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## **Notice Concerning Fire at Kitakyushu Coking Works**

On Wednesday, December 31, 2025, a fire occurred on the coal conveyor belt at our Kitakyushu Coking Works. We sincerely apologize for the significant inconvenience and concern this has caused to all parties involved. We would like to inform you of the situation as follows:

### **1. Location of fire**

Coking coal conveyor belt for coke oven batteries, Kitakyushu Coking Works, Nippon Coke & Engineering Co., Ltd. (1-3 Hibiki-machi, Wakamatsu-ku, Kitakyushu-city, Fukuoka, Japan)

### **2. Date and time of occurrence**

Wednesday, December 31, 2025, around 5:50 a.m. (Fire extinguishing was completed at 1:48 p.m.)

### **3. Damage as currently known**

The conveyor belt used to transport coking coal to the coke oven was damaged.  
There were no human injuries.

### **4. Cause of fire**

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

### **5. Impact on operations**

Due to damage to the coking coal transport line, the coke oven batteries are currently suspended and on standby in a heated state.

We will proceed with restoration work and the resumption of operations in accordance with the guidance of the relevant authorities.

We will provide further updates regarding the impact of this matter on our company's performance.