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Sumitomo Wiring Systems, Ltd.

SWS Implements Temporary Shutdown in Japan to Prevent Spread of COVID-19

Sumitomo Wiring Systems, Ltd. would like to express our deepest condolences to all those who lost their lives, as well as sympathy to those who have been affected by the outbreak of the Coronavirus. SWS would like to convey our utmost respect to the healthcare professionals and government officials who are working hard on the front lines, day and night.

Sumitomo Wiring Systems, Ltd. will implement a temporary shutdown of all branches in Japan from April 29th through May 1st to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. This measure will affect about 10,000 employees in total, at SWS's branches in Japan, including all group and affiliated companies.

Since a nationwide state of emergency has been declared in Japan due to the country's worsening coronavirus situation, SWS has implemented work-from-home policies and limited working hours at some offices in order to mitigate and lower the risk of infection. As the virus still remains an imminent threat in Japan, SWS believes that it would be best for their employees to follow the government's recommendations and not unnecessarily venture outside. We will also reduce the costs of responding to the recent decline in orders, with the three days temporary shutdown prior the Golden Week holidays at all of our domestic bases in Japan.

SWS will maintain a minimum level of business-essential operations, with a minimum number of employees for a total of 12 days, from April 29th through May 10th, while closely managing their safety and health.

SWS is prioritizing the safety and health of all its stakeholders, including employees and will continue to take prompt action to prevent the spread of the infection.

SWS believes these measures will help prevent the spread of the coronavirus internally among employees at SWS, the company's affiliates, and the wider community.

We apologize for the inconvenience and we thank you for your understanding.

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