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Subject: Media Heads-Up / Tier 1 - COVID-19: Private firm contracted in China / Toronto Star

The following media request has been identified as **Tier 1**.

Communications sector will work with your group to develop the first draft response. New information not previously approved should be identified in purple.

Highest level of approval: MO

Program ADM approved response: April-07-20 at 14:30

Media heads-up

Toronto Star

Oved, Marco (Toronto Star)

Date call received: April-07-20 at 12:45

Deadline: April-07-20 at 17:00

Tier 1 - COVID-19: Private firm contracted in China

CONTEXT (for your information): Following the Minister's press conference, the reporter has a question about the firm contracted in China.

The proposed response below was approved for a media request from Agence France Presse on April 2.

VALUE STATEMENT: The Government of Canada is collaborating with provinces and territories on an ongoing basis to identify their needs and purchase required equipment, supplies, and services to combat COVID-19.

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is taking an aggressive approach to buying—especially when it comes to personal protective equipment for frontline healthcare workers. This includes:

- Ordering ahead in bulk on behalf of provinces and territories

- Supplementing those orders by purchasing everything that is immediately available;
- Ramping up the domestic manufacturing capacity, through the Plan to Mobilize Industry to fight COVID-19, being led by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada.

This is over and above the efforts provinces and territories are taking to secure their own supply.

QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:

Q1. Can you tell me the name of the firm contracted in China for quality control, logistics and the rental of a warehouse in Shanghai?

A1. Canada has an agreement with Bolloré Logistics to provide transportation, reception, inspection and storage services. As part of this agreement, Bolloré Logistics organizes the transportation of personal protective equipment purchased by the Government of Canada from China. This will be an ongoing process as orders are ready to be shipped to Canada.