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Notice of Fire Accidents at Equity-Method Affiliates and Its Impact on the Group

As of December 1, 2025, a fire broke out at Hokkai Iron & Coke Corp., one of our equity-method affiliates. We would like to express our deepest apologies for any concern and inconvenience this may cause to those involved.
Details that are known at this time are as follows.

1. Outline of Accidents and Current Status

We operate a blast furnace owned by Hokkai Iron & Coke Corp.* in the North Nippon Works Muroran Area of Nippon Steel Corporation in cooperation with Nippon Steel Corporation.

On December 1, 2025, a breakage and fire occurred in the hot air furnace, an ancillary facility of the blast furnace.

The damage status and cause of the accident are currently being investigated by Nippon Steel Corporation, which mainly operates the plant. No human casualties has been confirmed at this point, and operations have been suspended to ensure safety.

* Ownership stakes: Nippon Steel Corporation 80%, Our company 20%

2. Impact on our business performance

Mitsubishi Steel Muroran Inc., the domestic production base for the Group's Special Steel Bars business, produces special steel products mainly from hot metal of blast furnaces supplied by Hokkai Iron & Coke Corp.

As a result of the accident, the supply of hot metal from blast furnaces will be suspended. Although we will proceed with alternative procurement utilizing the ability to supply iron sources and materials in the region and in each network, we expect that there will be a certain impact on the Group's production volume.

The impact of this incident on the full-year results forecast for the year ending March 31, 2026 are currently being investigated. If it is judged that there will be a material impact in the future, we will provide prompt notice.