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Notification Regarding the Earthquake Felt in the North East Japan on March 16th 2022

On Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 23:36 (JST), a 6 plus magnitude, medium intensity earthquake struck Fukushima Prefecture, with the epicenter near its coast.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to all of those adversely affected by this earthquake.

As described below, there have been no significant injuries, however there were only slight property damage to SMC facilities as a result of this earthquake. As such, SMC is maintaining normal operations. The facilities which were operating through the night time have resumed normal operations once safe operation were confirmed.

In addition, SMC is continuing to confirm the conditions of our customers and suppliers.

- Electrical power interruption has occurred at our Tsukuba Factory (Joso city, Ibaraki).
 90 minutes later, the factory has resumed normal operations, after confirming the safe operations.
- Some water leakage was observed in the ventilation piping at the Yamatsuri factory (Yamatsuri town, Fukushima) and the Tono Factory (Tono city, Iwate), and emergency measures were taken.
- Some damage to the inner walls of the buildings and some fallen objects were observed in our factories, including the above 3 factories, the Tsukuba technical Center, the Sendai Sales Office (Sendai city, Miyagi), and the Koriyama Sales Office (Koriyama city, Fukushima). However, the damage was minor. Elevators which were not in service due to an automatic emergency stop are resuming normal operations.
- There are some slight transportation delays due to the closed-off highways.

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