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Restoration Status of the Iwaki Factory

We would like to inform you about the effect of, and our respond to concerns about, the earthquake as of April 20, 2011. We sincerely apologize to our customers, our business partners, those located near and around our factories and other stakeholders for any inconvenience stemming from the shutdown of our facilities.

Portions of our Iwaki Factory (located in Iwaki City, Fukushima Prefecture) have been damaged by the earthquake. As informed in “Impact of the 2011 Tohoku Earthquake (#3)” dated March 31, 2011, we have been dedicated to assessing the damaged facilities and repairing the same in order to restart production in late April 2011. Due to the April 11, 2011 7.0-magnitude aftershock that occurred in the southern part of Iwaki City, Fukushima Prefecture (intensity 6 lower in Iwaki City) and the April 12, 2011 6.3-magnitude aftershock that occurred in the same area (intensity 6 lower in Iwaki City), however, portions of the facilities have been damaged again in the Iwaki Factory around 10 km from the epicenter of the aftershocks.

We continue to assess the damaged facilities and repair the same, however, we decided to change the restart schedule. We would like to inform you that we plan to restart the production of our main products around 10 days later than planned restart schedule provided in “Impact of the 2011 Tohoku Earthquake (#3)” dated March 31, 2011, except that we have already restarted the packaging facilities of “KREMEZIN[®]” (a therapeutic agent for chronic renal failure) and the production of “CARBOTRON[®] P” (a negative-electrode material for batteries). Please note that the above mentioned outlook might change again due to progress in assessing and repairing the facilities, external factors such as the circumstances concerning receipt of raw materials and fuel, occurrence of the large scale aftershocks and situation surrounding the nuclear power plant (Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station).

In view of the above, we would like to consult with our customers about the scheduling of our deliveries, which will also be dependent on inventory levels.

We will commit ourselves to restoration of the facilities in order to restart the same and to reconstruction of the disaster areas near and around our factories. We will inform you of any progress of the situation, including our outlook for restarting production.