

Press release

## **New top dog – Sommer invests in Liebherr LTM 1750- 9.1 mobile crane**

- The LTM 1750-9.1 is now the most powerful crane in the company's fleet
- 800 tonne upgrade was a major factor behind the purchase
- Sommer regularly invests in the latest crane technology

**Sommer Kranverleih GmbH based in Bremen has upgraded its fleet – the 800 tonne LTM 1750-9.1 mobile crane is now the company's flagship. The Liebherr 9-axle crane is now supplied as standard with new lifting capacity values which upgrade the crane almost throughout its entire operating range. The performance of the LTM 1750-9.1 has been significantly upgraded particularly for wind power jobs.**

Ehingen / Donau (Germany), 15 October 2020 – The new crane was driven from the Liebherr manufacturing plant in Ehingen straight to a wind farm in Austria where it erected the lower tower segments for 10 wind turbines. The upper segments, gondola and rotor were then installed by a large lattice boom crane.

“Customer requirements relating to lifting capacity and height are on the rise. That is why we decided to buy the LTM 1750- 9.1. The 800 tonne upgrade was a major factor behind our purchase decision because it means we are well set for the future”, explained the two Managing Directors, Hagen and Björn Sommer.

Four years ago, they took over the management of the family-run company, since when they have significantly increased the size and capacity of its crane fleet. At that time, the company had 15 cranes with a maximum lifting capacity of 400 tonnes, but today it has 20 cranes with lifting capacities of up to 800 tonnes. Hagen Sommer commented: “We think it is important to provide our customers with new cranes featuring the latest technology. That is why we replace our cranes every four to five years.”

Although the coronavirus pandemic has affected the business, it has not stopped the Sommers from investing in the future. A few months ago, the company took delivery of an LTM 1450-8.1 and LTM 1230-5.1 from Liebherr.

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“Liebherr is a strong partner for us. The cranes retain their value well and Liebherr can also supply us with special cranes which are perfectly designed for specific work. For example, we have LTC 1045-3.1, LTC 1050-3.1 and LTC 1055 city cranes and an MK 88 Plus mobile construction crane in our fleet and in spring 2021 we will be taking delivery of an LTR 1100, which will improve our services for prefabricated concrete component assembly work and in the energy sector”, added Björn Sommer.

#### **About Liebherr-Werk Ehingen GmbH**

Liebherr-Werk Ehingen GmbH is a leading manufacturer of mobile and crawler cranes. Its range of mobile cranes extends from 2-axle 35 tonne cranes to heavy duty cranes with a lifting capacity of 1200 tonnes and a 9-axle chassis. Its lattice boom cranes on mobile or crawler crane chassis deliver lifting capacities of up to 3000 tonnes. With universal boom systems and extensive additional equipment, they can be seen in action on construction sites throughout the world. The Ehingen site has a workforce of 3,500. Extensive, global service guarantees the high availability of Liebherr mobile and crawler cranes. In 2019, the Liebherr plant in Ehingen recorded a turnover of 2.1 billion euros.

#### **About the Liebherr Group**

The Liebherr Group is a family-run technology company with a widely diversified product range. The company is one of the largest manufacturers of construction machines in the world, but also supplies technically advanced, user-focused products and services in many other sectors. The group currently comprises more than 140 companies based in every continent of the world, has a workforce of over 48,000 and recorded a consolidated total turnover of more than 11.7 billion euros in 2019. Since it was founded in 1949 in Kirchdorf an der Iller in southern Germany, Liebherr's aim has been to win customers by supplying high quality solutions and to contribute to technological progress.

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