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Dear Valued Customer:

Due to the recent catastrophic events in Japan, Bio-Rad Laboratories (Life Science Group) has initiated an assessment of our supply chain.

We are surveying all our suppliers with respect to their current operational status, capacity, any potential issues with supplying materials, as well as their own assessment of their supply chain. These surveys are promptly reviewed, and where we feel there are potential concerns, we request action plans and updates. We have also extended to our suppliers, our willingness to assist them as needed.

Any suppliers identified as being in the area of concern related to potential radiation contamination, will be expected to screen their products and take every precaution to ensure that their materials are safe. The U.S. Customs’ current process for radiation screening of persons and cargo coming via air and sea provides additional oversight for materials potentially affected.

The complexity of their supply chain will affect how quickly our suppliers are able to respond to our inquiries, and we will continue to monitor these assessments.

Bio-Rad Laboratories values your business, and is making every effort to ensure that we can continue to meet your needs during this time, and into the future.

Sincerely,

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