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From: Harris, Emily (SPAC/PSPC)
Sent March 23, 2020 9:30 PM
To: Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC)
Cc: Murdock, Kelly (SPAC/PSPC)
Subject Re: REVISED: For MO Approval Media Response / Tier 4 - COVID-19 — Info on call out for supplies / Toronto Star

Good by me

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 23, 2020, at 9:28 PM, Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC) <cecely.roy@canada.ca> wrote:

I'm ok with this if you guys are - let me know your thoughts.

Cecely Roy

Press Secretary / Attachée de presse

Office of the Minister of Public Services and Procurement / Bureau de la ministre des Services publics et de l'Approvisionnement

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Media <media@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca>
Date: March 23, 2020 at 8:55:09 PM EDT
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Subject: **REVISED: For MO Approval Media Response / Tier 4 - COVID-19 — Info on call out for supplies / Toronto Star**

Good evening Cecely and Emily,

For your approval, please. The response has been reviewed and approved by ADM Reza and DG Comms, and has also been shared with ADM Stott for info. The majority of the content was previously approved for the media request by the Globe & Mail, with the exception of the highlighted paragraph which was just added.

We will be using this response to respond to both the Toronto Star and Radio-Canada (French) and will be translated upon approval.

Thank you for your patience and please accept our apologies for all the confusion that happened earlier.

Have a good evening,

Marc

Media heads-up

a) Toronto Star

Oved, Marco (Toronto Star)

Date call received: March-23-20 at 14:10

Deadline: March-23-20 at 17:30

Tier 4 - COVID-19 — Info on call out for supplies

b) Radio-Canada

Boily, Daniel (Radio-Canada)

Date call received: March 23, 2020 at 4:25 PM

Deadline: March 24, 2020 at 5:00 PM

Tier 4 - COVID-19 — Review of offers

CONTEXT (for your information):

The reporter is requesting a short interview to discuss the details on the call out for supplies related to COVID-19.

He would like a sense of what kind of supplies and equipments are being offered by suppliers.

Reference: <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/calling-all-suppliers-help-canada-combat-covid-19>

A general statement is currently in approval with MO, which will be used to respond to another request on the same subject.

Media Relations recommends declining the request for interview and, once approved, provide the general statement instead.

QUESTIONS / ANSWERS:

The health and safety of Canadians is the government's top priority as we respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is supporting the whole-of-government response to COVID-19 by spearheading the consolidated purchase of emergency equipment, supplies and services for federal, provincial and territorial needs.

We have stood up a dedicated team of procurement specialists who are tapping into existing supply arrangements and employing innovative, flexible approaches to make sure Canada has the equipment, supplies and services it needs to effectively respond.

On March 12, we issued a proactive call-out, asking all suppliers to come forward with products and/or services they could offer to support Canada's response. As of March 22, PSPC had received more than 11,000 responses to the call-out. Our procurement specialists are actively assessing responses as they come in, with priority being placed on securing certified supplies that meet the needs and standards of the Public Health Agency of Canada.

Through both engaging with our supplier network as well as through submissions to the proactive call-out to suppliers, we have already purchased a broad range of personal protective equipment and supplies, including swabs, tests kits, gloves, masks and gowns. We continue to work with available suppliers, domestically and internationally, who have the capacity to respond to Canada's needs.