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First Meeting of Independent Investigation Committee Held for Sakai Refinery
Sulfur Leak

We of TonenGeneral Sekiyu K.K. (herein referred to as TonenGeneral; head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo) once again offer our heartfelt apologies for any inconvenience and anxiety caused to those involved, including local communities, by the leakage of molten sulfur at our Sakai Refinery, which was previously announced on July 18, 2012.

The independent investigation committee (previously announced on July 27, 2012; chairman: Tokyo University Professor Emeritus Masamitsu Tamura) established in response to this matter recently held its first meeting (details below). TonenGeneral will continue to provide its full cooperation in the investigations of the authorities and the independent investigation committee.

1. Date

Tuesday, August 14, 2012

2. Discussion agenda

- (1) Procedure of the committee
- (2) Root causes of and preventive measures for sulfur leak
- (3) Failure to report the operational abnormality when it occurred
- (4) Site investigation by committee members

3. Committee overview

Objective: Investigate the root causes of the incident and the failure to report it, draw up measures to prevent reoccurrence

Members:	Chairman	Masamitsu Tamura	Professor Emeritus, Tokyo University
	Members	Kazuhiko Suzuki	Professor, Okayama University
		Akinori Komatsubara	Professor, Waseda University
		Makoto Matsuo	Lawyer
Observers	Sakai City Fire Bureau / Kinki Branch of Chubu Kinki Industrial Safety and Inspection / Osaka Prefecture / The High Pressure Gas Safety Institute of Japan		

4. Meeting schedule

The next meeting of the independent investigation committee is planned for late August, 2012.

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