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If for any reason you are not the person in charge, please forward to the PIC within your company!

Subject: Statement on earthquakes and tsunamis in Japan

Dear MS Polymer customer,

You have probably seen all over the news that the Japan continent has been hit by several earthquakes. Following those some devastating tsunamis have hit many of the infrastructures of Japan.

Fortunately all Kaneka's facilities have been safeguarded and so far only the Kashima plant is still down due to lack of electricity. In principle this may affect the XMAP availability but so far we do not anticipate any short comes in product.

The Takasago plant, which is the major facility of the production of for instance our TMS grades and some DMS grades, is fully operational and producing.

It speaks for itself that the damage caused on the installations and facilities of other suppliers may have an effect on the availability of raw materials. Nonetheless Kaneka has sufficient systems in place to cope with that for at least the foreseeable future.

Logistics may be slightly hampered. However our stock built in Kaneka Belgium can sufficiently overcome those issues.

At Kaneka Belgium itself there are no current production issues. In respect to the supply of raw materials the same countermeasures and contingency plans are in place in terms of buffer stock.

Grades produced in Japan	Grades produced in Belgium
SA100S	MAX602
SA110S	MAX923
SAT010	MAX951
SAT-030	RD359
SAT-200	S154
SAT-243	S203H
SAX-725	S303H
SAX220	S327
SAX510	SAX015
SAX520	SAX260
SAX530	SAX350
SAX580	SAX400





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The production of S-1 is situated in Osaka. The supplier has informed us that there is enough buffer stock and that supply of S-1 is no issue and will continue without problems.

You can rest assured that Kaneka is monitoring those developments very closely and will communicate any change in situation well in advance.

If you have any questions, please contact your sales representative or technical service contact.

We thank you for your continuing support in our MS products.

Sincerely yours,

P. Van den Broecke
Business Manager LPBU - High Performance Polymers Division

