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Aldermans' new portable sink makes handwashing accessible and fun

As everyone is being encouraged to wash their hands more frequently, Alderman Tooling is delighted to launch an innovative portable hand washing station.

The Plymouth metal fabricator has been producing sub-contract metal parts for over 50 years - but this is first time that the company has manufactured and sold a finished product to the wider market.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has affected markets in different ways,” commented Managing Director Karen Friendship. “While some have seen decline, new opportunities have also emerged, and our versatility and skills have enabled us to respond. The portable sink is a timely product and we are very excited to bring it to market.”

Branded Jengu, the portable sink was developed as an open-source design by engineering consultancy Arup, working in conjunction with the British Red Cross and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. Its prime purpose is to improve handwashing facilities in humanitarian settings such as refugee camps, to prevent the spread of gastrointestinal diseases, and now also COVID-19.

In April 2020 Arup commissioned Aldermans to produce an initial batch of fifty Jengu units. Working closely with Arup, Aldermans' design engineers helped to optimise the product design for efficient manufacture. Seeing the need for wider handwashing in response to COVID-19, Aldermans also developed an alternative version of the product, adapted for the UK market, branded Jengu Hygiene.

The Jengu handwashing units require no plumbing, as water is supplied by a jerry can. Hence, the units can be placed wherever the need is greatest, indoors or outside.

The sinks are robust yet lightweight and can easily be moved by one person or secured to the ground if required.

Operated with a foot pump, and accommodating soap and a mirror, handwashing becomes a fun experience for all ages.

Schools, campsites, attractions, outdoor venues and events can all benefit from the additional hygiene facilities Jengu provides.

For example:

- In schools, students can wash their hands near their classrooms, without leaving their designated areas or bubbles.
- Campsite owners can place Jengu units close to pitches, to ensure guests have safe, clean hand washing facilities close by.
- Outdoor attractions can place Jengu units strategically throughout their site, to enhance existing facilities.

Deploying Jengu hand washing stations demonstrates a duty of care and is also a visible reminder for everyone to keep washing their hands.

Jengu portable sinks are available to buy direct from Aldermans; and more information can be found at www.aldermantooling.co.uk/jengu

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