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**NEWS**

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**Kia Motors posts global sales of 247,176 vehicles in May**

**(SEOUL) June 1, 2018** – Kia Motors Corporation announced its May 2018 global sales figures for passenger cars, recreational vehicles (RVs) and commercial vehicles, recording a total of 247,176 units sold, increasing 9% from 2017.

In May, the company’s overseas sales climbed 9.2% compared to the previous year, posting 200,130 units with strong sales of compact SUV Sportage, answering to the growing SUV demands in global market.

Sales in Korea totaled 47,046 units, representing an increase of 8.1% compared with the same month last year. The growth was due to the strong sales of its all-new world class luxury flagship sedan K900, which was revealed early April.

Kia’s best-selling model in the global markets during May 2018 was the Sportage compact SUV with 48,074 units sold. The Rio subcompact sedan was the second best seller with 32,078 units sold, followed by the Forte, also known as K3 in some markets, compact sedan with 30,654 units sold.

Kia Motors expects to gain fresh sales momentum by introducing all-new Forte in major markets in the second half.



***Editor’s note***

\* Sales in Korea is based on retail sales while overseas sales (global sales excluding Korea) is based

on wholesale.

\* Monthly sales figures provided in this press release are unaudited and on a preliminary basis.

**About Kia Motors Corporation**

*Kia Motors Corporation (www.kia.com) – a maker of world-class quality vehicles for the young-at-heart – was founded in 1944 and is Korea's oldest manufacturer of motor vehicles. About 3 million Kia vehicles a year are produced at 14 manufacturing and assembly operations in five countries which are then sold and serviced through a network of distributors and dealers covering around 180 countries. Kia today has over 51,000 employees worldwide and annual revenues of over US$47 billion. It is the major sponsor of the Australian Open and an official automotive partner of FIFA – the governing body of the FIFA World Cup™. Kia Motors Corporation's brand slogan – "The Power to Surprise" – represents the company's global commitment to surprise the world by providing exciting and inspiring experiences that go beyond expectations.*

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