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Press Release

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**Sakai Refinery Sulfur Leak Case Referred to Prosecutors**

TonenGeneral Sekiyu K.K. and one of its employees were referred to prosecutors today by the Osaka Police for violation of Article 23 (mandatory reporting of abnormal conditions) of the Act for the Prevention of Disasters at Petrochemical Complexes in connection with a molten sulfur leak at the company's Sakai refinery that occurred on June 11, 2011 and was ascertained on July 13, 2012.

We deeply regret this matter and will do our utmost to prevent the reoccurrence of this type of situation.

The sulfur leak is currently being investigated by an independent investigation committee. We will take the results of the investigation very seriously and make concerted efforts throughout the company to prevent the reoccurrence of this kind of situation.

We offer our heartfelt apologies to local communities and others affected for any inconvenience and anxiety caused by this matter.

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