On Wednesday, July 9, Electric Power Development Co., Ltd. (hereinafter, “J-POWER”) suspended operation of the No. 1 unit of the Tachibanawan Thermal Power Station (location: Anan City, Tokushima Prefecture, output: 1,050MW) after a steam leak from the upper section of the steam boiler was confirmed. An internal inspection of the boiler confirmed deformities in two places and a rupture in one place in the central area of the 4th stage superheater's pipes from which the steam was leaking, as J-POWER previously announced on July 22.

After subsequent replacement of damaged pipes and investigation of steam pipes in similar places and their replacement and repair, J-POWER resumed operation of the unit at 8:00 pm on Sunday, August 3.

J-POWER intends to continue to take all possible measures to ensure the maintenance and management of the facilities and the stable operation of the power station.

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