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Impact from the Massive Tohoku Region Pacific Coast Earthquake on Our Group (Part 3)

We would like to express its deepest heartfelt sympathies to the people who were affected by the massive Tohoku Region Pacific Coast Earthquake that occurred on March 11, 2011.

Tokai Carbon Co., Ltd. announced on May 9 that it will reconstruct its carbon black plant in Ishinomaki, aiming to resume operations in December, 2011. Ishinomaki Plant suspended operations immediately after the earthquake, suffering extensive damage from the tremor and tsunami.

Tokai Carbon is continuously making minute investigation into the damage situation of equipment and others. We shall lay out concrete reconstruction plans based on the results of such investigation.

The impact from the earthquake and tsunami on business performance is currently unclear, but information will be disclosed promptly once details emerge.