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*Thomas Equipment Appoints Ton Schless
Executive Vice President, Asia, for
Thomas Skid Steer Loaders*

Centreville, Canada – Thomas Equipment, Inc., a global manufacturer and marketer of Thomas Skid Steer Loaders, appointed Ton Schless as Executive Vice President, Asia, announced Petter M. Etholm, Chief Executive Officer and President.

Schless, with 15 years of experience in China has specialized in finding, auditing and negotiating contracts with manufacturers, suppliers, distributors and investment opportunities. As an official advisor to the Government of Liaoning Province he has a direct relationship with the Ministry of Trade and Commerce of the Central Government and with the Government of Liaoning Province. As a network is crucial in China for any form of business activity he has been able to become part of an excellent ‘guanxi’ with relationships throughout China.

Schless has worked as a consultant for Thomas Equipment through his consulting company; SIBCO BV for the last year spearheading the development of the manufacturing relationship with GJK and its Singaporean parent, STK

Petter Etholm, President and Chief Executive Officer, said, “Thomas welcomes Ton to the Thomas team and look forward to benefitting from his expertise as we build our Thomas Skid Steer Loader brand and business in Asia.”

Schless will report directly to Mr. Etholm underscoring the importance of Asia in Thomas future plans.

Schless said, “I am proud to be part of such a dynamic company and feel that Asia holds tremendous growth opportunity for the ruggedly dependable Thomas Skid Steer Loader line both from a production and sales perspective.”

Schless was born in the Netherlands, and holds a degree in Physics from the Technical University Delft.

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