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## Full Resumption of Shipment of PTCA Guide Wires

With the recent large-scale flooding in Thailand and given the flooding damage at the company's main factory, consolidated subsidiary Asahi Intecc Thailand Co., Ltd. (hereinafter the "Thai Factory"), the Thai Factory had been forced to halt operations temporarily from October 2011. The Thai Factory subsequently resumed operations in April 2012 and shipments of medical device products have begun again after an environment that is in line with quality control standards was established and quality inspections were carried out by relevant regulators and such.

Resumption of shipment to Abbott Laboratories, the sales agent for PTCA guide wires in the US and in Canada, is now possible as quality inspections by the company were completed in early August 2012. Abbott Laboratories supplies PTCA guide wires to hospitals across the US and Canada as well as to a small number of hospitals in Europe and the Middle East. Quality inspections by Abbott Laboratories' Supplier Quality Team have been carried out since late April 2012 at Asahi Intecc's Seto Factory and Thai Factory, and as an agreement was reached in early August 2012 regarding all of the quality problems the quality inspections have been concluded. Shipments to Abbott Laboratories are scheduled to resume in mid-September.

Since quality inspections by relevant regulators had been completed for regions of PTCA guide wire sales other than where Abbott Laboratories is the sales agent, shipment to all regions is now possible with the completion of quality inspections by Abbott Laboratories.

We apologize to our client doctors and all other persons involved who have experienced inconveniences due to the impact of the Thai flooding.

Asahi Intecc is dedicated to providing doctors and patients with high-quality products in order to improve the quality of life of patients.