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RWDI, Thornton Tomasetti Partner on Innovative Damper Technology

(New York, N.Y. – November 1, 2017) -- [RWDI](#) and [Thornton Tomasetti](#) announce their equal partnership in an innovative solution for tuned mass damping in tall and supertall buildings: [Hummingbird Kinetics](#). Thornton Tomasetti is the global leader in engineering design of supertall buildings. RWDI is the global leader in customized tuned mass damping systems. This new partnership builds on an extensive history of collaboration between the two firms. The announcement was made at the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat International Conference in Australia, October 30 to November 3.

Hummingbird Kinetics provides an affordable, compact, flexible and easy-to-maintain alternative to slosh tanks and pendulum dampers.

“We developed the Hummingbird system based upon our structural engineering experience with tall and supertall buildings,” said Tom Scarangelo, CEO of Thornton Tomasetti. “RWDI brings the next level of unparalleled expertise on wind damping technology to the partnership.”

“Hummingbird is a versatile and high-performance solution for many tall building applications and the next step in the evolution of damping technology,” said Michael Soligo, president and CEO of RWDI. “RWDI has designed tuned damping systems for over 30 years with an unparalleled portfolio of more than 80 tall building applications around the world. On every project, we have looked to incorporate the latest innovation and engineering know-how to achieve the most efficient solution for our clients.”

The Hummingbird solution is a patented and competitively priced fluid harmonic damper (FHD) that can be distributed throughout a building, improving efficiency and giving more leasable space back to the building owner.

“RWDI is recognized globally as the premier firm for wind damping solutions,” said Hans Utz, CEO of Hummingbird Kinetics. “Their support and investment is a clear indicator of their belief in the Hummingbird’s capabilities and benefits to building owners and developers.”

The first-generation of the Hummingbird FHD was installed last year in a high-rise in Brooklyn, New York.

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About Hummingbird Kinetics

Hummingbird Kinetics has created the modern solution for tuned mass damping. The Hummingbird is an affordable, flexible, compact solution to reduce the impact of wind motion. Learn more at www.hummingbirdkinetics.com



About RWDI

RWDI helps clients tackle complex challenges in the built environment by combining innovative thinking, collaborative problem solving and a passion for expanding the boundaries of the possible. We deliver services in three practice areas: Building Performance, Climate Engineering, and Environmental Engineering. Our global team consists of over 500 engineers, scientists, sustainability and support professionals collaborating from offices across North America, Europe and Asia-Pacific. www.RWDI.com



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