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# Sonic Automotive, Inc. Schedules Release of 2010 Fourth Quarter and Full Year Results

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Feb. 1, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Sonic Automotive, Inc. (NYSE: SAH) today announced it will release fiscal 2010 fourth quarter and year end financial results on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 7:30 A.M. (Eastern). Senior management will hold a conference call on February 22, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. (Eastern)

To access the live broadcast of the call over the Internet go to:www.sonicautomotive.com

A live audio of the call will be accessible to the public by calling (877) 791-3416. International callers dial (706) 643-0958. Callers should dial in approximately 10 minutes before the call begins.

A conference call replay will be available one hour following the call for seven days and can be accessed by calling: 800-642-1687, Conference ID: 41490497, International callers dial (706) 645-9291.

Presentation materials for the Company's February 22, 2011 earnings conference call will be accessible beginning the morning of the conference call on the Company's website at www.sonicautomotive.com by clicking on the "For Investors" tab and choosing "Webcasts & Presentations" on the left side of the screen.

About Sonic Automotive

Sonic Automotive, Inc., a Fortune 500 company based inCharlotte, N.C., is one of the largest automotive retailers in the United States operating 136 franchises. Sonic can be reached on the Web at www.sonicautomotive.com.

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