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KOBELCO to Double Production Capacity at U.S. Manufacturing Facility by 2018

Katy, TX – KOBELCO USA is continuing its commitment to providing customers with quality products from its North American excavator production facility with plans to nearly double manufacturing capacity by 2018.

Mass production at the Spartanburg, SC facility began in 2016 with conventional machines weighing 20-plus tons. Over the past year, KOBELCO has increased production capacity by threefold as the facility is ramping up to produce 1,800 units/year. Today, seven excavator models are being produced at KOBELCO's US manufacturing facility – the SK210LC-10, SK210LC-10 Long Reach, SK260LC-10 Long Reach, SK300LC-10, SK300LC-10 High & Wide, SK350LC-10 and SK500LC-10.

KOBELCO will increase manufacturing capacity in late fall of 2017 with the addition of the SK500LC-10 unit with removable counterweight as well as the SK210LC-10 High & Wide. And by 2018, production capacity will include a total of 11 models with the addition of the SK170LC-10 and SK260LC-10 excavators.

"In a short period of time, we went from land and dirt to a factory with excavator production in full swing," says Pete Morita, Vice President – Excavator Division of KOBELCO USA. "We continue to increase US production capacity, expand our US manufacturing team and keep our dealers and customers up and running by delivering excavators that are built like no other excavators in the industry. This is an exciting time for KOBELCO USA as we implement aggressive plans to further our growth and momentum in 2018."

KOBELCO's US based manufacturing facility also allows the company to proudly support the Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM). And as a participant of the AEM *I Make America*



campaign, KOBELCO has created more than 100 new jobs to date for the skilled workforce living in the communities that surround the Greenville and Spartanburg area. KOBELCO is currently conducting another phase of hiring which will welcome more than 20 new employees in all operational areas including fabrication, paint, assembly and warehouse. The KOBELCO US production facility plans to steadily increase the number of employees during the next year.

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: Production capacity at the KOBELCO USA excavator production facility will include a total of 11 models by 2018.