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

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: March-23-20 at 14:00

Media heads-up

The Globe and Mail

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

Date call received: March-23-20 at 06:35

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

Tier 1 - 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:

QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:

Q1. How many Chinese manufacturers have now been documented as potential suppliers of medical equipment at the moment?

Q2. Roughly what percentage of those suppliers have already been contacted by Canadian authorities?

Q3. What percentage of Chinese suppliers have already received orders for medical supplies?

Q4. Given the race to secure proper supplies, is the Canadian government responding quickly enough to make orders in China – particularly as other countries make orders that could push Canada down in the queue?