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Subject: For MO approval - Media response / Tier 1 - Follow-up: COVID-19 - Procurement of masks and ventilators / Financial Post

Afternoon Cecely, Emily,

For your approval.

Charles.

Media response

Financial Post

Jackson, Emily (Financial Post)

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

Deadline: April-02-20 at 17:00 ([Has filed a few days ago. May update when she gets the information.](#))

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.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

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?

The Government of Canada is collaborating with provinces and territories on an ongoing basis to identify their needs and purchase required equipment, supplies and services to combat COVID-19.

We are taking an aggressive, proactive approach to buying—especially when it comes to personal protective equipment for front line healthcare workers. This includes:

- Placing orders for everything that is immediately available

- Ordering ahead in bulk, with intermittent deliveries spread out over the coming weeks and months
- Ramping up domestic manufacturing capacity, through the Plan to Mobilize Industry to fight COVID-19, being led by Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada.

This is over and above the efforts provinces and territories are taking to secure their own supply.

As previously indicated, the COVID-19 situation is very fluid and evolving rapidly every day, as are our requirements and orders. At this time, we cannot give details on orders with specific companies – only overall numbers.

ANSWERED 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.