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To: Nowers, Kathryn (HC/SC)
Cc: Bethany Borody
Subject: Rapid testing and request for support
Attachments: NFN_SupportLetter.pdf; COVID-19 Testing Kits_Precision_April 15.pdf; Chief McGinnis Letter (002).pdf

Good morning Ms. Nowers,

New Gold is actively working to provide rapid testing devices for COVID-19 to our operations and surrounding Indigenous Communities in Northern Ontario and BC. We have partnered with Precision Biomonitoring and Dr. Mario Thomas out of Guelph Ontario for the rapid test devices they have developed. We commend the Government of Canada on their COVID-19 efforts thus far and believe that we can partner with your efforts in order to provide essential testing to some of Canada's most vulnerable communities.

While mining continues to be an essential service in Canada, we need to collectively ensure that companies are equipped with the right testing abilities to keep our employees and surrounding communities as safe as possible. In areas where access to health can be minimal, we believe that New Gold and Precision Biomonitoring can play a role in filling the gap between now and when testing devices will be made available from the Federal Government. However, we need Health Canada to provide the official approval for Dr. Mario and his team in order to mobilize the devices he already has as quickly as possible.

Prior to a call with Honorable Patty Hadju, Minister of Health, I would like to discuss with you and your team, along with Dr. Mario and possibly Grand Chief Francis Kavanaugh Treaty 3, about how we plan on using the rapid testing devices upon approval.

I have also attached letters of support from two of our biggest First Nations partners – Rainy River First Nation and Naicatchewenin First Nation, requesting approval for these devices to ensure the safety of their communities. We continue to work with our Indigenous partners and believe additional letters of support will be added to this request.

Please do not hesitate to contact me as we find this request urgent in matter for the safety of our operations and surrounding communities.

I can be reached at 1-416-520-1658

Best Regards,

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