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Nippon Shokubai Co., Ltd.

Start of Operation of Plant for Manufacture of Ethylene Oxide

We, Nippon Shokubai Co., Ltd., resumed the operation of its plant for manufacture of ethylene oxide (with a production capacity of 164,000 metric tons per year), which locates at our Chidori Facilities of Kawasaki Plant (14-1, Chidori-cho, Kawasaki-ku, Kawasaki-shi, Kanagawa, JAPAN), as of August 30, 2007. The plant had been shut down since August 16, 2007 for repair.

We sincerely apology for any inconvenience caused to our valued customers of ethylene oxide and its derivatives and any person/entity related thereto during the stoppage. We also sincerely appreciate your kind understanding and cooperation.

We will endeavor to ensure the safety of operation and avoid the occurrence of an accident. We look forward to your continued business in the future.

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