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Effect of Tohoku Earthquake on Business Operations

The Company extends its condolences to the victims of the catastrophic earthquake that occurred in the Tohoku region of Japan on March 11, 2011. The following is a summary of the effect of this disaster on business operations.

1. Damage

(1) Employees

The safety of all employees has been confirmed and nobody was killed or injured by the earthquake or tsunami.

(2) Business facilities

There was no serious physical damage to the Niigata Plant in the city of Joetsu in Niigata prefecture and the R&D Center in the city of Kawasaki in Kanagawa prefecture.

At the head office and other business facilities in the Kanto region, there was minor damage to some furniture and fixtures. However, this damage will have no effect on results of operations.

2. Effect on results of operations

At this time, there are no indications that the earthquake or tsunami will have any effect on results of operations. An announcement will be made promptly if the Company determines that there is likely to be a significant impact on business operations, including procurement and distribution activities.