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KOBELCO USA Expands US Manufacturing Team

Spartanburg, SC – KOBELCO Construction Machinery USA progresses the development of its excavator production facility in South Carolina with the employment of Linsey Cooke as Environmental Health and Safety (EHS)/Human Resource (HR) Specialist.

In her new position, Cooke will be responsible for creating, executing and maintaining a comprehensive health and safety program in compliance with State, Federal and local regulations at the KOBELCO manufacturing facility. She will perform hygiene sampling, risk analysis and safety inspections on an on-going basis as well as develop and coordinate safety training programs. In addition to EHS responsibilities, Cooke will assist in the delivery of the facility's HR plans, including: new employee orientation, benefits administration and employee engagement and relations.

Helping Cooke succeed in her new role is her extensive background and knowledge of EHS and HR administration in the manufacturing environment. Cooke brings with her to KOBELCO over seven years of experience establishing and maintaining OSHA compliant facilities. She is well-versed in the preventative fields associated with plant operations, including: occupational hazards, industrial hygiene, safety inspections and training, ergonomics assessment and worker's compensation.

"Environmental health and safety is a priority for KOBELCO," says Ralph Wabnitz, General Manager of the KOBELCO North American excavator production facility. "Our facility in Japan is currently the most modern and high quality excavator plant in the world, but our US facility will be just as impressive. Linsey displays the expertise and determination to develop, implement and maintain top-



notch EHS and HR procedures for the US manufacturing plant. We are excited to welcome her to the KOBELCO USA team.”

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.

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Photo Caption: Linsey Cooke, Environmental Health and Safety (EHS)/Human Resource (HR) Specialist at the KOBELCO excavator manufacturing facility in Spartanburg, SC.