

November 28, 2022

Daicel Corporation

## Fire Accident at the Ohtake Plant (Second Report)

We express our deepest apologies for the inconvenience caused to nearby residents and all concerned by the fire at our Ohtake Plant that occurred at approximately 11:34 a.m. on November 7, 2022.

We have reported the circumstances leading up to the accident to the relevant authorities, the cause of the accident as currently estimated, and measures to prevent a recurrence. We are restoring the facilities and resuming production facility operations after regular maintenance.

We will strengthen safety management in regular maintenance to prevent the recurrence of similar accidents.

### Record

#### 1. Location of the fire

2-1-4, Toei, Otake City, Hiroshima Prefecture

Bucket Elevator for Boiler No. 6 at Daicel Corporation's Ohtake Plant  
(Facility feeding coal to coal silo)

#### 2. Date and time of the fire

Monday, November 7, approx. at 11:34 a.m.

#### 3. Sequence of events

Monday, November 7	Approx. 11:34 a.m.	A fire broke out during casing repair (welding work) in the bucket elevator at the no. 6 boiler coal silo.
	Approx. 11:45 a.m.	The public fire department was notified.
	Approx. 00:01 p.m.	The public fire department arrived.
	5:45 p.m.:	Confirmation of fire suppression.
Tuesday, November 8	8:50 a.m.:	Fire was confirmed to be extinguished.

#### 4. Damage

- Casualties

None

- Physical damage

Burnout of the bucket elevator (coal feeding equipment) of boiler no. 6

The boiler/other equipment suffered no damage.

## 5. Impact on the outside of the factory premises

No hazardous substances leaked outside the factory premises.

## 6. Operation status

At the time of the disaster, the plant was undergoing regular annual maintenance, and product manufacturing facilities had been suspended.

After the disaster, we carried out regular maintenance in accordance with the initial plan, and the production facilities resumed operation sequentially.

We remedied the steam shortage caused by the fire by utilizing a spare boiler, and we aim to resume the operation of the no. 6 boiler by the end of this year by installing a temporary coal-feeding facility for the boiler. In addition, we have formulated a plan to complete the full-scale restoration work of the burned-out facilities within one year.

This fire caused no delay in regular maintenance.

## 7. Impact on product supply

The incident will not affect the supply of new products.

## 8. Causes and countermeasures

We presume that this fire was caused by external welding heat or sparks during repair work of the coal receiving bucket elevator casing igniting coal powder adhering to the inside of the casing.

We also found that some safety measures discussed and confirmed in advance for construction work using fire were not being complied with during the work. In addition to reviewing the rules for using fire when combustible substances are around, we will provide guidance and strengthen the chain of command during work to prevent a recurrence.

## 9. Impact on business performance

This fire caused no substantial impact on business performance.

<For inquiries regarding this matter, please contact>

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