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## **China Heavy Duty Vehicle First Quarter Strength Based On Heavy Truck Segment**

COLUMBUS, IN – China heavy duty commercial vehicle sales posted a 9% gain in the first quarter of 2011 when compared to the same quarter of 2010. Over 290,000 heavy duty commercial vehicles were sold during the quarter, with the heavy truck segment of the market posting the best performance while the heavy tractor segment declined from the previous year.

Including the medium duty truck and bus segments of the market, over 390,000 commercial vehicles were sold in China during the first quarter of the year.

This information is included in the recently released *China Commercial Vehicle Outlook* report published jointly by ACT and SIC, China's State Information Center, and released quarterly. The report also includes an overview of the China economy and its impact on sales of heavy- and medium-duty trucks and buses, as well as OEM market shares. The next issue of The China Commercial Vehicle Outlook will be published in September 2011.

"The China heavy duty commercial vehicle volume was over 1 million units last year, and we expect the market to come in just under 1 million units during 2011," said Kenny Vieth, president and senior analyst with ACT. "While we expect some easing during 2012 and 2013 as well, the overall commercial vehicle market in China continues at robust levels," added Vieth.

SIC is affiliated with the National Development and Reform Commission of China and is engaged in research on the macro-economy, key industries and information technology.

ACT is the worldwide leading publisher of new and used commercial vehicle (CV) industry data, market analysis and forecasting services for the North American market, as well as the U.S. tractor-trailer market and the China CV market. ACT's CV services are used by all major North American truck and trailer manufacturers and their suppliers, as well as the banking and investment community.

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