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Subject: Re: Media Heads-Up / Tier 1 - COVID-19: Chinese manufacturers / The Globe and Mail

Following up on this with the proposed response below.

We are planning to respond with the same language to a request from CBC Montreal (also copied below).

The drop dead deadline for G&M is 5:00 pm, so apologies for the quick turn around, but if we can get input ASAP that would be super.

Thanks!

Cecely Roy
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QUESTIONS:

VanderKlippe, Nathan (The Globe and Mail– correspondent in Beijing)

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CBC Montreal - Deir, Annie (CBC Montreal)

Q1. Can I get a statement from PSPC on what the department does to support the government in the fight against COVID-19?

Response:

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. This flexible procurement approach includes a proactive call-out, posted to buyandsell.gc.ca, calling all potential suppliers to come forward with products and/or services they could offer to support Canada's response.

We have already purchased a broad range of personal protective equipment and supplies, including swabs, tests kits, gloves, masks and gowns, and we continue to work with available suppliers, **domestically and internationally**, who have the capacity to respond to Canada's needs.

On Mar 23, 2020, at 10:40 AM, Kim, Sabrina <Sabrina.Kim@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

Thank you! Adding some folks for awareness. Keep us posted. 😊

From: Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC) <cecely.roy@canada.ca>
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Flagging the request below. I'm in touch with Syrine at GAC as well as our dept at the officials level.

We'll send up the proposed response once ready.

Thanks,

Cecely Roy

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Begin forwarded message:

**Subject: Media Heads-Up / Tier 1 - COVID-19: Chinese manufacturers /
The Globe and Mail**

Media heads-up

The Globe and Mail

**VanderKlippe, Nathan (The Globe and Mail – correspondent in
Beijing)**

Date call received: March-23-20

Deadline: March-23-20 at 17:00 (firm)

COVID-19: Chinese manufacturers

CONTEXT (for your information): The reporter is looking to get more information on the work of the Canadian consulate in Guangzhou that has been assembling a list of trusted manufacturers and suppliers of medical equipment that could be useful for Covid-19 cases.

He understands this is a complement to the efforts made through Buyandsell.gc.ca.

After consulting with GAC, PSPC will provide the response to the reporter. We recommend a narrative response that would answer all four questions.

We will share our proposed response with GAC.

VALUE STATEMENT:

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