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Re: COVID-19  
Clinical relevance of continuity of supply

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### **To whom it may concern**

Aspen Oss would like to express its great appreciation and thanks for your efforts to continue your operations. Notwithstanding all required additional measures to protect your employees and the communities in which you operate and increasingly challenging conditions, we have been able to rely upon your important support.

The Dutch government, like many governments worldwide, has determined that pharmaceutical and medicine manufacturing and distribution are essential services that should continue to be available, recognizing the essential nature of the pharmaceutical industry and the necessity for public health and safety for the pharmaceutical industry, and its associated suppliers, to continue working.

Aspen Oss manufactures products that are used in pharmaceutical products for the treatment of patients diagnosed with COVID 19 and that are required to stabilize patients while in Intensive Care and that support the recovery of these patients. Your support in allowing Aspen Oss to continue its operations is crucial for the availability of these pharmaceutical products for the COVID-19 patients.

To give you some further background on Aspen Oss and the clinical relevance of its products:

Aspen Oss B.V. specializes in the production of active pharmaceutical ingredients and intermediates (together referred to as "API's") and supplies these API's to many pharmaceutical companies worldwide for use of the API's in pharmaceutical products. Aspen Oss is part of South-African based Aspen Group, a leading specialty and branded multinational pharmaceutical company, with as key business segments its Anesthetics and Thrombosis products.

As stated certain of the API's supplied by Aspen Oss to pharmaceutical companies are used to manufacture products that are used to treat patients infected by the COVID-19. We have been contacted by various pharmaceutical companies with requests to increase our supply of our API's because of the COVID-19 crisis. Obviously we are endeavoring to meet those increased demands.

Next to the above, Aspen Oss manufactures various API that are used in the manufacture of lifesaving pharmaceutical products that many patients worldwide rely upon daily. A discontinuation of these supplies would lead to shortages in the availability of these medicines, with devastating effect to the individual patients.

Continuation of our operations is therefore of crucial importance for both the COVID-19 patients and the many individuals that rely upon the continued supply of their medicines. We trust that this letter will enable you to advocate for your organization with respect to any restrictions on travel or operations affecting you to continue providing the goods or services to us that we rely on to get our API's to those who need them around the globe.

We have been most impressed and humbled by the support of our suppliers of (raw) materials and services and the various authorities we work with to ensure the continued manufacture of our products and hope and trust that we may rely upon your continued endeavors.

If you would have any questions or would like to receive any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. [REDACTED] 5.1.2e [REDACTED] are available to assist. Please find their contact details hereunder.

Sincerely,

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