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## Columbia Machine, Inc. Hires Josef Ott as Director of Mold Technology

VANCOUVER, WA (USA) – November 2, 2018 – Rick Goode, CEO of Columbia Machine, Inc., announced today that Josef Ott has joined Columbia as Director of Mold Technology. In this new role, Josef will support Columbia's Mold Design, Manufacturing and Service Operations around the world. Josef brings over 30 years of experience in the dry cast (zero slump) concrete industry, specializing in mold engineering, manufacturing, and customer support.

"We have made significant investments in our mold design and manufacturing capabilities over the last 20 years," said Goode. "Josef will complement our experienced teams and be a good cultural fit for our company."

"Josef brings years of experience to his new position," said Richard Armstrong, President of Columbia's Concrete Products Division. "My Team is excited to work closely with Josef as we strive to meet the future needs of our customers."

"Josef is a great addition to the Columbia Team," said Mariusz Gil, President of Techmatik S.A., a Columbia Machine Company. "We look forward to working closely with Josef and the rest of the Columbia Team to provide industry leading solutions to our customers."

"The market for dry cast concrete products has grown significantly in our markets in recent years. Providing industry leading mold solutions to our customers is a high priority for our company." said Ramesh Babbar, President of Columbia Machine Engineering (I) PVT. LTD. "We look forward to working with Josef to help support our customers in India, South Asia and Africa."

Josef will be based on the East Coast of the United States and split his time between Columbia operations in the United States, Poland, India and Brazil.

## ABOUT COLUMBIA MACHINE

Established in 1937, Columbia Machine is a third generation, privately held, world-wide leader in the design, manufacturing and support of factory automation equipment solutions for a variety of industries, with customers in over 100 countries around the world. Primary business units include: Batching and Mixing Solutions, Concrete Products Equipment Solutions, Production Equipment Molds, Bag Filling and Handling Technology, Mechanical Palletizing Machines, Robotic Palletizing Solutions, Conveyor System Solutions, Pallet Load Transfer Solutions and Manufacturing Services. The Columbia Group of companies has manufacturing facilities on three continents, with over 1,000 team members worldwide, focused on world-class engineered solutions and customer service.