

Press Release - Simple UK safety invention grips enormous overseas interest

An elegantly simple mechanical clip that exploits the force of gravity to safeguard tall, heavy gas bottles from the danger of toppling over is capturing avid attention from prospective healthcare customers across the UK and around the world.

This unique clipping system, named Paragrip and shaped like a parallelogram, is the invention of Robin Moore, Managing Director of NuTec Medical Ltd, a Southend-based research and development company that is building vigorously on the foundations of UK Trade & Investment guidance and support.

"This system is extremely simple and perhaps that is why no-one has thought of it before," smiles Mr Moore.

"Gas bottles are in widespread use in the healthcare industry and they are tall, thin and heavy. The dangers their instability poses while they are being moved and in use are considerable, and this is a worldwide problem. Previous systems to keep gas bottles in place simply do not work effectively. But by using Paragrip and its counterpart Paraskate, a simple mini-trolley, stability of bottles is greatly increased both in use and in transit."

NuTec Medical, which was formed seven years ago, put pre-production Paragrip systems on show to the world at Medica 2007, which the company attended with the help of UK Trade & Investment. This sparked international interest and as a result the fully-developed system is now available to world markets as the result of its launch at the recent NAIDEX 2008 healthcare equipment www.paraskate.co.uk and support exhibition in the UK.

The company, which has also undertaken the UK Trade & Investment Passport to Export programme, is setting up manufacturing facilities in the UK, Mexico, Poland and India to bring Mr Moore's brainwave to the global market. And it is negotiating license agreements in all the world's main prospective customer countries.

"This system is ideal for the healthcare sector but its wider potential in many other industries that need to move and use heavy, potentially unstable vertical objects frequently is even bigger," adds Mr Moore. "It has prospective applications across the building and construction industry, brewing, firefighting and many other sectors."

With such a massive potential international customer base, NuTec Medical's close working relationship with UK Trade & Investment is set to continue well into the future.

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