

Press release

Heavy load specialist August Alborn purchases Liebherr LTM 1160-5.2 mobile crane

- **August Alborn purchases LTM 1160-5.2 for hoisting heavy loads**
- **VarioBallast® and VarioBase® were important factors behind the decision**
- **August Alborn specialises in individual hoisting and transport solutions for very heavy loads**

August Alborn GmbH & Co. KG has taken delivery of a new Liebherr LTM 1160-5.2 mobile crane. The specialist heavy hoisting and haulage contractor purchased the 180 tonne crane for projects involving the handling and assembling of heavy components and large machines. This work features unit weights of up to 65 tonnes. The LTM 1160-5.2 is now the company's largest crane and largest single investment.

Ehingen / Donau (Germany), 18 August 2020 – The new LTM 1160-5.2 will be supplied to a company where hoisting and transporting extremely heavy goods is standard procedure. August Alborn has won several awards for particularly tricky heavy haulage and assembly projects. It may therefore come as something of a surprise that the Liebherr 180 tonne mobile crane is now the largest crane in the company's fleet: "We are not a classic crane hire company. We are a small, very specialised company with rather a small fleet, but with more than 1000 tonnes of steel in the yard. Everything is bespoke. We repeatedly push the envelope," explains company owner Helmut Alborn.

August Alborn uses hydraulic lifting frames to hoist loads weighing up to 1440 tonnes. The term "standard" is not in the company's vocabulary. Every job is different. Individual solutions are required. To construct frames tailored to the situation, August Alborn mainly uses its own crane fleet, which currently comprises ten mobile cranes.

The new LTM 1160-5.2 is an exception which will be used for a special project. Herbert Laumann, one of the first 2019 Chamber of Industry and Trade-approved mobile crane drivers,

and is the fleet manager at the company, explains: “This project requires a heavy load to be handled. That is why we decided to buy the 180 tonne crane. The VarioBallast® variable ballast radius and VarioBallast® variable support base were also major criteria behind the decision”. Helmut Alborn continues: “And we also considered the future and ordered the crane with a removable telescopic boom. For jobs that need speed and great flexibility, it is very helpful if the crane can be reduced to a gross weight of less than 40 tonnes”. The word “standard” is also not in the company’s vocabulary when it comes to buying cranes.

It is also remarkable that the decision to invest in the company’s largest crane was actually taken during the coronavirus shutdown. Uta Alborn, who, among other things, is responsible for basic and advanced training for the company’s 30-strong workforce, comments: “Our company is more than 128 years old and has survived two world wars. We think long term. We also employed two apprentices despite the coronavirus. Basic and advanced training are one of our main priorities whatever the situation”.

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 2019, the Liebherr plant in Ehingen recorded a turnover of 2.1 billion euros.

About the Liebherr Group

The Liebherr Group is a family-run technology company with a highly diversified product portfolio. The company is not only one of the largest construction equipment manufacturers in the world, but 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, employs more than 48,000 staff and in 2019 achieved combined revenues of over 11.7 billion euros. Since its foundation in 1949 in Kirchdorf an der Iller in Southern Germany, Liebherr has been pursuing the goal of achieving continuous technological innovation, and bringing industry-leading solutions to its customers.

Images



liebherr-alborn-ltm1160-5.2-motiv1.jpg

Takeover of the new LTM 1160-5.2 in Ehingen: From left to right: Andreas Mahlke, Timm Wortmann (all August Alborn GmbH & Co. KG)



liebherr-alborn-ltm1160-5.2-motiv2.jpg

First 5 axle mobile crane after approx. ten years: With a total weight of less than 40 tonnes the LTM 1160-5.2 drives over the Lennetal bridge of the highway A 45.



liebherr-alborn-ltm1160-5.2-motiv3.jpg

Handover of key in Dortmund: From left to right.: Frederike V. Alborn, Helmut Alborn, Uta C. Alborn (all August Alborn GmbH & Co. KG), Christoph Neumann (Liebherr-Werk Ehingen GmbH)

Contact person

Wolfgang Beringer

Marketing and Communication

Phone: +00 7391 / 502 - 3663

Email: wolfgang.beringer@liebherr.com

Published by

Liebherr-Werk Ehingen GmbH

Ehingen (Donau) / Germany

www.liebherr.com