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Sent: August 26, 2020 3:57 PM
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Cc: Media; Stéfanie Hamel; Francesco Santostefano; Elizabeth Lindsay
Subject: FW: Request for Technical Interview - N95 Procurement

Hi Cecely, James,

For your information and consideration, below is an update from the reporter. He is not too keen on having an interview on background. He would much prefer to have it on the record.

Please don't hesitate to contact us to let us know how you would like to proceed.

Thanks,

Stefanie

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Subject: Re: Request for Technical Interview - N95 Procurement

Hi Stéfanie,

I don't want this to be a deal breaker and I really appreciate the offer, but I can't really understand why public officials like this couldn't be quoted.

If we go ahead with these people speaking only on background, I have to explain to my editors why and I am not sure what I could say in this instance. In my experience, readers also relate better when they understand I am talking to specific people with specific jobs, rather than just nameless officials.

Happy to discuss further and whether they're on the record or on background either time slot works.

Ryan Tumilty

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Subject: RE: Request for Technical Interview - N95 Procurement

Good afternoon Ryan,

Just to let you know that we've contacted our media relations colleagues at ISED (cced). We'd like to offer you a 30 minutes joint interview on background.

Would you be able to send us some questions that would be targeted to ISED in advance, please?

We will have 4 spokespeople, but we are wondering if you could attribute the quotes to PSPC or ISED officials. Would you be comfortable with this?

Here are the officials:

PSPC:

Michael Mills – Acting ADM, Acquisitions Branch

Alain Dorion – Senior Director, Real Property Services

Sylvain Cardinal – Director General, Large Combat Ship Construction Sector

ISED:

Charles Vincent

A/ Associate Assistant Deputy Minister

Also, could you let us know what time would work best for you tomorrow? We are still confirming, but we are looking at these time slots:

Thursday (August 27) 11:00 to 11:30 OR 11:30 to 12:00

Thank you,

Stéphanie Hamel

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From: Media

Sent: August 26, 2020 10:32 AM

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Subject: RE: Request for Technical Interview - N95 Procurement

Good morning Ryan,

Thank you for this. Just letting you know that we are looking into this, and we should have more information for you in late morning or early afternoon.

Thank you,

Stéphanie Hamel

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Sent: August 25, 2020 1:57 PM

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Subject: Re: Request for Technical Interview - N95 Procurement

Apologies, I got a bit overwhelmed today.

I am working on a story about the challenges of procuring N95 masks.

I am hoping to talk to someone who could speak about the difficulty in acquiring them. I know all PPE has been hard to locate this year, but my sense is the N95 posed some unique challenges.

Would like to speak to someone who can talk about the costs of acquiring them and how that has changed over the course of the pandemic. I'd like to speak with someone who can talk about these challenges, as well as the challenges of quality control with the masks, which I understood were a major issue early on with the KN95 masks from China.

Hoping to speak with someone on Wednesday or Thursday.

Let me know what is possible.

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From: Media <media@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca>

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Subject: Request for Technical Interview - N95 Procurement

Good morning Ryan,

Our Minister's office reached out to let us know you would like to speak with an official involved in leading the procurement response to COVID to address the unique challenges associated with procuring N95 masks, particularly in March, April & May and maybe an update on the status of setting up domestic production.

We are currently looking to see if an interview is possible, and we are wondering if you could provide your questions in advance to us? This would greatly help us find the best subject matter expert to answer your questions and their availability.

Also, any information you can provide on your deadline will help as well.

Thank you,

Stéphanie Hamel

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