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## SanMac Expands COVID19 Mitigation Efforts

Palmer, Massachusetts- As our nation finds itself dealing with an unprecedented pandemic, small groups of uniquely qualified businesses have, despite potential COVID19 health risks, remained fully operational.

One such company is Sanderson MacLeod, a leading commercial manufacturer of twisted wire brushes and assemblies for the medical, industrial, cosmetic and gun care markets. Employing nearly 120 essential employees, Sanderson MacLeod was deemed an "essential manufacturer" by Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker in March, 2020 due to their ability to manufacture critical medical and defense products needed for pandemic relief and diagnostic efforts.

The Company has remained fully operational based on their ability to ensure and monitor workplace health and safety. This was assisted, in part, by the creation of an internal "COVID RESONSE TEAM" comprised of senior managers, executives and select floor personnel. The CRT has stayed current regarding CDC best practiced and ensured all appropriate virus mitigation efforts were quickly implemented and sustained.

To date, Company efforts have been exhaustive, including the selection and training of "sterilization teams" focused on plant wide adherence to established protocols, enhanced sterilization of high touch surfaces, proactive workplace distancing education, enforcement and visual systems, enhanced worker shielding, sanitizing stations, and improved workplace ventilation. In addition, facemasks and usage policies were provided (for employees and households), non-essential visitors prohibited, and staggered shifts and breaks scheduled to create space for seating restricted eating areas. Further efforts include ongoing wellness checks by Human Resources should an employee call in sick, and ongoing status updates to senior management. Previously unvaccinated individuals requested, and we provided free flu shots on site to reduce the risk of other viral infections.

On Thursday, April 26th, Sanderson MacLeod proactively conducted the first of multiple commercial sterilizations of the facility. In the event of a COVID related incident, Sanderson is prepared to utilize active illness monitoring as well as companywide camera surveillance for contract tracing purposes.

Recognizing the importance of effective communication, Sanderson MacLeod's workforce received ongoing and accurate COVID19 briefings via weekly plant wide meetings and/or socially distanced "floor huddles" with senior management.

While COVID19 remains a grave threat to the United States and the manufacturing sector, Sanderson MacLeod remains confident in the Company's ability to innovate, produce and integrate large volume twisted wire brushes and assemblies for their valued clientele. Never before have the organization's talented staff been more determined to keep American manufacturing and the domestic workforce successful.

We thank all those who continue to fight the COVID19 battle and wish continued success and wellbeing in the days and months ahead.

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