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Patron Capital supports ambitious challenge to raise £500,000 for disabled war veterans

As part of its ongoing charitable commitment to help disabled war veterans, Patron Capital Partners, the pan European private equity and real estate investor, is pleased to be supporting a major challenge that aims to raise £500,000 for the Royal Marines Charitable Trust Fund.

Marking the 350th anniversary of the Royal Marines, the RM1664 Challenge is a feat like no other. Beginning in February 2014, it will see participants from the Royal Marines ski 1,664 km across Norway; then sail 1,664 miles to Gibraltar; then cycle 1,664 km to St Malo; then canoe 120 km across the English Channel; and finally run 1,664 km, Portsmouth to London via 15 major cities in England, Scotland and Wales.

Patron will be supporting the event through sponsorship as well as by using its contacts within the business community to raise awareness of the event and drive sponsorship and donations.

Prime Minister David Cameron said:

"The Royal Marines Commandos are famous the world over. Tough and resilient, a Commando is part of a special brotherhood. They are an extraordinary bunch and I am delighted to send my best wishes to the officers and men undertaking this incredible challenge to raise money for the Royal Marines Charitable Trust Fund."

Keith M. Breslauer, Patron's Managing Director, said:

"We have worked with charities supporting the Royal Marines for the last two years, having organised six major fundraising events, provided work placements for war veterans, and invited injured and active Royal Marines to join us on our annual ski trip and running the Royal Parks half marathons. The RM1664 Challenge is an ambitious feat with an equally ambitious fundraising target and we are very pleased to support this worthwhile cause. Royal Marines face dangers and challenges most of us can't even imagine and it is a privilege to work with them to give something back."

Lieutenant Colonel Gary Green, who is organising the RM1664 Challenge, said:

"Patron Capital's support for the Royal Marines Charitable Trust Fund – and for this event in particular – has gone far beyond writing a cheque. The enthusiasm, contacts and business knowledge of Keith and his team have already helped us raise over £80,000 towards our target and Patron's ongoing support will be invaluable as we continue to look for sponsors."

In addition to commitments from Patron Capital, significant donations have also been made by Lucozade Powerleague, Johnson Health Tech, Ernst & Young, Bank Leumi, Matrix, Savills, United House.

More information about the RM1664 Challenge can be found at 1664challenge.co.uk. Donations can be made at justgiving.com/RoyalMarines1664Challenge; a video for the challenge appears at youtube.com/watch?v=qpvMiGyFGyk&sns=tw; and a twitter feed for the challenge is at twitter.com/RM1664Challenge. Those interested in sponsorship opportunities should contact garyedgreen@yahoo.co.uk.

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