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**STAXI INTRODUCES ITS BARIATRIC TRANSPORT CHAIR IN EUROPE**  
*The newly available STAXI-Maxi helps millions of adults across the UK and the Continent meet mobility challenges*

**TORONTO and LONDON** – 18 January 2010 – Toronto-based STAXI, the world's leading developer and manufacturer of nestable transportation chairs, today announced that it is introducing its STAXI Bariatric Transportation Chair (STAXI-Maxi) in the European market. This is in response to the growing need across Europe for transportation chairs that can handle heavier loads. The STAXI-Max has all of the advantages as the regular STAXI: nest-ability, ergonometry, safety, manoeuvrability (zero turn radius) theft-deterrence, and dependability. The STAXI-Max has 1,000 pounds (453.6 kilogram or 72 stone) weight capacity.

David Gallant, who heads STAXI's Global Marketing Operations, said that: "Many patients and people waiting for bariatric treatment need to be mobile and assistance in getting around. The STAXI Bariatric Transport Chair – or, STAXI-Max – provides this needed support and mobility."

"This means that many home-bound bariatric patients can be more mobile with assistance as they await treatment by using the STAXI-Max."

David Gallant said: "Many healthcare facilities internationally are familiar with the concept of what is commonly called 'stackable wheelchairs.' However, the STAXI-Max chair is quite different from other bariatric mobility solutions; it is a comfortable, safe and robust transportation 'system.' In this way, it is a rather new concept for most of Europe."

According to David Gallant, STAXI-Max advantages include being:

- **Easy to find** - STAXI-Max has a space saving design - requiring 1/3 space of normal wheelchairs; and, can be set up as a coin-operated service in open public areas
- **Simple to use** - STAXI-Max is ergonomic and highly manoeuvrable - easier to push than regular wheelchairs, passenger transfer made easy; comfortable for passengers and attendants; and, has an automatic braking system
- **Built to last** – with its 1000-pound weight capacity, STAXI-Max has a low-maintenance requirement; this means a high return on investment; and, the comfortable, rugged design provides longer life than normal wheelchairs

- **Hard to Steal** - STAXI-Max is theft resistant, no removable parts; and, has ample inbuilt storage - 2.5 cubic ft (70 litres) of under-seat space for a patients records and personal belongings

STAXI is continuing to develop new relationships with healthcare facilities across Europe. David Gallant will be meeting with key decision makers within these institutions to make a strong financial case for the STAXI nestable transportation chairs.

“It’s a win-win-win situation: people have a more comfortable experience with the STAXI-Max; attendants have an easier time pushing and manoeuvring the chair, and institutions or organisations have a trouble-free transportation solution that pays for itself overtime,” said David Gallant.

STAXI and STAXI-Max are established globally – in use for more than 15 years. Moreover, the STAXI and STAXI-Max nestable transportation chairs are used successfully and widely in North America’s most prestigious hospitals and reputable healthcare systems where it is the accepted leader in the field of innovative patient mobility assistance.

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STAXI is a proud member of **Linked-In Healthcare Mobility Management**, **Airport Mobility Management**, (for professionals) and **Wholly Rollers** (holiday & business travellers) networking groups.

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### **About STAXI**

STAXI is a patented, revolutionary transport chair, developed in 1985 by Andrew J Hart in conjunction with *Centre for Studies in Aging, Sunnybrook & Women’s College Health Sciences* (Toronto), initially as a patient transportation solution. STAXI is the leading *wheelchair alternative* and the best-selling, nestable transport chair in North America.

STAXI provides safe and comfortable temporary transportation for people who would have difficulty walking any considerable distances due to disability, illness or injury. STAXI is ergonomically designed to reduce physical strain and burden for the user.

The award-winning STAXI transport chair is built specifically for large, busy facilities such as airports, hospitals and sporting/entertainment venues. STAXI customers include top hospitals and major airlines and airports in the USA, UK and Europe.

A complete list of STAXI customers can be found at [www.staxi.com/us\\_clients.asp](http://www.staxi.com/us_clients.asp). A video can be viewed at <http://www.staxi.com/staxivideo.asp>.

STAXI can instantly replace 90 per cent of wheelchairs today. Moreover, STAXI has the best low-maintenance record for any mobility solution, backed with a three-year

unlimited parts warranty. STAXI is difficult to steal by virtue of its nestable design. Hence, STAXI pays for itself over the long life of the transport chair.

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