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Subject: PSPC Lines - Apr 3 - PPE Procurement / Canada Post Facility Mississauga

Good morning,

PSPC lines for items flagged on the call:

PPE Procurement – Quebec experiencing imminent shortage, US supply uncertain

- The whole-of-government is focused on responding to the COVID-19 outbreak, and working with partners at all levels of government, and with industry, to identify priority items and secure necessary supplies in real time.
- We are partnering with Canadian industry to rapidly scale up and re-tool production capacity, ensuring a reliable domestic supply to serve our needs for the short and long terms.
- We are also deepening the use of existing supply arrangements and innovative, flexible procurement approaches to accelerate Canada's response to the pandemic.
- We stand ready to take further action and adapt our approach as the situation evolves.

If-pressed (International Competition, Export Controls):

- We are operating in a highly competitive global environment, and international logistics are challenging. We are working closely with Global Affairs and private sector experts to facilitate the movement of deliveries.
- We are taking an aggressive, proactive approach to secure life-saving equipment, and pursuing every possible avenue to ensure that Canada continues to have the supplies we need. We are at the same time pursuing innovative approaches to build domestic capacity by directly supporting Canadian to scale-up and re-tool.
- Our goal is to be over prepared and we are ordering supplies in anticipation of future needs, to ensure they are available for provinces, territories, frontline health workers and Canadians.

If-pressed (Quebec):

- We have placed significant order for PPE and we are working hard to make sure we have that equipment to distribute to Quebec, and every province and territory that needs it, as quickly as possible.
- This is a Canada-wide effort and the Premiers are doing extraordinary work. We are working through every possible channel at all levels of government in order to secure the essential medical supplies that Canada needs. Our goal is to be over prepared and we are ordering supplies in anticipation of future needs.

Canada Post Mississauga Facility

- Canada Post is closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic, and taking steps to help keep its employees and the communities it serves safe, while following the guidance of the Public Health Agency of Canada and local health authorities.
- A Canada Post employee working at the facility in Mississauga has tested positive for COVID-19.

- Following the guidance of public health officials, employees that would have been in contact with the employee were sent home.
- Canada Post is conducting a deep clean and sanitization of the potentially impacted areas of the facility.
- Canada Post will continue to follow the direction of the Public Health Authority on next steps, and provide updates as they become available.
- As the situation with COVID-19 evolves, the health and safety of employees and the Canadians they serve remains the highest priority.

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