



16<sup>th</sup> March 2011

## Tohoku Earthquake

Dear Valued Customers

We have received inquiries regarding Southco's potential risk of supply disruption in the wake of Japan's catastrophic earthquake in Tohoku.

As of today, Southco has not encountered any supply disruptions that will have any adverse impact on our business. We are continuing to monitor the situation on a daily basis. Our Japanese business partners are continuing business as normal. Additionally, our Freight forwarders have indicated to us that they do not foresee any service interruptions based upon the current conditions following last week's earthquake and tsunami.

Every effort is being taken by Southco Worldwide to ensure continuity of our supply of components to our global and valued customers. Should the situation worsen, Southco will communicate effective plans and actions to mitigate any business impact. The situation and condition in Japan is a difficult one. Southco's thoughts and prayers are with the people of Japan as they deal with and overcome this devastating tragedy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P E Smith". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

P E Smith

Director, Global Supply Chain