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UK National Emergency Response to the COVID19 Pandemic

As you will be aware the UK has been severely impacted by the effects of the pandemic.

In addition to supplying sensors for automotive applications, Viamed supplies sensors primarily to the medical sector (monitors, ventilators, anaesthesia systems, neonatal incubators).

Even prior to lockdown, we had been instructed and at short notice by governmental departments to supply oxygen sensors and analyzers for medical applications only. As part of this we have been supporting the first line emergency requirements of the National Health Service and working with several emergency ventilator project teams. Initiatives supported by the Cabinet Office have involved the rapid design, development and manufacture of ventilators in response the national emergency.

Even though our staff have been identified as key workers we have still suffered the effects of lockdown, which has severely affected working practices; the supply chain of components, parts and production capacity.

Please understand that the above has been out of our control and we have tried to react and respond to the national emergency.

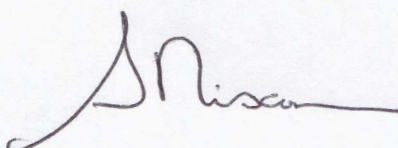
Of course, the automotive sector is now being affected and we endeavour to resume supply of production sensors as soon as possible. Although some other countries relaxed their response much earlier, in the UK this has only just started. We are working on resolving production and supply chain issues. Unfortunately, some component suppliers have been severely affected and stocks have been exhausted, resulting in lengthy production delivery times.

The situation with regard to the medical sensors is starting to stabilize, assuming we do not suffer a second wave of pandemic. We had residual stocks of automotive sensors, that have now been effectively exhausted. We are working to secure excess parts in advance and will soon provide updates to the delivery dates of specific back orders.

In the meantime, can you please assist by letting us know what your immediate urgent requirements are?

If you can, please bear with us a little longer, should you have any queries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



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