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CONTINENTAL CRANE CO. APPOINTED KOBELCO DEALER FOR WEST COAST

Los Angeles-based Continental Crane Co. has been appointed the exclusive West Coast distributor for Kobelco Cranes, the world's leading manufacturer of crawler cranes.

Continental Crane Co. represents the Japanese manufacturer in the states of California, Oregon and Washington. It offers customers full product support from locations in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle.

Mike Rice, manager of Continental Crane Co., said: "No manufacturer in the world produces more crawler cranes than Kobelco and we are delighted to be working with them. Any Kobelco crane owner will tell you that there is no more reliable machine."

Kobelco Cranes has increased its presence in the North American market significantly in recent years. Jack Fendrick, general manager of Kobelco Cranes North America, said: "The simple design and unbeatable reliability of the Kobelco has won it recognition among owners as the best value crawler crane on the market. Our sales in North America have grown six-fold since 2002, which is double the three-fold growth seen in the market as a whole over that period. With our expanded dealer network, we expect to grow our market share further."

Continental Crane Co. takes delivery of its first machines, the CK850-III and CK1000-III models, in September 2008. These have rated capacities of 85 tons and 100 tons respectively. Additional machines, including units of the 160-ton CK1600-II and the 250-ton CK2500-II will be delivered in Spring 2009.

The CK2500 (rated capacity of 250 tons) has up to 300ft of lattice main boom and a maximum combination of 250ft of main boom with 100ft of luffing jib.

The CK1600 (rated capacity of 160 tons) has up to 250ft of main boom and a maximum combination of 200ft of main boom with 100ft of luffing jib.

The CK1000 (rated capacity of 100 tons) has up to 200ft of main boom and a maximum combination of 190ft of main boom with 60ft of luffing jib.

The CK850 (rated capacity of 85 tons) has up to 200ft of main boom and a maximum combination of 180ft of main boom with 60ft of luffing jib.

For further information on the Kobelco product range, please see www.kobelcocranesnorthamerica.com.

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