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Bob Dale Gloves & Imports LTD. (BDG_®) and AIB Commit to Empowering Individuals Who Are Blind

Phoenix, AZ. (February 5, 2024) – Today we acknowledge the formulation of a business partnership between the <u>Arizona Industries for the Blind</u> (AIB) and <u>Bob Dale Gloves & Imports</u> <u>Ltd.</u> (BDG) to provide product packaging and distribution services, which will empower individuals who are blind to achieve independence through dignified employment.

This strategic collaboration allows AIB to showcase the genuine capabilities of an oftenunderestimated and underutilized workforce—delivering exceptional products and services while creating a workplace culture that is supportive of and respectful toward all employees.

"We are excited about this opportunity to showcase the talents and abilities of our team members. By collaborating with BDG[®], we take another step towards dismantling barriers and fostering a business environment where everyone has the opportunity for growth," declared Chris LaFollette, CEO of Arizona Industries for the Blind.

AIB champions self-sufficiency and economic autonomy for individuals who are blind or visually impaired by partnering with industry to create and sustain employment opportunities for Americans who are blind.

BDG® is a prominent North American supplier and manufacturer specializing in quality and reliable personal protective equipment (PPE). *"We were looking for a partner who shares our values of integrity, honesty, innovation, trust and humility all of which AIB demonstrates on a daily basis,"* said Denis Dale, President Bob Dale Gloves and Imports LTD.

This business alliance materialized through the unwavering commitment that both organizations share towards delivering quality products, unique value and solutions to today's complex business and social issues.

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About Bob Dale Gloves (BDG)

Bob Dale Gloves (BDG) is a North American glove manufacturer and supplier of third-party tested and verified gloves for industrial customers in a variety of industries, including Construction, Oil and Gas, Utilities, Manufacturing, Agri-Foods and Transportation. A family-owned and operated business, with locations in Canada and the United States, BDG began in 1981 with a focus on providing quality hand protection for customers in the industrial and retail markets. For more information, visit <u>bobdalegloves.com</u>.

About AIB (Arizona Industries for the Blind)

Arizona Industries for the Blind (AIB) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating employment opportunities for people who are blind. Its employees, more than half of whom are blind, deliver a variety of products and services, including a full-service Warehousing and Distribution Center, confidential Digital Data Scan (DDS) services for private businesses and government, and the operation of Base Supply Centers located at each of Arizona's three military bases under the umbrella of the U.S. Department of Labor's <u>AbilityOne</u> program.

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