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To the Department of Health

Letter of Support of donation of stock

In the last 15 years, Austell has grown to become the largest South African, 100% privately black-owned pharmaceutical company in South Africa.

Austell is dedicated to providing products of the highest international standard, underpinned by clinically proven safety and efficacy.

“Medicines with a conscience” is not just a pay-off line, it is a credo that Austell lives by.

It is for this reason that I write to you with this letter of support.

Our product, Chloroquine Phosphate 250mg 10's, has been shown to prevent and treat the COVID-19 virus.

Also it has now been incorporated into the Chinese, Korean and South African guidelines, for treatment of COVID-19.

We have partnered with the largest manufacturer of API (Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient) who supply 70% of the drug to the world.

We recognise that a product such as this will be of national interest as a means to mitigate the impact of the virus. Given the public benefit of such a product, we have decided to supply the government with 50 000 packs of Chloroquine Phosphate 250mg 10's to the public healthcare system at no cost.

If the Department of Health requires further stock we will be able to supply within 21 days.

Yours sincerely



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