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Columbia Machine, Inc. Announces Executive Retirement and New Division President

VANCOUVER, WA (USA) – March 25, 2019 – Rick Goode, CEO of Columbia Machine, Inc., announced today that after 18 years with Columbia Machine, Richard Armstrong will retire as Concrete Products Division President. Richard has agreed to stay on full time for the remainder of the year to help with Columbia's leadership transition and to support three business development areas. As Director of Business Development, Richard will be supporting Columbia Machine do Brazil, the expansion of Columbia's Bagging Business Unit and the development of Columbia East (North America).

Effective today, Columbia is pleased to announce that Kevin Brown will succeed Richard as President. Kevin has been with Columbia for 30 years, serving in a number of leadership positions. Kevin brings extensive product line, application, customer service, and market development experience to his new role. "I am excited to take on this expanded role with our Concrete Products Division," said Brown. "These are exciting times for our Division. Under Richard's leadership, we have invested heavily in product and market development. We have seen the resulting growth over the last two years and see good potential the rest of this year and into the future."

"While it is always challenging making a leadership change during times of growth and expansion, we are fortunate to have someone as experienced as Kevin Brown ready for the challenge. I have worked with Kevin for over 20 years and look forward to having him join our Executive Team," said Goode. "I have enjoyed working with Richard Armstrong, as he has lead two of our Business Units in the last 15 years. Since he announced his desire to retire almost a year ago, we have been working on the transition plan that is being announced today. I am very appreciative that Richard has agreed to stay on full time for the remainder of the year to support our transition and to help us with a number of business development projects we are currently integrating. We hope to keep Richard challenged enough to convince him to stay on and postpone full retirement beyond this year."

ABOUT COLUMBIA MACHINE

Established in 1937, Columbia Machine is a fourth generation, privately held, world-wide leader in the design, manufacturing and support of factory automation equipment solutions for a variety of industries, with customers in over 100 countries around the world. Primary business units include: Batching and Mixing Solutions, Concrete Products Equipment Solutions, Production Equipment Molds, Bag Filling and Handling Technology, Mechanical Palletizing Machines, Robotic Palletizing Solutions, Conveyor System Solutions, Pallet Load Transfer Solutions and Manufacturing Services. The Columbia Group of companies has manufacturing facilities on four continents, with over 1,000 team members worldwide, focused on world-class engineered solutions and customer service.

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