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KOBELCO Introduces New SK25 and Enhanced SK17 Models to North America

Katy, TX – KOBELCO Construction Machinery USA, a world class crawler excavator manufacturer, is pleased to announce the launch of their new SK25 compact excavator model as well as their enhanced SK17 model. These machines are compact, yet tough performers that offer full-size benefits with short-radius capabilities and exceptional features.

Equipped with engines that meet Tier IV Final requirements, the SK25 and SK17 pack plenty of power and outstanding hydraulic performance. Each model offers stable operation, rugged construction and durability to reduce down time. Both excavators combine a compact design with long digging reach for efficiency, maneuverability and stability to ensure a long working life. In addition, the SK25 and SK17 feature top-class digging depths of 9’2” and 7’3” as well as powerful swing speeds of 10 rpm and 9.5 rpm to deliver shorter cycle times.

Great for use at sites where space is limited, the SK25 and SK17 boast excellent side ditch digging capabilities, allowing the machines to dig smoothly along walls in small areas. The front minimum swing radius of the SK25 and SK17 are a short 5’5” and 4’6”, giving each model the ability to dig, swing, and load in the tightest of spots while at full boom swing. Furthermore, a zero tail swing radius allows both machines to work in confined areas safely and efficiently.

Designed and equipped for full-sized performance over an extended working life, the SK25 is KOBELCO’s newest mini with big aspirations. This model supplies ample muscle for heavy-duty digging and lifting and it is excellent for loading, placing and dozing across a wide range of applications. Packed



with powerful performance capabilities, the SK25 boasts a digging force of 4,546 lbs. and a maximum digging reach of 15'7". This versatile, 5,930 lb. machine provides excellent stability with either steel or rubber track shoes and a ROPS/FOPS cab or canopy. A backlit liquid crystal monitor comes standard on the SK25, allowing operation and machine status information to be readily checked.

The upgraded SK17 model is the smallest of KOBELCO's excavators. This 3,836 lb. mini is popular on jobsites where equipment needs to be moved through gates, obstructions and/or very tight spaces. The SK17 features durable, self-cleaning, hydraulic side frames which retract to a narrow 37" for tight areas and extend to a solid 50" for stability. The dozer blade on this machine is also adaptable to job conditions as its width can be easily changed and secured. Additionally, the upgraded SK17 provides a more compact and robust design. With a smaller body, a maximum digging reach of 12'2" and a digging force of 2,833 lbs., the SK17's performance and power capabilities are tougher than before.

When it comes to a comfortable and safe work environment, the design of the SK25 and SK17 is second to none. The operator's station boasts various features, including an optimized control layout for easy operation, a large area for excellent visibility, and ample floor space with large travel pedals to ensure operation is easy and comfortable. Both the SK25 and SK17 come standard with a boom light to minimize potential damage during operation, as well as a travel alarm that notifies others nearby to stay clear. Additionally, a standard pattern changer with a blade cutting edge allows for increased utilization and flexibility to match operator preference.

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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Photo Caption 1: KOBELCO's newest compact excavator model, the SK25, supplies ample muscle for heavy-duty digging and lifting and it is excellent for loading, placing and dozing across a wide range of applications.



Photo Caption 2: The upgraded KOBELCO SK17 provides a more compact and robust design than its predecessor.