

Port of Esbjerg becomes an international heavyweight

- One of the largest mobile harbour crane in the world arrives in Port Esbjerg
- The crane will assist the offshore industry in which the wind turbines are getting larger and larger
- Port Esbjerg already commands the largest fleet of Liebherr mobile harbor cranes in Scandinavia

Rostock (Germany), August 2019 – The Port of Esbjerg is expanding its crane capacity with the world's largest mobile harbour crane, the Liebherr LHM 800. The new machine has a total height of 48 metres and a boom length of 66 metres.

Port Esbjerg already commands the largest fleet of Liebherr mobile harbour cranes in Scandinavia, which is now being additionally expanded. The new crane is 48 metres in height and can lift 308 tonnes. At the same time, it enables the port to perform tandem lifting with an additional Liebherr mobile harbor crane together lifting as much as 448 tonnes.

“I am pleased that we are expanding our crane capacity considerably with the new crane. We need to be able to handle more and more large cargo in the future, and therefore we need to rearm. I am also pleased with the fact that only few ports in the world have a similar crane because it shows that Port Esbjerg is a heavyweight internationally,” says Dennis Jul Pedersen, CEO of Esbjerg Havn.

Developments in the offshore industry calls for the new crane

It is the development within the offshore industry that requires for a new crane with the ability to lift larger and heavier loads than the current cranes are capable of. It is among other things due to the tendency that the components for the offshore wind turbines in the North Sea are becoming larger and larger. At the same time, the need for an ability to handle heavy machinery and production equipment is growing within other industries at the port.

Liebherr view these developments in a very positive light says Kristian Holst, Managing Director Liebherr-Danmark Aps, who were also present when the crane arrived today.

“We are happy to be able to deliver yet another crane to Port Esbjerg which already has five of our Liebherr mobile harbour cranes. The fact that it is a crane of this calibre, with the ability to lift a whole new type of high and heavy cargo, shows that the scale of activities is growing rapidly at Port Esbjerg,” he says.

Caption

liebherr-lhm-800-port-esbjerg-denmark

Thanks to the direct sea connection the new LHM 800 was shipped fully assembled by the heavy load carrier Rolldock Storm

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The mobile harbour crane LHM 800 was able to drive off the vessel on its own.

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