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**From:** Media <media@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 24, 2020 11:19 AM  
**To:** Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC)  
**Subject:** RE: For MO approval: Media Response / Tier 1 - COVID-19: Chinese manufacturers / The Globe and Mail and CBC

Thanks!

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**From:** Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC) [mailto:cecely.roy@canada.ca]  
**Sent:** March 24, 2020 11:10 AM  
**To:** Media <media@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** Emily Harris <Emily.Harris@canada.ca>; Jean-François Létourneau <Jean-Francois.Letourneau@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: For MO approval: Media Response / Tier 1 - COVID-19: Chinese manufacturers / The Globe and Mail and CBC

Yes apologies for not sending earlier.

Here is the response provided.

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The health and safety of Canadians is the government's top priority as we respond to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is supporting the whole-of-government response to COVID-19 by spearheading the consolidated purchase of emergency equipment, supplies and services for federal, provincial and territorial needs.

We have stood up a dedicated team of procurement specialists who are tapping into existing supply arrangements and employing innovative, flexible approaches to make sure Canada has the equipment, supplies and services it needs to effectively respond. This flexible procurement approach includes a proactive call-out, posted to [buyandsell.gc.ca](https://buyandsell.gc.ca), calling all potential suppliers to come forward with products and/or services they could offer to support Canada's response.

Last week, the Prime Minister also announced Canada's Plan to Mobilize Industry to fight COVID-19, which will create pathways to deploy resources to domestic manufacturers and businesses so they can help during this critical time.

The Plan introduces new measures to directly support these businesses to rapidly scale up production or re-tool their manufacturing lines to develop products made in Canada that will help in the fight against COVID-19.

These products could include critical health and safety supplies and equipment, including personal protective equipment, sanitization products, diagnostic and testing products, and disease tracking technology.

We have already purchased a broad range of personal protective equipment and supplies, including swabs, tests kits, gloves, masks and gowns, and we continue to work with available suppliers, domestically and internationally, who have the capacity to respond to Canada's needs.

**Cecely Roy**

*Press Secretary | Attachée de presse*

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On Mar 24, 2020, at 11:01 AM, Media <[media@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca](mailto:media@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Cecely,

Did you send the response to CBC? If so, could we get the answer please?

Many thanks!

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**From:** Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC) [<mailto:cecely.roy@canada.ca>]

**Sent:** March 23, 2020 5:02 PM

**To:** Media <[media@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca](mailto:media@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)>

**Cc:** Emily Harris <[Emily.Harris@canada.ca](mailto:Emily.Harris@canada.ca)>; Jean-François Létourneau <[Jean-Francois.Letourneau@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca](mailto:Jean-Francois.Letourneau@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)>; Me'Shel Gulliver Bélanger <[MeShel.GulliverBelanger@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca](mailto:MeShel.GulliverBelanger@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)>; Elizabeth Lindsay <[Elizabeth.Lindsay@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca](mailto:Elizabeth.Lindsay@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)>; Bryan Blom <[Bryan.Blom@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca](mailto:Bryan.Blom@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)>; James Stott <[James.Stott@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca](mailto:James.Stott@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)>; Sara Lacasse <[Sara.Lacasse@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca](mailto:Sara.Lacasse@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)>; Vivianne Soubhie <[Vivianne.Soubhie@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca](mailto:Vivianne.Soubhie@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)>; Martine Skelton <[Martine.Skelton@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca](mailto:Martine.Skelton@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)>; Josée Roy-Desjardins <[Josee.Roy-Desjardins@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca](mailto:Josee.Roy-Desjardins@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)>

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Hi there,

The response for the Globe request is approved by Mino as below, however, we will take the response for CBC Montreal from Mino, and will send the response for that request to you below as we are focusing on the broader government approach.

Thank you,

**Cecely Roy**

*Press Secretary | Attachée de presse*

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On Mar 23, 2020, at 3:18 PM, Media <[media@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca](mailto:media@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)> wrote:

Good afternoon ladies,

For MO approval please. **New info**. Please note this statement would be used for both requests, from The Globe and Mail and CBC Montreal)  
Reporter's deadline is firm.

Thank you!

**Stéfanie**

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## **1) Media Response**

**The Globe and Mail**

**VanderKlippe, Nathan (The Globe and Mail – correspondent in Beijing)**

**Date call received: March-23-20 at 06:35**

**Deadline: March-23-20 at 17:00 (firm)**

Tier 1 - COVID-19: Chinese manufacturers

## **2) Media Response**

**CBC Montreal**

**Deir, Annie (CBC Montreal)**

**Date call received: March-23-20 at 11:05**

**Deadline: March-23-20 at 15:00**

Tier 4 - COVID-19 - Seamstresses helping with medical supplies

**CONTEXT** (for your information): The reporter is looking to get more information on the work of the Canadian consulate in Guangzhou that has been assembling a list of trusted manufacturers and suppliers of medical equipment that could be useful for Covid-19 cases.

He understands this is a complement to the efforts made through Buyandsell.gc.ca.

After consulting with GAC, PSPC will provide the response to the reporter. We recommend a narrative response that would answer all four questions.

We will share our proposed response with GAC.

## **QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:**

**Q1. How many Chinese manufacturers have now been documented as potential suppliers of medical equipment at the moment?**

**Q2. Roughly what percentage of those suppliers have already been contacted by Canadian authorities?**

**Q3. What percentage of Chinese suppliers have already received orders for medical supplies?**

**Q4. Given the race to secure proper supplies, is the Canadian government responding quickly enough to make orders in China – particularly as other countries make orders that could push Canada down in the queue?**

The health and safety of Canadians is the government's top priority as we respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. We encourage all Canadians to follow the recommendations of public health officials to protect the health and safety of Canadians

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is supporting the whole-of-Government response to Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) by spearheading the consolidated purchase of emergency equipment, supplies and services for the federal, provincial and territorial community

at large. We have stood up a dedicated team of procurement specialists who are tapping into existing supply arrangements and employing innovative, flexible approaches to make sure Canada has the equipment, supplies and services it needs to effectively respond.

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