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Notice of the Resumption of Production at Riken Kashiwazaki Plant after the Niigata-Chuetsuoki Earthquake

This is to notify the resumption of production at Riken Kashiwazaki Plant, which was affected by Niigata-Chuetsuoki Earthquake that occurred off the coast of Niigata Prefecture.

Following the occurrence of the earthquake on July 16, all the production lines had stopped. As a result of support and cooperation by a large number of customers and other people, we resumed our operation today although part of the lines will be resumed a little later. As of 10:00 on July 23, the production lines for piston rings, seal rings and camshafts are normally operating.

As we have just re-started our production, we will strive for full recovery by continuously checking the production system and quality of products. In addition, our production has been delayed approximately four days due to halt in production between 17th and 20th of July. We intend to recover from the delay as early as possible by increasing the hours of operation through work shift review, overtime work and holiday/weekend work.

In resuming our production, we have received tremendous support from our customers including automotive manufacturers, construction machine manufacturers, automotive parts manufacturers and equipment manufacturers, and are still being provided with a number of support people dispatched to us. In addition, we have received various forms of support including provision of aid supplies. Furthermore, the recovery of the infrastructures by Kashiwazaki City has been rapidly progressing. Thanks to these efforts by many people, we have been able to resume production our plant. We are sincerely grateful for those various forms of cooperation and support.

We will continue to make every effort to completely resume our production and eliminate the delay in delivery as early as possible.