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Supply of Planova Products Unaffected by The Recent Kumamoto Earthquakes

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Bioprocess Division of Asahi Kasei Medical would like to inform our customers that, to the best of our knowledge, the recent series of earthquakes (starting April 14) in Kumamoto Prefecture of the Kyushu Region of Japan has had no significant effect on the production and supply of Planova filters and related products, as detailed below. If the situation changes significantly, we will naturally do our best to inform you with updated information.

1. Effect on production operations

The earthquakes have had no impact on the production of Planova and related products. Our manufacturing facilities operated without incident both during and after the earthquakes, and we fully expect that they will continue to function regularly.

We maintain sufficient stock of parts and raw materials for continued production of Planova and related products, and we further confirm that the ongoing delivery of these parts and raw materials from our supply chain has not been affected.

Furthermore, according to recent announcements from the Japanese government's Nuclear Regulation Authority, there has been no abnormality at nuclear power plants in the earthquake affected and neighboring regions of Kyushu, Shikoku and Chugoku.

2. Effect on the inventory level of our products

There has been no change to the inventory levels of Planova and related products, and these levels will be maintained as production continues.

3. Effect on product delivery to stock points outside of Japan

The earthquake has not disrupted the delivery of Planova and related products to stock points outside of Japan. In the short term, it is possible that there may continue to be closures of parts of the Kyushu Expressway used as a transportation route from our Miyazaki stock point to Fukuoka airport, which is one of the airport hubs we utilize. Therefore, we have implemented a back-up plan whereby transportations to Fukuoka airport can be made by slip roads and another Expressway route.

Should you have any enquiries regarding this matter, please contact your local Planova representative. Thank you for your understanding and continued support of Planova.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation for the thoughtfulness of many customers who have sent us messages of sympathy and encouragement with regards to this terrible incident. Lastly, we wish to express our deepest sympathies and condolences to those that have been directly affected. We sincerely hope to see a swift recovery of the afflicted areas and our division stands ready to provide as much assistance as we can to those in need.

Sincerely yours,

Shugo Sumiyoshi
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