

## Potential Delivery Delays due to Shortage of Thinner and Organic Solvents

As previously announced on our website regarding the “Risk of Delivery Delays due to Supply Restrictions,” shortages of thinners and organic solvents have recently become a serious market issues.

Unfortunately, our company has also been affected. At present, rust-prevention treatment inside machines, as well as painting work for machine covers and control panels handled by external suppliers, has begun to face difficulties. Although we are implementing all possible countermeasures on a daily basis, if the current situation continues, it is almost certain that delays in machine completion will occur starting with deliveries scheduled for May.

Furthermore, regarding the duration of the delay, it remains difficult to predict when the distribution of petroleum-based products will return to normal. In addition, the scope of issues that can be resolved through our own efforts is extremely limited. Therefore, we regret to inform you that the delay period must currently be considered undetermined. Should this situation persist, our future production activities may also be significantly affected.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience and concern this may cause. We will closely monitor developments in the situation and continue to make company-wide efforts to address the issue, including adopting alternative materials that ensure quality and adjusting coating materials, in order to minimize the impact on our customers as much as possible.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support.