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## **Morbark Introduces Compact Stand-Alone Flail**

Winn, Michigan (May 11, 2010) – Morbark<sup>®</sup>, Inc. today introduced the Morbark 5500 Stand-Alone Flail. This portable debarker/delimiter removes the bark and foliage from trees when harvesting wood fiber for high quality chips for use in the pulp and paper market. The new flail can be used alone or in tandem with a Morbark Whole Tree Chipper, giving operators flexibility in their operations.

Those currently supplying the fuel market with chips from a Morbark Whole Tree Chipper now have the option of combining that unit with the 5500 Stand-Alone Flail to branch out into the clean chip market. These two units work together as one in-woods system to provide the same end-product as a larger combination flail machine. A grinder can also be positioned under the discharge conveyor to produce biomass fuel simultaneously.

Michael Stanton, Assistant Sales Manager for the Morbark Northeast Region states, “The Morbark 5500 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. Recent in-field reports have shown very positive feedback in various species of wood”.

Unlike other stand-alone flails in the industry, the 5500 Stand-Alone Flail is available with either two or three flails. Weighing in at approximately 50,000 pounds the Morbark 5500 Stand-Alone

Flail is much easier to transport on and off job sites than larger combination flail units. Standard equipment also includes the Morbark Integrated Control System, a diagnostic system that monitors the feed wheel, the hydraulic pressures, and the flail drum speed to maximize performance and minimize fuel consumption.

**About Morbark:**

Morbark, Inc., based in Winn, Michigan has been innovating and manufacturing durable, high performance equipment for the forestry, recycling, tree care, bio-energy 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](http://www.morbark.com) to learn more.

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