

Press release

First Liebherr LTM 1650-8.1 mobile crane in Spain delivered to Grúas Ibarroondo

- Grúas Ibarroondo strengthens its position within its markets by purchasing the LTM 1650-8.1
- LTM 1650-8.1 available with two telescopic boom lengths, Y guying and a luffing jib up to 91 metres in length
- The LTM 1650-8.1 is the successor to the LTM 1500-8.1, the best-selling large crane of all time

Crane and heavy haulage contractor Grúas y Transportes Ibarroondo S.A. has taken delivery of the first Liebherr LTM 1650-8.1 mobile crane in Spain. The high performance and flexibility of the new Liebherr 8-axle crane persuaded the company based in Bilbao to place an order for one at the Bauma 2019 in Munich. A prototype of the crane was unveiled there and presented as the successor to the LTM 1500-8.1, the best-selling large crane of all time. The first LTM 1650-8.1 units have now been delivered worldwide.

Ehingen (Donau), (Germany), 19 May 2021 – When Grúas Ibarroondo decided in 2019 to buy the new Liebherr LTM 1650-8.1 mobile crane, there was no way of knowing that just one year later a global pandemic would break out. But despite all the challenges, the company believes that it was a wise decision to continue with its investment.

Ever since it first opened for business, Grúas Ibarroondo has remained true to its policy of continuously updating its fleet so as to keep it up with the state of the art. This is the only way it can achieve its objective of offering its customers the best possible service at all times in the form of a modern fleet.

This was also the main reason behind the investment in the Liebherr LTM 1650-8.1 all-terrain crane. Managing Director Mikel Ibarroondo explains: “Purchasing this new Liebherr mobile crane is another step towards cementing our competitive position in our markets. The 8-axle crane will be profitable for us thanks to its high technical development. And then there is also the fact that the concept behind the LTM 1650-8.1 is designed for sustainability in the form of its ECOdrive.”

With its wide range of equipment versions, the LTM 1650-8.1 is a flexible, versatile crane. “We can use the LTM 1650-8.1 for a wide range of jobs. This is essential for us as we operate in various, widely differing sectors, including public and private construction, industry, ports and wind farms”, Ibarroondo continues.

The ultimate machine on 8 axles

It is always a great challenge to be better than a predecessor, particularly as it had been such a massive success. The LTM 1650-8.1 is based on the same premises as its predecessor – high performance, but featuring the very latest crane technology. Depending on its equipment package, the new 8-axle crane is

between 15 and 50 percent more powerful than the LTM 1500-8.1. That means it can also tackle challenging hosting work in the 700 tonne class. Technical developments have made this possible because the Liebherr plant in Ehingen has been working intensively on improvements and new developments in crane technology since the predecessor first went into production 20 years ago.

The LTM 1650-8.1 has also inherited two important concepts from the LTM 1500-8.1 – firstly, it is available with two telescopic boom lengths, 54 metres and 80 metres, and secondly, it features Y-guying which has been specially developed for telescopic booms. This increases lifting capacity and improves lateral stability significantly. Furthermore, the crane has a 91 metre luffing jib and a 62 metre fixed jib.

Grúas Ibarrodo has been placing its trust in Liebherr's quality and service for many years. Mikel Ibarrodo comments: "Liebherr is a reliable, long term partner for us. That guarantees that we receive maximum quality and excellent after sales service, any time, any place. That is extremely valuable as our cranes sometimes have to operate in very demanding environments".

The LTM 1650-8.1 completes the Grúas Ibarrodo fleet, which comprises 66 cranes, 41 of which were supplied by Liebherr. They cover almost the entire range of the LTM portfolio, from the LTM 1030-2.1 to the LTM 1750-9.1. The fleet also includes the 750 tonne LG 1750 lattice boom crane.

About Grúas Ibarrodo

Grúas Ibarrodo was founded in 1956 as a family-run transport business. The needs and demands of the market led to the company buying its first 18 tonne crane in 1970, which opened up whole new areas of work and business sectors. It also led to the company name being changed to Grúas y Transportes Ibarrodo S.A. Thanks to its reliability and performance, the company has become a benchmark within the industry. With its 135-strong workforce, it operates in various sectors, including industry, refineries, steel mills, shipyards, wind power, ports and others. Values such as reliability, experience, capacity and entrepreneurial responsibility form the basis for the company's success.

About Liebherr Ibérica, S.L.

Liebherr Ibérica is the Spanish sales and service company for the Liebherr Group and was founded in 1988. It is currently responsible for the sales and service of mobile cranes, earthmoving machinery, construction machines, mining, maritime cranes and concrete technology.

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 3,600. Extensive, global service guarantees the high availability of Liebherr mobile and crawler cranes. In 2020, the Liebherr plant in Ehingen recorded a turnover of 2 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 around 48,000 and recorded a consolidated total turnover of more than 10.3 billion euros in 2020. 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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