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Fire in our Tanoura Plant

On July 4, 2020, a fire broke out at our Tanoura Plant (Ashikita-chou, Ashikita-gun, Kumamoto Prefecture). We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience caused and concern to everyone in the community and all related parties.

The status of the incident as of 12 pm today is as follows.

1. Date and time of occurrence

11:44 am Saturday, July 4, 2020

2. Location

Graphitization furnace facility building

Tanoura Plant, Tokai Carbon Co., Ltd.

3. Background (estimation)

The entire plant was flooded due to the heavy rainfall around Ashikita-Chou from the day before. Rainwater invaded the graphitization furnace in the plant, causing a fire due to a steam explosion. The fire has been calmed down around 6 am on 5 July, and at 2:30 pm, fire extinguishment was confirmed by the fire department.

4. Impact

There was no human injury due to the fire.

It will take a certain amount of time to fully restore the damaged graphitization furnace, but alternative production is possible by effectively utilizing the production facilities of other plants

within the group. In addition, some of the production facilities that had stopped operating due to the flooding in the plant have already started operation and we have resumed shipping. Other production facilities, other than the graphitization furnace where the fire broke out, are expected to restore in late August. We believe that the impact on the supply chain will be limited.

In case of any material impact foreseen on our business performance, it will be disclosed separately.

5. About Tanoura Plant

Tanoura Plant produces isotropic graphite materials (graphite material for semiconductor, solar cell and general industries), with its 120 employee and about 45 of workers from the partner companies.

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