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Denka Company Limited

## Resumption of Operations of Chloroprene Rubber Production Facility after Pipe Burst Accident at Omi Plant

Our deepest thoughts and prayers are with the worker who lost their life in the pipe burst accident that occurred at Denka's Omi Plant (Itoigawa, Niigata Prefecture) on June 14, 2023, and with the worker's bereaved family during this harrowing time. We also express our heartfelt sympathies to the workers who were injured. We would like to deeply apologize to residents around the plant, our business partners and other stakeholders, for the inconvenience and great concerns this incident has caused.

After the accident, based on an order issued by the authorities, we suspended operations of certain related equipment of the chloroprene rubber production facility where the accident occurred. We have now been notified by the authorities that they have lifted the suspension order because they approved that measures have been taken to maintain safety and prevent the occurrence of accidents.

In consideration of the letter, we began to make preparations on December 16 to resume operations of its facility, chloroprene monomer 5MC plant, which had been shut down. With this notice, we announce that operations resumed yesterday.

Once again, we will ensure that efforts are made to achieve stable operation and stable supply under the policy of giving top priority to safety, while also giving consideration to local residents, employees of partner companies and our employees. Also, the completion of the final report, which the Accident Investigative Committee is working on, is scheduled for January 2024. Upon receiving the report, we will publish it.

[ Reference: Previous Press Release Related to the Announcement (on Denka's Official Website) ]

November 22, 2023 "Publication of Interim Report of the Pipe Burst Accident at Omi Plant"

[https://www.denka.co.jp/eng/storage/news/pdf/472/20231122\\_denka\\_omi\\_en.pdf](https://www.denka.co.jp/eng/storage/news/pdf/472/20231122_denka_omi_en.pdf)

July 11, 2023 "Formation of Accident Investigative Committee Concerning the Pipe Burst Accident at Omi Plant"

[https://www.denka.co.jp/eng/storage/news/pdf/457/20230711\\_denka\\_investigation\\_committee\\_en.pdf](https://www.denka.co.jp/eng/storage/news/pdf/457/20230711_denka_investigation_committee_en.pdf)

June 14, 2023 "Notice Concerning an Accident at Omi Plant"

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