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COVID-19 “Coronavirus” Update – North America

Dear valued customer,

Since our last update, several state governments in the United States, including Ohio and New Jersey, have issued public health orders that put in place restrictions on non-essential businesses from March 23 to April 6. These state government orders explicitly cite the US Department of Homeland Security guidance that identifies essential critical infrastructure workers, and exempts companies that produce critical chemicals and pharmaceutical products to help state and local officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security.

Valtris Specialty Chemicals is considered an essential chemical manufacturer and will continue to operate all our manufacturing facilities in the United States, including the states of Ohio, New Jersey, and Texas.

Considering this new level of heightened public health orders, Valtris has implemented another level of preventative procedures to protect the health and safety of our employees as well as the surrounding communities where we operate including the following:

- All employees who continue to report to our manufacturing sites will have a daily health screening to ensure they do not show any adverse health symptoms
- All employees who can continue their normal work roles away from the workplace are to work from home during the public health order time period
- Additional employee separation/distancing measures are being implemented across our manufacturing facilities, including altering local work proximities to the highest extent possible
- Additional cleaning and sanitizing with increased frequency daily in each of the workplaces

Valtris company leadership continue to monitor the situation around the clock and assessing potential impacts on our operations. So far, we continue to have no material shortages or supply interruptions in our operations in North America, and the impact of the coronavirus outbreak to our operations has been limited. We will keep you informed of any changes as developments warrant. Please contact your account representative if you have any questions.

Yours Sincerely,

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Chief Commercial Officer