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Good morning MO,

For your approval please.
Please note ISED has been consulted and has provided feedback.
New info.

Thank you.

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From the outset of the pandemic, the Government of Canada took action to establish a domestic supply of masks to address anticipated upcoming needs and be in a position to have a domestic supply available should a resurgence occur. As many countries had imposed export restrictions on medical devices and consumables, it was imperative to develop Canadian capability to meet Canada's demand during this pandemic.

On behalf of the Government, Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) conducted a wide-ranging market assessment to ascertain the landscape of manufacturers and suppliers of N95 respirators and surgical masks. The assessment revealed that there is no domestic manufacturing capacity for N95 respirators. Additionally, the list of global suppliers and manufacturers is limited due to specialized materials and sterilization needed.

Following this research, the Government of Canada engaged with Medicom to set up domestic capacity. Public Services and Procurement Canada is the contract authority and as such negotiated the contract with Medicom, on behalf of the Public Health Agency of Canada. Medicom's proposal allowed for the establishment of a mask manufacturing capacity in Canada under a short timeline with production starting in 2020. This capacity would be able to support federal, provincial and territorial requirements for other emergencies, as well as other critical manufacturing sectors.
To achieve this, Medicom has installed machines for the production of surgical masks and N95 respiratory masks in Montreal. The plant started operations of surgical masks in July while production of N95 will begin in August.

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Hi folks,

Understanding the limitations here, we are looking to have the media relations team issue a detect and correct in response to this article today if at all possible: https://www.infomedia.gc.ca/pwgsc-tpsgc/en/2020/08/04/229646628

If it is possible to work with program to address the following inaccuracies, that would be greatly appreciated.

1. "A company in Quebec has been awarded $133,486,868 in sole-sourced federal orders to manufacture PPE even though it didn't have a factory in Canada."

a. To clarify the reasons as to why PSPC entered into a contract with Medicom early on in Canada's response to the pandemic, for the production of N95 and surgical masks in Canada.

2. "Neither Medicom nor its federal sponsors would say how many masks the Montréal factory has produced to date."

b. Clarify - as has been stated by the Deputy Minister and through other PSPC sources, production is expected to begin later in 2020, as has been the case from the outset of the agreement with Medicom.

3. "Quebec company with no factory snags $133M contract to make PPE"

c. If possible… clarify the current status of the factory building and operations and that work to establish production lines has been ongoing.

I am happy to discuss further.

Thank you,

Cecely