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SMI INTRODUCES ITS QUIETEST, LIGHTEST SNOWMAKING DESIGN: THE KID POLECAT

[Midland, MI] -- One of the world's oldest and most respected manufacturers of snowmaking equipment has introduced the quietest, lightest design in its 35+ year history, as Snow Machines, Inc. announces the debut of the SMI® Kid PoleCat. The new snowmaker uses a powerful 7.5 HP fan for exceptional throw, and 15 water delivery nozzles that can be customized to achieve the perfect flow for specific weather conditions. The unit is available with many options, including galvanized carriage or tower mount, oscillation and heated valves. Like the other members of the PoleCat family from SMI, the new low-maintenance design delivers large volumes of excellent quality snow, and excels in areas where source water contains small particulates and dissolved dirt.

Water in the Kid PoleCat is nucleated with six central jet nozzles to produce optimum snowmaking for virtually any conditions. Two heated, self-draining valves allow easy flow adjustment from 10.6 - 55 gallons (40 - 209 liters) per minute, at pressures from 150 - 500 PSI (10 – 34.5 BAR).

“The Kid PoleCat really performs at marginal temperatures,” commented SMI President Joe VanderKelen. “With its precise delivery capability and a throw of up to 100 feet (30.48 meters), it’s particularly effective on narrow trails,” he said. The light weight and streamlined design deliver outstanding portability, allowing the Kid PoleCat to be positioned where it’s most needed.

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“This is an extremely versatile unit, available with a variety of custom tower or carriage mounts, and either a piston or vane-type compressor,” VanderKelen added. The new design can be specified for manual operation or for automated control, using SMI’s state-of-the-art automation software. SmartSnow™ delivers unmatched efficiency and control for snowmaking automation, and can even be programmed to handle a wide range of facility management tasks, such as HVAC control, lighting and video cameras.

“The Kid PoleCat is simple to operate and maintain,” VenderKelen concluded. “It’s an excellent all-around performer for any conditions, yet so quiet that skiers are unlikely to even notice when it’s running on the slopes.”

SMI is a global supplier of cutting-edge snowmaking equipment, construction and engineering services. Headquartered in Midland, Michigan, SMI has flourished through over three decades of consistent growth in quality, production and reputation. The company has served over 400 resorts around the world, from simple to very complex designs, and typically has over 30 snowmaking and engineering projects in motion simultaneously. SMI services customers ranging from marginal snow areas like Southern California, New Zealand and the lower Midwest United States to very cold climates such as Northern Canada, Russia and Northern China.

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Captions for Kid PoleCat photos

Kid PoleCat full photo:

Water flow to the Kid PoleCat is controlled by two heated, self-draining valves. At pressures of 150 - 500 PSI (10 – 34.5 BAR), it can deliver volumes of 10.6 - 55 gallons (40 - 209 liters). [Shown on galvanized A Frame.]

Kid PoleCat nozzles photo:

The Kid PoleCat uses a 7.5 HP fan and 15 delivery nozzles that can be customized to suit specific weather conditions for outstanding snow volume and quality, even in marginal temperatures. Nucleation is provided by six single jets.

Kid PoleCat (black & grey) photo:

The automatic Kid PoleCat includes a control panel to modify set points and a weather station to monitor conditions and control valves for optimum snowmaking in any conditions. [Shown on galvanized carriage.]