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Department:  
Trade, Industry and Competition  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

#### QUESTION NO. 1738

**Mr N F Shivambu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

(a) What total number of companies manufacture ventilators, (b) where is each specified company located, (c) what number of employees does each company have and (d) what capacity does each company have to produce ventilators? NW2128E

#### REPLY:

a) The Department is aware of six (6) local manufacturers that have been licensed by the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA) to produce ventilators to be used for emergency purposes during the pandemic. SAPHRA has advised that there are a further four (4) manufacturers whose applications are still in process.

The six manufacturers which have received SAPHRA licenses are (i) CSIR; (ii) SAVE-P; (iii) Gabler; (iv) Sabertek; (v) MMO; and (vi) and Maqcare.

All of these manufacturers, with the exception of Maqcare, were facilitated through the National Ventilator Project, initiate by government in early April to develop local manufacturing capacity for Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) machines which could be used to treat patients during the pandemic.

Following further due diligence, production contracts have been signed between two of the locally licensed manufacturers, namely CSIR and SAVE-P, and the Solidarity Fund for the production of 20 000 units for donation to the National Department of Health for distribution to hospitals across South Africa..

The 20 000 units under production include the following:

- 18,000 Venturi-type CPAP devices being manufactured through a contract with the CSIR, which is a state-owned science Council

- 2,000 blender-type CPAP devices being manufactured by Save-P (a not-for-profit consortium of companies)

I am advised that to-date approximately 60 medical facilities across South Africa have already received CPAP devices for use by clinicians on patients.

- b) The six local manufacturers are located in the following areas:
- CSIR, located in Pretoria (with some of their supply chain partners doing manufacturing in Pretoria, Cape Town and Buffalo City);
  - Save-P, which is a not-for-profit consortium that incorporates manufacturers located in Cape Town, Pinetown, Durban, Midrand, Alberton;
  - Maqcare, located in Cape Town;
  - Gabler Medical, located in Cape Town;
  - Sabertek in Centurion; and
  - MMO, located in Cape Town.
- c) Employment information is not currently available for all of the local manufacturers and the Department has been requested to collate information.
- d) The CSIR advises that beyond the 18 000 order currently under production, once their project is at full capacity, manufacturing capability could reach 1 000 units a day. SAVE-P have advised that beyond the current 2 000 order currently under production, once their project is at full capacity, manufacturing capability could reach 200 units a day. However, actual production in both instances will be based on market demand for the product.

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