

Employees of Greiner Bio-One in Tokyo safe and well following earthquake

Frickenhausen, 17 March 2011 – All employees at the Japanese branch of Greiner Bio-One in Tokyo are safe and well. So far, none of the workforce have taken up the offer made by Heinz Schmid, Managing Director of Greiner Bio-One GmbH, to temporarily relocate them to Europe.

The 20 employees at Greiner Bio-One Co. Ltd. in Tokyo, the Japanese branch of Greiner Bio-One, have come through recent events shocked but unharmed. As the massive earthquake brought the local transport system to a standstill, most of the staff had to spend a night at the office. However, they were all able to rejoin their families by the weekend. "We are relieved and grateful that none of our employees were affected directly by this tragedy," said Heinz Schmid, Managing Director of Greiner Bio-One GmbH. As soon as the scale of the disaster began to emerge, he vowed to do all he could to protect the health and wellbeing of employees and their families. The workforce has even been given the opportunity to relocate temporarily to Europe. Up to now, nobody has taken up the offer. As far as the transport system was running to schedule, they were back to work on Monday. "For the days and weeks ahead, we sincerely hope that none of our employees, their families or anyone else in Japan will have to go through another earthquake and that radiation levels will not increase any further," added Schmid. The company is currently attempting to temporarily relocate the office to the Osaka/Kyoto region some 400 km south of Tokyo.

Greiner Bio-One GmbH – BioScience Division

Greiner Bio-One is specialised in the development, production and distribution of plastic laboratory equipment. The company is technology partner for universities, research institutes and the diagnostic, pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries as well. With the **BioScience division**, Greiner Bio-One ranks among the leading providers of specialised products for the cultivation and analysis of cell and tissue cultures, as well as microplates for high-throughput screening, allowing industry and research most rapid and efficient drug screening. Additionally Greiner Bio-One develops innovative biochip technologies for genotyping.

Under the management of Heinz Schmid, the German headquarters of the BioScience division in Frickenhausen (Baden-Württemberg) controls the whole research and development activities in the product ranges Cell Culture, High-Throughput Screening, Biochips and OEM.

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