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## SWIMMING POOL LIFT FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED **IITM Technology Available for Licensing**

## PROBLEMSTATEMENT

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- > Hydrotherapy, a form of water exercise, provides numerous health benefits for physically individuals. challenged especially those in wheelchairs.
- > However, swimming pools often have stairs for entry and exit, which can be challenging for these individuals.
- Pool-lifts can provide assistance bv allowing them to reach extreme positions with a horizontal seat at all times.
- > This innovative solution significantly improves swimming pool accessibility.
- > Pool-lifts additional can provide assistance to help lower and remove individuals from the pool, enhancing their overall experience.

### TECHNOLOGYCATEGORY MARKET

Technology: Swimming pool lift for physically challenged

Category: Assistive, Test Equipment & Design Manufacturing

Industry: Manufacturers of Rehabilitation Aids for persons with disabilities and by promoting.

Application: Assistive for physically challenged Market: The global market size was valued at USD 15.12 Billion in 2022 and is poised to grow from USD 16.04 Billion in 2023 to USD 25.76 Billion by 2031, at a CAGR of 6.10% during the forecast period (2024-2031).

## INIELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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## TRL (Technology Readiness Level)

TRL-4, Experimentally validated in lab

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## TECHNOLOGY

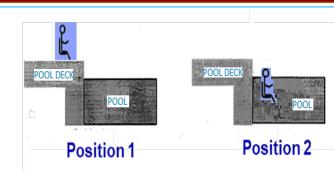


Figure 1 illustrates the various positions that are expected during the motion of the person while introducing the person into the pool and while lifting the person of the pool

## Sequence of Operation STEP-1 STEP-2 Person on wheel-chair comes from The Seat Arm is swiveled and the side and transfers oneself to locked. the seat of the lift STEP-3 STEP-4 The Rotating-Arm is lowered Once the seat is completely using a tension-cable powered lowered, the Motor is turned off. using a Motor NOTE: The reverse sequence will take the person out of the pool

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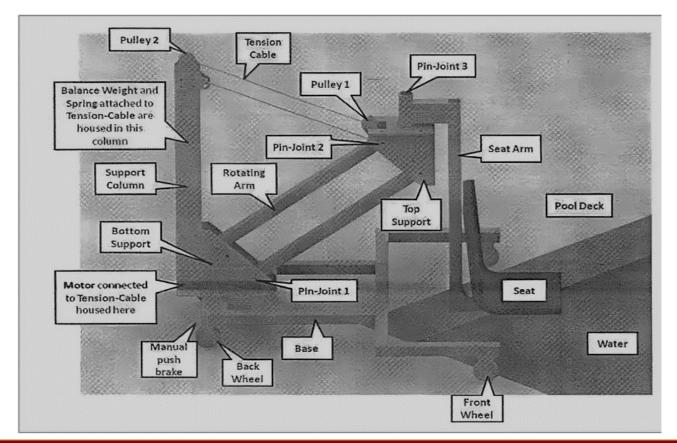
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Figure 2 illustrates the arrangements of various components that together arranged physically and arranged operationally make the invention work



## Key Features / Value Proposition

#### □ Safety

- \* It can also be safely transferred to the device from a distance,
  - such as near the changing room, and then moved or rolled to the pool-corner,
  - \* where the person can sit on the device, acting as mobile equipment.

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- Lift can be positioned and used at Corner of Pool without creating any obstruction at Pool Edge
- Actuator system is easy to maintain and can be adapted to various arm lengths
- The device allows the person to reach and be lifted from the pool, acting as stationary equipment.

#### Design

- The lift-design is of the category which DOES NOT require any fixture to pool deck.
- For lifts under this category, low counter-weights are used to avoid toppling into the water.
- \* Reduced Force to be applied while lowering or raising the person out of the pool, swiveling the person after he is seated either manually or by a powered actuator
- Lift can act both as Stationary and Mobile equipment.
- Cost
  - ✤ Low cost for design and manufacturing.

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