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PRENT'S HOLIDAY ORNAMENT FOCUSES ON SUSTAINABILITY

The highlight of this season's holiday ornament and packaging from Prent is its sustainable material options sourced from the medical packaging material portfolio of Prent's sister company GOEX.

For the first time ever, the clear cover on this year's package is made from RE•COVER™ CP305 which is a medical-grade PETG that is extruded with virgin cap layers and lot-traceable regrind in the center of the sheet. By maintaining full lot-traceability of the regrind, RE•COVER™ CP305 PETG promotes waste reduction and material reuse while complying with critical medical device packaging standards.

Additionally, the red opaque base of the ornament is made of MEDPET®90, which is a medical-grade polyester that is a in the recycle stream and a cost-effective alternative to medical-grade PETG.

Other fun facts about Prent's 2023 ornament and packaging include:

- The packaging introduces a thin-gauge, clear, Polyurethane (TPU) that conforms to the bulb and creates a cushion for both protection of the bulb and anti-abrasion.
- The back of the bulb features Prent's locations on the other side of the globe (in Asia).
- The art on the front of the bulb highlights
 Prent's global locations including the newest
 facility in El Paso, Texas that is scheduled to
 open in the spring of 2024.

Prent can help provide practical solutions for your packaging, while keeping sustainability as our ultimate shared goal in 2024 and beyond.

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PRENT DESIGN RECOGNIZED BY AMERISTAR

Prent Corporation's thermoformed Titan 2.0 cord cutter tray, retainer, and triangular stand created for Standard Bariatrics, Inc. recently earned a 2023 AmeriStar award. The streamlined packaging solution reduces material use, carton size, and overall weight to optimize work flow and save valuable time during procedures. The complex, single-part design also protects the device during transportation, doubles as a stand for prepping the device, and prevents accidental activation.



Prent Senior Product Development Designer Michelle Rademacher (pictured with Prent Sales Representative Tyler Evans at far left) led the award-winning design project. She explained that Standard Bariatrics requested a sealed tray and retainer that utilized a packaged

component to support the handle upright out of the tray to prep the device prior to use. Prent's solution helps end users prep the device with both hands and not worry about tipping it over. "The client wanted it compact but functional so it would not take up much space in the final package," Rademacher said. "Ease of use was important so end users wouldn't need to know how to assemble or disassemble the package to minimize prep time."

The most innovative aspect of this design is showcased in the triangular stand which is pre-assembled around the device handle, says Rademacher. This allows the user to simply grab the device by the shaft and remove it from the sealed tray with the stand still attached. The user can then place the stand upright with the device tip on the table right out of the package.

The stand was designed to eliminate any additional preparation fixture to be sourced and stored at the hospital, which would have added size to the package. "Having this ease of use also speeds up the process for making the operating area ready during critical procedures. After prepping is complete, the operator simply holds the bottom of the stand while grabbing the handle and pulls so the stand flexes to release the handle out of the top. This not only saves time for the surgeon but also provides a quicker transition time and flow," she said.

If you're looking for an innovative solution to your next packaging project, contact your sales representative today or email sales@prent.com.

FOCUS ON

SUSTAINABILITY

Prent Corporation is a new member of the Wisconsin Sustainable Business Council (WSBC). This nonprofit council helps businesses advance sustainable principles and practices by bringing together business leaders and sustainability professionals to collaborate on solving sustainability challenges and address environmental, social, and governance actions in business. This partnership with the WSBC will elevate Prent's efforts as a leader in sustainability and bring more awareness to Wisconsin businesses.

Together, with the growing number of WSBC members that also includes Prent's sister company GOEX Corporation, Prent shares the mission of integrating sustainability into the fabric of its organization, and the vision of a sustainable business ecosystem now and in the future.

This partnership supports Prent's internal development of key strategies to measure and improve sustainability and business performance, as well as core competencies for sustainability.

For more information about Prent's sustainability practices and principles, please visit prent.com.

LET'S GET

TECHNICAL



3D SCANNING BENEFITS

Prent design teams consistently search for solutions that save their customers both time and money. One of the many ways in which they accomplish this is through three dimensional scanning and part duplication,

which they apply to thermoformed trays, tooling, and customer products.

"Prent designers primarily use 3D scanning as a reverse engineering tool for our own legacy tooling where computer aided design (CAD) is not available, or for part duplication, says Prent VP of Product Development Chris Bladl. "Many times our customers are trying to consolidate their supply base but don't have or cannot get access to legacy CAD data."

3D scanning saves time in design, utilizes more modern manufacturing on parts produced before CAD, ensures parts fit together at the first attempt, and can be applied at any stage of a manufacturing cycle which saves money, time, and material.

For information on how 3D scanning can work for your business, email sales@prent.com.



