

## **First Post-3/11 Earthquake Cement Carrier Arrives at Tohoku Pacific-Coast Port**

**—Taiheiyo Cement Corporation also Publishes Update on Situation at  
Damaged Facilities—**

**Tokyo, April 18, 2011**—Taiheiyo Cement Corporation expresses its profound sorrow for the lives lost in the earthquake and tsunamis that struck Japan's northeast on March 11, and we extend heartfelt condolences and wishes for a speedy recovery to all who were affected by this unprecedented disaster.

Since it sustained damage on March 11, ships had been unable to berth at our Shiogama East Service Station in Shiogama city, Miyagi Prefecture, but Taiheiyo Cement Corporation announced today that the facility is now ready to welcome the first cement carrier since the earthquake. Shiogama East is the first of our damaged facilities in the region to be repaired, and it will be the first to allow cement carriers to dock again.

1. Port of arrival: Shiogama Higashi Service Station, 1-6-26 Teizandori, Shiogama city, Miyagi Prefecture
2. Scheduled arrival: 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 20 (arrival may be delayed by weather conditions).
3. Ship: Daini Ryuoh Maru (we have painted a message of encouragement to the people affected by the earthquake on the ship: "Keep fighting, Tohoku! Let's work together to rebuild!")
4. Cargo: 1,000 tons of cement

Taiheiyo Cement Corporation is committed to doing its utmost to assist in the recovery of disaster-stricken areas so that evacuees, who are now living in difficult conditions at scattered evacuation sites, can return home and resume their everyday lives with confidence.

### **Update on Damage at Taiheiyo Cement Facilities**

#### **Tohoku Region Service Stations**

Taiheiyo Cement operates 14 service stations in the Tohoku region. Eight on the Pacific coast sustained damage in the earthquake and subsequent disaster: the Hachinohe East and Hachinohe West Service Stations in Aomori Prefecture; the Shiogama East, Shiogama West, and Sendai Service Stations in Miyagi Prefecture; and the Soma, Onahama North, and Onahama South Service Stations in Fukushima Prefecture.

We have sent plant diagnostics teams to all eight facilities to ascertain the extent of damage and gradually begin repairs.

Until our service station network has been restored, we will do our utmost to supply cement to earthquake-affected areas via back-up shipments from other service stations, in particular Sakata South (Yamagata Prefecture), Aizu (Fukushima Prefecture), and Yaita (Tochigi Prefecture).

**Shiogama East and Shiogama West Service Stations**

The Shiogama East and Shiogama West Service Stations primarily operate as shipping hubs for Geoset-brand cement used to stabilize foundations. We resumed Geoset shipments using limited facilities at these service stations, which sustained relatively minor damage.

Cement is essential for reconstruction in the earthquake-damaged areas. Although it will take some time before the two service stations can resume normal operations, we are committed to supplying cement to the best of our ability while we continue repairing damaged facilities.

**Ofunato Plant**

At our mainstay production Ofunato plant, one of the two kilns sustained tsunami damage after the earthquake. The plant remains shut down, though, due to damage to raw-material and fuel feeding equipment and to shipment facilities. The plant is also still without power for running equipment.

Taiheiyo Cement Corporation is working to restore full operations as soon as possible by removing the rubble from facilities and plants and dispatching teams to inspect and assess damaged equipment and launch repairs.