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Dear Minister Van Ark

**Offer of Covid-19 support**

I would like to thank you and your government for the huge efforts you are making to address the unprecedented challenges of Covid-19 and would very much like to offer Intertek's full experience and expertise to support you in meeting those challenges.

Intertek is listed in London as part of the FTSE 100 and has been a leading UK company for over 130 years. With over 1,000 laboratories and auditors and inspectors in over 100 countries, we also have a truly global expertise in product development, regulation, supply chains and quality assurance – including for the pharmaceutical, medical device and personal protective equipment sectors.

Intertek has been operational in Netherlands for several decades, working with the country's premier companies. Including: DSM, Philips, Shell, G-Star, PVH EU, Koopman and Government departments to ensure the quality of products, processes and systems.

With over 300 staff in Netherlands backed by a global network of experts, we have significant expertise in product development, regulation, supply chains and quality assurance – including for the pharmaceutical, medical device and personal protective equipment sectors.

We understand that protecting the public health and ensuring economic resilience are fundamental priorities. We can provide a wide range of solutions to help in: combatting the pandemic; facilitating a rapid but safe emergence from social distancing measures; and reducing the risk of viral resurgence, including:

- technical expertise in supporting manufacturers to convert their production lines and then certifying that the products meet required safety standards;
- testing and certifying medical devices and protective equipment before they are shipped and imported from overseas;
- supporting the development of more accurate Covid-19 testing kits to allow immunity to be identified reliably; and
- expertise in repurposing or developing new vaccines to take them from concept to mass production.





In addition, we also provide audits of facilities to ensure that they have in place effective procedures to prevent viral infection: we believe these audits could support the processes under way for the re-opening of schools, government facilities and other public buildings.

We are already working with many of the leading global pharmaceutical, manufacturing and other companies on Covid-19-related solutions. In these difficult times, we believe that Intertek should also go beyond that – particularly given our longstanding and valued relationship with Netherlands – to offer you our full expertise and capabilities to support your public health and risk mitigation efforts.

I appreciate that personal protective equipment, testing and other matters are all significant priorities and challenges. We are ready to do everything we can to support your government in these priorities and I would greatly appreciate it if you could put us in contact with the right members of your team if this is of interest to you.

Yours sincerely,

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