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Morbark Launches Sawdust Quick Switch Conversion Kit

Winn, Michigan (April 22, 2010) – Morbark[®], Inc. now offers a second Quick Switch conversion kit, allowing grinder owners to further diversify their product offerings by simply modifying the hammermill of their Morbark horizontal grinder. The original conversion kit, introduced in 2009, gave Morbark grinder owners the ability to make high quality standard size chips. Now, the new Sawdust Quick Switch conversion kit also allows grinder owners to supply the large volume sawdust market. This gives Morbark grinder owners the capability to produce mulch, high quality chips *or* sawdust – with just one machine.

Markets for sawdust include animal bedding, wood fuel pellet production, cellulosic ethanol and co-firing with coal. Sawdust is actually the preferred material for wood fuel pellet production and co-firing with coal. The basic difference between the two Quick Switch conversion kits is the number of knives and their configuration. The Sawdust kit uses up to 16 knives where the original kit has up to 12 knives at most.

Ed Dodak, Assistant Sales Manager for the Morbark Great Lakes Region states, “In a recent demo, our Morbark 4600XL horizontal grinder equipped with a 16-knife Quick Switch conversion kit and a 1050 horsepower CAT diesel engine produced approximately 40 tons per hour of fine hardwood sawdust from fresh cut whole trees. The resulting material was

completely suitable as direct input for pellet mills or for co-firing with coal and was analyzed in a local university to be 95% below ¼ inch.”

Unlike conversion methods from other manufacturers, the Morbark Quick Switch conversion kit does not require removing the hammermill from the unit or replacing the hammers with small knife bits. The Quick Switch actually converts the hammermill into a drum with full sized knives so it acts just like a chipper. Conversion is possible in the field, without a crane, and can be done faster than any other conversion on the market.

The Quick Switch conversion kit is available on Morbark horizontal grinder models 3800, 4600, 4600XL and 6600 from any model year, wheeled or track versions. For more detailed specs or to watch a video, please log onto www.morbark.com/quicks witch.

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 to learn more.

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