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Redesigned Machines Promote Greater Levels of Efficiency While Maintaining Durability

Winn, Michigan (August 2, 2010) – Today, Morbark, Inc. announced design improvements in efficiency and productivity for the Morbark® Beaver™ M12R and M15R Brush Chippers. The design upgrades of these two machines were based on feedback gathered from Morbark customers and dealers and offer considerable improvements to each unit.

Key modifications to the Beaver M12R include a reduced overall size, widened infeed, separated fuel and hydraulic tanks and the incorporation of a chambered air impeller. Shortening the machine length by 15” makes it easier to park and maneuver. The increased infeed width results in a 25% greater infeed perimeter opening making the feeding of branchy material less difficult. Separate fuel and hydraulic tanks eliminate the chance of cross contamination between fuel and hydraulic oil; and a separate fan chamber increases air flow with less “blow back” at the operator. These changes have increased the productivity of the Beaver M12R, as well as the ease of operation.

Beaver M15R enhancements include a larger diameter, four knife drum with replaceable holders, split fuel and hydraulic reservoirs and a more ergonomically designed infeed. At 30”, the drum diameter is 40% larger, and contains four knives, allowing for improved performance in larger wood and better wear life per knife. The knives are now located in replaceable knife holders eliminating the need to replace the entire drum when one holder in the pocket wears out. Modified positioning of the feed wheel pivot point

and lift cylinders decrease dead space and necessary down pressure; and separate fuel and hydraulic tanks reduce the chance of cross contamination. Already a forerunner in its class, these changes result in a dramatically improved Beaver M15R.

“We are grateful to our customers and dealers for providing precise information on their requirements, their input is invaluable in our design process,” explains Jason Showers, Tree Care Products Group Manager at Morbark, Inc. “The improvements will further streamline these machines making them more productive and more efficient to run and maintain.”

The foundation of the Beaver M12R and M15R hasn't changed. They still possess the heavy duty construction and proven durability Morbark is known for. They offer highly desirable standard features as well as the new Morthane two-coat urethane paint system.

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.

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