

## **Freescale Semiconductor**

Dear Valued Customer

Our hearts go out to everyone in Japan who have been affected by this monumental natural disaster. This tragedy will undoubtedly affect the entire semiconductor industry given the importance of Japanese manufacturers in the full supply chain, including raw materials such as wafers, chemicals and packaging.

Our fabrication facility in Sendai, primarily focused on the manufacturing of microcontrollers and sensors, was affected by the earthquake but was not directly impacted by the post-earthquake tsunami. Following the earthquake, we safely evacuated everyone from the facility and confirmed that no one was injured during the process. Efforts are currently underway to verify the safety of all of our employees as our top priority.

The disruption to communications and transportation infrastructure has complicated our initial assessment of the damage to this facility, as well as our Distribution Center in Narita, Japan. Restoration of stable power is the first of many steps needed to assess the extent of the damages. Our emergency task force is beginning to examine the facilities and our Supply Chain organization is working to assess the impact of this event on our supply status. We have a global team working around the clock to develop a contingency plan and minimize the effect on our customers' operations. We hope to have a preliminary report on the facility's status by mid-week and will update our customers by Thursday, 17 March with the latest developments.

Thank you for your understanding. We send our thoughts and prayers to the people of Japan.

Sincerely,

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