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Columbus McKinnon Announces Fiscal 2009 Third Quarter Conference Call and Webcast Information

AMHERST, N.Y., January 8, 2009 – Columbus McKinnon Corporation (NASDAQ: CMCO), a leading designer, manufacturer and marketer of material handling products, announced today that it has scheduled a teleconference and webcast for Thursday, January 22, 2009 at 10:00 AM Eastern Time at which management will discuss the Company's fiscal 2009 third quarter financial results and strategy. The Company will issue its earnings release for the fiscal 2009 first quarter on January 22, 2009 before the market opens.

Interested parties in the United States and Canada can participate in the teleconference by dialing 1-888-459-1579, asking to be placed in the "Columbus McKinnon Quarterly Conference Call," providing the password "Columbus McKinnon," and identifying conference leader, "Tim Tevens" when asked. The toll number for parties outside the United States and Canada is +1-210-234-7695.

The webcast will be accessible at Columbus McKinnon's web site: <http://www.cmworks.com>. It will also be broadcast over MultiVu, a service of PR Newswire at: <http://www.videonewswire.com/event.asp?id=54262>. You must have Windows Media Player or RealPlayer's audio software on your computer to listen to the webcast. Both are available for downloading at the Columbus McKinnon web site and the MultiVu web site at no charge.

An audio recording of the call will be available two hours after its completion and until February 15, 2009 by dialing 1-866-435-1321 or the toll number for parties outside the United States and Canada, +1-203-369-1018. Alternatively, you may access an archived webcast of the call on Columbus McKinnon's web site at: <http://www.cmworks.com/news/presentations.aspx> until April 21, 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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