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Chinese Government Extends Chinese New Year

Some of the recent news from China is almost like a science fiction novel or Hollywood movie. The Central Government is now locking down entire cities to try to contain the deadly Coronavirus outbreak there. When cities with 10+ million populations are under lock-down, it is only natural for factories to run out of workforce. This is now affecting our lvent supply chain with the Chinese New Year holidays also formally extended to at least 10th February.



Interactive Map For Coronavirus Infection

https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6



According to a recent "ZeroHedge" report, the government has reportedly also shut down factories owned or operated by big names in the technology and FMCG (fast-moving consumer goods) industries. Among these is the worlds largest contract manufacturer Foxconn. Foxconn has significant manufacturing contracts with the biggest silicon valley tech firms including Apple and Samsung Electronics. Samsung in particular make a range of consumer electronics such as home appliances, and certain semiconductor products in China. A third big name in the report is the FMCG and pharmaceutical giant Johnson & Johnson. The latest closure we have heard of is the manufacturing sites of Toyota in China, so it is clear that the situation is very serious. The closure of factories could also potentially wreck tech stocks in the coming trading sessions, not to mention the possible impact on the prices of electronics.

Ivent is monitoring the situation closely and many of the factories are still communicating with us, even though they are technically "closed". Shipments however and new orders will be affected, at this stage by only 1-2 weeks, however backlogs at shipping ports may push shipment delays further.



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