is known for its world class customer service. Over the last several years, as the heavyduty aftermarket distribution channel shifted in Cincinnati, KOI recognized the opportunity to expand their heavy-duty product offering," said Jim Pennig, vice president, business development, VIPAR Heavy Duty. "KOI currently services the city fleets of Cincinnati, Ohio and Covington, Kentucky, and has targeted numerous locations in their service network identified as excellent truck parts growth opportunities."

For more information on KOI Auto Parts phone (513) 357-2427 or visit <u>www.koiautoparts.com</u>. For more information on VIPAR Heavy Duty, visit <u>www.vipar.com</u> or e-mail: <u>info@vipar.com</u>.

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