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### **KOBELCO SK35SR Capitalizes on Short Radius Finesse to Remediate Old Oil Tank**

*Frankford, NJ* – Residents and patients of the Homestead Rehabilitation and Homecare Center in rural Sussex County, NJ, enjoy 14-acres with magnificent country views, including two tranquil ponds, gardens and several buildings. Long a part of the county’s history, the 102-bed facility was recently in need of some grounds maintenance. One of the projects to be completed was the removal and remediation of an old oil tank. With underground tanks raising concerns over environmental safety, the property owners felt it was time to remove and replace it.

As with most construction projects, this one came with a few challenges. The underground tank was very close to the side wall of one of the buildings in the complex, further complicated by the fact that high voltage electrical wires were run through the tank to the building. The complexity of the job due to the tight working quarters required a specialized remediation contractor along with a small and nimble machine that could operate with finesse.

GWS Contractors of South Brunswick, NJ, a company specializing in environmental remediation and structural support, was hired to complete the work after another company abandoned the job upon discovery of the high voltage wires. At that point, only half of the oil tank had been removed. With the help of a KOBELCO SK35SR, 8,200 lb., 30.2 hp. cab model excavator from Harter Equipment, GWS carefully dug out the area around the tank, safely removing it, while keeping the wires intact. Once the tank was removed, they ran the wires to the building through new conduit with minimal disruption to the buildings critical power supply.



Once removed, the company remediated the soil surrounding the tank, then backfilled the area with clean soil, taking advantage of the SK35's bucket and blade combination. According to Vinny Leone, Site Supervisor on the project for GWS, "This wasn't a big job, but it was a tricky one. The electrical wires called for a very precise machine. We found that in the KOBELCO SK35 which operated very smoothly. Its short rear swing and small footprint were ideal for operating next to the building. Its precision controls gave the operator the ability to scrape around the tank and building foundation slowly, yet steadily to ensure there were no other surprise wires or other underground obstacles that would need to be dealt with."

Leone and GWS have long been loyal Harter Equipment customers, "We get all our compact equipment rentals through Harter Equipment. They provide some of the best equipment in the area and are easy to work with. We really appreciated the KOBELCO SK35 on this job. It's a really nice machine and our operator was comfortable throughout the entire project." Harter Equipment is an authorized KOBELCO dealer located in Millstone Township, NJ.

Well known as The Excavator Authority for their singular line of equipment, KOBELCO engineers understood the importance of building a machine that would deliver optimal performance with a small footprint when designing the SK35SR. KOBELCO Construction Machinery USA manufactures a full range of crawler excavators in the 3,000 lb. to 184,000 lb. classes for the rental, landscape, construction, aggregate, roadbuilding, material handling, site preparation, recycling and ancillary markets, including zero tail swing, standard, long-reach and compact models. KOBELCO machines are well-regarded for their advanced technologies, including an innovative noise and dust reduction system, advanced hydraulic circuitry for reduction of pressure loss and superior fuel efficiency.

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Photo Caption: GWS Contractors of South Brunswick, NJ, utilize the KOBELCO SK35SR for the removal and remediation of an old oil tank.