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Morbark Annual Demo Days Event Focuses on Biomass Energy

Winn, Michigan (May 17, 2010) – In response to growing demand for renewable fuels including woody biomass, Morbark® announced several new product innovations for the energy market at the company's annual Demo Days event in Winn, Michigan. These innovations are aimed at helping biomass fuel suppliers streamline their processes and reduce costs.

About Demo Days

Over 300 people from fifteen countries attended the 2010 Demo Days event that featured factory tours, seminars, vendor booths, networking opportunities and equipment demonstrations.

Biomass equipment demonstrations included a new stand-alone flail, an entry level biomass chipper, and a conversion kit that transforms a Morbark grinder into a biomass sawdust chipper.

Morbark 5500 Stand-Alone Flail:

Two Morbark 5500 Stand-Alone Flails were demonstrated during the event. Both the two-flail 5500, and the unique three-flail 5500, were paired up with Morbark Chiparvestors to demonstrate the clean-chip producing capabilities of these in-woods systems. The 5500 Stand-Alone Flail is capable of debarking logs and tree stems to produce clean chips with bark content of less than 1%, which is necessary to meet the pulp and paper industry requirements. The

versatile 5500 combined with a Morbark Chiparvestor provides the same end-product as a larger combination flail machine.

Morbark 25/36 Whole Tree Chipper:

The new Morbark 25/36 Whole Tree Chipper was of particular interest to those processing moderate volumes for the in-woods chipping market. Despite its compact frame, this biomass unit, equipped with a 25" x 22" infeed opening and 400 horsepower, impressed attendees with efficient and productive chipping. This is an ideal entry level machine for those contemplating entering the biomass fuel market.

Morbark Quick Switch – Sawdust Conversion Kit:

Demonstrated on a 1050 horsepower Morbark 4600XL Wood Hog at Demo Days, the Sawdust Quick Switch conversion kit illustrated the expanded capabilities of a horizontal grinder. The new conversion kit now gives Morbark grinder owners the capability to produce sawdust to supply the large volume sawdust market. Markets for sawdust include animal bedding, wood fuel pellet production, cellulosic ethanol and co-firing with coal. This same set-up has been proven to produce approximately 40 tons per hour of fine hardwood sawdust from fresh cut whole trees.

About Morbark:

Morbark, Inc., based in Winn, Michigan has been innovating and manufacturing durable, high performance equipment for the forestry, recycling, tree care, and sawmill markets for over 50 years. Morbark equipment helps customers harvest, process, and convert wood and other organic

materials into valuable, useful and profitable products. The company produces a full line of Chiparvestors, flails, whole tree chippers, brush chippers, grinders and more. Visit www.morbark.com to learn more.