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NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD

Explosion and Fire at Himeji Plant (#7)

NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD [Tokyo Stock Exchange - TOKSE:4114.T] (“NIPPON SHOKUBAI”) is deeply saddened by the loss of life resulting from the explosion and fire at the Himeji Plant on September 29 and extends its sincere condolences to family members. In addition, NIPPON SHOKUBAI extends its sincere apologies to the individuals who were injured by this accident and to the enormous problems this incident caused for the neighborhood of the plant and to other people associated with this incident.

NIPPON SHOKUBAI had received orders to suspend operation of all the facilities of hazardous substances in the Plant from the mayor of Himeji city since September 29. Today, NIPPON SHOKUBAI received another lift of restrictions for some part of facilities in the Plant from the authority as mentioned below.

Although operation of all facilities in the Plant had been suspended at this moment, today NIPPON SHOKUBAI received another lift of restrictions for eleven warehouses, and a common facility in the Plant from the authority, as public safety at the site was confirmed.

With this lift of restrictions, a transfer of the hazardous substances stored in the warehouses is approved.

In addition, using these warehouses and taking care of the Plant's safety, NIPPON SHOKUBAI proceeds to re-start the operation of the automotive catalysts production facilities, which keep enough distance from the place of the accident.

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