

Helios Technologies Launches First Ever MultiSlide: A New Era of Hydraulic Coupling for Compact Excavators

SARASOTA, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- <u>Helios Technologies</u>, Inc. (NYSE: HLIO) ("Helios" or the "Company"), a global leader in highly engineered motion control and electronic controls technology, is pleased to announced the launch of MultiSlide, a compact, user-friendly quick coupling system designed specifically for compact excavators from 30 to 70 hundredweights (3,000 to 7,000 lbs.). Engineered and built by <u>Faster S.r.I.</u> ("Faster"), part of Helios' Hydraulics segment, the MultiSlide represents a significant advancement in safety, efficiency and comfort for operators working in construction and earthmoving applications.

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MultiSlide; Engineered and built by Faster S.r.l.

"We're proud to introduce MultiSlide, the latest addition to our hydraulics product portfolio. This product innovation builds on the strengths of Faster's award-winning quick- release coupling engineering

designs and its launch marks a step forward in how we serve our customers and grow our business," said Sean Bagan, President, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Helios. "Designed in direct response to customer feedback, the MultiSlide delivers practical innovation for compact excavator applications while opening a new, high-value revenue stream for the Company. It's a great example of how listening to our customers drives smarter solutions and long-term growth. This launch is also part of a broader, purposeful shift in our product strategy—filling critical gaps and addressing underserved segments with targeted, high-impact innovations."

Key Product Benefits:

- Quick retrofit installation with a dedicated metal plate included in the box
- Exceptionally soft connection feel, minimizing operator fatigue
- Compact design to reduce interference with hoses and external components
- Hands-free operation thanks to a sliding bracket mechanism
- Protected storage in a durable docking station when not in use

"Engineered with retrofit simplicity in mind, MultiSlide is easy to install on existing machines thanks to its integrated mounting plate. This solution delivers a smooth, low-effort connection and disconnection experience, even under pressure—redefining the standard for hydraulic couplings in the field," said Matteo Arduini, President of Hydraulics, EMEA.

Advanced Features for Demanding Environments

MultiSlide is equipped with Connection Under Pressure couplings rated at 350 Bar, fully meeting the operational needs of Construction Equipment applications. It is available in two layout configurations—either two ½" lines or three lines (two ½" and one ¾")—providing flexibility for various machine types. Additional highlights include a CR III surface treatment for corrosion resistance and a temperature operating range of -25°C to +120°C, ensuring reliability in all working conditions.

A Retrofit-Ready Solution

MultiSlide was also designed to be retrofitted onto existing machines as original equipment manufacturers can uncover added value. Installation is quick and straightforward, giving machine owners an easy way to upgrade without lengthy downtimes or modifications.

The docking station, which keeps the mobile plate protected when not in use, is a simple and effective solution that can be parked by a hook on all types of attachments.

The MultiSlide will be commercially available starting on May 19, 2025.

About Faster S.r.l.

Founded in 1951 and based in Rivolta d'Adda, Italy, Faster S.r.l. is a trusted global player in the design and manufacture of hydraulic quick-release couplings and multi-connection solutions. With a long-standing reputation for reliability, innovation and quality, Faster supports some of the most demanding sectors, including agriculture, construction equipment and industrial applications. Faster's product range includes individual couplings, integrated cartridge solutions, and multi-connection systems under the well-known MultiFaster brand. These solutions are designed to meet real-world challenges by enhancing efficiency, safety, and ease of use for operators and manufacturers alike. With strong customer focus and deep industry expertise, Faster continues to push the boundaries of hydraulic connection technology. To learn more, visit www.fastercouplings.com or follow Faster on LinkedIn and Instagram.

About Helios Technologies

Helios Technologies is a global leader in highly engineered motion control and electronic controls technology for diverse end markets, including construction, material handling, agriculture, energy, recreational vehicles, marine and health and wellness. Helios sells its products to customers in over 90 countries around the world. Its strategy for growth is to be the leading provider in niche markets, with premier products and solutions through innovative product development and acquisitions. The Company has paid a cash dividend to its shareholders every quarter since becoming a public company in 1997. For more information please visit: www.heliostechnologies.com and follow us on LinkedIn.

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