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Again, we want to thank the many MPA employees, customers, and community leaders for their continued support during our moment of crisis.

Currently, the Fire Marshall has permitted entry into the main facility for us to begin clean and repair operations.

The investigations on the cause of the fire continues. We are unable to provide additional information as to the cause at this time.

However, we are almost ready to establish power to the rest of the Meridian Eaton Rapid's facility. We are currently following our safety protocols and working alongside state agencies and utilities to ensure that resumption of operations will be done in a safe manner. Clean up and repairs are progressing.

Power was reestablished at Plant 4 on May 4, 2018. We started secondary operations then by recalling some employees to commence work on some machining, assembly, and paint operations. We continue to expand our secondary operations in support of our customers. We have since then established power to Plant 2 on Monday May 7, 2018.

Meridian values its employees and is looking for options to cover their income streams and benefits for a short period of time until we get them all back to work. The immediate goals for the Meridian team are to perform building and machine repairs, and to return to normal operations.

As repairs progress, we are planning to recall some employees for critical operations as soon as possible to get our value streams moving. Some employees may be recalled and used as part of the cleanup and repair process as well.

Further, Meridian is considering to recall some employees and use them to give back to the community and/or charities as a thank you and to help support others in need.

Finally, we are working with ALL of our customers to resume operations and supply as soon as possible.

Safety will always be our primary concern. We will provide further information as soon as we are able.

We wish to thank again all of our customers, suppliers, community leaders, Federal and State agencies for their support.

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