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

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Oct. 1, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Sonic Automotive, Inc. (NYSE: SAH) today announced it will release fiscal 2012 third quarter financial results on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 7:30 A.M. (Eastern). Senior management will hold a conference call on October 23, 2012 at 11:00 A.M. (Eastern).

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

The conference call will also be available live by dialing in 10 minutes prior to the start of the call at:

Domestic: 1.877.791.3416
International: 1.706.643.0958
Conference ID: 36761316

A conference call replay will be available one hour following the call for seven days and can be accessed by calling:

Domestic: 1.855.859.2056
International: 1.404.537.3406
Conference ID: 36761316

Presentation materials for the Company's 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 nation's largest automotive retailers. Sonic can be reached on the web at www.sonicautomotive.com.

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