



CoronaVirus – Ventilator Production

(Support needed to maintain and increase production of linear actuators for ventilation equipment)

Background

Geeplus Europe supplies actuators to a number of medical ventilator manufacturers worldwide. These companies are now striving to increase production to support the most affected areas where COVID-19 has taken hold. Supporting Letters from some customers are attached.

In order to continue production of these items, and possibly increase production of these items, we need support from government in the following areas:

Recognition

It would help motivate personnel, and impress upon other members of our supply chain, to have an official letter from government confirming the importance of this work, and requesting the support of suppliers and other involved parties to continue this.

Personnel

We need our workforce to be healthy and able to travel to and from work. The following areas are important to this:

- Healthcare – personnel need good advice on how best to avoid infection, screening to minimise the risk of transfer of infection between workers, and in the event personnel do fall ill screening to ensure they are free of infection before returning to work
- Travel – Personnel need to be able to travel to and from work, where public transport is restricted or shut down measures need to be taken to ensure this happens. In the event that movement of private vehicles is restricted, workers need a pass / letter of authority enabling them to travel without hindrance
- Childcare / Dependents – Provision needs to be made to look after children / dependents of workers where this is affected by school closures

These measures need to be put in place not only for Geeplus, but for all companies involved in our supply chain, both in the UK and with overseas suppliers.

Materials / Services

We need ongoing / increasing supply of components / materials used in production, and services (power, heat, light, water, logistics), particularly the following:

- A letter of support as above requesting the support / co-operation of suppliers / authorities / governments involved in supply chain for materials and services
- A government contact responsible for dealing with other government departments to resolve any issues arising due to measures imposed by UK or overseas government impacting our supply chain
- Contact / liaison with relevant governments / authorities outside the UK to push for the same support to be given to other companies in our supply chain to ensure ongoing supply

Logistics Support

We need personnel, component parts, finished goods to be transported quickly without stop or delay. Restrictions on transportation in the UK or elsewhere are a concern, and increased use of home delivery services is causing delay to delivery services.

Increased Production

The measures described above are needed to maintain present production levels. Increasing this production requires more of all these resources, and may require additional financial support

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