



November 7, 2024

Re: Notice of Plant Closing

Dear Valued Supplier:

It is with a mixture of gratitude and regret that we write to inform you of a significant decision that will impact our ongoing relationship. After careful consideration and evaluation, Sumitomo Rubber USA, LLC (SRUSA) has made the difficult decision to close its manufacturing facility in Tonawanda, New York effective immediately.

This decision comes after a thorough analysis of various factors, including the company's operational capacity and market conditions. This decision was not made lightly, and we want to assure you that it is part of a broader strategy for our parent company in North America.

We understand this development will undoubtedly raise concerns on the part of our valued suppliers. All in-transit goods or products will be accepted as ordered. Please cease work on all in-process orders until you communicate with your SRUSA purchasing agent.

This closing is not an insolvency or bankruptcy. All payments will be processed in the normal course of business.

We will be working with our suppliers to manage the end of our agreements in the coming months. You may contact a member of our purchasing team to discuss how our business relationship will be impacted.

SRUSA is finalizing plans to transition production across the company's existing global footprint, and we appreciate your ongoing support as we navigate the closure process of the Tonawanda factory. We will communicate any specific changes or updates as they develop to ensure a smooth transition.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing collaboration.

Sincerely,

Sumitomo Rubber USA, LLC.