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**Columbus McKinnon Corporation**

(Name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Columbus McKinnon Corporation**

205 CrossPoint Parkway  
Buffalo, New York 14068

June 12, 2018

Dear Fellow Stockholder:

It is a pleasure to invite you to the 2018 Columbus McKinnon Corporation annual meeting of stockholders. The meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m., Chicago time, on Monday, July 23, 2018 at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, 120 East Delaware Place, Chicago, Illinois. The attached Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement discuss the items scheduled for a vote by stockholders at the meeting.

The Securities and Exchange Commission rules allow companies to furnish proxy materials to their stockholders over the Internet. As a result, most of our stockholders will receive in the mail a notice regarding availability of the proxy materials for the annual meeting on the Internet instead of paper copies of those materials. The notice contains instructions on how to access the proxy materials over the Internet and instructions on how stockholders can receive paper copies of the proxy materials, including a proxy or voting instruction form. This process expedites stockholders receipt of proxy materials and lowers the cost of our annual meeting.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on June 1, 2018, as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting.

It is important that your shares be represented and voted at the Annual Meeting. Whether or not you plan to attend, please sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card in the enclosed postage-paid envelope or vote by telephone or using the internet as instructed on the enclosed proxy card. If you attend the Annual Meeting, you may vote your shares in person if you wish.

Please vote your shares as soon as possible. This is your annual meeting, and your participation is important.

Mark D. Morelli

President & Chief Executive Officer

Alan S. Korman

Vice President, General Counsel & CHRO

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**NOTICE OF 2018 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

When:

Monday, July 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., Chicago Time

Where:

Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, 120 East Delaware Place, Chicago, Illinois

Items of Business:

1. To elect nine Directors to hold office until the 2019 Annual Meeting and until their successors have been elected and qualified;
2. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019
3. To conduct a shareholder advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers; and
4. To take action upon and transact such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Who Can Vote:

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on June 1, 2018 will be entitled to vote at the annual meeting.

**Important notice regarding the availability of proxy materials for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The Company's Proxy Statement and Annual Report to shareholders for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018 are available at <http://www.cmworks.com/investors/proxy>.**

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