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To: General Secretary of EBCP

Mr. Normunds Sikora,

We, the perfusionists of the Heart Institute of Kyiv, are addressing you with this letter.

First of all, please allow us to express our sincere gratitude to you and to the entire European perfusionist community for your support, solidarity, and assistance provided to Ukraine during this extremely difficult period. Your unity, compassion, and willingness to support our professionals are of great moral and practical importance to us.

Unfortunately, as a result of the ongoing terrorist attacks by the Russian Federation targeting Ukraine's energy infrastructure, our country is experiencing prolonged and unpredictable power outages. Over the past week, several large-scale missile strikes have been carried out against energy and heating facilities. As of today, many residential buildings and medical institutions in different districts of the city remain without electricity and heating, while indoor temperatures in some areas drop to 0°C, creating critical conditions for both patients and medical staff. Due to these circumstances, part of our hospital personnel has been forced to temporarily leave their homes and stay directly within the hospital premises.

The issue of stable electricity supply is particularly critical in the context of extracorporeal life support. The Heart Institute is the leading cardiac surgery and ECMO center in Ukraine. During the past year alone, more than 100 ECMO procedures and approximately 2,000 on pump cardiac surgical interventions were performed in our institution. All of these procedures require uninterrupted operation of high-technology medical equipment and absolute stability of power supply.

Our hospital is classified as a critical infrastructure facility, and efforts are being made to reconnect us as quickly as possible, at least to generator power. However, even under these conditions, we frequently face complete power loss or critically low voltage in the system, which makes it impossible to operate medical equipment. Due to constant overload, generators fail, and during these critical hours we are literally fighting to maintain the possibility of continuing patient treatment.

At present, the Institute has an urgent need for portable power stations with an output of approximately 2–5 kW, which would allow uninterrupted operation of life-saving medical equipment during short-term power outages or sudden voltage drops. Such devices are critically important to support extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, renal replacement therapy devices and heart-lung machines.

We sincerely thank you for your attention to our situation and for your willingness to support Ukrainian medical professionals in this extremely challenging time. It is a great honor and a profound source of strength for us to feel the solidarity of the European perfusionist community.

With deep respect and gratitude,

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