

Press release

## **SEA-invest orders two further ship to shore container cranes for Antwerp Container Terminal**

- **Cranes are identical to previous Liebherr STS crane supplied in 2020**
- **New cranes will enable greater efficiency in container handling**
- **Partnership with SEA-invest since 2012**

Killarney (Ireland), February 2021 – Antwerp Container Terminal (ACOT), a member of the SEA-invest Group, placed an order for two Liebherr ship to shore container cranes. The cranes are identical to an STS delivered to ACOT in 2020.

SEA-invest, one of the world's largest terminal operators, has established a worldwide reputation in the fields of stevedoring, warehousing and other port-related activities in no less than 25 ports spread across two continents. In Antwerp, SEA-invest initially had a focus on bulk activities, before expanding into fruit handling and tank storage. The acquisition of a container terminal from Independent Marine Terminal in 2016, laid the groundwork for what was to become Antwerp Container Terminal. Since its inauguration, ACOT has continued to grow and the new Liebherr machines will complement the older STS cranes that came with the initial purchase of the terminal in 2016.

The Liebherr STS cranes have an outreach of 60 m, a span of 30 m, a backreach of 25 m, a lift height over rail of 46 m and a safe working load of 65 tonnes under twin lift spreader. A unique feature of the cranes is that they have offset primary rocking beams to allow flexibility in future operations and can operate on quays with a span of 30.48 m as well as 30 m. The new cranes will sit on the 900 m long deep-water berth, allowing ACOT to handle super-postpanamax vessels with up to 22 rows across the deck.

The Port of Antwerp continues to grow its container throughput year on year, with 2020 showing a growth of 1.3 % driven by a very strong second half despite the pandemic. The two new Liebherr STS will enhance ACOT and drive increased throughput through its terminal.

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Liebherr has long been a partner to SEA-invest, supplying maritime cranes for bulk since 2012. Liebherr Container Cranes Managing Director-Sales, David Griffin explained further, “As SEA-invest grows and develops in container handling, Liebherr is pleased to be able to continue the journey with them. SEA-invest has counted on Liebherr for their stevedoring operations and are accustomed to the quality, reliability and productivity that Liebherr cranes can bring. We are look forward to seeing the three Liebherr STS at the centre of ACOT’s operations for many years to come.”

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### **About Liebherr Container Cranes Ltd.**

Liebherr Container Cranes Ltd. Is one of the world's leading manufacturers of ship to shore container cranes, rail-mounted gantry cranes and rubber tyre gantry cranes. From a base in Killarney, Ireland, Liebherr Container Cranes Ltd designs, builds and exports container cranes worldwide. Founded in 1958 as the first Liebherr factory outside of Germany, today, container cranes manufactured by Liebherr in Ireland are renowned for their quality, longevity and productivity.

### **About the Liebherr Group**

The Liebherr Group is a family-run technology company with a highly diversified product portfolio. The company is not only one of the largest construction equipment manufacturers in the world, but also provides high quality and user-oriented products and services in a wide range of other areas. The Liebherr Group includes over 140 companies across all continents, employs more than 48,000 staff and in 2019 achieved combined revenues of over 11.7 billion euros. Since its foundation in 1949 in Kirchdorf an der Iller in Southern Germany, Liebherr has been pursuing the goal of achieving continuous technological innovation, and bringing industry-leading solutions to its customers.

### **Image**



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Caption: Liebherr STS at SEA-invest's Antwerp Container Terminal

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