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*To: All Elkem Customers and Suppliers*

***RE: Essential Infrastructure Manufacturing | Defense Industrial Base***

To Our Partners,

As you may know, the governors have closed non-essential businesses in many states to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Elkem is a supplier to the aerospace, medical and defense market with active orders supporting these essential industries. These orders include priority ratings from the Department of Defense (DOD) holding DO and DX ratings.

Consequently, Elkem will maintain standard manufacturing capacity to support these industries during this time. The attached letter from the Undersecretary of Defense states specifically that we have a “responsibility” to remain open. Additionally, we have included guidance provided to us by the Department of Homeland Security outlining the definitions of “essential” businesses.

It is our top priority to maintain a safe and healthy workforce as we continue to supply these products to the above described critical industries. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly (732) 737-5429.

Warm regards,

Jeffrey K. Lawrence  
Vice President