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Update on the Effects of and Response to the Tohoku Kanto Earthquake

Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation (TOKYO:8036, Hitachi High-Tech) would like to express our deepest sympathies to those affected by the earthquake that struck the Tohoku region on March 11th.

Of our production facilities in Ibaraki Prefecture, the Naka Division of Hitachi High-Tech and Hitachi High-Tech Manufacturing & Service Corporation (both Hitachinaka, Ibaraki Prefecture) which manufactures semiconductor measurement and inspection equipment and products for its Science & Medical Systems business, have suffered structural damage to their buildings or have damaged production facilities and are currently not in operation.

Lifelines such as power are expected to restore today. Hitachi High-Tech is still working to grasp the full extent of the damage to production facilities. Due to the nature of the damage, it is impossible to say when production at these facilities will restart.

Hitachi High-Tech Control Systems Corporation (Mito, Ibaraki Prefecture) which manufactures measurement control systems has suffered only minor damage and is expected to restart operations soon.

On the other hand, the logistics center (Hitachinaka, Ibaraki Prefecture) belonging to Hitachi High-Tech Fielding Corporation which stores components and consumables for the maintenance of semiconductor measurement and inspection equipment and products for its Science & Medical Systems business, has suffered damages in storage and facility. Presently, however, it has restarted partial operation.

Apart from the above locations, the following facilities have restarted operations:

- Kasado Division, Hitachi High-Technologies (Kudamatsu, Yamaguchi Prefecture):
Semiconductor Process Equipment
- Shonan Division, Hitachi High-Technologies (Ashigarakami, Kanagawa Prefecture):
HD Manufacturing Equipment
- Saitama Division, Hitachi High-Technologies (Kodama, Saitama Prefecture):
FPD Manufacturing Equipment
- Headquarters, Hitachi High-Tech Instruments (Kumagaya, Saitama Prefecture):
SMT Systems
- Yamanashi Division, Hitachi High-Tech Instruments (Minami Alps, Yamanashi Prefecture):
Semiconductor Assembly Systems

Also, Hitachi High-Tech's Ibaraki Branch Office (Hitachi, Ibaraki Prefecture) and Tohoku Branch Office (Sendai, Miyagi Prefecture) have re-opened for business.

With respect to our employees, Hitachi High-Tech has confirmed that all employees are safe, and is continuing to confirm the safety of their families.

Hitachi High-Tech initially set up a headquarters on March 11th in response to the earthquake, but in light of the damage to our production facilities and offices a disaster recovery headquarters has been established led by President and CEO Hidehito Obayashi on March 16th. This headquarters will study and implement responses to our customers, recovery of the Naka Division and other locations, and address issues concerning IT infrastructure.

Hitachi High-Tech is currently estimating the extent of losses and the impact the earthquake will have on the company's performance. If the impact is large, Hitachi High-Tech will disclose such information as quickly as possible.

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