DEDICATED TO CHANGING LIVES



In the heart of Nepal, Asia, a story of compassion and transformation unfolded over two decades, all thanks to Prent Malaysia Nepalese Application Engineer Purna Prasad Roka. Roka initiated a charitable program that has left an indelible mark on countless lives. His commitment to giving back began in his homeland of Nepal. There, he spearheaded a charity program that united five other individuals from diverse villages under a common purpose. Together, they became sponsors, igniting change in ways beyond imagination.

The charitable program focused on providing free cervical and breast cancer screenings to those in need. Roka's determination was evident as he collaborated with doctors and nurses from Kathmandu, bringing vital medical expertise to remote villages. In just 12 days, the medical team journeyed through those villages offering screenings that proved to be life-changing and the impact was profound.

Over 17,000 individuals from six villages participated in the screenings, underscoring the program's significance in addressing a critical health concern. Among them, 185 received the difficult diagnosis of cancer. Yet, this diagnosis became a turning point, empowering these individuals to seek life-saving medical attention.

The initiative extended beyond medical aid, demanding approximately 1.5 million Nepali Rupees to cover medical services, medicines, camp setup, and transportation. This financial commitment speaks to the dedication of Roka and his team to ensure the program's success. Roka's generosity extended to education and community welfare. He personally contributed 700,000 Nepali Rupees (over \$5,000) enabling the purchase of school stationeries for children and providing crucial support to families in need.

In celebrating Roka's noble endeavors, Prent Malaysia not only honors his legacy but also renews its commitment to the values that define the company. His story serves as an inspiration, urging us all to look beyond our daily routines and embrace the boundless potential to make a difference.

PRENT DENMARK

Employee Earns Apprentice Award



Amanda Rygaard Larsen showed she had special qualities for an office trainee and apprentice when she interviewed at Prent Denmark back in 2021, according to Prent Denmark Managing Director Peter Bay. "Amanda showed everyone that she is in a very special category, which is why she was recently awarded this year's Confederation of Danish Industries Apprentice Award," he said. There is no shortage of nice words about 29-year-old Amanda. Besides being a straight-A student, Prent Denmark staff describe her as an enterprising, solution-oriented student with razor sharp views who helps promote a positive environment in the office. "This has made Amanda a valued member of the team in Denmark," Bay said.

Before Amanda became an apprentice at Prent, she worked for seven years as a cook and waiter. She developed a flair for customer contact in that environment which gave her a great advantage when she applied for the position as an office apprentice at Prent Denmark. "Early on in the apprentice program she stood out, and, within a short time, Amanda was an equal member of the customer service team," says Prent Denmark Sales Manager Philip Madsen. "Most recently, she worked for the last six months improving package solutions and optimizing logistics. It has given her both material for the final education assignment and a newly created position as Logistics Coordinator at Prent Denmark."

"Prent Denmark is very proud of Amanda and we find it deserving that she was honored with this award," Bay said. "Her outstanding performance and the title of 'Apprentice of the Year' is a step toward a brilliant career." Prent is committed to taking in apprentices and training them to be future experts in the medical thermoforming industry. "Amanda's success confirms Prent's investment in talent development and training is bearing fruit," Bay said.

The Mayor's office also recognized the award. "In Holbæk, we have well-founded business schools with wide-ranging educational programs and great companies offering exciting apprenticeships to young, talented people. Amanda is one of them, and as an office apprentice, she has left a special mark that deserves the extra pat on the back, which is the Apprenticeship Award," says Mayor of Holbæk Lars Qvist.

Pictured above: Celebrating with Amanda is the Prent Denmark team, the Holbæk Mayor, and representatives from her school.

A FOND FAREWELL TO THESE PRENT JANESVILLE RETIREES



Debbie (left) with Prent Executive VP Rachel Pregont Andres

Debbie Beers, Janesville Lead Quality Associate 3/11/1992 - 8/10/2023

Debbie looks forward to spending more quality time with her grandchildren and traveling with her youngest daughter. She is excited not to have to answer any more 3:30 am alarms!



Randy (right) with Prent CEO and Chairman of the Board Joe Pregont

Randy Spivey, Janesville Warehouse 8/19/2011 - 8/31/2023

Randy plans to spend his retirement fishing, traveling northern Wisconsin, and volunteering for the Disabled American Veterans. He recently completed hospice training to assist veterans in need of those services.

Diane Woychik, Janesville Inspector/Packer 10/18/2000 - 8/1/2023

Diane is going to travel to Florida this fall and visit northern Wisconsin with her family. She looks forward to seeing country music concerts and plans to attend more community concerts and local farmers markets in her free time.

