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KOBELCO Begins Producing SK350LC-10 Model at US Excavator Manufacturing Facility

Katy, TX – KOBELCO Construction Machinery USA, a world class crawler excavator manufacturer,

continues to provide customers with quality products from its North American production facility in

Spartanburg, SC. KOBELCO is pleased to announce an increase in the facility's manufacturing capacity to

include the latest SK350LC-10 excavator model.

"This capacity increase further solidifies KOBELCO's commitment to producing excavators that

are built like no other excavators in the industry," says Pete Morita, President and CEO of KOBELCO

USA. "We continue to reinforce our foundation in the North American market, expand our team of

KOBELCO USA employees, and deliver new and enhanced machines with exclusive features and cutting-

edge technologies."

The KOBELCO SK350LC-10 is among the first Generation 10 models to be produced at the new

North American manufacturing facility. This popular KOBELCO excavator features cutting-edge power

and efficiency capabilities to make downtime a thing of the past. A 270-hp Tier IV Final engine enables

the enhanced SK350LC to easily tackle heavy-duty applications and remain as one of the most powerful

and fuel efficient excavators in its class.

The trendsetting SK350LC delivers a dynamic bucket digging force of 56,200-lbs and achieves

leading-class work volume while minimizing fuel consumption. Independent travel, an exclusive

KOBELCO feature, allows the SK350LC to move, lift and swing simultaneously without experiencing loss

of power. The upgraded model also boasts 5% more digging volume than its predecessor and supplies

up to an 18% increase fuel economy. Much of this boost in efficiency comes from a new hydraulic

regeneration system which further minimizes energy loss and ensures outstanding performance.



Transferring all that power into the job required an enhanced attachment structure for the SK350LC. The new unit provides ample power to lift the heaviest of loads and the rugged construction to stay safe while you follow through. A thicker arm base plate and redesigned boss shape improve overall stability while evenly distributing digging forces for optimum durability.

Product line offerings and capacity at the KOBELCO North American manufacturing facility will continue to be increased in accordance with market development. Models in the 20 and 35 ton weight class are currently being produced at the facility and future production plans are expected to include most KOBELCO excavator models.

KOBELCO Construction Machinery USA offers industry-leading crawler excavators in the 3,000 lb. to 245,000 lb. classes including zero tail swing, compact, standard, long-reach, mass excavation, and demolition models. Well-known as the excavator authority, KOBELCO is committed to producing quality machines with advanced productivity-boosting features and innovative technologies. With premier capabilities such as no time limit power boost and exclusive independent travel, KOBELCO machines ensure superior performance and efficiency for the toughest worksite challenges.

For more information on KOBELCO Construction Machinery USA or KOBELCO products, please visit www.KOBELCO-USA.com or call 281-888-8430.

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