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From: Taipalus, Madison (SPAC/PSPC)
Sent: March 25, 2020 12:31 PM
To: Mullan-Boudreau, Caitlin (SPAC/PSPC)
Subject: RE: Covid test kits

Yep, I shared all the info and they had to be redirected to Health for certification and licensing of products.

Madison

From: Mullan-Boudreau, Caitlin (SPAC/PSPC)
Sent: March 24, 2020 23:02
To: Taipalus, Madison (SPAC/PSPC) <madison.taipalus@canada.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Covid test kits

Can you reach out to Stephen below asap tomorrow?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Church, Leslie (SPAC/PSPC)" <leslie.church@canada.ca>
Date: March 24, 2020 at 12:07:20 PM EDT
To: "Mullan-Boudreau, Caitlin (SPAC/PSPC)" <caitlin.mullan-boudreau@canada.ca>
Subject: FW: Covid test kits

Incoming... can you triage with the desks?

From: Bouchard, Mathieu (PCH)
Sent: March 24, 2020 12:05 PM
To: Church, Leslie (SPAC/PSPC) <leslie.church@canada.ca>
Subject: TR: Covid test kits
Importance: High

Here you go.

I'll also send you three more emails, for masks, test kits and thermometers, from a different supplier in Montreal.

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De : Stephen McPhee <smcphee@rlr.law>
Envoyé : 23 mars 2020 14:21
À : Bouchard, Mathieu (PCH) <mathieu.bouchard@canada.ca>

Objet : Covid test kits

Importance : Haute

Mathieu

I have been reading about the early detection and mass testing benefits in Italy and elsewhere.

I have a friend from high school in South Africa who is a businessman and has significant contacts in China. He was offering, at cost, Covid supplies and test kits to whomever could arrange for the governments in countries to approve and order them.

In South Africa the problem is the government wants to allow their “Partners” to import them and mark them up.

I am trying to get access to our BC health minister through my NLA, but also thought I should let you take a look at it and pass it on to your colleagues and contacts federally.

Here is the information he sent me to give you an idea of cost and products.

He said that until he has government support to expedite import he is not bothering to provide Canada (or anywhere else) specific quotes and invoices, because that is the biggest hurdle right now – getting government approval to bring them in and not have them tied up in expensive warehouse space.

Have a look at this and let me know if you want me to put you or anyone else in government in contact with him.

Nothing in it for me at all. I just want to do what I can to try beat this.

If you have access to the health minister federally and they think this checks out, it could assist, I think.

Cheers and all the best to you.

Stephen McPhee, Q.C.

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