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## **Notification of the Effects of the Earthquake off the Pacific Coast of Tohoku**

Hirata Corporation (“Hirata”) extends our sincere condolences to people and their relatives suffering from the earthquake off the Pacific Coast of Tohoku, which struck Northeastern Japan on March 11, 2011. Hirata announces the impacts of the earthquake on the Hirata Group’s operations which are known as of today as follows.

### **1. Employees and their Family**

Hirata has confirmed that all of its employees and their family are safe.

### **2. Physical Damage and Effects on our Production**

There has only been limited damaged to Kanto Plant (Utsunomiya, Tochigi), part of the ceiling has been brought down in some buildings and machine tools for parts manufacturing are needed to be readjusted due to earthquake shaking, however, there are not serious losses to affect our production. Regard to material procurement, Hirata is currently in the process of confirming the situation of suppliers and outsourcers, however, it has been reported from part of companies which has branches in Northeastern Japan that there are several plants has been damaged.

### **3. Effects on Financial Result**

Hirata expects the impact of the earthquake upon its earnings will be limited, however, we will quickly disclose it when we have estimated all serious effects.

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