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The COVID 19 pandemic is unprecedented in modern times. It is a global crisis which requires extraordinary measures to fight the spread of the disease. We are doing the absolute best that we are able to protect our staff while trying to maintain manufacturing and a modicum of normalcy. The health and safety of our staff and vendors is our number one priority.

AP Tech was closed on March 20th following shelter in place guidelines. The factory was reopened after customers in the semiconductor industry requested our support as an essential service. We lost several days of production due to the shutdown and to preparations for safe operations per government guidelines.

The factory is in operation but, unfortunately, at less than full capacity. The safety measures we have implemented to protect our staff and the number of people either in self quarantine or simply sheltering in place due to their risk factors combine to reduce our production capabilities. Our vendors have the same issues which limit their ability to provide needed parts or services. The net result is that we are operating at about 50% to 60% of capacity today.

Currently lead times for new orders are being quoted at 8 to 10 weeks for standard products and up to 12 to 14 weeks for specials. These are typical deliveries which can vary depending upon the quantity being ordered, the nature of the special or parts availability.

Existing orders are shipping 2 to 3 weeks later than the commitment dates due to the plant closure and our operating at less than full capacity. The number of days late varies somewhat by order. We are working hard to return to the on time deliveries but cannot predict at this time when the goal will be achieved.

Customer service and support have been available throughout this entire period and will continue to provide the level of service synonymous with AP Tech.

The COVID 19 pandemic is a fluid situation. We are doing our best to cope with the ever changing challenges. This update provides our current status which could change tomorrow.

We are very grateful to have such a dedicated team of employees and vendors willing to make such an extraordinary effort in these extraordinary times.

We sincerely appreciate everyone’s patience, cooperation and understanding throughout this crisis. We hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy. Together, we can persevere and win the battle against this virus.