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Gooch & Housego PLC
("G&H" or the "Group")

Fremont Facility Update

Gooch & Housego PLC (AIM:GHH), the specialist manufacturer of optical components and systems, announces that it has temporarily closed its Fremont, California facility until 7 April 2020. This follows a legal order issued by the public health officers of Alameda county, California requiring all residents of the county to shelter at home for three weeks beginning 17 March 2020 in order to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

During this period staff from the Fremont facility who are able to homework will do so.

This action will shift the balance of revenue generated at our Fremont site to an increased H2 weighting.

Further updates will be provided as and when appropriate.

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Notes to editors

1. Gooch & Housego is a photonics technology business headquartered in Ilminster, Somerset, UK with operations in the USA and Europe. A world leader in its field, the company researches, designs, engineers and manufactures advanced photonic systems, components and instrumentation for applications in the Aerospace & Defence, Industrial, Life Sciences and Scientific Research sectors. World leading design, development and manufacturing expertise is offered across a broad range of complementary technologies.

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