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The Status of Damage of Bridgestone Factories Following the 2011 off the Pacific Coast of Tohoku (Northeastern Part of Japan) Earthquake Disaster

Tokyo (March 14, 2011) — First of all, Bridgestone Group would like to express their condolences to the families who lost loved ones in the 2011 off the Pacific Coast of Tohoku (Northeastern Part of Japan) Earthquake Disaster, and truly hope that the area devastated by the earthquake disaster will be reconstructed as soon as possible.

The status of damage of Bridgestone factories following the earthquake disaster, is as follows. The information is as of 9:00 AM of March 14th, 2011.

1. Factories in Japan which are in Kanto region or north of the region

Tochigi Factory, Nasu Factory, Kuroiso Factory, Tokyo Factory, Yokohama Factory

2. Status of Damage of Bridgestone factories

(1) Tochigi Factory, Nasu Factory, Kuroiso Factory, Tokyo Factory

There is no critical damage. Bridgestone has stopped the production immediately after the earthquake, and currently each factory is verifying its safety. Bridgestone will study whether factories can restart their production, taking into consideration of the electricity restriction and other issues. There is no human suffering.

(2) Yokohama Factory

There is no critical damage. Bridgestone has stopped the production immediately after the earthquake, and the factory has restarted its production partially, after the verification of safety is completed. Bridgestone will study whether factories can restart their production, taking into consideration of the electricity restriction and other issues. There is no human suffering.

3. Outline of Each Factory

(1) Tochigi Factory

A. Location : Kaminakano 10, Nasushiobara City, Tochigi Prefecture

B. Start of Production : 1971

C. Production Item : Passenger car tires, truck and bus tires, and others

D. Site area : 488,800 m²

E. Number of Employees : 1,096

- D. Site area : 234,540 m²
- E. Number of Employees : 847
- F. Production capacity : 2,600 tons per month

(3) Kuroiso Factory

- A. Location : Shimonakano 800, Nasushiobara City, Tochigi Prefecture
- B. Start of Production : 1971
- C. Production Item : Steel Cord for radial tires, beadwire for tires and others
- D. Site area : 342,342 m²
- E. Number of Employees : 657
- F. Production capacity : 65,000 tons per year for steel cord,
28,500 tons per year for beadwire

(4) Tokyo Factory

- A. Location : Ogawa Higashi-cho, Kodaira City, Tokyo Prefecture
- B. Start of Production : 1960
- C. Production Item : Passenger car tires, truck and bus tires, and others
- D. Site area : 557,400 m²
- E. Number of Employees : 1,033
- F. Production capacity : 3,700 tons per month

(5) Yokohama Factory

- A. Location : Kashio-cho 1, Totsuka-ku, Yokohama City, Kanagawa Prefecture
- B. Start of Production : 1938
- C. Production Item : Industrial products, construction materials and others
- D. Site area : 302,343 m²
- E. Number of Employees : 1,663

4. Other Factories in Japan

Each factory has continued its production after verifying its safety. Bridgestone will announce the impact of the disaster to the production after the verification.

About Bridgestone Corporation:

Bridgestone Corporation, headquartered in Tokyo, is the world's largest tire and rubber company. In addition to tires for use in a wide variety of applications, it also manufactures a broad range of diversified products, which include industrial rubber and chemical products and sporting goods. Its products are sold in over 150 nations and territories around the world.

