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U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20210

Re: *Informational Filing Under DOL Reg. Sec. 2520.104-23*

Dear Sir/Madam:

In accordance with DOL Reg. Sec. 2520.104-23, Columbus McKinnon Corporation (the "Plan Sponsor") hereby declares that it maintains a plan primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees. The name of the Plan is the *Columbus McKinnon Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan* (the "Plan"). The Plan covers approximately 35 employees.

The name, address and employer identification number of the Plan Sponsor are:

Columbus McKinnon Corporation  
140 John James Audubon Parkway  
Amherst, New York 14228-1197  
EIN: 16-0547600

A copy of the Plan will be provided to the Secretary of the Department of Labor upon request.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy R Harvey  
General Counsel & Secretary  
Columbus McKinnon Corporation

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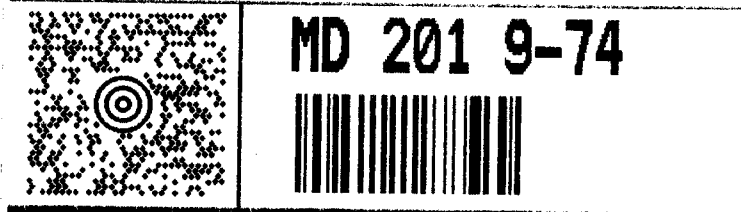
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