



NEWS RELEASE

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Notice of Impact of the Great East Japan Earthquake

Mitsui Mining & Smelting Co., Ltd. announces the current progress in its (operational) recovery from the impact of the March 11 Great East Japan Earthquake. Details are as follows:

1. Recovery situation

(1) Hachinohe Smelting Co., Ltd. (Oaza Kwaragi, Hachinohe City, Aomori Prefecture; Head office: Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo)

- Despite the occurrence of continued aftershocks, the Company has now almost completed a detailed check of the damage. As a result, by completing recovery work alongside the major periodic repair (hereinafter, the “major repair”), which is carried out every three years and which was already scheduled, the Company expects that the operations will resume by early June.
The Mitsui Mining & Smelting Group is now united in its effort to resume operations as soon as possible.
- The Company will also strive to maintain and ensure the supply of its products to customers by using inventories that had been stored in preparation for the major repair, imported ingots, adjusting the volume of certain exports, and taking other measures.

(2) Ageo area, Saitama prefecture

(i) Specialty Foil Division

- The Division suspended its operations following the earthquake. Since April 2, however, the production of certain products has restarted on holidays when rolling blackouts are unlikely to take place.
- Following the announcement of Tokyo Electric Power Company on April 8 that it would not, in principle, implement rolling blackouts, the Division immediately started to prepare for normal operations.
- Taking into account the uncertainty over the power supply plan, the Division will reexamine in the future its operations in the summer and beyond.

(ii) Mitsui Sumitomo Metal Mining Brass & Copper Co., Ltd.

- The Company restarted its operations in late March. It has now almost returned to ordinary operations. In addition, the Company is operating continuously with the Mie plant at full capacity to offset any production shortage.
- Like the Specialty Foil Division, the Company will reexamine in the future its operations in the summer and beyond.

(iii) Nihon Kessho Kogaku Co., Ltd.

- Following the restarting of its partial operations in late March, the Company has now been focusing on resuming normal operations.
 - Like the Specialty Foil Division, the Company will reexamine in the future its operations in the summer and beyond.
- (3) Ishikawa plant, Mitsui Kinzoku ACT Corporation (Ishikawamachi, Ishikawagun, Fukushima Prefecture; Head Office: Naka-ku, Yokohama City, Kanagawa Prefecture)
- The Company is currently operating in accordance with customer needs.
- (4) Other group companies are currently carrying out normal operations.

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