



Firestone Polymers, LLC

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Re: Firestone Polymers, LLC Force Majeure Notice – Hurricane Ike - Update

We would like to take this opportunity to offer an update on the status of our production facilities in Lake Charles, LA and Orange, TX.

Lake Charles, LA

Damage to our Lake Charles, LA plant is considered to be relatively minor, and over the last 10 days we have been in the process of restarting production at this facility. We are making customer shipments and will continue to increase the production at the plant as our raw material availability allows.

Orange, TX

Damage to our Orange, TX plant was much more extensive. The storm surge associated with the hurricane caused flooding across a wide area, with the entire plant covered by three to four feet of water. Damage was sustained to buildings, control rooms, and electrical and process equipment. Recovery efforts are already underway and we have hundreds of employees and contractors engaged in clean up and repair activities. Many new parts have been ordered, but unfortunately, restoring the Orange plant is going to be a time-consuming task. At this time, it is estimated that recovery and repair efforts will continue into some time in December 2008.

We resumed limited shipments to customers from existing inventories late last week, and will continue to ship from our plant and outside warehouse inventories until they are depleted. Given the product allocation environment that existed for most of this year prior to the storm, however, our inventories are not large and we expect that most grades will be exhausted from inventory next week. Your sales representative will be in contact with you to discuss the supply of remaining inventory.

Based on this information, Firestone Polymers continues to remain on Force Majeure.

All of us at Firestone Polymers deeply regret this unfortunate situation and the impact it has on our customers and teammates. We appreciate your patience, and especially the many words of support and encouragement. We will continue to issue periodic updates as we make progress on resuming production in Orange.

Sincerely,

Firestone Polymers

John S. Vincent
President