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### Temporary Suspension of Operations at Yokkaichi Plant

Mitsubishi Materials Corporation (MMC) has announced its decision to temporarily suspend operations at the Yokkaichi Plant. We offer our sincere apologies for the inconvenience and concern occasioned to shareholders, suppliers, and other stakeholders.

#### 1. Reason for Suspension of Operations

Today, MMC was instructed by Mie prefectural authorities to cease utilization of part of the facilities used to handle trichlorosilane, an intermediate product of the Yokkaichi Plant, on the alleged basis that the necessary permit under the High Pressure Gas Safety Act has not been obtained. MMC takes this situation very seriously and as such has decided to temporarily suspend operation of the plant.

#### 2. Going Forward

Today we will begin procedures for the suspension of operations. On completion of the suspension procedures, we plan to carry out the required remedial work. At the present time, however, we have no definite timeframe. Under the guidance of the Mie prefectural authorities and other relevant government bodies, MMC is committed to making every effort to obtain authorization for the earliest possible resumption of operations.

#### 3. Effect on Corporate Revenues

As yet, no estimate is available regarding the extent of loss expected to be associated with the present suspension of operations.

Reference:

■ Outline of Yokkaichi Plant

Location	5 Mita-cho, Yokkaichi City, Mie Prefecture, Japan
Plant manager	Seiichi Kirii
No. of employees	Approx. 200
Main products	Polycrystalline silicon, chlorosilanes
Production capacity	Polycrystalline silicon: Approx. 1,850 tons/yr Chlorosilanes: Approx. 30,000 tons/yr

■ Trichlorosilane

Manufactured through reaction between hydrogen chloride and metallurgical silicon, trichlorosilane is used as a raw material in the production of polycrystalline silicon.