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## **Caterpillar Forms Exclusive Marketing Agreement with Lefort for Portable and Stationary Shears and Balers**

Caterpillar Inc. and Lefort North America LLC have entered into an exclusive marketing agreement for supply of Lefort hydraulic shears and balers commonly used in scrap metal recycling. The Lefort products, available in stationary and portable versions, will be sold and supported exclusively by Cat® Dealers in the United States and Canada.

The vision for this agreement is to combine the strength of Caterpillar's distribution network with Lefort's innovative design and precision engineered products. "We are pleased to be working with Lefort to meet customers' portable and stationary shear and baler needs," says Denise Johnson, Vice President of Material Handling and Underground Division, Caterpillar. "Bringing together Lefort's high-quality products and our unmatched dealer network creates a partnership that will serve customers well."

Founded in 1947, Lefort manufactures machines in their Belgium factories using state-of-the-art engineering and design methods. Lefort's North American headquarters is located in West Palm Beach, Fla. This location is also the parts distribution center dedicated to the United States and Canada.

"The partnership between Lefort and Caterpillar reinforces our dedication to the United States and Canadian scrap recycling and demolition markets," says Yves Lambert, President of Lefort North America. "It's one thing to offer an industry leading product, but offering reliable, unrivaled support is also imperative. Our partnership with Caterpillar will give customers that added assurance."

Lefort offers 14 different models, each with customization options. Cutting force ranges from 330 to 2,200 tons, and box lengths range from 16 ft 4 in. (5 meters) to 32 ft 9 in. (10 meters). Drive power ranges from 70 to 1,500 hp.

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