Suspension of Operation of No. 1 Unit at Tachibanawan Thermal Power Station and Outlook for Restoration

Electric Power Development Co., Ltd. (hereinafter, "J-POWER") hereby announces that operation of the No. 1 unit of the Tachibanawan Thermal Power Station (location: Anan City, Tokushima Prefecture, output: 1,050MW) was suspended on July 9 due to a steam leak from the upper section of the steam boiler.

Results of an internal inspection of the boiler thereafter confirmed deformities in two places and a rupture in one place in the central area of the 4th stage superheater¹ pipes from which the steam was leaking.

At present investigation to determine the cause of the leak and replacement of the damaged pipes as well as steam pipes in similar places are underway. The power station aims to resume normal operation of the unit in early August.

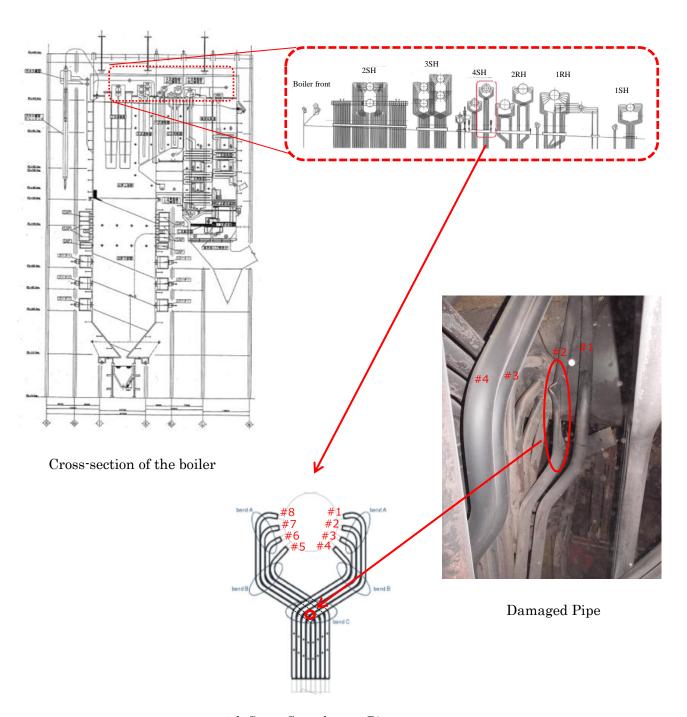
1. Superheater: heat exchanger for converting saturated steam generated in a furnace to superheated steam

Reference: Overview of the Tachibanawan Thermal Power Station

Location	Kokatsu 3-banchi, Anan City, Tokushima Prefecture
Fuel	Coal
Output	2,100MW
	(No. 1 Unit: 1,050MW, No. 2 Unit: 1,050MW)
Start of	July 2000: Start of operations of No.1 Unit
Operations	December 2000: Start of operations of No.2 Unit

Attachment

Damage to the 4th Stage Superheater Pipes of Boiler of No. 1 Unit at Tachibanawan Thermal Power Station



4th Stage Superheater Pipes

(view from inside)