

Update on Damage and Support from the Earthquake off the Coast of the Pacific Ocean in Northeastern Japan

Tokyo, March 18, 2011—Taiheiyo Cement Corporation expresses its heartfelt concern for everyone affected by the March 11 earthquake off the coast of the Pacific Ocean in northeastern Japan. Taiheiyo Cement Corporation immediately organized an “Emergency Task Force” led by Mr. Tokuue, President of Taiheiyo Cement Corporation, and is doing its utmost to assess earthquake damage to its plant, equipment, and facilities and do necessary recovery. The situation at present, is as follows.

1. Employees safety

We confirmed the safety of all the 156 employees of Ofunato Plant(Ofunato city, Iwate prefecture) on March 15, 2011.

2. Support system

- 1) The Emergency Task Force established “Kitakami Satellite (*1)” in order to collect information and supply support for damaged Ofunato plant(Ofunato city, Iwate prefecture), etc.
(*1) Kitakami Satellite is located within the office of System Base Corporation, subsidiary company of Taiheiyo Cement Corporation(Kitakami city, Iwate prefecture).
- 2) Taiheiyo Cement Corporation has begun to dispatch trucks loaded with emergency provisions to the municipal authorities of Ofunato. The first trucks were dispatched on the 17th March and carried supplies of emergency provisions, mainly foods, clothes and other necessary commodities.

3. Current status of damage on plant, Service Station

- 1) The Ofunato plant has suspended operation due to damage to equipment and facilities. We will continue to conduct a more detailed assessment of the earthquake damage to equipment and facilities..
- 2) Service Station (SS; Shipping Facilities): The following eight Service Stations in the Tohoku Region have sustained some damage and are presently unable to ship products or receive supplies:
Hachinohe East SS, Hachinohe West SS (both in Hachinohe, Aomori Prefecture);
Shiogama East SS, Shiogama West SS (both in Shiogama, Miyagi Prefecture);, Sendai SS (Sendai, Miyagi Prefecture); Soma SS (Soma, Fukushima Prefecture); Onahama North SS, Onahama South SS (Iwaki, Fukushima Prefecture).
- 3) We continue our best effort toward our customer’s demand of products, while other plants and SS are operating normally on the whole.

4. Emergency Delivery Centre

Taiheiyo Cement has established an “Emergency Delivery Centre” within its Cement Business Division at their Tokyo HQ in order to coordinate cement shipments within the Tohoku Branch region.

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