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## **Columbia Industries Announces Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for New Horizon 50/65T Landfill Tipper**

**Celebrating the release of the next generation of solid waste and recycling tipper on Monday, November 13th, 2017**

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On Monday, November 13th, Columbia Industries will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 9 a.m. at their Hillsboro, Oregon world headquarters, to celebrate the release of their next-generation product: the Columbia Horizon 50/65T Tipper. Originally introduced to the solid waste and recycling industries in the 1960's, Tippers have found market acceptance throughout the world. The innovative new Columbia Horizon 50/65T Tipper boasts advanced features, such as automated leveling, digital joystick controls, greater accessibility for maintenance, expandable electronic monitoring, a new spill-through chute, and a single-platform design that will accommodate 50 or 65-ton loads.

Despite a host of new features and design improvements, the Columbia Horizon Tipper will be manufactured for less cost than former designs, allowing Columbia to introduce a substantial upgrade for a highly-regarded and desirable product, at an even lower price. Additionally, Columbia Industries manufacturing and assembly facility in Hillsboro, Oregon that creates the Tipper product line is a AISC (Structural Steel) qualified facility.

During the recent oil and gas market downturn, a time when other companies were reducing their research and development budgets, Columbia Industries has invested heavily in new technologies, and has now delivered three NPIs (new product innovations) over the past year: a Sprinter Rig Walking System, Remote Power Steering, and the Horizon 50/65T Landfill Tipper.

Ken Van Raden, Chairman and company co-founder, will be on hand to cut the ribbon to celebrate the release of the new Columbia Horizon 50/65T Tipper. Ken, his brother Fred Van Raden (1929-2007), and business partner Ken Brattlie founded Columbia in 1976. Together, they grew the business over the years, developing several truly revolutionary products across multiple industries. Today, the Company continues to serve multiple industries, with products currently exported as far away as Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, and as close as McMinnville, Oregon.

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## **About Columbia Industries**

Columbia Industries LLC is a family-owned, industrial design and manufacturing firm headquartered in Hillsboro, OR that has served the Oil and Gas, Waste Management and Recycling industries for over 40 years. As with many manufacturing companies linked to the success of the economy, Columbia has gone through a period of challenge. Unlike most companies, however, the spirit of Columbia has never been deterred. Through market fluctuations, one target has remained at the forefront of Columbia's strategy: innovation.

The release of Columbia's Horizon Tipper marks its third major product innovation this year. Columbia is proud to continue its long heritage of innovation, giving customers first-mover advantages in their respective markets.

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## **Columbia Industries Snapshot of Recent Product Innovations**

**Sprinter Walking System:** A Rig Walking System (used for drilling rig mobilization) that is 2-4X faster than current competitors. The Sprinter also provides remotely control steering, automated motion and fine positioning controls to facilitate precise hole alignment.

**Remote Power Steering:** Previous generations of Rig Walking System technologies required manual intervention in order to change the steering angle and direction of the rig module being moved. Today, with the advent of Columbia's new Remote Power Steering, rig operators can control the steering angle and control the rig's approach all by wireless remote. This means a time savings to the rig operator and an increased factor of safety for the rig crew.

**Columbia Horizon 50/65T Tipper:** Designed to maximize landfill throughput the unloading of waste, bulk products and recycling materials, the Horizon Tipper is faster, safer and more economical. With new features such as self-leveling, improved maintenance accessibility and toggle control technology, Columbia has set the new standard for Tipper technology worldwide.

**New Quality Certification:** Columbia has recently received accreditation as an AISC (American Institute of Steel Construction) manufacturer. We have just completed a project for engineering firm MegaTech, awarded through Kiewit Construction. Using MegaTech's design, Columbia has fabricated and assembled an 80' Bridge Traveler which will be used for maintenance projects on the "K Bridge" in New York City, NY beginning in early 2018.