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**20,250 miles: Meech International takes on round-the-world challenge to support seven local charities**

Meech International, one of the world’s leading manufacturers of static control solutions for a range of sectors, including print, packaging, pharmaceutical, battery film and automotive is bringing its global workforce together to support charities local to each of Meech’s seven offices around the world.

Meech has set itself an ambitious six-month target for employees to run, walk or cycle as far as they can over that time and then to combine the distances covered to move from one Meech office to the next, tracking progress as they go, eventually making the full journey of 20,250 miles around the world.

Having begun the virtual journey in March, at Meech’s global headquarters in the UK, employees have so far logged 2,189 miles, putting then in the middle of Turkey, which means they’ve now comfortably travelled beyond their other two European offices in Belgium and Hungary. Next stop is India, and beyond that lies Singapore, China and then the US state of Ohio, home to Meech USA, before closing the loop and finishing the journey by 15th September 2021, back in the UK.

“We’re a global business with a local ethos,” says Meech CEO Chris Francis. “We’re very involved in the local community in Oxfordshire, where our headquarters is located, and all of our offices around the world adopt the same approach in each of their local communities. We’ve set ourselves a huge challenge with a target of logging over 20,000 miles walking, running and cycling between us in a six-month period, but we’re proud to be raising vital funds for seven very worthy causes, while at the same time encouraging our staff to stay active and healthy. The project has also already proven to be an excellent way to bring people together for a common purpose at a difficult time.”

Money raised through this challenge will go to the following charities, each selected by a local Meech office:

UK: [Oxford Hospitals Charity](https://www.hospitalcharity.co.uk/)

Belgium: [Help for Cancer Patients](http://www.krebshilfe.be/)

Hungary: [Heim Pál Children's Hospital](http://heimalap.hu/)

India: [Teach for India](https://www.teachforindia.org/)

Singapore: [Hospice Care](https://www.hca.org.sg/)

China: [China Red Cross](http://www.redcross.org.cn)

USA: [Fostering Independence](https://www.fosteringindependence.net/)

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About Meech International

Founded in 1907 and headquartered in Oxfordshire, UK, Meech International is a specialist developer and manufacturer of electrostatic controls and related solutions. The Meech product range is organised into three key groupings: static control, air technology plus contact and non-contact web cleaning systems. These are used extensively within a wide range of industries including printing, packaging, converting, plastics, automotive, pharmaceutical and food production. With an established worldwide network of subsidiaries and distributors, around 80% of the systems produced by Meech are sold in 45 overseas markets.

Meech is a holder of one of the UK’s most prestigious awards for business achievement, The Queen’s Award for Enterprise: International Trade. Awarded in 2019 for ‘continuous achievement in international trade, sustained over not less than six years, the prestigious title will remain valid until 2024.

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