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# Notification of Discontinuation of Some Transparent Quartz Glass Products

We hope this message finds you and your business well. As always, we appreciate your patronage. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the discontinuation of several quartz glass product lines that are used in semiconductor applications. The products affected are listed below. Manufacture of these products will finish at the end of June 2010.

The discontinuation is due to our ongoing restructuring measures. Market prices and profitability for certain products have declined sharply, and a sudden drop in demand has made future prospects for the products uncertain. Therefore, in order to maintain our strong market position in the quartz glass market, we have decided to discontinue these products.

This has been a difficult decision in consideration of the customers who support us. However, we ask for your understanding. In order to minimize any inconvenience, we have product sales managers ready to assist you with your concerns or to take requests.

We will continue focusing our efforts on several product lines, including large-scale process parts for FPD and solar use, as listed below. We will be happy to explain these products should you give us the opportunity.

### Manufacturing and Sales Schedule:

Affected products: Please refer to "Products to Be Discontinued" below.

Production period: To finish at the end of June 2010. Sales period: To finish at the end of July 2010.

### Products to Be Discontinued:

- Base materials for all tube, rod and flat types.
- Fabricated products for all fabricated products used mainly in semiconductor applications and some products that are similar in size.

#### Products to Be Continued:

- Large-scale fabricated products including: products for FPD and solar applications, and other products for large-scale substrate manufacturing.
- QCH-HEATER®
- Products for process grinding.
- Quartz glass ingots.
- Opaque quartz glass crucibles.
- Synthetic quartz glass photomask substrates.
- Etc.

For inquiries and further information, please use the "Inquiry Form" under Products on the Contacts page of our website (click on "Contacts" link at the top right side of the website page).

Thank you for your attention and consideration in this matter.