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On March 31, 2012, an explosion at Evonik Industries in western Germany killed two workers and damaged a factory that makes CDT, the key component chemical in the nylon resin PA12.

We at JST want to assure our customers that our finished components, as well as those used by our suppliers for the resin materials we purchase, do not employ PA12 resin in our products. The recent incident in Germany will not affect global manufacturing and delivery of JST products.

On April 22, 2012, an explosion and fire occurred at the Mitsui Chemicals' Iwankuni-Ohtake Works resulting in the death of one employee and injuring several persons in the surrounding area.

JST uses Arlen (6T Nylon) resins from Mitsui Chemicals for our surface mount, wire-to-board products but, the explosion did no damage to the Arlen plant. Direct steam and water resources required for manufacturing operations at the Arlen plant have stopped due to the incident however, arrangements have already been made to supply the plant with these resources from other areas.

The Arlen plant remains shut down until completion of sanitization and inspection processes. It is estimated that the plant will resume manufacturing functions in one month.

As the 6T resin material is commonly used, Mitsui Chemicals has confirmed sufficient inventory until the end of August 2012. Critical demands will be met through the end of July 2012.

Therefore there will be no issue of Mitsui Chemicals supplying the demands of JST.

As updates and changes ensue we will notify accordingly.

JST extends heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased from both incidences and hope for speedy recovery of those injured.

If you require further details from JST please contact your JST representative.