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

CHARLOTTE, N.C., April 11, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Sonic Automotive, Inc. (NYSE: SAH) today announced it will release fiscal 2012 first quarter financial results on Monday, April 23, 2012 at 7:30 A.M. (Eastern). Senior management will hold a conference call 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: 70848537

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

Domestic: 1.800.585.8367
International: 1.404.537.3406
Conference ID: 70848537

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 in Charlotte, 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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