



To Whom It May Concern:

**STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE FOR
DESIGNATION AS CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPLIER**

As our nation and the world comes together to slow the spread of COVID-19, on March 16th, 2020, the President of the United States issued updated Coronavirus Guidance for America. This guidance states that: *"If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, ... you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule."* The Department of Homeland Security, through its Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), provides strategic guidance, promotes a national unity of effort, and coordinates the overall federal effort to ensure the security and resilience of our nation's critical infrastructure.

On March 19, 2020, CISA listed **ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKERS DURING COVID-19 RESPONSE** to help state and local officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. This list includes several segments that Graco's business operations support. Those segments include Critical Manufacturing, Healthcare and Public Health, Food and Agriculture, Water and Waste Water Systems, Information Technology, Energy, Transportation, and Chemical sectors.

The complete list is available at <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>. The list is explicitly designed to inform critical infrastructure community decision-making to determine the sectors, sub-sectors, segments, or critical functions that should continue normal operations, appropriately modified to account for Centers for Disease Control (CDC) workforce and customer protection guidance. This CISA framework has been adopted by many states in implementing shelter-in-place and similar orders that require non-essential, non-critical infrastructure businesses to suspend operations.

Because Graco Inc. and its affiliates (including Graco Minnesota Inc., Gema, High Pressure Equipment, White Knight, QED Environmental, Heateflex, Smith Manufacturing, and others), supply the **Critical Infrastructure Workforce recognized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security** per the above CISA guidance, we anticipate remaining open and continuing our manufacturing and supply operations during the COVID-19 response period.

This assurance is subject to change without notice and may be revoked as new restrictions or limitations are ordered, authorized or adopted by executive, legislative or judicial bodies.

Sincerely,

GRACO INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mark Weinberger' is written over a horizontal line.

Mark Weinberger

President,

QED Environmental Systems, Inc.