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# Sonic Automotive, Inc. Schedules Release of First Quarter Results and Conference Call

CHARLOTTE, N.C., March 31, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Sonic Automotive, Inc. (NYSE: SAH) today announced it will release fiscal 2011 first quarter financial results on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 7:30 A.M. (Eastern). Senior management will hold a conference call at 2:00 P.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: 56248512, International callers dial (706) 645-9291.

Presentation materials for the Company's April 26, 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 in Charlotte, N.C., is one of the largest automotive retailers in the United States. Sonic can be reached on the Web at www.sonicautomotive.com.

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