



Salma Zahrani is seated on wheelchair donated to her by Montero Mining and Exploration Limited of Canada and their Tanzanian Joint Venture company, Wigu Hill Mining Company Limited, in Zanzibar on Saturday as her parents looking on (Photo: Guardian Correspondent)

Canadian mining firm donates 30 wheelchairs to Isles children

By Guardian Reporter

At least 30 wheelchairs were handed over to children living with disabilities in Zanzibar on Saturday by Montero Mining and Exploration Limited of Canada and their Tanzanian Joint Venture company, Wigu Hill Mining Company Limited.

A statement issued by the company yesterday said the wheelchairs, specifically

designed for children, were manufactured by Wheelchairs For Kids of Australia.

"We are delighted to be able to extend our assistance to the children on the Isles and be part of improving the quality of life for them, their parents and guardians. Today marks the commencement of a broader programme where a further 130 wheelchairs will be distributed to children in Dar es Salaam and Morogoro regions," said Montero county manager Grant Pierce.

The handover was officiated at Mnazi Mmoja Hospital in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Stone Town, Zanzibar who sourced the recipients and arranged the event.

"Rotary is involved in a number of community projects in Zanzibar and we regard children with disabilities as amongst the most needy in our society. This is a wonderful day for them," said Rotarian Stephi Said.

The chairs are an improved design on the conventional wheelchair, have better maneuverability and are fully adjustable so can be fitted to each child's size and needs, the statement said.

Montero Mining and Exploration Limited is a mineral exploration and development company engaged in its flagship Wigu Hill Rare Earth Elements (REE) Project in Tanzania with other mining assets in interests in Tanzania, South Africa and Quebec, Canada.

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