

The Pan African Health Expo and Conference 2010

This year's Pan African Health Expo and Conference is set to be the largest event in the show's six year history, with more than double the exhibition space sold compared to last year. The event is the premier showcase for the entire healthcare industry in Southern Africa, enabling manufacturers and distributors of medical technology, equipment and supplies to showcase their products to the region's healthcare professionals, facilities and institutions.

The Expo encompasses the broad spectrum of preventative, promotive, curative and rehabilitative healthcare services and technologies. Pan African Health takes place from 15 to 17 September 2010 at Gallagher Convention Centre, Midrand, near Johannesburg.

First-time exhibitor Mobile Satellite Technologies will showcase its specialised vehicle technologies installed in mobile medical vehicles. The company has been involved in the health sector and recently designed and produced vehicles for a women's health project for the Nigerian Government.

Two buses were produced for the maternity women's health project. The first bus comprised two examination rooms each with an ultrasound, scale, diagnostic set, BP machine and condom dispenser; a reception area with a computer, printer, scanner, copier; a bathroom with a shower, toilet and basin; a nurses' station; and, a baby scale and secure storage space. The second bus included a fully equipped surgery room with incubators and a pre-op and recovery room, also with an incubator and a nurses' station.

Vast array of products and services on offer

"Internationally recognised Chinese companies hold the lion's share of exhibition space, showcasing products from across the medical technology spectrum," reports Bette McNaughton, a director of Fair Consultants, the event organisers. "These high quality and affordable products could play a role in the National Health Insurance Strategy."

Beijing Eternity Electronic Technology specialises in the research and development, production, sales and after-sales service of anaesthesia machines and ventilators. All its products have ISO9001 Quality System certification, and form part of complete, safe and reliable Quality Management System. Products are exported to more than 30 countries in Asia, the Middle East, Africa and South America.

Changzhou Jinliyan Medical Devices offers leading products such as disposable sterile syringes with needles and disposable sterile infusion sets with needles. Annual production capacity is estimated at 200-million infusion sets, 500-million sterile hypodermic syringes and more than 8 000 tons of PVC granules for the manufacture of plastic components. The company earned a CE quality management system authentication audit and its products are exported to Europe, Africa, Central America, Southeast Asia and Russia.

Guangdong Kaiyang Medical Technology manufactures wheelchairs, hospital beds, shower chairs, commode chairs, walking sticks, oxygen generators, nebulisers, dental chairs and other medical rehabilitation products. Its products are exported to more than 80 countries around the world and the factory has numerous ISO quality management certifications.

Guangzhou Improve Medical Instruments, established in 1996, is primarily engaged in the research, development and manufacturing of evacuated blood collection systems, microbe specimen collection and transport and clinical testing reagents. The company was the first Chinese enterprise to be awarded ISO 13485:2003 and ISO 900:2000 certification by the authoritative German company TÜV SÜD. Evacuated blood collection tubes and needles are also certified by CE. Its annual output has reached 300-million units of vacuum blood collection tubes, 200-million units of blood collection needles and raw materials such as PET plastic products.

The Henan Universe Intraocular Lens Research and Manufacturing company is a professional manufacturer of intraocular lenses and auxiliary products.

Hangzhou Ruijiang Chemicals is one of the leading manufacturers and exporters of active pharmaceutical materials, including antibiotics and antifungal products such as Amoxicillin, Oxytetracycline HCL, Doxycycline HCL and Ciprofloxacin HCL. The company also produces Antipyretic analgesics such as Paracetamol, Analgin, Ibuprofen and Diclofenac sodium, amongst many other products. These are exported to more than 50 countries.

Shenzhen Aeon technology manufactures many products such as foetal monitors and clinical diagnostic equipment according to ISO13485.

Shenzhen Bone Medical Devices specialises in the development and production of orthopaedic implants - artificial joints and other orthopaedics-related products.

Shenzhen Carewell Electronics is one of the leading manufacturers of electro-cardiograph machines, ultrasound scanners, patient monitors, foetal Dopplers, fingertip pulse oximeters, electric surgical units and specialised medical devices, palm-size and laptop ultrasound scanners, Veterinary ECGs and patient monitors. Carewell's products have CE certification and are exported to 100 countries all over the world.

SonoScape Company Limited is a high-tech enterprise specialising in developing and manufacturing digital colour Doppler ultrasound systems and ultrasound transducers. SonoScape has successfully developed and put into mass production 10 different models of digital colour Doppler ultrasound systems, and 50 types of high density ultrasound systems. The full range of SonoScape's ultrasound scanners are FDA and CE audited.

The Health Advance Institute of South Africa (HAI) provides and shares the latest information and technology with health workers and professionals through educational courses. HAI has developed several education programmes for medical students, doctors, nurses, paramedics and hospital administrators.

Sunvian Enterprise is a privately owned manufacturing company exporting various medical products such as disposable syringes, IV admin sets, blood transfusion sets, hypodermic needles, blood lancets, scalp vein sets, disposable catheters and blood tubes, surgical sutures, blood pressure meters, stethoscopes, clinical thermometers, sponge gauze, elastic bandages and many other products.

Fifty-year-old South African company Lancet Laboratories is a pathology laboratory of accredited international standard providing diagnostic pathology services to the private medical sector, as well as to the industry in South Africa, Swaziland and Botswana. Its labs currently process more than 8000 patients a day, offering a full range of pathology services from sophisticated molecular and cytogenetic investigations to advanced chemical analyses. Lancet is SANAS accredited, adhering to the international standards set out according to ISO Guide 17025 throughout its structure.

DNA Logic specialises in the logistic design, supply, installation and maintenance of systems including conveyors, pneumatic air tube systems, pharmacy automation and dispensing systems, robotic storage control systems, automated

robotic storage and retrieval systems and automated guided vehicles.

National Health Insurance a Reality?

This year's Pan African Health conference will focus on the theme "Healthcare Funding and IT in Healthcare". It will address issues of Public Private Partnerships as well as the implementation and development of a National Health Insurance system. The Pan African Health conference aims to provide a platform for growing and developing the industry.

Pan African Health takes place alongside the ACSA Disability Trade and Lifestyle Expo, which showcases products and services across the disability spectrum.

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