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Columbus McKinnon Announces Third Quarter Fiscal 2010 Conference Call and Webcast Information

AMHERST, N.Y., January 14, 2010 – 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 28, 2010 at 10:00 AM Eastern Time at which management will discuss the Company's third quarter fiscal 2010 financial results and strategy. The Company will issue its earnings release for the third quarter of fiscal 2010 on January 28, 2010 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 Third Quarter Fiscal 2010 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 210-234-7695.

The webcast will be accessible at Columbus McKinnon's web site: www.cmworks.com. It will also be broadcast over MultiVu, a service of PR Newswire at: <http://www.videonewswire.com/event.asp?id=65001>. 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 25, 2010 by dialing 1-866-445-8187 or the toll number for parties outside the United States and Canada, +1-203-369-1139. 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 March 28, 2010.

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 materials. Key products include hoists, cranes, actuators 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>.

Safe Harbor Statement

This news release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning future revenue and earnings, involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause the actual results of the Company to differ materially from the results expressed or implied by such statements, including general economic and business conditions, conditions affecting the industries served by the Company and its

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subsidiaries, conditions affecting the Company's customers and suppliers, competitor responses to the Company's products and services, the overall market acceptance of such products and services, the effect of operating leverage, the pace of bookings relative to shipments, the ability to expand into new markets and geographic regions, the success in acquiring new business, the speed at which shipments improve, and other factors disclosed in the Company's periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company assumes no obligation to update the forward-looking information contained in this release.

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