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Impact of the 2011 Tohoku Earthquake

Due to the earthquake that occurred off of the northeast Pacific coast of Japan on March 11, 2011, our Iwaki Factory (located in Iwaki City, Fukushima Prefecture) and Plastics Processing Factory (located in Omitama City, Ibaraki Prefecture) are currently not in operation.

Portions of the Iwaki Factory and the Plastics Processing Factory facilities have been damaged by the earthquake, and since March 12, 2011, we have been assessing such damage. We have also already begun our repair efforts.

We will continue to assess the damaged facilities and repair the same in order to restart production as soon as possible. In addition, we will continue our efforts to secure electricity, fuel and other necessary materials. Due to the impact of the earthquake (e.g., traffic and train delays and the damage to our facilities), we are unable, however, to anticipate the timing of production recommencement at either factory at this time.

We sincerely apologize to those located near and around our factories, our customers and other stakeholders for any inconvenience stemming from the shutdown of our facilities. We also ask for the understanding of our customers for any inconvenience caused by delays in the delivery of products as a result of the earthquake.