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Mr. Atwater,

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Respectfully,

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Hello Steel232 Team,

This is an urgent request to authorize the extension of BIS-2018-0006-114390. This extension is needed before the end of day on May 8, 2020. **These products are essential components of essential medical equipment that is needed for battling COVID-19.** We are relying on this extension for more tubing that is coming in after BIS-2018-0006-114390 expires on May 10, 2020.

History:

We obtained this narrow exclusion for specific steel tubes in early 2019. We applied for an extension of the exclusion on Sep 25, 2019. A company called Webco objected to the extension on the basis that they could make similar product but this was disingenuous: Webco has not even attempted to contact us to offer to sell product to us.

About 4-6 months ago, a representative from your office told me on a phone call that your office could still affirm our extension request. But no decision has been made.

We request that you authorize the extension of BIS-2018-0006-114390 today. Please contact me immediately at [REDACTED] or by email to confirm.

Best regards,

Stuart Atwater GENERAL MANAGER HA, PATENT ATTORNEY, LEGAL OFFICER
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