

## **One size bigger – Autokrane Schares GmbH takes delivery of LTM 1500-8.1 heavy duty mobile crane from Liebherr**

- The Liebherr LTM 1500-8.1 mobile crane is the largest crane in the Autokrane Schares GmbH fleet
- Autokrane Schares has extended two of its sites by a total of 17,000 square metres
- Liebherr has established itself as a reliable, competent partner for Autokrane Schares

**Ehingen / Donau (Germany), July 2015 – An LTM 1500-8.1 mobile crane was added to the Autokrane Schares GmbH fleet in July. The 500-tonne machine represents a major expansion upwards for the company's fleet. Rising demand from the market provided the stimulus to invest in the Liebherr crane. Autokrane Schares GmbH based in Bocholt, North Rhine-Westphalia, plans to continue its good, close working relationship with Liebherr in the future.**

During a visit to Liebherr in Ehingen Autokrane Schares Managing Director Katrin Schleiting reported on the constantly rising demands of her customers. The decision to invest in the new large crane was therefore an easy one. "The crane fits neatly into our existing fleet with a 350-tonner previously being our largest crane. The bigger crane will expand and supplement our portfolio perfectly", says Katrin Schleiting. The equipment of the new 500-tonne crane from Liebherr can also be transported using the existing fleet of tractor vehicles and trailers, which is a major advantage for the company. The planned applications for the new flagship LTM 1500-8.1 include handling work, bridge installations and prefabricated concrete assembly work.

At the same time as purchasing the LTM 1500-8.1 Autokrane Schares also expanded its sites at Bocholt and Essen by around 17,000 square metres to create extra space for training and an equipment storage facility. Among other things, this will house the luffing lattice jib and Y guying for the new 500-tonne machine. The crane contractor also has two other sites at Goch and Willich. The family-run company is currently managed by the fourth generation in the form of Christoph Schares and Katrin Schleiting. Autokrane Schares GmbH has a workforce of 100 people and has 45 mobile cranes as well as a wide range of transport units and work platforms.

"Liebherr has long established itself in our company as a reliable, competent partner. We want to continue this good, close relationship based on fair treatment, competence and excellent service. We have always valued this and we will continue to do so in the future", explains Katrin Schleiting. Autokrane Schares has found a strong partner in the form of Liebherr which delivers reliability and competence.

### **Caption**

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From left to right: Katrin Schleiting (Autokrane Schares GmbH), Christoph Neumann (Liebherr-Werk Ehingen GmbH), Christoph Schares, Justus Hessling (both from Autokrane Schares GmbH), Georg Steinhart (Liebherr-Werk Ehingen GmbH)

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