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**REBAR TYING SYSTEMS ALSO A REHAB TOOL -
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**IRONWORKERS UNION LOCALS SUPPORT SAFETY
AND OPERATING FACTORS**

Toronto, ON. September 30, 2005 ... The use by injured rodworkers of the rebar tying machine as a rehabilitation tool to enable them to expect an early return to work is one of the benefits reported in the third and last phase of the Rodworkers Intervention Studies conducted by Peter Vi of the Construction Safety Association of Ontario. The ability of tying machines to accommodate injured rodworkers was found to be related to the fact that the machine can be used with only one hand, and the tool's extension arm is adjustable.

This last stage of the study was conducted in a field setting in conjunction with two large reinforcing steel construction firms. The entire study was implemented with the cooperation of the International Association of Bridge Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, Local 721, and funded by the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board.

The first two stages of the study confirmed that the use of rebar tying machines has consistently and effectively reduced carpal tunnel and lower back pain problems commonly afflicting rodworkers.

In a show of support following use in varied projects, executives of

Ironworkers Union Locals in several cities in North America have endorsed the MAX Rebar Tying Tool System, with safety cited as a key factor. Its significant cost- and time-saving features, plus speed and ease of use are other major considerations. They declare their experience with the tool indicates its imminent designation as a “tool of the trade”.

Available in the Canadian market through Canadian Industrial Distributors (CID) for the past two years, the use of MAX Rebar tying system continues to expand in its varied applications in bridge and road construction, commercial and multi-use residential buildings, foundations, tilt-up walls, pipes, poles and sewer boxes, radiant floors, and tying electrical conduit. During the last winter, it was also successfully used for tying snow fences in farming and highway transportation situations.

The MAX Rebar tier system is available in two models; the RB650A uses 16 gauge wire to tie up to #9 x #8 re-bars in approximately one second, and the smaller RB395 model using 21 gauge wire to tie up to #5 x #6 re-bars is equally fast and easy to use. The combination of the wire and a powerful twisting motor ensures consistent tie strength, automatically regulated wire usage, five times faster than manually - in essence, a perfect tie every time. Both tools allow one-hand operation, and are powered by a 9.6V re-chargeable battery.

Standard equipment with the RB650A tool is a carrying case, holster, 2 batteries and a battery charger, as well as an instructional video. The extension bar is an optional accessory to reduce the amount of bending required. As mentioned above, this offers the important, additional benefit of reducing the risk of health problems associated with manual tying, i.e. back problems, and painful carpal tunnel wrist injuries.

Also included with the RB395 are a tool protection cover and tool

holster, plus the optional extension bar.

You can experience the MAX Rebar Tier for yourself by visiting the CID Booth at the Construct Canada Show, Wednesday, November 30th through December 2nd, 2005 at The Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building.

Canadian Industrial Distributors (CID) is a national Canadian distributor of MAX Rebar Tying Systems, offering experienced sales and service through their coast-to-coast dealer network as well as their 10 stock locations in Canada. For additional information and local contacts, visit their website at www.cid.ca or call 1- 877-280-0243.