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VARILITE[®] INTRODUCES THE MERIDIAN[™] WHEELCHAIR SEATING SYSTEM

January 5, 2006, Seattle, WA — *VARILITE*, which manufactures and sells postural support products for people who use wheelchairs for mobility, announces the introduction of its new Meridian seating system.

The *VARILITE* Meridian is an ideal wheelchair cushion for clients with a high risk of tissue breakdown and a high level of symmetric positioning needs. The dual-chambered Meridian allows for independent positioning of the pelvis and thighs quickly and easily while the client is seated. "The Meridian is an innovative, new seating solution that helps correct unhealthy wheelchair postures such as sacral sitting and thrusting," said Dan Eilerman, PT, *VARILITE* Clinical Education Specialist. "The dual chambers of the Meridian work together to create a pre-ischial shelf that prevents the ITs from sliding forward into a posterior pelvic tilt."

Kevin Coleman, *VARILITE* Sales Manager, added, "*VARILITE* Air-Foam Floatation makes the Meridian ultra-lightweight without compromising skin protection and support. In fact, the Meridian offers exceptional pressure distribution, and is an excellent value in the 'adjustable skin protection and positioning' cushion market."

VARILITE Meridian received HCPCS code verification from CMS of 'K0108 Adjustable Skin Protection and Positioning'. The Meridian will be available for shipment January 18, 2006. *VARILITE* will present the Meridian at the International Seating Symposium in Vancouver, B.C. in early March, and at Medtrade Spring 2006 in Las Vegas.

About *VARILITE*

VARILITE systems are manufactured by the medical division of Cascade Designs, Inc. in Seattle, Washington and distributed internationally. Our comprehensive family of seating and positioning systems includes cushions, back supports, hip belts, chest harnesses, ankle supports, and seating accessories. For information about *VARILITE*, visit www.varilite.com. In addition to *VARILITE* products, Cascade Designs, Inc. manufactures products for outdoor recreation, travel, and military markets. For information about Cascade Designs, visit www.cascadedesigns.com.

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