FALL 2023 TRADESHOWS



10 CMEF SHENZHEN

28 October 28-31 Shenzhen World Exhibition & Convention Center Shenzhen. China

11 COMPAMED

13 November 13-16 Messe Düsseldorf Düsseldorf, Germany

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PRENT EXHIBITS AT MEDTEC CHINA

This summer, Prent China employees enjoyed the opportunity to showcase professional thermoforming solutions at the 2023 MEDTEC China Trade Fair.

The Prent China sales team and design engineers (pictured above) exhibited at MEDTEC in Suzhou, China in early June. The Prent team included Prent Malaysia Sales Director Kevin Wong and Senior Sales Account Manager Tai Wee Siong. Together, they provided the opportunity for medical packaging professionals to gain valuable expertise in the sustainability of thermoforming materials, updates of relevant regulations, and demonstrations of quality excellence.

MEDTEC China is the leading medical trade fair which resumed in 2023 after a two-year suspension in China. It attracted more than 850 exhibitors and 67,000 visitors from key sectors of the healthcare industry.

New this year was a focus on stabilization of supply, which was a widely discussed topic among participants since healthcare is one of the many industries heavily impacted by supply chain factors.

"In spite of confronting a lot of complexities and challenges within the state of the supply chain, Prent China is a leading, professional, medical packaging provider striving to meet 100% of our customers' delivery requirements," says Prent China Sales Director Frank Che. "Many of our business partners visited our exhibit and shared their trust and appreciation for Prent with us."



PRENT HEADQUARTERS

Prent employees in Janesville celebrated working safely in August by welcoming the Dairy Trailer and Rock County Dairy Promotion Council that served everyone cheese curds and milkshakes. Prent Corporation remains committed to fostering a culture of safety around the globe and actively celebrates all who prioritize putting safety first.



PRENT AND GOEX CORPORATIONS

Prent and GOEX employees enjoyed a friendly competition at the combined, annual golf outing in August. Employees could pay to play games, launch golf balls, and buy "do-over" shots with all proceeds going to the American Heart Association (AHA). Prent and GOEX matched players' \$1,600 for a total donation of \$3,200 to support the AHA in Janesville.



PRENT TEXAS

Installation of ductwork is in full swing at Prent's 11th manufacturing site in El Paso, Texas. These crucial components play a significant role in creating a certified Class 7 clean room environment. This strategic move aligns with Prent's corporate strategy to bring it closer to its customers and facilitate reduced lead times and transportation costs.



PRENT COSTA RICA

Prent Costa Rica was recently recognized for consuming 99.3% of its energy from renewable energy sources. Costa Rica has reportedly run on 98% renewable energy generated mainly from renewable hydroelectric, geothermal, and wind sources since 2014. This reduces Prent Costa Rica's carbon footprint and emission of greenhouse gases and other pollutants that contribute to climate change.



PRENT GLOBAL OUTREACH CONTINUES

Earlier this summer, Prent Janesville Senior Product Development Engineer Emily Wunsch visited facilities in Shanghai and Malaysia as part of Prent's global alignment efforts within its product development teams. Prent is maintaining efforts to give employees from different departments opportunities to compare and exchange information and overall processes.



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PRENT ANNIVERSARIES

40 YEARS

Diane Parr

35 YEARS

Scott Sauer

25 YEARS

15 YEARS

Deborah Butcher

Joshua Campbell

Dean Ellison

Penny Pierce

[Prent CEO and Chairman of the Board] Joe Pregont is the epitome of what the University of Wisconsin-Stout recognizes as a Distinguished Alumni.

— Prent VP of Product Development Don Handrow

GETTING TO KNOW Our Prent Employees

Rosaidi Bin Che Me Prent Malaysia Engineering Manager

Rosaidi Bin Che Me started his career at Prent Malaysia as an Assistant Engineer in 1998. He was promoted to Process Engineer in 2001 and then to Senior Engineer five years later. Then, in 2013, Rosaidi was promoted again to Engineering Manager.

He started learning Prent's thermoforming machine technology in 2000 and assumed the role of Pilot Engineer for many years. During his 25 years at Prent, Rosaidi says he visited Prent Headquarters in Janesville twice to learn the latest relevant technology.

In his current role as Engineering Manager, Rosaidi is responsible for managing pilot activities, the maintenance division, and other related engineering projects including expansion and process improvements.

"I ensure the engineering department consistently provides the best technical support to all relevant parties to achieve Prent Malaysia's short- and long-term goals," he said.

Rosaidi was born and raised in a small town in the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia, called Jengka, Pahang. He attended primary and secondary school there and now lives in Johor Bharu, where he has lived for more than 20 years after he got married.

He graduated from the University of Technology, Malaysia with a degree in Engineering Marine Technology. After graduation, Rosaidi began working at Prent Malaysia and it has been his only employer ever since.

