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To Viking’s Valued Suppliers and Partners,

We would like to update you on Viking Electronics’ current response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Along with many of you, we have taken steps to support the worldwide effort to slow the spread of the virus while still maintaining our ability to supply essential products to the medical, public safety, and government sectors.

As you may be aware, the Governor of Wisconsin has issued a “Safer at Home” initiative requiring non-essential businesses in Wisconsin to close. However, Viking will remain open as we provide emergency products, communication systems, and technical support to police stations, fire stations, healthcare facilities, and public transportation.

Initiatives of this type include the definition of “Essential Businesses” as “businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate.” As such, we have determined that our manufacturing operations constitute an “Essential Business” allowing us to stay open to supply our customers with mission critical products during this crisis.

We believe that our suppliers would be similarly allowed to continue business to support “Essential Business” supply chain. The initiative strongly encourages all Essential Businesses to remain open. We are therefore asking our critical suppliers to continue to supply us with products so that we can meet our customers’ needs.

Please note that the orders require individuals to comply with social distancing requirements, and we have already implemented similar precautionary measures in our facilities. We ask that you ensure similar precautionary measures are taken at your locations. We remain extremely concerned about the safety of our employees and friends throughout our entire supply chain.

Thank you for continuing to support us as we seek to provide ongoing supply to other companies providing critical services during this unprecedented time. Of course, please reach out to your own independent legal counsel as to the application of any government mandates or restrictions concerning your own operations.

Sincerely,

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