

IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE**COLUMBIA EXPANDS PRESENCE IN CANADA**

Columbia Machine, Inc. has expanded their operation in Mississauga, Canada with the addition of a new Branch Manager and Office in Montreal, Quebec.

Philippe Lafond has joined the Columbia team and will be focusing his efforts on the Canadian market. Philippe comes to Columbia with a wealth of industry and product experience having worked over 10 years with a competitive mold company based in Canada. Philippe is educated as a mechanical engineer and has earned a masters degree in Industrial Manufacturing.

Columbia currently stocks molds, machine parts and palletizer parts in our Mississauga warehouse. With the addition of Philippe, Columbia increased technical support, engineering services and customer service in the Canadian market. Philippe will also promote our already successful Columbia Techmatik big board mold product line.

Columbia has a well-established and loyal following of mold customers in Canada as well as around the world. As shown by Columbia's commitment to continuous improvement and our persistent investment in our company, it is easy to see why Columbia Machine, Inc. is the world's leading manufacturer of concrete products equipment and molds. If you have not yet experienced Columbia Machine, we invite you to see what it's all about.

According to Kevin Brown, Director of Columbia Care, "The addition of Philippe as our Canadian Branch Manager is one of several strategic moves that Columbia has made recently to strengthen our team and improve our position in the market place. Even in the face of economic uncertainty, it is exciting to be part of a successful company that is continuing to grow and invest in our future success."

Please contact Kevin Brown at Columbia Machine, Inc. if you would like additional information on the Columbia's expansion in Canada Molds, or other fine Columbia products. Phone: 1-360-694-1501 or www.columbiamachine.com

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