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OAKVILLE - Today, MPP Stephen Crawford announced the Government of Ontario is supporting an investment of over \$3.8 million by Oakville-based Canadian Hospital Specialties Limited (“Canadian Hospital Specialties”) with \$1.9 million through the Ontario Together Fund. This support will help Canadian Hospital Specialties to modernize and expand the company’s manufacturing facility, build up Ontario’s domestic manufacturing capacity and support emergency readiness while creating 50 new jobs.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Canadian Hospital Specialties pivoted manufacturing operations in response to the need for PPE and other critically needed medical devices and supplies. A particular focus has been their “Made in Canada” products: securing partnership agreements for swabs and swab kits for COVID-19 testing; signing distribution agreements to support new domestic PPE suppliers, and assembling PCR home test kits to support CBSA border entry testing.

“Canadian Hospital Specialties has been dedicated to keeping Ontarians safe by producing supplies we have relied on during this pandemic. This local project will not only keep 200 individuals employed, but it will create 50 new positions.” said MPP Crawford. “The provincial government is working hard to support businesses to create jobs within Ontario. It is encouraging to see a local organization expand operations.” continued MPP Crawford.

Canadian Hospital Specialties (CHS) is a medical device manufacturer and specialty distributor located in Oakville, Ontario. The CHS portfolio of products for both acute hospital and non-acute healthcare customers spans across many clinical categories including Respiratory, Anesthesia, Neonatal Intensive Care, Perfusion Medicine, Interventional Radiology, Diagnostic Imaging, Pharmacy and General Medical Surgical Supplies.

“With support from the Ontario Together Fund, CHS will be continuing its commitment to invest in Ontario. We will be updating and modernizing our manufacturing facility and adding 50 new high quality, well paid jobs in Oakville, Ontario,” said Mike Canzoneri, President and CEO of Canadian Hospital Specialties. “From this investment, we will have expanded local manufacturing capacity and flexibility to respond to both current and future public health needs and emergencies in addition to non-pandemic related concerns facing the healthcare system.”

Supporting innovative companies like Canadian Hospital Specialties is why Ontario has invested an additional \$50 million in the renewed Ontario Together Fund in 2021–22. The fund will continue to support local innovators and businesses to further enhance Ontario’s domestic supply chain capacity, promote Ontario’s MedTech ecosystem and build up our manufacturing sector to ensure the province is well-prepared for future challenges.

The renewed Ontario Together Fund is focused on supporting homegrown manufacturing and innovation to combat COVID-19 and providing other goods critical to the health, safety, and security of Ontarians beyond this pandemic. It is doing so under the following strategic pillars:

- Strengthening Ontario’s domestic manufacturing capacity.
- Supporting homegrown technologies and innovative solutions.
- Strengthening Ontario’s MedTech ecosystem.

“Through the Ontario Together Fund, our government is making targeted investments in homegrown businesses with the ideas and innovative solutions to help us through this pandemic and put us on the road to economic recovery,” said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. “We are proud to support local manufacturers in every region of the province as they look to grow and create good, local jobs.”

Healthy people are essential for a healthy economy. *Ontario’s Action Plan: Protecting People’s Health and Our Economy* provides the resources necessary to finish the battle with COVID-19, building on the government’s record investments to protect health and jobs during the global pandemic.

Quick Facts:

- Canadian Hospital Specialties Ltd. (est. 1967) is a privately held medical device manufacturer and specialty distributor located in Oakville, Ontario
- Ontario’s Action Plan: Protecting People’s Health and Our Economy brings total investments to \$16.3 billion to protect people’s health and \$23.3 billion to protect our economy. Ontario’s COVID-19 action plan support totals \$51 billion.
- Businesses and organizations looking to apply to the extended Ontario Together Fund can now submit through Available Funding Opportunities from the Ontario Government .

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