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UPGRADING FALL PROTECTION GEAR FOR MAXIMUM FUNCTIONALITY Duckbill's innovative MobilityMax™ gear merges productivity *and* safety

Grand Rapids (June 2009) – Duckbill LLC is the premium manufacturer of stable, comfortable and high performance ergonomic body-borne carrying gear for all skilled trades in the infrastructure, construction and industrial maintenance sectors. For all those who make a living with the tools they carry, Duckbill designs and engineers modular ergonomic carrying solutions hand tools, instruments and devices of all sizes, shapes and descriptions.

Carrying the right tools in an accessible and comfortable way, keeping tools in the position assigned to them by the wearer, and easily changing out the tool array when the task mix changes is a productivity decision. Using the proper fall protection gear is often a separate safety decision. This productivity/safety dichotomy often generates unnecessary job site friction and inter-department tension. It's also been known to reduce enterprise productivity and to erode PPE compliance. These are unnecessary and false trade-offs.

Duckbill believes that productivity and safety initiatives are coequal parts of the same strategy. And that the tasks and actions coming out of them are not mutually inclusive.

Duckbill's MobilityMax™ product line successfully tackles the productivity and safety issues that compete for attention and dominance on every job site, plant floor and construction project. That's because there are features and benefits that meet the productivity aims and comfort expectations of users and managers alike.

The ease-of-use, personal choice options and real-time functionality that the Max-Con™ docking technology provides is built into every MobilityMax™ module and allows each user to safely customize

his/her gear, once, or repeatedly. And unlike other modular solutions, Duckbill technology is not harness-based – it's module-driven. This design advantage allows for any task / any tool mix / anywhere / anytime / any priority positioning of the modules. And there are no hard plastic pre-positioned poles, pins, tabs or slots to wear out, stab, break-off, catch or drag on clothes, lanyards and cords.

The Duckbill MobilityMax™ product is a system-based approach to upgrading new, or existing, fall protection harnesses. The system's independently suspended platform or, chassis, is integrated seamlessly onto but does not impinge, abrade or interfere with the materials, design or functionality of the safety features on the harness.

Duckbill's MobilityMax™ product line transforms most fall protection harnesses equipped with removable shoulder pads into comfortable, safe, flexible and multi-purpose personal productivity platforms. MobilityMax™ is a new breed of highly functional and ergonomic combi-gear that tradesmen will choose to wear not only at height but throughout the day. This is a real-world characteristic that can only improve safety, compliance and workplace morale.

To add to the functionality of the MobilityMax™ product, the tool belt can quickly and routinely be removed from the fall protection harness like any other belt. And when preferred, worn separately as a conventional tool belt (sans harness) with all of the hand tool, instrument and device modules in exactly the same position (or reassigned to a new position). One of the key things that makes a MobilityMax™ fall protection upgrade so valuable is the personally-tuned functionality that allows each wearer to select, position, reposition, exchange or rearrange any combination of more than 100 versatile and customer-tested hand tool, instrument and device modules. One approach. Many options. Wearers, foremen, trainers, managers and administrators, at all levels in the enterprise get a chance to win.

This significant advance in personal and enterprise productivity is only possible because the MobilityMax™ modules are equipped with the company's proprietary Max-Con™ docking technology. This double clamshell docking technology establishes a complete circumferential three-way cross-linkage between (a) the tool belt, (b) the accessory modules and (c) the anchor belt around 100% of the users' waist.

When one mating half of Max-Con™ docking clamshell built into each module links with the other mating half on the reverse face of the utility belt the cross-linked components are transformed into a single, stable, uninterrupted, comfortable and fully functional tool platform. And because the modules never migrate out of position muscle memory training, company custom and culture and enhanced productivity are all enhanced.

The MobilityMax™ enhanced tool-carrying comfort and flexibility improves the users' muscular-skeletal health, inhibits tool belt-inflicted back pain, and mitigates the nuisance pain caused by the harness rubbing against or pressing the tool belt against the body. It's also been shown to reduce the chronic fatigue caused by the dynamic (kinetic) energy released when gear weight is bounces, is improperly allocated or when it shifts out of its assigned position.

Further, because the hand tool, bolt bags, instrument and communications carrying modules cannot be moved unintentionally or accidentally they remain docked right where the user wants and needs them.

Safety protocols and compliance are far more certain and productivity gains are far more predictable when the crafts and trades doing the work on site, and the decision-makers elsewhere in the enterprise all benefit from a single solution.

For more information visit www.Duckbill-Inc.com and download some of the information available there.

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About Duckbill LLC

Duckbill is a leading designer and manufacturer of personal, body-borne ergonomic carrying gear for Law Enforcement, for Industry and for Outdoors users. All of Duckbill's gear incorporates its proprietary Max-Con™ docking technology that allows each user to benefit from an ergonomic carrying solution that each user customizes to meet the weight distribution and the position of access criteria that best suit their individual or organizational needs. This allows each wearer to customize the fit and functionality of the gear to match size, frame, gender to the tool and task mix at hand one time, or any time.

Duckbill is based in the United States and Canada and designs, engineers and manufactures all of its gear in either of those two countries.

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