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Announcement Regarding the Impact of the Tohoku-Pacific Ocean Earthquake (2nd)

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to all those affected by the Tohoku-Pacific Ocean Earthquake, which occurred on March 11, 2011.

In addition to the announcement made on March 15, this is to announce that the impact of the earthquake on our corporate group at the present time is as follows:

1. Regarding the Effect on our Factories

After further inspection, we have discovered additional physical damage at our Utsunomiya plant to part of our inventory of finished goods in addition to damage to portions of the buildings and equipment. For the time being, we have halted operations in order to conduct safety checks; however, we are doing our utmost to restore operations back to normal as soon as possible.

2. Regarding the Supply of Goods

As far as adjusting inventory in order to provide a stable supply of goods, we are doing our best to handle the situation by increasing production at our Tosu plant. At the same time, we will be consolidating our packaging units to achieve greater efficiency in production, thus we seek your support and understanding for any inconvenience.

3. Impact on Performance

We are presently investigating the impact that this earthquake will have on corporate group performance, and in the event we determine a major impact is expected, we will promptly make an announcement.