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### **Momentum at KOBELCO U.S. Manufacturing Facility Continues to Build**

*Katy, TX* – KOBELCO Construction Machinery USA continues its commitment to provide customers with quality products from its North American excavator production facility in Spartanburg, SC. Increases in manufacturing capacity and several new hires are on the horizon as the facility ramps up to produce 1,800 units/year.

Since opening in June 2016, the KOBELCO USA production facility has steadily increased output. Current production includes the SK210LC-10, SK260LC-10 Long Reach, SK300LC-10 and SK350LC-10 excavator models. KOBELCO will increase manufacturing capacity in the fall of 2017 with the addition of the SK500LC-10 model to the US production list. And in early 2018, production capacity will include the SK260LC-10 High & Wide excavator.

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 75 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.

"This is an exciting time for KOBELCO USA as we implement aggressive plans to further our growth and momentum," says Pete Morita, Vice President – Excavator Division of KOBELCO USA. "We continue to reinforce our foundation in the North American market, expand our team of KOBELCO USA



employees, and keep KOBELCO dealers and customers up and running by delivering industry-leading machines.”

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](http://www.KOBELCO-USA.com) or call 281-888-8430.

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Photo Caption: KOBELCO USA continues to provide customers with quality products from its North American excavator production facility.