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(Progress of Disclosure) Outlook for the Resumption of Operations at the Hot Strip and Plate Mill

We deeply apologize once again for the inconvenience and concern caused by the fire that occurred on Saturday, September 12, 2026, in the hot strip and plate mill of the Company's Funamachi Plant. As previously announced, operations at the hot strip and plate mill have been suspended. However, as a result of an on-site inspection, the situation of physical damage and the outlook for resuming operations have been clarified, the details are as follows.

1 . Situation of Physical Damage

Some of the power cables for the heating furnace equipment were damaged by fire, but the Company confirmed that the damage to the equipment itself was only minor. In addition, although the post-process lines are operating normally, the Company will adjust production as necessary.

2 . Resumption of Operations

At the hot strip and plate mill, the damaged power cables have already been arranged. As soon as the restoration work is completed, after safety confirmation and test operation, operations are expected to resume in mid-October.

3 . Causes of Fire and Recurrence Prevention Measures

The Company is continuing to investigate the cause of the fire with the cooperation of relevant organizations. The Company will also consider measures to prevent a recurrence based on the findings of the investigation.

4 . Impact on Financial Results

As the timing of the resumption of operations at the hot strip and plate mill and subsequent production conditions have not yet been finalized, the Company will promptly disclose the impact on the financial results as soon as it becomes possible to reasonably estimate the extent of that impact.