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Molten Sulfur Leak at Sakai Refinery

TonenGeneral Sekiyu K.K. ("The Company"; head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo) learned today that a leakage of about 50 tons of molten sulfur from a product shipping pipeline at Sakai Refinery on June 11, 2011, which was undergoing a scheduled maintenance shutdown, had not been reported to the regulatory authority.

Taking this matter seriously the Company immediately reported to the regulatory authority and set up an investigation committee under the responsibility of the President. The committee has begun interviewing concerned personnel, and investigating the root cause of the reporting failure.

The Company regards safety as its highest priority, and it is extremely regrettable for having such an incident to occur. We offer our heartfelt apologies for any anxiety we have caused to those involved, including local communities.

While we know of no health issues caused by this leakage as molten sulfur solidifies at temperature below 100 degrees Celsius, the Company will, however, in conjunction with associated authorities, reconfirm that there were no impacts to the environment as well as to our employees, suppliers and the local community.

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