



## Japan Earthquake, Update Regarding Panasonic Plant(s) March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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Matrix USA Inc., a supplier of PCB materials to North America, offers the following update regarding the Earthquake in Japan. Only products sourced from Japan are affected by this event. These products include R1515, R1577, R2125, R5715, R5725, R5775 and RF775. Products sourced from Taiwan are **NOT** affected; these include R1755V and R1566W.

Matrix currently stocks considerable inventory in our North American warehouses. Please call us to confirm your requirements.

Open orders can be expedited commencing March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, as the phone lines are overloaded at present. Please contact Jeff Cassell (800) 668-5447 for more information.

*“Today, I spoke with several of our Panasonic counterparts in Japan (PEW Division). They reported to me that neither employees nor their families have suffered injuries as a result of last Friday’s earthquake. The factories in Koriyama suffered only slight damage such as fallen ceiling tiles. No damage to production equipment was reported. Other factors that may impact the delivery of Panasonic Products to NA include:*

- The roads and bridges to Narita Airport are damaged*
- The roads to Yokohama Ocean Port have been damaged*
- It will take one (1) week to fully inspect plant operations*
- We expect a two (2) week delay in our supply cycle from Japan*

*Matrix will provide another written update on Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>. On behalf of Matrix and all Canadians, we extend our sincerest condolences to the Japanese People”, Kieran Healy.*

March 14, 2011

To whom it may concern,

1<sup>st</sup> Report on the damages by North-East Japan Earthquake in Koriyama Plants

We would like to express our sincere sympathy to those who have suffered damages from North-East Japan Earthquake last Friday.

Furthermore, we would like to appreciate the concerns from our valued customers on the safety of our employees, their families and our Koriyama facilities.


We hereby would like to report the current status as follows:

1. Fortunately, our employees had no serious injuries from the earthquake and Koriyama Plants have no damage from Tsunami because they are located far from coast.
2. Koriyama West Plant has suffered only slight damages and is expected to resume the production in a few days.
3. While, Koriyama Central Plant has suffered partial damages on its buildings and is expected to resume the production in a week or 10 days.  
However, we are now investigating the details and checking of production machines.
4. The stocks at both of Plants have almost no damages.
5. There are some transportation problems from Koriyama Plants to Narita Airport or Yokohama Sea Port because of damaged roads. We will check the the road conditions to the logistic companies as soon as possible.

It would be highly appreciated if you would understand the disastrous situation in the district and if you would kindly wait for our further updates.

Yours Sincerely,

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