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

Tokyo (March 28, 2011) — The Bridgestone Group would like to express our deepest condolences to the families who have lost loved ones as a result of the 2011 off the Pacific Coast of Tohoku (Northeastern Part of Japan) Earthquake Disaster on March 11, 2011, and we hope the area will see a swift recovery.

With regard to Nasu Factory which stopped producing tires in the wake of the earthquake has restarted its production beginning on March 25. The restart of the Nasu facility means that all Bridgestone factories in Japan have resumed production after the earthquake. The factory output will be increased gradually based on electricity restrictions and other issues.

Outline of Nasu Factory

1. Location : Higashi-yamato Cho 3-1, Nasushiobara City, Tochigi Prefecture
2. Start of Production : 1962
3. Production Item : Passenger car tires, motorcycle tires and others
4. Site area : 234,540 m²
5. Number of Employees : 847
6. Production capacity : 2,600 tons per month

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.

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