

Press release

Darcy Pacheco erects monumental statue of Christ using two Liebherr LTM 1220-5.2 mobile cranes

- Two LTM 1220-5.2 cranes in tandem hoist the enormous arms
- Largest statue of Christ in Brazil erected

The largest statue on the country is currently being erected in Encantado, a town with a population of 22,000 located 145 kilometres north west of the regional capital of Porto Alegre. At a height of 43 metres, it will be five metres higher than the famous statue of Christ in Rio de Janeiro. Crane and heavy haulage contractor Darcy Pacheco used two Liebherr LTM 1220-5.2 mobile cranes to erect the monument.

Ehingen (Donau), (Germany), 10 June 2021 – The span of the arms of the new “Christ the Protector” statue is 36 metres. That makes it eight metres wider than the “Christ the Redeemer” statue in Rio de Janeiro, which has now reached the grand old age of 90. An elevator will transport visitors inside the figure to a viewing platform at chest height, from where they have a magnificent view of the valley. The total construction costs are to be covered by donations.

220 tonne mobile crane with 60 metre telescopic boom

Crane and haulage specialist Darcy Pacheco based in Nova Santa Rita, 20 km away from the capital of the State of Rio Grande do Sul, in the south of Brazil, was engaged to erect the monument. It used two Liebherr LTM 1220-5.2 mobile cranes in a tandem hoist to raise the enormous arms. The time-tested 220 tonne crane features a 60 metre telescopic boom, ensuring it has plenty of hoisting height for the new statue of Christ.

The LTM 1220-5.2 and its predecessor, the LTM 1220-5.1, have enjoyed great popularity over the years, particularly in Brazil. Overall, Liebherr has delivered around 150 of these versatile cranes to the largest country in South America. Darcy Pacheco itself have many units of this model. The 5-axle mobile crane can achieve hoisting heights of up to 101 metres and radii up to 88 metres using lattice extensions.

Darcy Pacheco

The Darcy Pacheco Group was founded in 1977 and comprises three companies – Darcy Pacheco Soluções de Peso specialises in hoisting work of all kinds, whilst DPS Wind focuses the commissioning and maintenance of wind farms and Pacheco Logística provides heavy and special haulage services. The three brothers and company founders, Aduari, Ademilson and Adaureci Silva, manage the group which has a workforce of over 600. In addition to a number of other machines, the Darcy Pacheco

Soluções de Peso fleet includes telescopic mobile cranes with lifting capacities of up to 500 tonnes and crawler cranes with lifting capacities of up to 750 tonnes. This year, an LTM 1750-9.1 with a lifting capacity of 800 tonnes will also be added to it.

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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Crane and heavy haulage contractor Darcy Pacheco was awarded the order to erect what is now the largest statue of Christ in Brazil.



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Two Liebherr mobile cranes assemble the arms of the new monument.



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The statue of Christ in Encantado will reach a total height of 43 metres.

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