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**Subject:** Media Heads-Up / Tier 1 - Follow-up: COVID-19 - Procurement of masks and ventilators / Financial Post

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: April-02-20 at 11:30

### **Media heads-up**

#### **Financial Post**

**Jackson, Emily (Financial Post)**

**Date call received: April-02-20 at 09:15**

**Deadline: April-02-20 at 17:00**

Tier 1 - Follow-up: COVID-19 - Procurement of masks and ventilators

#### **CONTEXT (for your information):**

Further to the Prime Minister's announcement regarding new partnerships with Canadian industries, the reporter had questions related to masks and ventilators, to which we provided a response on April 1, 2020.

She mentioned she already had the information and the numbers from the press conference held on Tuesday, and that we did not answer her specific questions.

#### **VALUE STATEMENT:**

#### **QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:**

**Q1. How many masks did PSPC order from Medicom?**

**Q2. How many tests did PSPC order from Spartan?**

**Q3. How many ventilators did PSPC order from Thornhill?**

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**Response provided on April 1, 2020.**

The Government of Canada is taking an aggressive, proactive procurement approach to fulfill immediate and future supply requirements. This includes buying in bulk from distributors in Canada, and internationally to secure key items like Personal Protective Equipment and ventilators, which are in high global demand. The COVID-19 situation is very fluid and evolving rapidly every day, as are our requirements and orders.

To date, we have ordered more than 157 million surgical masks from a number of suppliers, including from Medicom, and have ordered more than 60 million N95 masks. We have also already ordered 1,570 ventilators, including from Thornhill Medical and we are working to secure upwards of 4000 additional ventilators, and very possibly more in future. In addition, we have placed orders for enough test kits to test millions of Canadians, some of which will come from Spartan Bioscience.

Through the [Plan to Mobilize Industry to fight COVID-19](#), the Government of Canada is also directly supporting Canadian businesses to rapidly scale up and accelerate their production or re-tool their manufacturing lines to make the products we need in the fight against COVID-19, including working directly with Medicom, Thornhill Medical and Spartan Bioscience.

We continue to work with all available suppliers who have the capacity to respond to Canada's needs. In addition, we are continuously working with the Public Health Agency of Canada to determine their technical specifications and requirements, as well as those for provinces and territories.