

Press release

## **Eight new cranes in eight years: Rahlf strengthens fleet with an LTM 1160-5.2**

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- The 180-tonne LTM 1160-5.2 is now the most powerful crane in the Rahlf fleet
- The vehicle's width of 2.75 metres offers advantages on narrow roads in rural areas
- The uniform operating concept of Liebherr cranes enables flexible deployment of crane drivers

The German Baltic Sea island of Fehmarn is getting a new Liebherr mobile crane. Rahlf-Krane GmbH, based there, has strengthened its crane fleet with an LTM 1160-5.2. The 180-tonne crane is the eighth new crane in eight years that the family-owned company has procured. All of them were made by Liebherr.

Ehingen (Donau) (Germany), 29 November 2022 – Rahlf-Krane's new LTM 1160-5.2 replaces an LTM 1130-5.1 and significantly strengthens its fleet. Alexander Rahlf, the second-generation head of the family business, explains: "Apart from its enormous lifting capacity, the fact that the LTM 1160-5.2 is only 2.75 metres wide was a decisive factor in our decision. It is the only crane in its load class on the market with this width. This is a big advantage for us, because the roads in our rural region are often very narrow."

### **UK counterweight variant for Fehmarn**

Rahlf opted for the "UK counterweight variant", which Liebherr initially developed for the special axle-load requirements in the UK. However, the entrepreneur also believes this has advantages for the company's standard driving condition with a 12-tonne axle load: "The 3.5 tonne base plate can be carried on the crane. We can transport the remaining 50 tonnes of counterweight on two permit-free standard trucks. For many crane jobs, one truck is enough. This enables us to cover the previous 130-tonne range."

### **A new crane from Liebherr every year**

"We laid the foundation eight years ago with a Liebherr LTM 1070-4.2, with the – at the time – innovative VarioBase® Variable Supporting Base. Since then, we have bought one new Liebherr mobile crane each year. As all these cranes have a uniform operating concept, we can flexibly deploy our drivers on the different types," explains Rahlf. "The sales and customer service at Liebherr is competent and reliable. Moreover, we feel in good hands at Liebherr, like part of a big family."

Rahlf-Krane is a traditional crane rental company that operates in the northern Schleswig-Holstein area – from boat loading to house building and commercial construction. Alexander Rahlf's father, Jürgen Rahlf, started a boat-lifting business in 1977. Today, 45 years later, the family business operates twelve cranes. This year, Rahlf also took delivery of a Liebherr MK 88 Plus mobile construction crane.

## Sobre Liebherr-Werk Ehingen GmbH

Liebherr-Werk Ehingen GmbH es uno de los fabricantes líderes en grúas móviles y grúas sobre orugas. El abanico de grúas móviles va desde las grúas de 2 ejes y 35 toneladas hasta la grúa para cargas pesadas de 1200 toneladas de carga y un chasis de 9 ejes. Las grúas de pluma de celosía sobre accionamientos móviles o sobre orugas alcanzan capacidades de carga de hasta 3.000 toneladas. Estas grúas con sistemas de pluma universales y un amplio equipo adicional se usan en obras de construcción en todo el mundo. En la planta de Ehingen trabajan 3800 empleados. Por otra parte, un amplio servicio técnico de cobertura internacional garantiza una alta disponibilidad de grúas móviles y sobre orugas. En el año 2021, el volumen de ventas de la planta de Liebherr en Ehingen ascendió a los 2,33 mil millones de euros.

## Acerca del Grupo Liebherr

El Grupo Liebherr es una empresa familiar de tecnología con una gama de productos muy diversa. Se trata de uno de los líderes mundiales en la fabricación de máquinas de construcción. También ofrece productos y servicios de gran calidad y orientados al uso pertenecientes a muchos otros sectores. Actualmente, el Grupo cuenta con más de 140 filiales en todos los continentes. En 2021, el Grupo tuvo una plantilla de más de 49.000 personas y alcanzó un volumen de ventas consolidado de más de 11.600 millones de euros. Liebherr se fundó en el año 1949 en la localidad Kirchdorf an der Iller, al sur de Alemania. Desde entonces, los empleados trabajan con el objetivo de convencer a sus clientes con soluciones exigentes y de contribuir al progreso tecnológico.

## Images



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Crane handover in Ehingen: (from left to right:) Alexander Rahlf (Rahlf-Krane GmbH), Alexander Schwald (Liebherr-Werk Ehingen GmbH).



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Rahlf-Krane lifts a boat into the water with an LTM 1100-5.2 on the island of Fehmarn.

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