

Press release

## **Maximum flexibility – Steil buys Liebherr LTM 1650-8.1 with all its boom versions**

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- **Steil expands its mobile crane fleet with the new Liebherr LTM 1650-8.1**
- **The company has already gathered plenty of good experience with several Liebherr LTM 1500-8.1 cranes**
- **Maximum flexibility with the LTM 1650-8.1 with its full range of equipment**

**Steil Kranarbeiten GmbH & Co. KG has bought a new Liebherr LTM 1650-8.1, which will expand the company's mobile crane fleet. Steil decided to buy the full range of equipment, including both boom versions, a 54 metre and an 80 metre telescopic boom, and the complete luffing jib. The good experience the company has gathered over many years operating several Liebherr LTM 1500-8.1 cranes had a major bearing on the purchase decision. Other important factors behind the purchase of the new mobile crane included advanced developments and new features compared to the previous model.**

Ehingen (Donau) (Germany), 17 March 2022 – “We have operated several Liebherr LTM 1500-8.1 cranes for many years and have now invested in its successor”, says Birgit Steil, the owner of the company based in Trier. “It is another 8-axle crane which has the same compact measurements with the H-outriggers. The lifting capacity values on the luffing jib are enormous.” The LTM 1650-8.1 is the successor to what is currently the most successful of Liebherr's large crane range, the LTM 1500-8.1. With a lifting capacity of 700 tonnes, it exceeds the capacity of its predecessor by 15 to 50 percent, depending on the equipment package.

The LTM 1650-8.1 is designed to deliver maximum performance. The concept of the easily interchanged boom enables operators to choose between a 54 or 80 metre telescopic boom, which delivers fantastic flexibility. Telescopic section 3 with its pulley head is simply replaced with telescopic sections 3 to 5. The short boom reduces transport costs and erection time whilst the large boom is also available when required. The long boom configuration is ideal for jobs requiring a large radius. The two boom versions can also be fitted with a luffing jib. When it decided to buy the new LTM 1650-8.1, Steil decided on the full range of equipment with both boom lengths and the maximum luffing jib of 91 metres.

Steil is mainly planning to use the new LTM 1650-8.1 for jobs in industry, port handling and for wind power. “The requirements in industry and wind power are constantly on the rise as are the required lifting capacities. Furthermore, the concepts of VarioBallast® and VarioBase® are another benefit of the crane”, adds Birgit Steil. The standard VarioBase® variable support base delivers additional increases in performance in the zone above the supports.

“Liebherr’s good service, the durability of the machines and the ongoing development of Liebherr cranes all played a part in helping us decide to buy it”, says Steil. Steil Kranarbeiten GmbH & Co. KG now has a workforce of over 300 and operates a very diversified fleet of 115 cranes. Over half of them bear the Liebherr logo. Steil provides regional crane services. However, the group operates throughout Europe in the wind power industry. In addition, it provides heavy haulage, recovery and towing, machine relocations and oil spill removal services. Its subsidiary Onroad provides crane relocation services throughout Europe.

## 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 2020, the Liebherr plant in Ehingen recorded a turnover of 2.03 billion euros.

## About the Liebherr Group

The Liebherr Group is a family-run technology company with a highly diversified product portfolio. The company is one of the largest construction equipment manufacturers in the world. It 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. In 2020, it employed around 48,000 staff and achieved combined revenues of over 10.3 billion euros. Liebherr was founded in Kirchdorf an der Iller in Southern Germany in 1949. Since then, the employees have been pursuing the goal of achieving continuous technological innovation, and bringing industry-leading solutions to its customers.

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Crane handover at the Liebherr Plant in Ehingen (from left to right): Ronald Bouwmeester, David Swakowski and Johannes Schmidt (all from Steil Kranarbeiten GmbH & Co. KG).

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