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Columbus McKinnon to Present at BB&T Manufacturing and Materials Conference on April 2, 2009

AMHERST, N.Y. – March 26, 2009 – Columbus McKinnon Corporation (NASDAQ: CMCO), a leading designer, manufacturer and marketer of material handling products, announced President and Chief Executive Officer Timothy T. Tevens and Vice President - Finance and Chief Financial Officer Karen L. Howard will be presenting at the BB&T Manufacturing and Materials Conference in New York on April 2, 2009.

About Columbus McKinnon

Columbus McKinnon is a leading worldwide designer, manufacturer and marketer of material handling products, systems and services, which efficiently and ergonomically move, lift, position or secure material. Key products include hoists, cranes, chain and forged attachments. The Company is focused on commercial and industrial applications that require the safety and quality provided by its superior design and engineering know-how. Comprehensive information on Columbus McKinnon is available on its web site at <http://www.cmworks.com>.

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