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NORDCO LAUNCHES ROADREADY™ SURFACING TEAM AT OPEN HOUSE

August 14, 2015, Oak Creek, WI — Nordco Inc. officially launched the RoadReady™ Surfacing Team to an audience of over 100 railroad professionals at a customer Open House at their Oak Creek Headquarters on August 11-12. The RoadReady™ RST-1000 Production Switch Tamper and RBR-1000 Ballast Regulator form a mobile Surfacing Team that individually attach to over-the-road tractor-trailers for easy transport between job locations. All components lift and fit within the frame to meet height and width requirements for permit-free travel and can ride at posted highway speed limits, allowing operators to get on and off the track much quicker than with rail bound surfacing equipment.

“Through our observations and discussion with the railroads, it became apparent that there was a need for equipment that could improve the reactive surfacing process,” says Brian “Tiny” Cumbridge, Product Manager, Surfacing Equipment. “When there is a ‘hot spot’ on the track that requires slow orders, the ability to quickly travel to the work site and rectify the track condition improves train velocity and reduces expenses. The RoadReady™ Tamper and RoadReady™ Ballast Regulator will help the railroads eliminate more slow orders than with conventional rail bound equipment.”

The Open House featured a live demonstration RoadReady™ Ballast Regulator deploying directly from road to rail without the use of a crane. The RST-1000 and RBR-1000 are equipped with an integrated turn table that allows the machines to deploy at road crossings with a clear 30 foot turning radius. Nordco demonstrated how the RBR-1000 can go from RoadMode to RailMode in under 10 minutes.

The RoadReady™ Surfacing Team also introduces the Nexus Control System, another Nordco innovation. This Intelligent Machine Automation System allows operators to intuitively navigate Nordco machine functionality, deliver high productivity and quickly troubleshoot all from the safety of the cab. It will become a standard feature on all Nordco machinery and will be backwards compatible on retrofitted machinery.

ABOUT NORDCO

The Nordco family of companies provides an extensive selection of products and services that make it possible for rail-related industries to build, improve, maintain and inspect their track infrastructure and move rolling stock. Nordco, established in 1926 and headquartered in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, has a long history as a manufacturer of new and rebuilt railroad Maintenance-of-Way Machinery. Today the company’s product line includes in-house and on-site machinery inspection and repair; mobile railcar movers; ultrasonic rail flaw testing equipment and services for railroads and other industries; and replacement parts.

Nordco operates manufacturing facilities in Oak Creek, Wisconsin; Beacon Falls, Connecticut; Grandview, Missouri; and Arcola, Illinois.

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