Rosaidi says the most valuable experience during his career at Prent was when he was given the opportunity to develop his talent while helping oversee the factory expansion projects for Prent Malaysia and Prent Shanghai, which he says greatly improved his technical knowledge.

"At Prent, I enjoy a harmonious working environment and I am happy to be surrounded with friendly and cooperative co-workers," he said. "I feel like I am working in a big family with strong support from all the satellite facilities. We always encourage each other to think creatively, critically, and strategically, that is parallel to clear and specific communication when dealing with related issues."

"Engaging in relevant problem-solving programs has always been my passion where I look forward to challenging my technical capability while collaborating with peers to exchange ideas and generate lasting solutions," he says.

Rosaidi enjoys do-it-yourself activities like making crafts, building simple furniture, and repairing broken items in his spare time. He also enjoys spending time with family, traveling, and doing other fun things together. Additionally, he really enjoys visiting his parents in his hometown.

"I used to enjoy fishing, but it has slowed down as I focus more on small farming with my parents in my hometown. I find that such activities enable self-healing through companionship with nature. It has also brought me more inspiration and understanding about the meaning of life," he said.

Rosemary Logan Arizona **10 YEARS** Chuck Begay Arizona Michelle Belke Janesville Martir Berrocales Puerto Rico Mohammad Annuar Bin Md Salleh Malaysia Cory Eggen Janesville Xuejiao Gong China Ronnette Hatlevig Janesville Gordon Hu China Anna Hudson Janesville Ling Li China

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Hongli Zhou

Linghua Li

Yanping Luo

Paul Sanders

Hongwei Tian

Wee Kang Tie

Dongqing Zhao

Hongiuan Zhao

Tony Wang

Jinxiu Yang

Chena Anak Aji Malaysia Wan Zaleha Binti Mohamad Malaysia **Dalton Bryant** Janesville Melanie Elibo Puerto Rico Elva Buana Dewi Malaysia Rvan Holsker Janesville Tim Jin China Ethan McCully Janesville Joshua Mercado Puerto Rico Vibeke Simmelkjær Lolck Denmark Rui Sun China Janesville Ryan Turner Shuai Zhang China





PRENT AND GOEX SUPPORT **LOCAL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

Prent and GOEX Corporations pledged \$2 million to the Boys & Girls Club of Janesville's community capital and endowment campaign in July. The Boys & Girls Club provides after-school and summer programming to nearly 500 local youth annually. The campaign includes an \$11 million, 32,000 squarefoot building that will triple the number of area youth served every day. The Boys & Girls Club hopes to occupy the building in June 2025. Prent Executive VP Rachel Pregont Andres says, "This donation will ensure youth have the opportunity to succeed and become future leaders. It supports the Boys & Girls Club's efforts, which we encourage others to support, to develop the area's next workforce."

PRENT PARTICIPATES IN MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Earlier this year, Prent collaborated with the Stateline Manufacturing Alliance and Forward Janesville, the local chamber of commerce, to implement the Craftsman with Character program at its Headquarters. The program provides local high school juniors and seniors hands-on experience working alongside mentors. The 16-week, customized curriculum blends traditional classroom instruction and worksite mentorship into a single observational learning experience. The Craftsman course is a pre-apprenticeship program that encourages young talent to enter the trades. It gives students and businesses like Prent the chance to get to know one another before making an apprenticeship commitment.

The program started at Prent in early September and has provided local students the opportunity to shadow mentors in Prent's tool room, and maintenance, machine build, and engineering departments. Look for more information about this program on our social media as it develops this fall.

UW-STOUT BESTOWS HIGH HONOR ON PRENT CEO/BOARD CHAIRMAN JOE PREGONT



Every year the University of Wisconsin-Stout Alumni Association recognizes accomplishments of its alumni and acknowledges their personal and professional contributions. This year, Prent CEO and Chairman of the Board and 1981 UW-Stout graduate Joe Pregont was honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award at a ceremony in October. Pregont was recognized for his professional accomplishments and the contributions of his time, talents, and financial support of UW-Stout and the communities that Prent Corporation serves.

Prent VP of Product Development Don Handrow nominated Pregont for the award. Handrow says Pregont is a recognized leader by industry peers and has served in a multitude of organizations and initiatives to advance the US manufacturing industry. Joe Pregont has received thermoforming's most prestigious award as Thermoformer of the Year and was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award from his local chamber of commerce. This recognition highlights his dedication to our industry and to his community, according to Handrow. "Joe is the epitome of what UW-Stout recognizes as a Distinguished Alumni. As an employee of Prent and a fellow graduate of UW-Stout, I am proud and grateful to nominate an exemplary candidate for this award," he said.

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