

April 9, 2021

TO

Mr. Paul Cardegna
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Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO)
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CC: All Committee Members

FROM

Mr. Wang Zheng (Ben)
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RE: Nuctech Information – Response

Dear Mr. Cardegna,

It has come to our attention that a California-based company called Astrophysics Inc. recently submitted a document to the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO). The letter contains libelous and factually inaccurate statements about Nuctech, our ownership structure, founding, and current operations.

Over the past several months, Nuctech has been alarmed that misinformation and disinformation being presented to this committee has been published as fact. Despite our repeated attempts to share information with the committee, falsehoods and libelous attacks continue to be accepted and shared as part of the public record.

The letter from Astrophysics Inc. has taken this attempted deception of the Canadian government and circumvention of fair and transparent public procurement processes to dangerous new levels. Placing politics ahead of safety and security is dangerous and obscures the facts.

Nuctech would like to, again, try to correct the record. As we have pointed out previously:

- Nuctech is a joint stock company with an open and versatile shareholding mix; it is neither state-owned nor state controlled.
- Nuctech does not hold any data, nor does any government exert any control over Nuctech, including appointing our senior executives, members of the Board of Directors or members of the Supervisory Board.
- In more than 15 years of global business, including focusing on cybersecurity with our customers, we have never had issues with data security and are committed to building upon this successful track record.

We are proud to have worked with the Government of Canada to provide secure, vetted equipment, through fair and transparent public procurement processes that we won based on quality of equipment and price. We are very proud to provide equipment that helps keep Canadians safe. We take the protection of data very seriously and always ensure our customers are the only ones with access to it.

We welcome further conversations with the government to ensure the right measures are in place to continue to keep data safely protected in Canada.

Sincerely,

Mr. Wang Zheng (Ben)