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**KION North America Corporation and Illinois Material Handling
host product showcase and test drive experience**

SUMMERVILLE, S.C. — KION North America and Illinois Material Handling joined together to offer a unique driving experience held at Illinois Material Handling's Bolingbrook location on Apr. 6. The event marked the conclusion of KION NA's product launch at ProMat—the largest material handling tradeshow in North America held bi-annually at Chicago's McCormick Place.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., customers and other members of KION NA's dealer network test drove a large selection of Linde and Baoli forklifts followed by lunch from Corky's Catering. As many as 50 customers from throughout the Chicagoland and surrounding Rockford areas traveled to see the latest in lift truck technology.

For those unable to attend on Thursday, Illinois Material Handling made their facility available for any of KION NA's dealers to visit throughout the week of ProMat.

"These test drive events present an exciting opportunity for customers to see Linde technology in action," said Jerry Weidmann, president of Wolter Group LLC / Illinois Material Handling. "They learn more about how they can improve the efficiency of their operations and reduce their forklift's total cost of ownership."

The forklifts available to test drive included the brand new Linde Series 1347—an electric cushion tire truck; the new Linde Series 1219 and 1319—two internal combustion, counterbalanced torque converter trucks; and the Baoli KBD Series powered by a Kohler Tier 4 Final diesel engine. Other electric, LP and diesel powered lift trucks were available including those featuring advanced 80-volt technologies and Linde's patented hydrostatic drive.

"It's one thing to display these trucks on a tradeshow floor, but it makes a much larger impact when you give customers the opportunity to get up close and test drive them," said Mike Gore, vice president of sales at KION North America. "Once they do, we're confident that the quality of our products speak for themselves."

KION North America and Illinois Material Handling have a nearly 40-year-old partnership through its Wisconsin Lift Truck division. In 2016, this partnership was expanded with the opening of Illinois Material Handling who operates two locations in Northern Illinois.

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KION North America Corporation

Headquartered in Summerville, S.C., [KION North America Corporation](#) is a member of the KION GROUP AG, one of the world's two leading manufacturers of industrial trucks. Their brand companies, Linde, Baoli and STILL serve the specific requirements of the U.S., Canadian and Mexican markets with a comprehensive and complementary product portfolio. Their products are known for their innovative technologies, low energy consumption and low operating costs.

Wolter Group LLC

Wolter Group LLC consists of: [Illinois Material Handling](#), [Wisconsin Lift Truck Corp.](#), [Ellis Systems](#), [Wolter Power Systems](#), and [Fleet Services](#). Through its businesses, Wolter Group LLC provides parts, rentals, service, training and new & used sales of lift trucks, aerials, industrial engines & generators, filing & material storage systems, automated material handling solutions as well as fleet management services. The Wolter Group has a highly trained staff of over 380 employees with an average tenure of 17 years of service... delivering superior service to over 15,000 customers throughout Illinois, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. For more information, contact Kristin Lelewicz at 262-781-8010 or e-mail: kristin.lelewicz@woltergroupllc.com

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