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To Our Valued Customers,

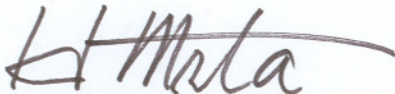
The Nippon Paint (USA) Group would like to extend our thoughts and concerns to all that have been impacted by the recent earthquake and ensuing aftermath. We are in the process of assessing the current situation and will provide everyone with as much information that we can provide in a timely manner.

There has been reported damage to our Tochigi Plant outside of Tokyo which will require some repair. In the near term, product manufacturing from this plant will be shifted to our other Nippon manufacturing facilities in Aichi, Hiroshima, and Okayama.

We do not have any immediate concern with our material supplies in North America and do not anticipate disruption to our current production schedule. However, our purchasing groups (both in Japan and the U.S.) are in the process of gathering information from our material suppliers in order to understand their current condition and assess the overall impact to our supply chain over the next few months. We will continue to update you as additional information becomes available.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these difficult times.

Sincerely,


Hidefumi Morita, CEO

