

Corona Virus

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The outbreak of the Corona virus in Wuhan, the capital city of Hubei province, China has led to a high level of uncertainty throughout the world and the extension of the Chinese New Year holidays by 5 working days has led to concerns by our customers over our ability to supply products.

At present, there is no direct impact on our business. Drive DeVilbiss does not trade with any companies or manufacturers in the province of Hubei and whilst Wuhan is known as a major manufacturer of steel, we do not believe China manufacturers will suffer raw material supply issues.

As with most businesses, we hold a level of safety stock, our normal practice would be 4 to 6 weeks, because of the Chinese New Year safety stocks increase to 8 or 10 weeks each year to accommodate the holiday shutdown.

The situation can only be described as fluid and we continue to monitor developments. Like everyone else, should the situation prolong there is the possibility this could affect our supply chain, we are actively working on contingency plans to mitigate this.

Drive DeVilbiss manufacture a significant volume of its products in the UK, Europe and the USA. These items would be unaffected by the Corona virus outbreak.