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**Q'STRAIT UNVEILS
iQ RESEARCH CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE
WITH STATE-OF-THE-ART CRASH SIMULATION SYSTEM**
Investment underscores Q'Strait's position as a global technology industry leader

Whitstable, East Kent, United Kingdom (April 2 , 2014) -- **Q'Strait**, a global leader in developing innovative solutions for wheelchair passenger securement, has announced the opening of the iQ Research Centre of Excellence that includes a new HYGE™ crash simulation system.

The Centre was officially unveiled on the 26th February during a global launch ceremony for a number of guests from all over Europe and as far afield as America, Asia and the Middle East. Among the guests were some of the foremost vehicle manufacturers, standards officials and members of transport associations, trade bodies and disability action groups and the feedback received was extremely positive with many visitors stating that the facility far exceeded expectations.

“Q'Strait is extremely proud of our new iQ Research Centre of Excellence,” said Andy Cumming, Managing Director of Q'Strait. “With our investment in the facility, we can now research, test, certify and deliver the next generation of securement systems to market, thereby improving safety for everyone.”

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The 17,500 square-foot iQ Research Centre of Excellence houses the HYGES™ crash simulation system which will utilise the most advanced data gathering technologies available, including the very latest full colour, high speed / high definition cameras, on board Luminys Sunblast LED lighting and Humanetics crash test dummies. The HYGES™ accelerator sled at the heart of the system is capable of reproducing crash conditions simulating a vehicle impact in excess of 60 mph. The test sled can deliver 225,000 pounds of thrust (equivalent to a modern jet fighter); is capable of handling in-vehicle tests to 2.25 tonnes; accelerates to a maximum of 60g; and can reach maximum speeds of 66 mph in 0.1 seconds! Currently a very limited number of HYGES™ dynamic crash simulation systems exist in the world, only three of which are in the United Kingdom.

Located in Whitstable, East Kent, the innovative iQ Research Centre of Excellence is a world class research and design facility which furthers research innovation and enhances the company's product development capabilities while increasing the speed with which new products can be brought to market. The investment reflects Q'Straint's commitment to advancements in research and development while further reinforcing the company's position as a global technology leader within the industry. Additionally the Centre will create new job opportunities for research and engineering positions well into the next decade as our team of specialist engineers and technologists is grown to explore new ways to transport wheelchair users in comfort and safety

Q'Straint was established over 30 years ago in the USA and expanded into the United Kingdom 20 years ago and continues to grow globally. The company currently serves more than 70 countries worldwide with offices in the UK, United States, Canada and Australia.

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About Q'Straint:

For nearly 30 years, Q'Straint has remained focused on one mission: To develop the most innovative solutions that advance the safety and effectiveness of wheelchair passenger travel. Our reputation as a global leader is the result of making transportation safety and customer needs the highest priority. We are committed to continued product leadership and innovation; we have the most exhaustive and comprehensive research and testing programs; and for more than two decades have played a key role in developing regional and international safety standards. Today, our diverse global staff serves customers in more than 50 countries throughout North and South America, Europe, Australasia, Asia, the Middle East and Africa. For more information visit QStraint.com. Become a Q'Straint friend on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/QStraint> and follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/qstraint>.

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