NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD

Explosion and Fire at Himeji Plant (#19)

NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD [Tokyo Stock Exchange - TOKSE: 4114.T] ("NIPPON

SHOKUBAI") is deeply saddened by the loss of life resulting from the accident at the Himeji Plant on September 29, 2012 and extends its sincere condolences to the family

members. 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 an order to suspend operation of the facilities of

hazardous substances in the plant since the day of the accident. After that NIPPON

SHOKUBAI received lift of restrictions several times and restarted some facilities in

order. Today, NIPPON SHOKUBAI received another lift of restrictions for the

remaining two facilities in the plant as mentioned below;

Today, NIPPON SHOKUBAI received another lift of restrictions for total two

production facilities as public safety for these was confirmed. With this lift of

restrictions, NIPPON SHOKUBAI is able to restart all the 168 facilities which are

subjects of the order of suspension.

Confirming sufficient safety of the facilities and operation management, NIPPON

SHOKUBAI proceeds to restart the operation.

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