

Asahi Kasei Chemicals Corporation

Synthetic Rubber Division

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**Effect on the Asahi Kasei's Synthetic Rubber Business
of the Tohoku-Kanto Earthquake**

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to all those affected by the earthquake which occurred on March 11, 2011, in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of the Tohoku Region of Japan.

The effect of this earthquake on our synthetic rubber business is as follows.

1. Effect of the earthquake on production operations

There were no specific damages to our Kawasaki and Oita synthetic rubber facilities.

As we had already stopped the operations in both works from 11 March due to the shut down maintenance, we do not expect effects on their production operations.

2. Effect of the earthquake on logistics

Due to the traffic control and vehicle fuel shortages, there is a possibility that troubles such as delivery delays may occur in some parts of Japan.