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Daicel Corporation

## **Daicel Announces Acquisition of Special Devices, Inc.**

Osaka, Japan – Daicel Corporation (“Daicel”, President and CEO; Misao Fudaba) is pleased to announce that it recently signed a definitive agreement to acquire, through its wholly-owned U.S. subsidiary, Daicel (U.S.A.)Inc. (President; Shoichi Kuromiya), all of the outstanding shares of common stock of Special Devices, Incorporated (“SDI”), a U.S. company manufacturing and selling airbag initiators. This transaction is anticipated to close in April 2012, subject to regulatory approvals and customary closing conditions.

### **1. Purpose of Acquisition**

Daicel manufactures and sells inflators (gas-generating devices) for all automotive airbag types including driver, passenger, side impact, curtain and knee, and micro gas generators (“PGGs”) for seatbelt pretensioners.

Daicel has already established six production and marketing bases in Japan, the U.S., Thailand, Poland, China and South Korea. Daicel is actively promoting global expansion of its inflators business and also aims to expand its business of pyrotechnic devices other than inflators.

Daicel currently manufactures initiators in Japan and Thailand. This transaction will enable customers to benefit from expanded initiator manufacturing capabilities and enhanced global marketing of initiators, as well as inflators and PGGs.

In addition, this transaction will enable Daicel to better serve customers and markets through anticipated synergies with SDI, including increased production efficiency, accelerated new product development and access to expanded global marketing channels.

### **2. SDI Profile**

- 1) Trade name : Special Devices, Incorporated
- 2) Head office : Moorpark, California, U.S.A.
- 3) Manufacturing sites :Mesa, Arizona, U.S.A.; Saraburi Province, Thailand
- 4) Representative : Christopher Hunter
- 5) Business : Manufacturing and marketing of initiators and PGGs