








BESPOKEPLUS

"If your work speaks for itself don't interrupt"

REE 2024

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Permobil - PDG

The news release read, "Permobil has acquired Vancouver, B.C.-based PDG Mobility, adding expertise and a leading range of tilt-in-space products to its portfolio of complex rehabilitation solutions.

"I'm delighted to welcome PDG Mobility to the Permobil family," says Chuck Witkowski, president of Permobil Americas. "At Permobil, we are committed to providing end users with the highest quality, most clinically relevant solutions. PDG's portfolio meets that standard. PDG Mobility and Permobil are built on the same core values of a focus on the end user and their needs."

Permobil says PDG Mobility's products have high end-user and caregiver satisfaction, and the company has a strong employee knowledge base, including a vibrant R&D team.

For PDG, being part of Permobil will expand the company's reach.

"We look forward to continuing our rapid growth journey as part of Permobil," says Thomas Dietsch, CEO of PDG Mobility. "With Permobil's global reach and expertise in the field, this acquisition will allow PDG to expand our reach

and end user impact. We couldn't be more excited to join forces with the top manufacturer in the industry."

There is no immediate change or impact to PDG's customers. However, this announcement places the future developments of the "Elevation" line of products in limbo as they were developed under the PDG banner. Although there are no issues with units in production or parts and pieces going forward, this product will have to find another manufacturing home.

PAWS Auto Error Code



You have all seen the auto connect function of the Rehasense Power Assist Wheelchair System (PAWS) pictured here enabling a C5 lesion and others to automatically connect and drive away, but did you know that in addition to a comprehensive error code section in the 50 plus page manual, there is also a built-in error

coding system in the display! How cool is that?

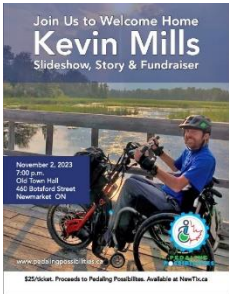
Thank You #9

We added to our wheelchair sports commitment this year by supporting all the Wheelchair Tennis Tournaments under the direction of Tennis Canada. The final event this year will be the Savaria International Open for Futures November 30 - December 3, 2023, Montreal, Quebec and our #9 Chantal Benoit will be there.

But we take this opportunity to give a shout out to another #9 Clary John Stubbart (Stubby) who provided his services at the Sure Grip International event in Fredericton, NB October 7-10 and the Birmingham National Championships October 12-15 in Bedford, NS. We truly appreciated that he covered off for us at those two events which was a very busy time for us here at our national distribution center. Stubby is veteran wheelchair basketball player who has represented Canada and both the World and Paralympic levels and continues his

commitment to the game as an athlete, a coach, and administrator, and a volunteer. Thank you very much #9 and we look forward to many more events where we can work together.

Pedaling Possibilities



The TEAM is back home, and we enjoyed the stories and pictures at the homecoming celebration graciously supported by Mayor John Taylor and the City of Newmarket November 02, 2023, at the Old Town Hall. Like Terry's run and Rick's Man in Motion Tour, Kevin's Pedaling Possibilities cross Canada trip is finished but the

message is at an infancy stage. Although the education message has been shared many times it is an ongoing project as we have kids growing up that need to hear the message and incorporate the ideals into their life and the lives of the people they touch. It is a stretch today to talk in terms of Terry's Run and Rick's Man in Motion in the same sentence of Kevin's Pedaling Possibilities, but they have

commonality; a humble beginning and a message that is good for any culture and is expected to be championed by the leaf! Pedaling Possibilities promotes:



1. Activity-based therapy (ABT);
2. Accessibility for all;
3. Inclusivity in community;
4. An accessible bike route in Canada;
5. Anything is possible for all ability levels.

Check out their website for more information www.pedalingpossibilities.ca.

Monitize Health Barnabus



"We had the pleasure of meeting Aman Dutta, the CEO & Founder of Monitize Health Inc and his team recently.

This Toronto based Medical Device company talks in terms of "Immersive Collaboration" which uses various forms of technologies to create market offerings. Monitize Health Inc invests and helps scale up medical device startups across the industry spectrum by structuring and creating strategic alliances within the industry and the other sectors required like manufacturing, banking, telecom, real estate, and education, all with the view of guiding new companies and

mid-level ventures towards entrepreneurial and enterprise success.

Aman is currently focused on collaborative enhancement of existing technology in the medical devices industry specifically in the class 1 category as per Health Canada. The need to bridge the gap between innovation and the adoption of innovative medical devices is the need of the hour. One initiative on the table today is a product called Barnabus which we will delve into its creation and qualities for this industry in another Bespoke Plus."



Participants Needed



Colleen Moyer is the principal investigator for a University of Manitoba project exploring the impacts of the 1967 Paraplegic Games on local Para Sport and educational resources. Those games were referred to as the Pan American Wheelchair Games and they took place in

Winnipeg, MB in 1967. If you attended the games as a coach, athlete, administrator, spectator or you know someone who was there, please send Colleen an email at moyerc@myumanitoba.ca and participate in an interview process that will help Para Sport historically and going forward.

Bits and Bytes

- 49 Motion Composites CEU Nov 14 Kitchener, ON;
- 49 Motion Composites CEU Nov 15 London, ON;
- 49 Motion Composites CEU Nov 16 Mississauga, ON;
- 49 Motion Composites CEU Nov 21 Toronto, ON;
- 49 Motion Composites CEU Nov 23 St. Catharines, ON;
- 49 Abilities Expo Dec 1-3 Dallas, TX;
- 49 Bourassa Savaria Open Nov 30-Dec 3, Montreal, QC;
- 49 REE March 5, 2024, Richmond Olympic Oval, BC;
- 49 CAOT Conference May 1-3, 2024, Halifax, NS.

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We have grown up in sport, have a social service background, and have adopted an advocacy role in our business practice. **Comments are welcome.**