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From: Henry De Ruiter <henry@rwconsumerproducts.com>
Sent: April-21-20 2:41 PM
To: Fedick, Kim (CC) <Kim.Fedick@gov.mb.ca>
Subject: RE: process tank inside building

Hello Kim,

Thank-you for speaking with me earlier today.

Earlier this month Health Canada issued RWCP an NPN to produce Hand Sanitizers (attached), which as I'm sure you're aware, are in extreme demand globally, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As Canada's largest producer of IPA sku's, we recognize the criticality of the products we produce to protect the health & safety of the Canadian Public, and our front-line health care workers, and have been asked continuously if we can bring our scale to increase supply of this much needed item to the market.

In order for us to do so, we would like to put back into service, a **14,049 L HDPE tank we have inside our filling clean room** which we decommissioned several years ago that was previously used to formulate IPA 70%, which as you're aware, we constructed an outside tank, for the formulating and processing of Hand Sanitizer (which is primarily IPA 70%, with some H2O2, glycerine and purified water (Label Copy attached)).

We are seeking your acknowledgement, as well as, the City of Winnipeg Fire Department that we may proceed with putting this tank back into service to formulate and fill Hand Sanitizer, which we would require in order to scale up production of this item to support the demands across Canada that are not able to be met by other companies, whom do not have the scale and facilities to produce this item efficiently or safely.

Regards,



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Subject: RE: File 5819.00 RW Packaging - Use of process tank inside building
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Hello Eshetu,

Yes, the de-commissioned tanks are safe for re-use. Both tanks were completely (i.e. all process piping) disconnected but left in place were there were, as it was our intention to re-purpose at a future point for additional production of Hydrogen Peroxide. As we have additional filling equipment arriving in June and our water purification system is being upgraded this month to increase purified water output by 4X, it is our intention to replumb one of these tanks to H2O2, and the other for Hand Sanitizers (subject to MB Government approval). We have not heard from the City of Winnipeg. FYI, I attach hereto a press release RWCP issued last week. In order for RWCP to provide large quantities of Hand Sanitizer the Federal Government and markets are requiring, we MUST be able to initiate use of this tank, as we cannot co-mingle Hand Sanitizer (which is a formulated product comprised of IPA, Purified Water, H2O2, and Glycerine), with our external IPA 70% tank.

I find it particularly troubling (see attached picture) that relaxation by governments to others.....has led to this kind of dangerous packaging/product entering the market by companies whom do not even have proper processes or operations designed to handle these products, creating an even more dangerous situation for the public.....DRINKABLE WATER BOTTLES filled with liquid hand sanitizer being sold!!!!!!!

Meanwhile, RWCP whom is the largest processor of IPA 99% & IPA 70% products in Canada, whom is properly equipped and has operations specifically built for the production of these products, cannot move forward, due to our ask not being addressed. I would ask again this matter be escalated within the government, and with the city of Winnipeg.

RWCP is not only "CRITICAL" is supplying the healthcare system, but maintaining infrastructure and food supply chain systems, as well as, the general public, as increased demand for sanitizers that we produce, will be vital in controlling the COVID pandemic.

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Hello Henry,

Thank you for your response. The Province of Manitoba has a mechanism in place to encourage industries manufacturing products such as hand sanitizers by relaxing some environmental requirements. As a result my email to you was part of this approval process and I requested an additional information to just confirm that the proposed tanks are safe to reuse after they were decommissioned. If you contacted the City of Winnipeg regarding reusing the tanks, what is their response?

It should be clear that, my response to the request was not denying the approval as that is the Director's decision.

Regards

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