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NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD

Explosion and Fire at Himeji Plant (#9)

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 most of 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 and can re-start some part of production facilities as mentioned below;

Today NIPPON SHOKUBAI received another lift of restrictions for total 45 facilities include production facilities, common facilities, warehouses, tanks and so on in the plant from the authority, as public safety at the site was confirmed.

With this lift of restrictions and taking care of the plant's safety, NIPPON SHOKUBAI proceeds to re-start the operation of some production facilities for the products not derived from acrylic acid in order.

Now, the following products' production facilities are in operation;

- automobile catalysts
- catalysts for catalytic wet oxidation wastewater treatment
- acrylic resins for paints and adhesives produced by Nippon Polymer Industries Co., Ltd., next to the NIPPON SHOKUBAI Himeji Plant

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