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### **Minato Unit No.2 Operating Again at Higashi Niigata Thermal Power Station**

Today, at our Higashi Niigata Thermal Power Station, we restarted operations of Minato Unit No. 2, which has been out of service due to inspections since January 2008.

In our power supply program planned in fiscal 2007, Minato Unit No. 2 was listed for a long-term scheduled shutdown. However, in our new power supply program for fiscal 2008, we decided to bring the unit back on-line in June so that we can be sufficiently prepared for the increased power supply demand during the coming summer season.

#### *Overview of Higashi Niigata Thermal Power Station*

##### ○Location

1-155, Higashikou 1-chome, Seirou-machi, Kitakanbara-gun, Niigata Pref.

##### ○Station facility details

	Output	Start-up	Fuels
Unit No. 1	600 MW	April, 1977	Natural gas, LNG, Heavy oil, Crude oil
Unit No. 2	600 MW	June, 1983	(as above)
No. 3 Series	1090 MW	December, 1984 (50%) October, 1985	LNG
No. 4 Series	1610 MW	July, 1999 (50%) December, 2006	(as above)
Minato Unit No. 1	350 MW	November, 1972	LNG, Heavy oil
Minato Unit No. 2	350 MW	November, 1975	(as above)