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From: Taipalus, Madison (SPAC/PSPC)
Sent: April 1, 2020 3:58 PM
To: Mullan-Boudreau, Caitlin (SPAC/PSPC)
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Test kit proposal
Attachments: CE-Real-Time Fluorescent RT-PCR Kit for 2019-nCoV Detection.pdf.pdf.pdf

Flagging this one, sent from MP Sarai. They have partners with large capacity to produce and deliver testing kits to Canada. I would recommend escalating to the department if testing kits are a priority.

Madison

From: Manny Bahia 
Sent: April 1, 2020 01:33
To: Taipalus, Madison (SPAC/PSPC)
Cc: Logan, Tim (IC) ; Sarai, Randeep - Personal
Subject: Re: COVID-19 Test kit proposal

Hi Madison,

My reference number is #39585

Attached is a quick two pager about the kit. Our current production capacity is 600K tests /day. Currently, we can allocate supply to provide 1M tests to Canada within 5-7 business days. Each kit contains 50 tests.

Background:

My partners and I have been working with BGI for the past 4 years. I cover Canada for AID Partners, which is an international partner for BGI and has been an early investor. BGI was the first company which sequenced the novel viral genome, as the etiological agent of COVID-19. BGI is the largest genome sequencing company in the world, so far over 14 million next generation sequencing tests. Over 9,000 Coronavirus samples were fully sequenced from first base to the last, and a phylogenetic map was generated, which is useful in tracking the genome divergence across the nCov-2019 genome (using a tool termed PM-Seq). As Coronaviruses are remarkably unstable, and diverge within the natural life cycle of the virus, a critical information in the design of a novel test is the region of the genome, most conserved in every infective virus. The efficacy of this test is illustrated by more than the two million tests performed with this kit so far, as well as the outbreak control performance of China, HKG, Korea and Japan, where this test is employed. Also the Israeli MoH is in the process of preparing a report about the superior PPV of the BGI test over competition.

BGI has received FDA emergency use authorization late last week and is exploding with interest for their testing. Current production capacity for the tests is 600K /day and our firm works directly with the CEO in securing allocation. As a Canadian citizen, testing is the most important initiative for Canada to fight this virus, and I am eager to help bring BGI to help us.

Please let me know when you have time to discuss this over the phone.

Thanks,
Manny Bahia

On Tue, 31 Mar 2020 at 19:35, Taipalus, Madison (SPAC/PSPC) <madison.taipalus@canada.ca> wrote:

Hi Manny,

Thank you for providing your email. Please provide information on your product, the quantity immediately available, and your capacity to produce. In addition, please visit <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/calling-all-suppliers-help-canada-combat-covid-19> and apply to the Procurement portal. Once you do, email me your reference number.

Thank you!

Madison Taipalus

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From: Logan, Tim (IC)

Sent: March 30, 2020 19:49

To: Sarai, Randeep - Personal <P [REDACTED]>; Taipalus, Madison (SPAC/PSPC) <madison.taipalus@canada.ca>

Subject: RE: COVID-19 Test kit proposal

Thanks for the note Randeep – as this is an existing product there's not much that would fall within ISED's remit. If they're not licensed in Canada, they should chat with Health; if they are, then it's all PSPC.

Over to you, Madison!

-Tim

From: Sarai, Randeep - Personal [P [REDACTED]] >
Sent: March 30, 2020 3:52 PM
To: Taipalus, Madison (SPAC/PSPC) <madison.taipalus@canada.ca>; Logan, Tim (IC) <tim.logan@canada.ca>
Subject: COVID-19 Test kit proposal

Madison and Tim,

This is from:

Bahia Consulting Inc.

Reference number for submission: #39585

<https://www.bgi.com/global/company/news/bgis-real-time-sars-cov-2-test-to-detect-novel-coronavirus-receives-fda-emergency-use-authorization/?from=singlemessage&isappinstalled=0>

They have a COVID-19 test kit. Can you connect with them.

Manny Bahia (he also owns Daily Hive and other local businesses like Nude Vodka)

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Regards

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