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**NIPPON SHOKUBAI Reports the Effects of the Pacific Coast of Tohoku Earthquake**

We at NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO.,LTD. [Tokyo Stock Exchange-TOSE:4114.T](“NIPPON SHOKUBAI”) would like to express our deepest sympathy for all those affected by the Pacific Coast of Tohoku Earthquake occurred on March 11, 2011.

NIPPON SHOKUBAI reports the effects of the earthquake as follows.

**1. Operations**

Though Kawasaki Plant (Kawasaki, Kanagawa Pref.) had a strong quake, it was incurred no damage which would hinder its plant operation. Confirming safety, it keeps operation at lower operating rate than usual. Its operation could be hindered by possible shortage of raw materials, electricity and so on.

Himeji Plant (Himeji, Hyogo Pref.) and Suita Plant (Suita, Osaka Pref.) had no effect by the earthquake and keep usual operation.

**2. Personnel**

NIPPON SHOKUBAI has confirmed no casualties or injuries to its employees in the effected area.

**3. Financial impact**

NIPPON SHOKUBAI is investigating the financial impact of the earthquake, and will immediately report if any major impact will be anticipated.

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